LAUNCH EVENT
CENTRE FOR GLOBAL POLITICS,
ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

2 Day Event Programme
13:45  Barrie Axford and Gary Browning (Oxford Brookes University)
Opening Address: “The Borders of Global Theory”

14:15  Roland Robertson (University of Aberdeen)
Chair: Tina Miller (Oxford Brookes University)
“Beyond the Global? Potential Directions for ‘Global’ Studies”

Roland Robertson is Distinguished Professor of Sociology Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh; Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Aberdeen; and Distinguished Guest Professor of Cultural Studies, Tsinghua University, Beijing. His most recent publications include Sociology and Football (co-author); European Cosmopolitanism in Question (co-editor and co-author); and chapters or articles on sociology and anti-Semitism, glocalization and hybridization, and Japanese social theory.

15:15  Coffee break

15:30  Jan Aart Scholte (University of Warwick)
Chair: Barrie Axford (Oxford Brookes University)
“Global Democracy Research: A Methodological Reflection”

Jan Aart Scholte is Professor in Politics & International Studies and Professorial Research Fellow in the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation at the University of Warwick. He is also Academic Lead of the University’s Global Research Priorities in Global Governance. He is the author of numerous books and articles on globalisation, global governance, civil society in global politics, and global democracy. From 2008 to 2012 he coordinated a major international project entitled “Building Global Democracy.”

16:30  Heather Widdows (University of Birmingham)
Chair: Gary Browning (Oxford Brookes University)
“Ethical issues in the Context of Globalization”

Heather Widdows is Professor of Global Ethics and Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics at the University of Birmingham. She works on Global Ethics, Bioethics, Virtue Ethics and Feminist Theory, with a particular interest in the ethical issues arising in the context of globalization. These include issues of technological development, war and terrorism, poverty and development as well as bioethical issues (particularly those of reproductive research and genetic ethics).

17:30  Drinks Reception in BG.05

19:00  Workshop dinner at The Old Parsonage
(by invitation only)
DAY 2: FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2013
(all talks in Buckley Building BG10/11)

09:30 Gillian Youngs (University of Brighton)
Chair: Abigail Halcli (Oxford Brookes University)
“Virtual Globalization”

Gillian Youngs is Professor of Digital Economy at the University of Brighton and has been researching diverse aspects of the internet’s impact on society and economy for 15 years. Her publications include Globalization: Theory and Practice (third edition, 2008) and Global Political Economy in the Information Age: Power and Inequality (2007). She is currently working on a volume on Virtual Globalization for Routledge.

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 Grahame Thompson (Open University)
Chair: Molly Cochran (Oxford Brookes University)
“Should we be worried about Global Quasi-Constitutionalization”

Grahame Thompson is Emeritus Professor of Politics and International Studies at The Open University. He is best known for his sceptical view of “globalization” as elaborated in Globalization in Question (co-authored with Paul Hirst). More recently, he has explored the notion of territory in the contemporary international system, the effects of fundamentalisms in re-shaping international politics, the international financial system, and “global corporate citizenship” within the evolving “constitutionalization” of the international system.

11:45 Chris Rumford (Royal Holloway, University of London)
Chair: Barrie Axford (Oxford Brookes University)
“Strangeness: Theorizing a Particular Experience of Globalization”

Chris Rumford is Professor of Political Sociology and Global Politics at Royal Holloway, University of London. He is the author or editor of many books including The European Union: A Political Sociology (Blackwell), Rethinking Europe (with Gerard Delanty) (Routledge), The Sage Handbook of European Studies (Sage), and Cosmopolitan Spaces (Routledge), winner of the Association of Borderlands Studies Book Award 2010. His new book The Globalization of Strangeness will be published by Palgrave in the New Year.

12:45 Lunch and finish
The Centre for Global Politics, Economy and Society at Oxford Brookes University is an interdisciplinary research centre with a remit to encourage reflection on and investigation into social transformations of global scope which are impacting upon the world today.

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