WHAT’S ON AT BROOKES 2021/22

Join us for a series of virtual lectures – places can be booked at www.brookes.ac.uk/events
As we begin a new academic year, I do hope that you and yours are keeping safe and well. Due to the pandemic, all events continue to be virtual as well as free and open to all.

There’s a wonderful range of lectures to dip into. They include a panel discussion showcasing Oxford Brookes research and its positive impact on our lives. There’s the chance to discover the wider musical tradition of the blues, and to hear the case for reviving the bamboo bike (road-tested over the Alps by our two speakers).

Inclusiveness is an important theme, from campaigning work with marginalised communities to insights on how higher education can become more inclusive.

Our upcoming festivals aim to inform, inspire and entertain. They include Thrive Festival, on enterprise and making ideas happen, Think Human, which explores some of the big questions that we face, and our family-friendly Science Bazaar. First up is OxTech Fest, on how technology can change the world.

Oxford Brookes is proud to be at the heart of this community, and our staff and students are passionate about making a significant contribution - both culturally and socially.

I very much hope you will enjoy what we have in store for you.

PROFESSOR ALISTAIR FITT, VICE-CHANCELLOR, OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY
Bamboo Bike Revival: Back to the Future

Join Dr Shpend Gerguri and Professor James Broughton as they discuss the case for reviving bamboo as a modern renewable bike frame material, exploiting its natural strength and inherent damping characteristics.

The pedal bike is seeing unprecedented growth in bike sales as a result of current mobility trends. Historically metal alloys such as steel, aluminium and now carbon fibre have become the materials of choice in the manufacture of frames, with varying sustainable credentials. Bicycles with bamboo frames were first sold commercially in the UK in 1897. The lecture will consider recent developments related to design, performance and sustainability along with the potential benefits of building your own bamboo bike.

Both speakers have first-hand experience of bamboo’s potential having been the first to attempt and complete the gruelling eight day-long TransAlps Mountain Bike race using bamboo bikes.

Dr Shpend Gerguri and Professor James Broughton

Wednesday 29 September

Virtual

6pm

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To celebrate cycling and encourage even more people to get biking, a Celebration of Cycling festival takes place in Oxford and across the county from 28 August to 4 October. We’re supporting this with a series of events and resources for staff, students and the local community.
What IS the Power of Research?

A lecture to showcase Oxford Brookes University research and demonstrate its impact on our local, national and global communities.

This celebratory lecture will be an opportunity to share with the public and colleagues some of the positive changes that have been made to wider society as a result of research undertaken at Oxford Brookes University. Through a panel discussion, we showcase and celebrate examples of different impact cases; these have changed law, policies, medical practice and quality of life, public debate and understanding at local, national and global levels. Do join us to hear more.

Dr Dana Vilistere and Professor Tina Miller

Wednesday 13 October

Virtual

6pm

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Sitting On Top of the World: A Transnational History of the Blues

Blues music is inextricably linked to African American experiences of slavery, segregation, and the structures of white supremacy, but the style has also spread around the world. Existing histories treat the blues’ international circulation as unexpected and often inauthentic. Lawrence Davies presents an alternative view, treating the genre’s international circulation as central to its development and meanings. He examines blues musicians’ experiences of travel, and reflects on how blues has responded to global questions of class, race, solidarity and exploitation. Dr. Lawrence Davies is a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Research Fellow at the International Centre for Music Studies, Newcastle University.

Photo by Sebastiaan Stam
Join us for this exciting event, which is co-hosted with Oxford Human Rights Festival and the Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), and marks Inter Faith Week 2021.

Shaista Aziz is a journalist, writer and women’s rights and anti-racism campaigner. She specialises in working alongside marginalised communities across the country to build community campaigns tackling inequalities, racism and bigotry. She’s a homeless rights advocate and founder of the Labour Homelessness Campaign.

Shaista is also a Labour councillor for Oxford City Council and the council’s cabinet member for inclusive communities.
Ableism and inclusive futures in higher education

The Oxford Brookes Staff Disability Network invites everyone to join us online for our main event for Disability History Month 2021.

Drawing on lived experience, research and activism, Nicole Brown will share insights on how ableism permeates higher education structures and practices. This interactive talk will provide practical ideas, learning from pandemic responses, and food for thought and discussion for more inclusive futures. Nicole is a Lecturer in Education at UCL Institute of Education and Director of Social Research and Practice and Education Ltd.

Nicole gained her PhD in Sociology at the University of Kent for her research into the construction of academic identity under the influence of fibromyalgia.
OxTech Fest

Are you ready to hear how Technology can change the world? Would you like to develop skills and launch your career in Tech? If so, OxTech Fest is the event for you.

Join us for this FREE immersive two-day online festival on the 7th and 8th of September. Hear from inspirational speakers, participate in interactive workshops, forge lasting relationships with key players in the technology industry, and broaden your career path.

Visit oxtechfest.com for your FREE ticket and more info.

Festival Highlights:

Insightful Panels including:
• Reskilling in Tech - What are the options? With TechPixies
• The future of gaming with Rebellion

Exciting line up of speakers including:
• Imam Monawar Hussein MBE, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire
• Charlene Hunter, CEO of Coding Black Females

Fantastic Competitions and awards including:
• Tech for Good Award for inspiring businesses across the UK
• Young Tech Award for 11-14 year olds in Oxfordshire schools
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

PROUD TO BE

Everyone is welcome to join us online for our programme of events for Black History Month in October.

For details and booking visit: www.brookes.ac.uk/staff/human-resources/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/black-history-month/

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Do you want to bring your career or business goals to life? Would you like to reach your full potential? Well, it’s time to Thrive!

Join us in person or online for the Thrive Festival from 8 to 21 November, Oxfordshire’s dedicated event for “Making Ideas Happen.”

Come and meet our incredible line-up of inspiring guest speakers and innovative brands.

Over two weeks, there will be over 40 exciting events, including interactive workshops, networking, funding opportunities, competitions, giveaways and much more.

We guarantee we have something for you. Get your FREE ticket now and check out our exciting announcements.
The Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar Beyond is back on 12 February! Our theme this year is “Growth”. Be prepared to explore, listen, watch, build and experiment! Meet our staff and students and learn new things. Keep an eye on our Science Bazaar webpages and social media for more information – we hope to see you there!

Date: 12 February
Location: Headington Campus, Oxford Brookes University
Time: 10am - 4pm
Website: brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar
Social Media: @ScienceBazaar, @BrookesScienceBazaar
Join us for an exciting programme of events, running from 11 to 20 March 2022.

For details and booking visit: www.oxfordhumanrightsfestival.net
Think Human Festival 2022

Is Artificial Intelligence taking over? Who really owns football? Do we still have a right to roam? And how do we put girls in charge?

Join us across Oxford for a programme of exciting and thought-provoking events and explore what the Humanities and Social Sciences means, and how they contribute to today’s world.

[www.brookes.ac.uk/think-human](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/think-human)

4-9 April 2022
From American Football to Ultimate Frisbee, TEAMBrookes offers over 30 different sports clubs to help you find your team.

Whether you want to continue your sporting passion, or give something new a go – our clubs provide opportunities for all levels of experience and ability.

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NEVER STOP EXPLORING

Undergraduate Open Days

Saturday 9 October
Saturday 13 November

Explore our courses, speak to staff and students and discover Oxford Brookes.

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