AMEX celebrates five years at Sussex

The University of Sussex and American Express came together last month to celebrate five years of a highly successful Masters programme sponsored by American Express, Brighton & Hove's largest private-sector employer.

Since September 2003, 90 students have passed through the University Development Centre (UDC) programme, with around half of those being taken on at the end of the course by American Express. Some of the graduates of the UDC scheme have already progressed to management level within the company and are themselves coaching and leading new UDC students and graduates through workplace projects.

Praising the success of the scheme, Nigel Greenwood, Vice-President of Technologies at American Express, said: "The partnership with Sussex has been so successful that there is an opportunity to use it to provide graduates for other parts of the business; demand has never been higher."

"I'm also approached by people in the industry asking how we get such a high standard of new recruits into the company so the reputation of the course is clearly spreading."

Speaking at the celebration event, Professor Ben Du Boulay, Dean of Science and Technology, said: "It's really heartening to listen to how students from our university have made such an impact on a company at all levels of the organisation. To hear that some of them are in international postings, are teaching the next generation and are on the fast track to the top of the organisation is a real pleasure."

Between 15 and 30 students a year have worked part-time for American Express for two years, based in the Sussex Innovation Centre on campus, while also studying for a Masters degree in the Informatics department.

American Express pays the tuition fees and an annual salary of £18,621, plus a £1,000 bonus (half paid at the start and half in year two).

At the end of the two years, the highest performing students have an opportunity to gain a full-time job with American Express, including benefits such as the possibility of postings to overseas operations in such places as New York and Sydney.

Speaking at the celebration event was Sussex graduate Lizzie Brown who, while on the programme, secured a full-time position as a Senior Business Analyst in Technologies at American Express.

Lizzie explained: "I highly recommend the programme to anyone. The Technologies Graduate scheme enabled me to further my education by studying a great Masters, in addition to gaining hands-on work experience for a global blue-chip organisation with the prospects of becoming a fixed employee at the end."

"Some of the experiences I've had during my two years studying were truly life-changing. When you're sent to Paris to talk to European finance directors in your first year it does have a profound effect on you! I've made friends for life and I'm on track for a great career."

Find out more at www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/PGgrad/amex/

Sussex is ranked among the top 20 universities in the UK, in the top 50 in Europe and top 150 in the world, according to new university world rankings.

The THE-QS World University Rankings 2008, published in the Times Higher Education magazine on 9 October, are based on scores for research excellence, the opinions of academics and recruiters, and the ratio of staff to students.

"Sussex is holding its own in an increasingly competitive world."

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, said: "Sussex is holding its own in an increasingly competitive world of higher education. We are among the UK's top 20 institutions, and only 29 UK universities feature among the world's elite. This is an excellent base for our new strategic plan to build on and to improve our international standing still further."

The THE-QS rankings follow on from the news that Sussex was the highest climber (from 30th to 22nd in the UK) in the Sunday Times Good University Guide league table, published in September.
Gorilla study gives clues to how human language developed

A new University of Sussex study provides evidence that gorilla communication is linked to the left hemisphere of the brain - just as it is in humans.

Psychologist Dr Gillian Sebestyen Forrester developed a new method of analysing the behaviour of gorillas in captivity and found there was a right-handed bias for actions that also involved head and mouth movements. The right side of the body is controlled by the left hemisphere of the brain, which is also the location for language development.

The findings could provide major clues as to how language developed in humans, Gillian says: "We shared 23 million years of evolution with great apes and then diverged approximately six million years ago. Gorillas have highly-comp lex forms of non-verbal communication. I think we are looking back at what sort of communication skills we may have once had."

Previous studies by other researchers have found that chimpanzees show a right-handed preference for manual tasks. But Gillian’s research is the first to indicate a link between right-handedness and communication in apes.

The key to her findings, published in the journal Animal Behaviour, is the development of a detailed method for observing animals. "I have moved away from just studying visual communication signals of gorillas to looking for a method to capture, code and analyse these signals," she says.

