Survey results for Sussex show strong improvement

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94% of students feel safe and secure on campus.

Sussex has expert lecturers, feels safe and secure and is the "best place to be" in England, according to the latest official survey of student opinion.

The International Student Barometer (ISB) covers nine different countries and four continents. Run by i-Graduate, it is used by the UK government and the British Council as the official measure of international student opinion.

The summer 2008 survey also included a parallel study of 'home' students on taught postgraduate degrees and in their first year of undergraduate study or postgraduate research.

The two surveys ran in 93 institutions, taking feedback from over 63,000 students (and including 1,200 Sussex students).

The very positive results represent a considerable improvement on last summer, with satisfaction going up in almost every area covered by the survey.

Satisfaction with the Library showed a particularly strong improvement: 81% of international students said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the Library, which is almost 3% higher than the average for the 14 institutions from the 1994 Group that took part.

Other areas of satisfaction included surroundings outside the University (97% satisfied or very satisfied); disability support (95%); the expertise of lecturers (95%); and feeling safe and secure (94%).

This year, for the first time, i-Graduate included questions on satisfaction with, 'Learning', 'Living' and 'Support'. In each of these areas, Sussex was ahead of the 1994 Group average, and of the 14 participating institutions ranked first for 'Learning', third for 'Living' and fourth for 'Support'.

Overall, Sussex ranked 18th out of the 93 institutions taking part and fourth out of the 14 institutions from the 1994 Group.

The results for Sussex also reflected general concerns that international and other students can experience – including the costs of living and accommodation, and access to part-time work.

The findings correlate broadly with the results for Sussex of this year's National Student Survey (NSS).

Owen Richards, Academic Registrar, said: "The information provided by this survey is invaluable. Results from previous years have led us to make many changes in, for example, our induction and welcome for new international students."

Sussex students are currently being surveyed as part of the autumn Student Barometer.

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Ideas competition moves into second stage

Entrepreneurial students have been invited to an 'ideas swap shop' on 17 November, in the second stage of a campus-wide competition to find the next big business idea.

Stage two of the Enter-prize competition follows the initial launch last month when students were invited to scribble down their business brainstorm on the back of a beer mat and send them in to the University's Enterprise team.

Over 70 entries were received and the winners of the first stage will be presented with prizes at the event at 11.30am on Monday InQbate Creativity Zone (Pevensey III).

Organisers are inviting any student to attend the launch of the second phase – even if they have not taken part so far – when there will be the opportunity to generate, develop and share ideas in the most creative space on campus.

Following the second stage, three finalists will be chosen to present their finished proposal at a special black-tie event next March. The winner will receive £500 and each runner-up £125.

Special beer mats giving details of the Enter-prize ideas competition appeared in campus bars and restaurants in October. To enter, students had to come up with a great idea for a business, not-for-profit organisation, charity or product and write it down in 50 words or fewer – short enough to fit on the back of a beer mat.

The competition forms part of the latest enterprise activities programme, which aims to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit among all Sussex students.

To find out more, go to www.sussex.ac.uk/enterprise
BOOKMARK

David Bryer (Tutorial Fellow in English Language), translator
Don Juan De la Mancha, by Robert Menasse
Alma Books, £14.99 (hardback)
ISBN: 9781846880667

The publisher says: "More entertaining and facetious than ever, Robert Menasse paints a vivid portrait of the post-‘68 generation and a society that cannot even sell a bottle of mineral water without viewing the goods from an erotic angle."

Mairead Dunne (Senior Lecturer in Education)
Gender, Sexuality and Development: Education and society in sub-Saharan Africa
SensePublishers, £25 (paperback)
ISBN 9789087904708

The publisher says: "A timely contribution to the field of gender and development in the face of the looming failure of international development targets, the deepening HIV/AIDS pandemic and the increased incidence of civil conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa."

John Gribbin and Mary Gribbin (Visiting Research Fellows in Astronomy)
From Here to Infinity: The Royal Observatory Greenwich guide to astronomy
ISBN: 9780948065781

The publisher says: "This exciting new book provides an unparalleled understanding of all aspects of astronomy and offers a new appreciation of our place in the cosmos."

