WHAT’S ON AT BROOKES 2022

Join us for a series of virtual lectures – places can be booked at www.brookes.ac.uk/events
Hello and welcome to Oxford Brookes

As we begin a new calendar year, I do hope that you and yours are keeping safe and well. This semester, due to the pandemic, our events continue to be virtual as well as free and open to all. (There are just one or two events with limited in-person spaces.)

Our selection of open lectures shine a light on some of the most pressing issues that we face, both globally and locally. They include the future of sustainable travel in cities, support in Oxfordshire for FGM survivors, wildlife conservation, and complaint as a means of tackling inequalities in universities, to mark LGBTQ+ History Month.

One of our few in-person events explores how we can protect our Rights of Way network in England and Wales, starting with a walk in Oxford followed by a roundtable discussion.

Oxford Brookes is proud to be at the heart of this community, and our staff and students are passionate about playing their part - both culturally and socially.

I do hope you will find what we have in store for you both enriching and engaging.

PROFESSOR ALISTAIR FITT, 
VICE-CHANCELLOR 
OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY
In conversation with Dominic Dyer

Join us as we welcome back Dominic Dyer, wildlife campaigner, conservationist and broadcaster.

Dominic is one of Britain’s leading wildlife protection campaigners; unlike many conservationists, he became a wildlife protection campaigner after a career in government and industry, using the skills he acquired in Whitehall, Brussels and the corporate boardroom to fight for the protection of animals and nature.

Today, Dominic is British Wildlife Advocate at the Born Free Foundation; he is a regular speaker at wildlife protection protests, conferences and exhibitions and a contributor to the print and broadcast media on a wide range of issues ranging from the badger cull and trophy hunting, to the ivory trade and wildlife crime.

Most recently, he was instrumental in ‘Operation Ark’, acting as press officer and supporting evacuation efforts for ex Royal Marine Pen Farthing and his animals from Kabul.

Photo by Hans Veth
Innovations and changes in the hospitality sector since the pandemic

This panel discussion will focus on the changes in the hospitality sector and will feature current coping strategies, emerging trends and innovating for a new landscape.

The panellists: former Bacchus Society president and restaurateur, Owen Farr '14, Vice President Products at Alliants, Andrew Pirret ‘08 and Owner of Sharky and George events company, George Whitefield

Chaired by Dr. Kate Mingjie Ji - Oxford Brookes Senior Lecturer in Revenue Management and Finance

Dr. Kate Mingjie Ji

Thursday 3 February 2022

Virtual

6pm
Complaint as a queer method

Join us in conversation with Sara Ahmed, feminist writer and independent scholar. In her recent book *Complaint!* she draws on testimonies shared by academics and students who have made complaints about abuses of power or unequal working conditions in universities.

This lecture will explore how complaints about hostile environments (such as transphobia and racism) are often made in hostile environments, which means that to complain is often to experience an intensification of the problems being complained about. Sara reflects on individual and collective complaint activism and making complaint a queer method.

Sara Ahmed
Wednesday 16 February
Virtual
6pm
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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.

Professor Tina Miller and panel

Wednesday 23 February

Virtual

6pm

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What is FGM? Prevention, survival and support

Oxford Against Cutting (OAC) is committed to working to help prevent female genital mutilation and honour-based abuse (HBA) of girls and women living in the Thames Valley. Female Genital Mutilation (or FGM, sunna, or female circumcision) is when female genital organs are cut or injured for non-medical reasons. It has no health benefits and can be very harmful; it is also illegal in the United Kingdom. In this presentation, OAC will share their expertise in supporting people who have experienced FGM and discuss support for survivors. Over 3,500 teachers, students and other professionals participated in their workshops across the Thames Valley during the last three years.

Please note: This talk will include discussion of distressing practices. If you have any questions about the content, you are welcome to email the organiser in advance.
Don’t lose your way walking and protecting our rights of way

The coronavirus pandemic has caused many people to walk every day: during the lockdown period when it often formed part of the hour’s permitted exercise outside, and then afterwards – at a time when there was a great deal of discussion about post-Covid recovery in terms of both mental and physical health.

This event will first go out on an in-person walk across Oxford, examining both the potential and limits to access; and then come back onto campus for a round-table discussion on the ways in which the rights of way network in England and Wales can be both defended and promoted. In light of the looming legal deadline on identifying rights of way, this work is more urgent than ever and the subject of many publicity campaigns and research agendas – including Oxford Brookes’ own research project ‘In All Our Footsteps: Tracking, Mapping and Experiencing Rights of Way in Post-War Britain’.

Panelists: Professor Glen O’Hara (Oxford Brookes University)  
Dr Tom Breen (Oxford Brookes University), Jack Cornish (Ramblers), Jayne Gray (Oxfordshire County Council), Rose O’Neill (Campaign for National Parks), and Jackie Parsonage-Harrison (Oxford Brookes University)

Panel discussion  
Wednesday 6 April 2022  
John Henry Brookes Lecture Theatre  
Guided walk at 4pm and Lecture Theatre at 6pm

*Please note, there are limited spaces for this in-person event - please book early to avoid disappointment.*

Photo by Neil Fedorowycz
The future and benefits of sustainable travel in an urban environment

Join us for this panel discussion, exploring and imagining how urban environments will affect sustainable travel norms and how cities can become truly smart and integrated. How will spaces and places be developed and will public and active travel be prioritised over the car or will this remain a utopian vision?

Looking at the role of technology and key policy drivers from central and local Government, the panel will discuss whether it’s possible to truly deliver a green recovery and achieve net zero by 2050. They will also examine what a post pandemic transport system looks and feels like in terms of short/long term visions of sustainable living and the urban environment.

Nadine Matough - Oxford Brookes University Alumna, Sustrans
Tom Hayes - Oxford City Councillor
Scott Urban - Liveable Streets
Craig Symonds - Anthesis Group
Dr Ben Spencer - Oxford Brookes University

Wednesday 20 April
Virtual
6pm
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Coming soon...

**Annual Race Equality Week lecture**
Wednesday 9 February 2022

**Annual International Women’s Day / Athena Swan lecture**
Wednesday 9 March 2022

Please keep an eye on our website for details of these exciting events, coming soon!

**Enterprise Centre**

The Oxford Brookes Enterprise Centre is set to launch in early 2022 with the support of Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) and will focus on start-ups and early stage companies in health and life sciences, digital technologies and related sectors. The Centre comprises Scalebase, which offers office space, co-working and meeting areas, and a multi-purpose enterprise space, and the Bioinnovation Hub which offers shared use of well-equipped CL2 labs and access to specialist equipment and support. Bringing cutting edge companies to campus – providing opportunities for Oxford Brookes staff and students for collaboration and innovation

For more information email
enterprisecentre@brookes.ac.uk
Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar

We regret to inform you that due to the current COVID situation, we have taken the sad decision to postpone our on campus Science Bazaar in February.

We hope to confirm a new date for later in the year, and will announce details as soon as they are available.

Please do keep an eye on the Science Bazaar webpage for details of our stand alone events.
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 Humanities and Social Sciences means, and how they contribute to today’s world.

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