"Instead of labelling a sequence of events - for example an aggressive display - I break down the behaviour into a sequence of stages based on eye gaze, facial expression and physical action. And I look for recurrent patterns within social context."

Gillin carried out the research at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in Kent, where there is a large biological family group of gorillas living in an enclosure modelled on their natural wild habitat.

She focussed her attention on one adult female, 13-year-old Foufou; her infant son; and their social network. Two cameras were used to capture Foufou’s every movement and expression as she interacted with the group.

The method can also be used to study other non-verbal populations. Gillian is now piloting a study on children aged between two and four with language impairments.

"Data from this method could help us better understand the non-verbal communication signals that were important for the evolution of language and are still important today for the development of normal language skills," she says.

"I hope it will lead to better diagnosis of conditions such as autism and the creation of new health and education intervention programmes to help these children. Current diagnostic tests are based on how well a child can understand verbal instruction, but if we look for other signals in communication we may be able to learn much more about what is going on for them."

Bookmark is a regular review of new books by Sussex authors.

You can buy these books at John Smith’s bookshop in Bramber House, or order online at www.jcsamphius.co.uk. Staff get a 10% discount on all products in the Bookshop on presentation of valid ID.
Biggest ever undergraduate intake

Sussex has successfully achieved its highest ever undergraduate admissions target of 2445, official 2008-09 entry figures show.

In addition, the proportion of undergraduate applicants to Sussex who have put Sussex as their first choice for 2008 entry has risen since last year.

For 2009 entry, there has been good interest in Sussex with over 4,000 visitors to the Open Day last weekend (11 October).

Prof Michael Farthing, Vice-Chancellor, said: “It’s important that our successes are recognised in order to continue to attract high calibre students to Sussex. “Just last week (9 October), the THE-QS World University rankings placed Sussex among the top 20 universities in the UK. “I am also pleased that this year’s NSS scores - which are among the most improved in the country - and improved league table positions more accurately reflect the strength of Sussex and we will continue to seek out opportunities to celebrate publicly our achievements.”

Postgraduate students are still registering so final figures are not yet available, but early signs indicate a positive position.

Similarly, the indication on overseas undergraduate numbers is that admissions will be in line with targets and above numbers admitted last year.

Further education on campus

The University hosted principals and other key representatives from eight further education (FE) colleges in Sussex and Hampshire this month for a debate on the direction of the FE agenda and how the University might continue to collaborate effectively with the FE sector.

Introduced by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, and attended by other senior representatives of the University, the day saw presentations on:

- Sussex Plus from Linda Buckham (director of CDEC),
- community engagement from Pam Coane (director of CCE),
- technology-enhanced learning from Dr Bill Ashraf,
- and the 14-19 diplomas from Dr Vivienne Griffiths (head of the Sussex School of Education).

Delegates were invited to respond to a series of discussion points on how the University could best collaborate with the FE sector to mutual benefit and the benefit of students, business and other stakeholders in the region.

College representatives showed strong interest in further discussion over collaboration with the University in a wide range of areas including employability, the development of foundation degrees, the use of innovative technology, and vocational qualifications for admission to university.

Our new heads of school

A great deal of my time and that of academic and professional colleagues is this term taken up with the process of recruiting the new heads of schools.

I regard this time and attention given to the recruitment process as time extremely well spent, since these are some of the most vital investments we are making in the future of Sussex. The new heads of school will be at the heart of the academic enterprise – they will be among the academic leaders at Sussex, helping us to create the future.

Working with their colleagues in the new schools, supporting and driving forward the direction of research and setting standards for teaching and learning, their success in fostering a successful academic community will be vital for Sussex.

“We are attracting outstanding researchers who are passionate about teaching and learning and care about the student experience.”

On the selection panels we have at least three (and in some cases four or six) academics from our schools and departments. We have also offered the candidates the opportunity to meet members of relevant departments so that they can understand the academic environment and opportunities before us.