David Rudling (Senior Lecturer in Continuing Education (Archaeology)), ed.
Ritual Landscapes of Roman South-East Britain
Heritage Marketing and Publications and Oxbow Books, £24.95 (paperback)
ISBN: 9781905223183

The publisher says: "Roman Britain was a multi-cultural mix of Celtic natives of different tribes and religions, of Romans with their own pantheon of deities, and of the soldiers and traders who brought their own practices and beliefs from all parts of Europe and North Africa. This volume explores the way in which they practised their religions in the relatively peaceful and prosperous areas of south eastern Britain, in towns and in the countryside, at temples and shrines, in cemeteries, and in their houses."

How babies can get their kicks in aid of research

A new baby's wriggles and kicks are part of the joy of parenthood, but for scientists those movements could hold the key to early diagnosis and treatment of cerebral palsy.

Now those scientists are appealing for healthy new babies to help them in a research project that could improve the quality of life for children who have the condition.

They are developing a novel procedure which involves dynamic systems modelling (in this instance, using mathematics to understand the complex interaction between the different joints in the production of movement) and motion capture technology to help identify cerebral palsy earlier.

To carry out this research, Sussex computational neuroscientist Dr Luc Berthouze has set up the Kinematics Lab with colleagues from the Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience Unit (DCNU), at the Institute of Child Health, University College London and from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

The researchers use tripod-mounted infra red cameras and computer software to capture, digitally simulate then analyse baby movements. The spontaneous movements of young babies have been measured before, but not as comprehensively as in this latest project. This is important because baby movements provide one of the earliest markers that something is wrong.

Luc says: "We need lots of babies who are healthy and who are at the earliest developmental stages — that's between the ages of 2-4 months."

"All the baby has to do is lie on his or her back and play while reflective markers and stickers help to track the movements they make. The equipment is non invasive, does not stimulate the baby, and will not cause pain or discomfort."

"The recording itself is very short, usually made over multiple sessions of a few minutes each, meaning that the baby can be held in between these short sessions if parents would like to."

Special reflective markers and stickers placed on the baby relay information to a computer, which builds a digitised representation of the baby's head, trunk and limb movements — it looks like a star constellation rather than an actual baby. A baby skeleton model is superimposed so that the physiological detail of the movements can be studied.

A large number of babies is needed to ensure that the researchers build a truly representative picture of movements made by a wide range of healthy subjects. The picture built from these observations would provide doctors with information that would help them to make a diagnosis at an earlier stage than currently achieved.

Earlier detection, when a baby is still developing its motor skills, would make therapies used to ease the impact of the condition more effective.

To get involved in the project, contact Serife Dervish on 020 7905 2746.
Biologist awarded honey money to help bees

Sussex biologist Professor Francis Ratnieks – the UK’s only Professor of Apiiculture – has been awarded £100,000 by the leading British honey company Rowse to research ways to help the British honey bee.

Commercial beekeeping is in difficulty due to diseases and pests and to changes in land use that have led to flowers becoming scarcer in our countryside.

The donation from Rowse Honey, the UK’s biggest supplier of retail honey, is a response to the bee-keeping industry’s plea for more money for research into bee health and honey productivity. British honey supplies are due to run out by Christmas, say producers.

The donation will support research at Sussex into breeding strains of ‘hygienic’ bees, which swiftly remove infected larvae and so reduce the spread of the disease within the hive, thereby helping the hive to keep on top of disease problems.

The work will be carried out by Francis and his team in the UK’s leading “bee lab” – the University of Sussex Laboratory of Apiiculture and Social Insects (LASI), which researches all aspects of the honey bee and social-insect biology.

This is the first in a series of exciting projects being proposed by Francis to help bees and thereby help farmers, beekeepers and the environment.

He says: “Given the current problems faced by honey bees, the donation from Rowse Honey is timely and significant. Over the next three years, it will enable us to breed our native British honey bee for greater disease resistance. We will be able to test them with help of the Bee Farmers Association (BFA), and to start providing breeder queens for British beekeepers to multiply the hygienic stock for use in their own hives.”

The BFA will support the project by helping to test colonies with hygienic queens in 100 hives across Britain, to see if they are also good at making honey.

Stuart Bailey, Chairman of Rowse Honey Ltd, says: “We are delighted that Professor Ratnieks has agreed to conduct this very necessary research. We are very impressed with his facilities and the commitment of the University of Sussex to his work.

“Our £100,000 will get the ball rolling, but much more needs to be spent on bee research. We totally support the British Beekeepers’ Association campaign for £8 million of emergency funding from DEFRA over the next five years.”

Making the future

At Council next week (20 November) we will be presenting the final version of the new strategic plan.

Prof Michael Farthing, Vice-Chancellor

We had extensive engagement and discussion during 2007–08 within the University about our future development. This provided the bedrock for the creation of the strategic plan that was presented to Senate and Council in the summer. That plan set a direction for the University’s growth and expansion – across our research and scholarship, teaching and learning, and engagement with business and the community.

Work has been undertaken over the last few months to ensure we can present this plan in a compelling way, and we will be publishing the final version in December once it has been signed off by Council.

I firmly believe that this plan is true to the original spirit of Sussex, where education – in the words of our first Vice-Chancellor, John Fulton – is about “making the future”. Our aim through this plan is to rediscover that spirit of creative, future-facing thought and action.

The goals and targets remain as discussed and agreed at Senate and Council, set within the progressive traditions of Sussex, and looking forward to how the University will be in 2015 and beyond. The document will be published in a focused version in print and in full detail on the web.

The strategic plan will set out our activity across eight goals – from the academic enterprise through to the professional activities that support it. We will be using this published document as a vehicle for engagement with external partners, friends, supporters and alumni who are key to our future success.

Overall we are unashamedly setting ambitious targets for the development of the University: growing our student numbers, doubling our research activity, improving the student experience, strengthening business engagement, developing excellence in our staff, creating new international partnerships. And there is a capital-development plan for the campus to match this ambition.

The strategic plan necessarily sets out high-level activity, with detail that needs to be worked through annually. It provides the targets and framework against which to set our existing activity and explore new developments, for our academic mission and for the professional services which support that mission.

Underpinning these plans will be detailed plans in each area and the delivery will be through actions of our staff working together and with our partners. The detail will be set out in annual plans and reviews – and we will review work each year.

Each new school and its departments will be at the heart of driving change and ambition. I know from the interviews with potential heads of school that they are attracted and excited by the agenda we have set out. The plans that they will be leading with colleagues will be informed by and take forward the overall strategic plan.

We will of course need to be flexible and respond to changing circumstances. The plan provides a framework for thinking, not a straitjacket. Nothing stands still. For example, since the goals were set it has become clear that the next five years will be challenging ones, with government funding extremely tight for higher education.

But this only reinforces the need for us not to rely on state funding, and to expand our research funding, develop our student income streams, improve business engagement and foster external support for Sussex.

I am sure that we can look forward to the future with confidence because, just as Sussex had in its founding years, we now have an overarching plan from which to operate.
Archive offers a view of war past and present

War diaries, letters and posters from the Mass Observation Archive at Sussex form part of a special event for an international photography festival in Brighton.

The collaborative Post Up Project involves photographer Anthony Lam; Professor Dorothy Sheridan, Development Director for the Mass Observation Archive; the Library’s Special Collections Manager, Fiona Courage; and Senior Archive Assistant, Jessica Scantlebury.

They have been working with Year 9 pupils from Patcham High School in Brighton and World War II veterans to explore the meaning of war in the 21st century.

The pupils and veterans took part in workshops at the Mass Observation Archive on campus, where they were able to look at original materials such as letters, posters and diaries from World War II. Their experience inspired photographs, online writing and displays that will become part of the Archive’s collection, and a resource for schools (including a teachers’ toolkit).

The Post Up Project is part of the programme for the Brighton Photo Biennial 2008 festival (entitled ‘Memory of Fire: The war of images and images of war’) and ends with a rally-style event in Brighton’s Jubilee Square today (Friday) and on Saturday (15 November).

The free event includes a parade, peace wall, balloons, banner making and a programmed speakers’ corner with short soapbox-style presentations from war veterans, Patcham pupils and the curator of the Brighton Photo Biennial.

Visitors can also find out more about the Mass Observation Archive at the Post Up Hub at the Lighthouse in nearby Kensingston Street.