Through this process of selection and recruitment, working with current academics in the schools, I have seen for myself how connecting the executive group directly with our academic leaders in schools will be a key part of the transformation of the University.

Those panels, properly constituted and trained, are allowing us to reach sound and solid judgements. They have also given a positive impression to the candidates about the robust and rigorous approach which Sussex is adopting. We have attracted high-calibre candidates from inside and outside the University.

Without giving anything away for candidates at upcoming interviews, a number of common threads have emerged even at this early stage.

Candidates are embracing the growth and development agenda for Sussex. They have opened up ideas and opportunities for developing our teaching and learning, for invigorating research, for opening up new funding streams and for connecting Sussex activity to the wider world.

They have also shown that they are empowering leaders of people – seeing their role as enabling staff to succeed with proper support and supervision. Another striking thread has been how connected candidates are to national bodies in their field, able to influence and shape the wider agenda for the benefit of Sussex.

I am also delighted that we are attracting outstanding researchers who are passionate about teaching and learning and care about the student experience.

We will be announcing the names of the new heads of school as they are agreed – so that they can be welcomed into the Sussex community and start as heads designate working with academic and professional services colleagues to build our new schools.

As the Bulletin goes to press we have the first two names ready to announce with more to come during the term.

Finally, I have also been struck by how attractive the spirit of Sussex, its interdisciplinary nature, its beautiful campus and the life in the region have been to candidates. It confirms that we are seen as a vibrant forward looking University with a great future.
Care leavers get extra support

Because of all the difficulties they face, only a small number of young people leaving care go to university – and those who do need extra support.

Three Sussex freshers this year have chosen to disclose that they have been in care so that they can benefit from financial support, somewhere to live and stay in the vacations, and a friendly face to offer support and guidance when needed.

A new field on the UCAS form makes this possible by giving applicants the option to disclose that they have spent some time in care, and universities the chance to provide a supportive educational environment.

At Sussex, Sara Candler is the link between a care leaver and the University until they meet in freshers' week.

She says: "Applicants have responded positively, and with a wide range of enquiries - mainly concerning student finance, where backgrounds are not clear cut. For example, I've answered a number of queries about what support is available for estranged young people who are not officially in local authority care."

Care leavers coming to Sussex receive a guaranteed scholarship - half of which is paid in October to help them set up home in university accommodation in their first year (available throughout the year including vacations). They are also given priority for the non-repayable Access to Learning Fund should they experience financial difficulties.

The care leavers can choose whether to disclose their background to staff. The three this year who chose to do so were introduced on arrival to their dedicated student adviser, who will support them throughout their time at Sussex. They will also receive support through the Career Development and Employment Centre (CDEC).

Sara says: "We will be monitoring the progress of the three young people in our first cohort very carefully, requesting that they keep us informed as to how the University can support them more effectively, from pre-application through to graduation day."

In return for this support, two of the trio are encouraging children from similar backgrounds to consider university study. Sara says: "Two of our new intake have already volunteered to mentor children in care in the local community through Amigher Sussex."

Recognition for the support that Sussex gives to students who have been in care came in January 2008, with the award from the Frank Buthe Trust of the Quality Mark for Care Leavers in Higher Education.

The colourful welcome for new international students

Hundreds of new international students at Sussex enjoyed a welcome reception this month, held at Brighton Dome.

The function on 5 October began with welcome drinks, followed by short speeches from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Michael Farthing, and the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Councillor Garry Peltzer Dunn.

They were joined by Simon Fanshawe, Chair of Council (the University's governing body). A local jazz band entertained guests - some of whom took the opportunity to dress up in national costume.

Feedback has been positive since moving the event to the city centre location for the first time last year - previous welcome parties were held on campus. Sara Dyer, Head of International Student Support, said: "New students said they loved the venue and thought it was a memorable way to start their studies at Sussex."

Record numbers attend open day

A record number of potential students and their parents flocked to campus on Saturday (11 October), as the University held its annual autumn Open Day.