Dorothy Sheridan, Development Director of the Mass Observation Archive, says: “Working with the Brighton Photo Biennial is another example of how the Mass Observation Archive is ideally placed to participate in community initiatives.

“The workshops have not only enabled people from different age groups and with very different life experiences to meet and talk to each other but they have also created an opportunity for the participants to visit the University to meet Special Collections staff and handle and enjoy our archival materials.

“The relationships which have been fostered will continue long after the specific project ends and we are planning more work with Patcham High School.”

The project was made possible by funding from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council’s ‘Their Past Your Future’ programme, which focuses on the impact and legacy of conflict around the world.
Show jumper hoping to clear final awards hurdle

A Business and Management Studies student and champion show jumper has been shortlisted for a county-wide sports award.

Emily Llewellyn, who receives a sports bursary from the University of Sussex, is one of three youngsters in the running for the Sussex Young Sports Personality of the Year award for 2008 after judges whittled down an initial list of 13.

The 19-year-old became only the seventh person in 27 years this summer to win individual and team gold at the Young Rider European Championships in Germany.

Two other young sportswomen from across the county are competing with Emily for the title – 15-year-old triathlete Camilla Freeman and swimmer Charlotte Walliscroft, who has won five UK titles this year.

The winner will be decided by a public vote – which closes today (14 November) – and will be announced at a special awards bash at the Brighton Metropole on Friday 21 November.

For more information about the award and voting, go to www.sussexsport.org

The University's sports bursaries are offered annually to sports men and women studying at Sussex who are of an international, national or high county standard.

The support package includes free use of University sports facilities; fitness testing and programming; physiotherapy/sports massage; a parking permit; a financial package; and regular mentoring sessions.

Student produces calendar for seed bank

Weird and wonderful seeds from all over the world feature in a 2009 calendar produced by a Sussex student.

While on placement at Wakehurst Place in West Sussex, Rebecca Howarth designed and produced a calendar to raise the profile of one of the world’s most ambitious conservation projects, which is based there.

The bright, colourful and informative calendar is packed full of photos of just some of the seeds that have been collected by the Royal Botanic Gardens and stored in its Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place.

The Seed Bank Project has already protected 97% of the UK’s seed-bearing flora and is on target to safeguard 10% of the world’s seed-bearing plant species by 2010. Although her BSc in Ecology and Conservation is not a sandwich degree, Rebecca’s tutor and advisor agreed it would be a fantastic opportunity to take a year out to work on the project.

“I learned a huge amount about the real world of conservation and the challenges of bringing the importance of preserving plant species to the public’s attention,” she says. “We depend on plants in more ways than many of us realise.

“I feel my year at the Seed Bank has really benefited me in realising more clearly now the direction of my career, and further ignited my passion for conservation.”

While at the Seed Bank, Rebecca and a colleague identified a real lack of merchandise for raising its profile. Rebecca designed the calendar and had 2,000 produced at a local printer, with funding allocated by the Head of the Seed Bank.

Rebecca has now returned to Sussex for her final year. But she’s still in touch with her colleagues at the Royal Botanic Gardens: “I have made some great contacts at the Seed Bank and been offered references.”

The University has a number of links with the Seed Bank, including two postgraduate programmes in Plant Conservation (which involve study at Wakehurst Place) and a research collaboration with the Royal Botanic Gardens. For more information about the Seed Bank, see www.kew.org/msbp/

The calendar is available from the Life Sciences resource centre or the departmental office for Biology and Environmental Science. The suggested minimum donation is £4 and all proceeds go directly to the Millennium Seed Bank Project.
University Chaplain becomes a chaplain to the Queen

The University Chaplain will now shoulder with royalty in his new honorary role as a chaplain to the Queen.

The Revd Canon Dr Gavin Ashenden, who has been University Chaplain at Sussex since 1989, is to join an elite group of 30 royal chaplains.

The role, which goes back to the 13th century, involves preaching once a year at the Chapel Royal at St James’s Palace in London. As a member of the Ecclesiastical Household and of the Royal College of Chaplains, Gavin will also be invited to certain royal events.

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Asked why he thought he had been chosen for the role, Gavin said: “They never actually tell you what you’ve done or haven’t done, which is probably just as well!”

He added: “I am delighted that this honour not only reflects the importance of education in society at the moment, but also acts as a tribute to all that the University of Sussex is and stands for.

“I hope to use the role constructively; it would be pleasing to think that it might be one more contribution to Sussex’s reputation for being a centre for excellence.”

Gavin, who will remain a royal chaplain until he is 70, is also a lecturer in the School of Humanities; a member of the Church of England’s national assembly, the General Synod; and a Canon of Chichester Cathedral.

He is especially busy on Sunday mornings, when he presents a faith and ethics programme on BBC Southern Counties Radio before taking the weekly service in the Meeting House chapel.

New managers appointed for campus catering and retail

Following a major review of catering and retail services, the Residential, Sport & Trading Services (RSTS) division has made two key new appointments in order to deliver proposed improvements.

Sarah Wilkinson’s task in the new role of Commercial Operations Manager is to develop and implement a strategy for campus retail, catering, and conference facilities. She will be reviewing and integrating their management and operations, as well as looking at ways to enhance performance and increase income.

Sarah brings extensive experience in the hospitality industry to the role. Since January 2006 she has successfully managed two of the Guoman group of hotels in central London; before that she spent almost ten years with Hilton Hotels, including three years at the Hilton Brighton West Pier Hotel.

Another new post created following the review of catering and retail services is Executive Chef. Mark Hancock, who takes up this role on 1 December, will refine and implement the recently developed catering strategy and will play a vital part in the delivery of high-quality food and beverage services.

Mark comes to Sussex from a contract catering company, where he has been executive chef for the last six years. He has worked for the company for a total of 11 years, including four years based at a City law firm as senior head chef. He previously worked in the kitchens at accountants Coopers & Lybrand, a Mayfair hotel and the National Audit Office.

As a result of the review, the University has agreed an investment of £10m over the next four years to improve catering services. Proposals include a new central kitchen and improvements in both location and design of a number of campus cafes.

FIRST CLASS ▼

At a ceremony in London on 28 October, Edward Timms, Research Professor in History, was awarded the Austrian Cross of Honour for Arts and Sciences. Tribute was paid to his achievements as founder of the Centre for German Jewish Studies at Sussex and as author of the definitive study of the Austrian satirist Karl Kraus. In his reply, Edward stressed the inspirational value of the Sussex ethos of collaborative and interdisciplinary research.
Students flock to graduate recruitment fair

Well over 1,300 students attended the annual graduate recruitment fair in Mandela Hall on 29 October.

GradFair was attended by a wide range of organisations from the public sector, business and the not-for-profit sector as well as providers of further study and training.

The Career Development & Employment Centre (CDEC), which organises the event, tries to balance attendance across all sectors so there were options to interest everyone, including professional services firms (such as Deloitte, KPMG and PwC); further training and study (American Express Masters program and postgraduate options at the University of Sussex); and the public sector (including the Civil Service and NHS graduate schemes).

The 54 employers present reported large numbers of interested, informed and enthusiastic students at all stands.

In addition to the main event, Sussex alumnus Rupert Bravery from Exxon Mobil gave a talk outlining the challenges in the oil and energy business and the important skill-sets, personal qualities and attitudes this multi-national company looks for in the new graduates it recruits.

Immigration specialists Farley & Associates held one-to-one advice sessions with international students who wanted further information on remaining in the UK after their studies.

The next main event in the recruitment calendar is Law Fair on 11 November. Organised by CDEC, this takes place in the Conference Centre in Bramber House and will be attended by a mix of employers, information providers and course leaders for further study.

Law Fair is open to both law students and other aspiring lawyers of all years. For further information see www.sussex.ac.uk/cdec/events

Physics students learn about good vibrations

Physics has turned funky at Sussex, with students strumming electric guitars to learn about some of the most challenging concepts of quantum mechanics.

Dr Winfried Hensinger (right), Senior Lecturer in Atomic Molecular and Optical Physics, has reinvented a course for his second-year students after realising that more than 60% of them were also aspiring rock musicians.

"It's a way of making physics meaningful to them," he says. "We can use guitars and amps to understand frequency analysis and sound harmonics - some of the fundamentals of physics. It's a perfect combination of learning and fun!"

Winfried, who has been learning the electric guitar himself for the past year, will be expecting his students to work out the difference between the sound made by the world-famous Fender Stratocaster, favoured by Eric Clapton, Dave Gilmour and a host of other rock gods, and a cheaper version made by Fender.