The day gave 4,500 visitors to campus a rounded picture of Sussex as they finalise their decisions on undergraduate applications: scores of academics from all departments were available for consultation in Bramber House, student volunteers took campus tours, and student residences were open for viewing.

Prospective students and parents were keen to talk to academics about their subjects at Sussex. "This is the most important element in students' decision-making," explained Rob Read, Director of Communications and Marketing.

The weather stayed dry and sunny, vital for allowing visitors to get a feel of the campus. The regular free coach tours to Brighton also proved popular, as the 'Brighton factor' plays an important role alongside the academic and campus offering from Sussex.

Daniella Salvage from Student Recruitment Services (SRS), who co-ordinated the event, praised the work put in by all the staff and students involved: "We gave a strong and positive impression of the University and the academic and social opportunities here. This good first impression of Sussex is key for our future recruitment."

The team will be emailing follow-up forms to all those who attended, to gain feedback on the event and keep up their interest in Sussex.

SRS will also review the event and see where further improvements might be made, to ensure it continues to provide a show-case for Sussex.

For those unable to come on the day, the weekly campus tours run by SRS continue throughout the year and can be booked online.
Kipling lecture marks purchase of writer’s letters

"There are many good collections of Kipling in the world’s libraries, but anyone who wants to work on Kipling must sooner or later - preferably sooner - go to the great collection of Kipling papers at Sussex."

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, was quoting Kipling expert Professor Thomas Pinney, at the introduction of a lecture this month to celebrate the outstanding collection of Kipling papers held at Sussex.

The lecture, entitled ‘The genius of Kipling’, was delivered by Michael Smith, vice-president of the Kipling Society and author of Kipling’s Sussex.

In his lecture, Mr Smith provided a detailed account of the life of Kipling, from his childhood in India, his travels and work as a journalist, to his career as a writer and his final years in Sussex.

Readings from Kipling’s writings by drama student Jack Farthing provided an animated complement to the lecture and slide show.

New book reveals what housewife diarist Nella Last did next

The decision by the National Trust to deposit the main Kipling Archive at Sussex in 1978 has made the University a focus for the attention of Kipling scholars world wide. With its comprehensiveness, the Archive is a leading candidate for Kipling depostions and it has been augmented and expanded by attracting additional collections over the years.

The lecture particularly marked the University’s recent purchase of the Baldwin Papers (various items, mostly correspondence, concerning the Kipling family and including letters from Kipling to his parents and to a family friend), which has further strengthened this important collection.

The lecture was jointly organised by the Development and Alumni Relations Office and the Library, which both helped to raise funds to purchase the Baldwin Papers through donations from trusts, foundations and individuals.

Among the audience were Lord Baldwin, who enabled the University to acquire the Baldwin Papers, and several of the donors who contributed towards their purchase.

Also present was Margaret Muir, who recently donated 12 original letters by Kipling.

Our man in Berkhamstead

A Sussex Professor of English unexpectedly became the third man in a literary drama this month - and all because of the global credit crunch.

At the last minute, Professor Cedric Watts was invited to deputise for Channel 4 newsmen Jon Snow as after-dinner speaker at the annual Graham Greene Festival at Berkhamstead on 4 October.

The financial crisis had detained the broadcaster in Washington.

Cedric then gave a talk entitled ‘Paradoxical Affinities: Greene and Snow’, which compared the characters, careers, politics and literary styles of the two men (Snow being a great admirer of the novelist).

Two days later, after reading the script, Jon Snow wrote in an email: “Professor Watts, you have been both brilliant and doubly generous: generous to stand in for me, generous too for saying such interesting things about me, but brilliant in filling the void.

“I want to thank you firstly for your wonderful text and the contrasts and commonalities you wove, and thank you secondly for riding to the rescue.”

The book covers Nella’s life in Barnwood-Furness and those of her neighbours as well as creating a picture of the austerity of life in post-war England.