Specialized computer equipment is used to analyse the sounds made by the instruments and to learn concepts such as frequency analysis of sound and the foundations of wave theory. Wave theory forms the basis of quantum physics, which is Winfried's primary area of research.

Students also analyze the difference between traditional valve amplifiers and more modern solid state amplifiers and learn the physics behind the pick-up of an electric guitar.

Sussex graduate Armando Lacerda developed the actual teaching experiment, under Winfried’s supervision, for his final-year project last year.

Armando is an experienced guitarist as well as a recording artist for the last eight years and was deeply interested in how the different aspects of the electric guitar could be described by physical concepts.

"When carrying out my final-year project I realized how much physics is involved in playing the guitar," he says. "It is fascinating."

"Innovation in teaching is one of my great interests," adds Winfried. "Physics is often seen as a difficult subject, but if you can find ways of inspiring young students by tapping into their own interests, you can help them understand some of the most difficult concepts of the physical world."

News in brief ↓

Hotel competition winner

Danny Wedgup, clerical assistant in the School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, is the lucky winner of the latest competition to win a hotel stay. Danny has won a night’s B&B for two at the Jury’s Inn Hotel in Brighton. The series of competitions promotes the list of University-approved hotels and guest houses: see www.sussex.ac.uk/about/hotels

World AIDS Day

A ceremony is being held on 1 December at the Meeting House on campus to mark World AIDS Day. Simon Fanshawe, Chair of Council, will lead the service which starts at 4pm with a welcome speech, turning on of the Christmas tree lights, choral singing and some statements about AIDS. Everyone welcome.

VC’s open staff forums 17 and 18 November

The Vice-Chancellor’s open staff forum for the autumn term will take place on Monday (17 November) at 2.30pm, and on Tuesday (18 November) at 11am, both in the Terrace Room, Bramber House.

IT refresher courses

IT Services (ITS) and the Media Services Unit (MSU) have posted details of a series of training and refresher courses for staff and students for autumn term 2008 and spring term 2009. For details of what the courses cover and to book online, go to www.sussex.ac.uk/its/training/courses.php

Christmas cards

This year’s Sussex-branded Christmas cards will soon be available to order for members of staff. Please contact Sara Adamson in Publications for further details at s.adamson@sussex.ac.uk or call ext. 2560.

All articles are also featured on the internet at www.sussex.ac.uk/press_office/bulletin
MON 17 NOV
12.30pm GDSC seminar: Seema Agnall, Med and Ethics: It takes two to tango in cancer. GDSC seminar room.

3pm International Relations seminar: Alessandro Comolmi (Miami), Peace and violence in the decline of international society. Arts C233.

4pm Economics seminars: Wael Mansour, Marinnella Leone and Paula Salardi, Impact of migrant remittances on human capital formation of youth case studies from non-CEN A countries; Child labour, shadow wages and allocative inefficiency in agricultural households in Nepal; An analysis of pay and occupational differences in Brazil by race. Russell Building 28. 

4pm Languages and Linguistics seminar: Joan Swann (Open), A sociolinguistic investigation of literary reading. Arts A11.

4.30pm War and Education seminar: Niton Leovic (Sussex), Political education in Israel and Germany after World War 2. Arts D741.

TUE 18 NOV
12.30pm Life History seminar: Fiona Leach (Sussex), Letters from Sierra Leone. Russell Building 12.

1pm Cognitive Science lecture: Margaret Boden (Sussex), The lost discipline. JMS lecture theatre.

2pm SEI seminar: Clive Church (Kent), Watching the ratification of the Lisbon treaty. Arts C233.

4pm Cognitive Science seminar: Inman Harvey (Sussex), Misrepresentations. Pevensey 1, 1A7.

4.15pm Anthropology seminar: Susana Camo-Rojas (Durham), Transnational migration and women’s experience in a Purhepecha sending community in Mexico. Arts C233.

6pm Early Modern Studies seminar: Rhod Lewis (Oxford), William Petty, God and the order of nature. Arts D204.

6.30pm Professorial lecture: David Alan Mellor (Sussex), Francis Bacon: Cinema, photography and fantasy. BSMS lecture theatre.