Bob, a University of Sussex MA graduate who has previously edited Mass Observation diaries with Pat, says: "The new book represents only 10 per cent of Nella’s diary. The first book had a natural narrative as it ran the course of World War II. We based our selection on events that together read like a novel. We also picked the sections that represent her writing at its very best.

“She was a talented writer. She believed that, in keeping diaries for Mass Observation, she was performing a social service. But as she carried on, it became a personal refuge for her thoughts and she lost track that others might read it. She complained about her husband and how she would have liked to have led a more gracious life."

Pat Malcolmson says: “Nella gives us a sense that life is comical, weird. She also had the discipline to write every day, usually around 1,000–1,500 words, recording everything from news events to what she cooked.”

The Malcolmsons were supported throughout their research by University of Sussex Head of Special Collections Dorothy Sheridan, and her team.

Bob Malcolmson says: “This is the finest collection of diaries anywhere in the world. There are 480 of them, covering a relatively small period of time, and yet every diary is different.”
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Louise Morley, Professor of Education, has become an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences. Sir Howard Newby, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, will present the award to Louise in London on 28 November.

URF (University Radio Falmer) has been nominated for the 2008 Student Radio Awards in two categories: “best technical achievement” (for its web presence, urfonline.com) and “best scripted programming” (for a feature called ‘Alice in Mouseiecoomb’). The awards ceremony takes place in London on 6 November.

A Sussex postgraduate has won third prize in a national essay competition for a term paper written while she was on the MSc in Comparative and Cross-Cultural Research Methods. Hannah Warren’s paper, on the relationship between women’s contribution to household expenditures and their participation in conjugal decision-making in Ghana, was entered into the Radical Statistics fourth Biennial Critical Essay Competition on the advice of her course tutor. Its success means it will be published in the journal Radical Statistics. Hannah is now proceeding with DPhil work in Ghana.

Help clean up boundary walk

Local conservationists are inviting Sussex staff and students to help clear up campus surroundings in a series of ‘action afternoons’ starting this term.

The Sussex Wildlife Trust – which recently extended its range of activities to include the University’s boundary walk – will be leading regular afternoon conservation sessions. On 22 October you can help clear ash saplings to open up the view across the valley (near marker number 14 on the boundary walk) or get involved in a litter pick on 19 November.

Activities run from 12.30-5pm, meeting at Bramber House. River Jones, Convener of Community Engagement in CCE, said: “All staff and students are warmly welcomed to join us, whether for a half-hour stint or the whole afternoon.”

All gloves and equipment will be provided. For more information, call River on ext. 2987 or email c.jones@sussex.ac.uk

Staff salaries to go up by five per cent

Sussex staff are to receive a pay rise of 5%, the fifth and final instalment of a three-year national pay agreement reached in 2006.

According to the agreement, pay rates were due to go up in October by 2.5% or by inflation (as measured by the Retail Price Index for September 2008), whichever was the greater.

The government published the 5% inflation figure for September on Tuesday (14 October). As the university had announced previously, Sussex will implement the pay rise in November and backdate it to 1 October.

The University is not taking up the option – provided for by a clause in the 2006 agreement – of deferring implementation of the October pay rise for up to 11 months.

Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Paul Layzell, said: “I am sure staff realise that a pay rise in line with inflation is extraordinarily good in the current economic climate, after cumulative increases of more than 10% over the last two years.”

As a result of the pay agreement, Sussex staff received a rise of 3% (or £515 if that was greater) from 1 August 2006. A further 1% was paid from February 2007 and another 3% from August 2007. An increase of 3% (or £420 if greater) followed in May 2008.

Nationally agreed pay awards are in addition to normal incremental progression where this is due. Any member of Sussex staff who is due an increment (worth 3%, or £500 if greater) will receive it as normal in October.

Sun shines on tennis tournament

Tennis players contesting the O’Reilly Cup enjoyed glorious autumnal weather at the annual tournament on 12 October.

“It was a really great day with wonderful sunshine and lovely people,” said retired staff member Pauline O’Reilly, who is pictured with the trophy in her name.