WED 19 NOV
12.30pm GDSC seminar: Stephen West (Cancer Research UK), Defective DNA strand break repair and human disease. GDSC seminar room.

1pm IDIS seminar: Mick Moore (IDIS), In praise of Maoism (in Nepal). IDS 221.

4.30pm Art History seminar: Angelica Groom (Sussex), Development of exotic animals in modern Italian court art. Arts A103.

5pm Media, Film and Cultural Studies seminar: Gary Hall (Coventry), Pirate Philosophy (Version 3.0). Arts D110.

5pm Migration seminar: Laura Chapdelaine (IPPR). Measuring and optimising the economic and social impacts of migration. Arts 2C24.

MON 24 NOV
3pm International Relations seminar: Daniele Archibugi (Brindisi), Is democratic global governance possible? Arts C233.

1pm Ecology seminar: Liz Hall (Sussex), title tbc. JMS 4D14.

1pm Geography seminar: Federico Christlieb (Sussex), Territorial changes in central Mexico after the Spanish conquest. Arts C175.

3.30pm Physics seminar: Louis Lyons, Bayes versus frequentism. Pevensey 1, 1908.

4pm Maths seminar: Arnaud Chauvelier, Modelling the migration of a cell population. Mantell 2A01.

4pm Psychology lecture: Liz Robinson (Warwick), What do children know about learning from others? Pevensey 1, 183.

6pm Martin Wight memorial lecture: David Reynolds (Cambridge), The culture of summity. BSMS lecture theatre.

FRI 21 NOV
1pm Biochemistry seminar: Rob Beynon (Liverpool), The urgent need for an academic revolution. Pevensey 1, 1907.

6.30pm Professorial lecture: Brian Cummings (Sussex), Bibliophila. BSMS lecture theatre.

WED 26 NOV
12.30pm GDSC seminar: Helfried Hochhegger (Sussex), title tbc. GDSC seminar room.


TUE 25 NOV
11.45am Anthropology seminar: Thomas Blom Hansen (Amsterdam), (Durban) Africans and Indians: A story of mutual non-recognition in South Africa. Arts C233.

2pm SEI seminar: Eduard Lucas (Economist), The new Cold War: A threat, a reality or an illusion? Arts C233.

4pm American Studies seminar: Howard Curnell (Sussex), Colonialism and magical realism in Jack Kerouac’s ‘On the Road’. Arts A110.

5pm English seminar: Simon Glendinning (LSE), The oldest map of the world. Arts A155.

4pm Cognitive Science seminar: Nicholas Maxwell (UCL), The urgent need for an academic revolution. Pevensey 1, 1A7.

5pm Migration seminar: Lise van den Top (Sofia), The case of Somalis relocating from the Netherlands to the United States. Arts C233.

5pm Political Economy seminar: Samuel Kuhn (Sussex), Liberalisation and the political economy of financial bubbles. Arts D730.

THU 27 NOV
1pm Sociology seminar: Daniel Blevins (Sussex), The role of peripatetic processes in the evolution of the Southern Alps, New Zealand. Arts C175.

4pm Maths seminar: Dona Strauss, The algebra of $\beta$-sets N and some of its applications. Mantell 2A01.

4pm Psychology seminar: Warren Mansell (Manchester), Perceptual control and conflict across psychological disorders. Pevensey 1, 183.

FRI 28 NOV
1pm Biochemistry seminar: Shane Wilkinson (Queen Mary), A new mechanism for multigene resistance in trypanosomes. JMS lecture theatre.

2pm History seminar: Rob Biff (Sussex), Apocalyptic narratives and environmental destruction in the early 21st century. Arts D471.

2.30pm Cancer Research seminar: Catherine Will (Sussex), Using interviews to explore clinical trial participation. Cancer Research UK library.

3.30pm Physics seminar: Alberto Vecchio, Gravitational waves. Pevensey 2, 5A19.

Small ads ↓

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Short-term let: Double room in family home nr Preston Pk. For 3 months (ish), available now. Suit visiting lecturer or mature student. £85 pw incl.

Arts events ↓

Wed 26 Nov
1.10–1.45pm Continuing Arts
River Jones presents her own work. Outside Bramber House.

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