On the left of the picture are the men’s runner-up, Philosophy student Ivo Dragoun, and the men’s winner, Andy Black from Life Sciences. Jocelyn Owen (CDEC) was the women’s winner and Teresa Wenban (Life Sciences, far right) was the women’s runner-up.

Pauline said: “It was a good mix of workers, students and former students, with a pretty high standard.”
Prize-winning film shows student's 'perfect day'

Afternoon drinking, freshly cut grass and barbecues all help to make up the 'perfect day of an anonymous student' in the winning entry to a recent University-wide student film competition.

One Sussex Day by Anna Reuben - who graduated in Media Studies this summer - was judged to be the most original, creative and engaging by the panel of University staff.

In May, the University ran a competition to find the best three-minute film that shows why, in International Student Barometer surveys, Sussex has been repeatedly voted the "Best place to be".

Anna won £300 in cash for her winning film. She said her film encompasses what makes Sussex so special for her: "I aimed to capture the heart of the university and express what students love about being here.

"The film is a whistle-stop tour through the perfect day of an anonymous student, showing the campus in the full bloom of summer, and I've featured the things that Sussex students are so fond of: the lawnmowers that release the smell of freshly cut grass all over campus, the late afternoon pints on Brighton Beach, then finally ending the day with a barbecue on the South Downs."

Steven Wright and Dylan Spicer, who submitted a joint entry, shared runners-up honours with fellow student Ragnhild Jacobsen. Each second place film earned its maker(s) £100 in prize money. Watch all three films at www.sussex.ac.uk/international/films

Denis Healey's life through a lens

Exhibition success: Lord and Lady Healey (front) at the opening of the photography exhibition Furniture of the Mind, which was held this month in InQsite Creativity Zone on campus. Prof Michael Farthing (back right), Vice-Chancellor, joined art historian David Alan Mellor (back left) and the students who curated the exhibition of work by the former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Freshers’ fun captured on camera

The two winning entries to a recent photo competition depict Freshers’ Week through the eyes of a new first year student and a member of staff.

The team from Student Recruitment Services - who organise induction activities - ran a photographic competition for new first years, asking them to share the image that best represents their first few days at Sussex. Staff were also invited to enter their images showing what induction means to them.

Billy Picard, a first year Media Studies student, impressed judges Prof Michael Farthing, Vice-Chancellor, and the University’s photographer Stuart Robinson with his photo (top) showing the 'franticness' of his Freshers' Week. He said: "This picture can really only be described in one word. Hectic.

"But it's the best hectic I've experienced. It shows the fun, freedom and franticness of Freshers' [Week]."

Melinda Lowing, a Departmental Coordinator in Life Sciences, scooped the staff prize with her photo (bottom) capturing new students enjoying the fireworks finale, which she said marked "the end of their fun-packed induction week, and the start of their academic life at University."

Billy received £50 for his effort and Melinda won a meal for two at Carluccio's restaurant in Brighton.
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Academic events ↓

**MON 20 OCT**
3pm International Relations seminar: Andy Oppenheimer (NBC International), Is the CBRI (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear) threat from states of concern and terrorist groups mythical or real? Arts C233.

4pm Languages and linguistics seminar: Maj-Britt Mosegaard Hansen (Manchester), On the availability of 'literary' meanings: Evidence from courtroom interaction. Arts A71.

**TUE 21 OCT**
2pm SIE seminar: Jorg Monar and John Palmer (Sussex), The future of the Lisbon treaty. Arts C233.

4pm Cognitive science seminar: Ruth Kempson (King's College), The dynamics of conversational dialogue. Pevensey 1,1A7.
4.15pm Anthropology seminar: Mark Engkelke (LSE), The semantics of relevance: Bible advocacy in England. Arts C233.
6.30pm Professorial lecture: Adam Eyre-Walker (Sussex), Human mutations: The good, the bad, and the indifferent? BSMS lecture theatre.

**WED 22 OCT**
12.30pm Seminar: John Rouse (Dundee), Six-4 - a regulator of DNA repair nucleases in yeast and mammals. Seminar room.

5pm Media, Film and Cultural Studies seminar: Caroline Bassett (Sussex), Anti-computing: Campaigns against the machine. Arts D110.

5pm Social and political thought seminar: Gumminder Bhambra, Revealing historical sociology. Brabourne House 237.

5pm Migration seminar: John Davies (Sussex), Dismantling trafficking myths. Arts C233.

5pm English seminar: Gabriel Josipovici, The marquis went out at five - again. Arts A155.

6pm Intellectual history lecture: Ian Hunter (Queensland), Spirituality and theory in the modern humanities. Oxford seminar theatre.

**THU 23 OCT**
1pm Ecology and environment seminar: Claudia Harflett (Sussex), JMS 4014.

1pm Freeman Centre seminar: David Toke (Birmingham), The use of analysis of material institutions to account for socio-technical transience in the case of different renewable electricity technologies. Room 62/425.

4pm Maths seminar: Ruud Kemperen (Sussex), Uncertainty in energy transmissions. Mantei 2A01.

4pm Psychology seminar: Dominic Abrams (Kent), Deviance and leadership: How are they related? Pevensey 1 1B3.

**TUE 28 OCT**
2pm SIE seminar: Nicola Lindstrom (York), Service liberalisation in the enlarged EU. Arts C233.

4pm Studies seminar: Peter Covello (Mannheim), Pynchon and Vineid. Arts A155.


**WED 29 OCT**
5pm Media, Film and Cultural Studies seminar: Tamir Jeffers-MacDonald (Kent), The dirty romcom: Date movie or dick flick?. Arts D110.

5pm Migration seminar: Ayona Datta (LSE), Constructing the Polish worker in London’s building sites. Arts C233.

**THU 30 OCT**
1pm Geography seminar: Lena Nare (Sussex), Sri Lankan migrants in Naples. Geography resource centre, Arts C175.

4pm Maths seminar: Miroslav Chtibik (Sussex), Mantei 2A01.

4pm Psychology seminar: Stuart Anisz (San Diego), Illusions of colour and motion. Pevensey 1 1B3.

**FRI 31 OCT**
2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Alan Freeman (GLA Economics), Culture, creativity and innovation in the internet age. Room 62/425.

Arts events ↓

**Tue 21 Oct**
5pm WorldCineClub – The Tin Drum (German)
The WorldCineClub film programme presents The Tin Drum. The showing is free and will be preceded by a short Faculty presentation.

**Wed 29 Oct**
1.15pm Continuing arts – poems and short fiction.
The WorldCineClub film programme presents The Road Home. The showing is free to all staff and language students and will be preceded by a short Faculty presentation.

Small ads ↓

For sale: VW Golf 1.9 TDI SE 5-dr dark-green diesel hatchback. 2001, 76k miles. MoT Jul 09, tax Jun 09, ABS, air con, CD/radio. £3,250 ono. Ext 8342, E irina@agriorganic.co.uk

Link Romania Family Shoebox Appeal: If you would like to fill a shoebox as a Christmas gift in Romania, call ext 7988 for a leaflet.

To let: 2-room garden flat in quiet Lewes street. From mid Nov. Recently redecorated. £150 p/w. T 479964.

For sale: Unused R88 iPod Touch, £75. E thill@sussex.ac.uk

For sale: Sony 32" flat screen digital TV + stand & cinema surround system. £1250 ono. E irina@agriorganic.co.uk T 707954 696619.

To let: Two single rooms in central Hove. From 1 Nov. £400. Share with 2 Sussex Pgs. £300 pcm + bills. E ecp@@sussex.ac.uk or ehs53@sussex.ac.uk

To let: Double room in family home, Preston Pk area. For 3 mths (ish) from mid Nov. Suit visiting lecturer. £85 p/w inc. Wifi, garden. T 07796 133680.

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