New Chancellor welcomed by Sussex

Sanjeev Bhaskar’s appointment as the University’s new Chancellor has been widely welcomed by staff and students.

Mr Bhaskar, who was one of the team in the groundbreaking TV comedy, ‘Goodness Gracious Me’, and who wrote and starred in ‘The Kumars at No. 42’ with his wife Meera Syal, will be formally installed at the summer graduation ceremony in July 2009.

Speaking about his honorary appointment, Mr Bhaskar said: “I am passionate about the opportunity to contribute to change and development for individuals and society and I am extremely proud to be associated with a radical, transformational university such as Sussex.”

As its figurehead, the Chancellor plays a leading role in the life of the University, most prominently as the person who confers degrees on students at the summer and winter graduation ceremonies.

The Chancellor is also the chair of Court, which meets once a year to receive a report on the University’s activities, and works closely with the University in its external engagement with the wider world of business and the community.

The new Chancellor was elected unanimously at a special meeting of Court on 23 February, with support coming from Sussex academics and from leaders of organizations across the city and county – including the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, the local NHS Partnership Trust, the Police Authority, the High Sheriff of Sussex, and local businesses.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, said: “Sanjeev Bhaskar was for me a perfect candidate for Chancellor. Not only is he a gifted and inspiring writer and entertainer, he has also demonstrated a real commitment to education across continents. He will support me as we progress our ambition to further internationalise the University. Above all, he will be a delightful colleague.”

Simon Fanshawe, the chair of Council (the University’s governing body), said: “In appointing Sanjeev Bhaskar, the University is making a powerful statement that Sussex is looking to its future. In mid career, he has made a considerable impact in his field and is on the cusp of greater achievement.”

In being offered the role of Chancellor, Mr Bhaskar paid tribute to his predecessor Lord Attenborough, who stepped down in July 2008 after ten years. “Having had the privilege of meeting Lord Attenborough several times and being continually inspired by him as an artist, humanitarian and family man and knowing of his passion for education, it is humbling to follow in his esteemed footsteps at the University of Sussex.”

Members of Court on Sanjeev Bhaskar’s nomination as Chancellor

Gillian Bendelow, Professor of Sociology
“Our tradition and heritage is for radical thought and concern for social justice. In this diverse and cosmopolitan city, a choice of Sanjeev Bhaskar is the right one. I look forward to an exciting graduation!”

Pam Coare, director of Centre for Continuing Education
“In CCE, we are strong supporters of creating diversity in higher education, bringing in mature and non-traditional students. From what I know of his background I think he will bring a wealth of personal experience.”

Arjo Ghosh, independent member of Council
“I have always believed that in the future the world will be brown. And we need leadership in challenging times to spread hope and belief and to bring fun. I think Sanjeev Bhaskar provides this abundantly.”

Glynn Jones, independent member of Council
“This nomination signals that Sussex still has a hunger and remains relevant and important for the future. His passion for education and ability to communicate to all makes him an excellent choice, and particularly relevant as we look to extend Sussex’s outreach.”

Dr Helen Prance, Reader in Electronic Engineering and member of Council
“I see Sussex as working like a family. This is exactly the sort of addition we need to our family: young, creative and striving to achieve, with an international perception.”

Lisa Rodrigues, Sussex graduate and independent member of Council
“Diversity is key for Sussex. As someone who has personally experienced discrimination, I strongly support this nomination.”

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Sussex sixth-formers debate solutions to climate change

Two teams of Sussex sixth-formers will debate the best way to tackle climate change on 11 March at the University of Sussex.

One team of 16–18-year-olds will argue for a technological fix for climate change, while the other team will claim that people must change their behaviour to solve the problem.

The debate is part of the Festival of Social Science, which is organised by the Economic and Social Research Council from 6 to 15 March.

£500 of book vouchers will be awarded to the best debaters by a panel of experts including:

- Professor Robert Allison, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Sussex
- Professor John Cheshire, chairman of the Steering Board, Sussex Energy Group
- Thurstan Crockett, Head of Sustainability and Environmental Policy at Brighton and Hove City Council.

Before the debate, the two teams will spend a day with the Sussex Energy Group - a research group investigating how to make the UK’s energy system sustainable.

This preparatory day will help the students learn about scientific research as well as improve their debating skills so they can make the case for one of two solutions to climate change:

- A technological solution: Climate change can be solved only through adopting a broad range of lower-carbon and carbon-emissions-free technologies such as renewable energy, the capture and storage of carbon emissions from power stations, hybrid and electric cars, and energy-efficient buildings.

- A social solution: Climate change can be solved only if people change their lifestyles, e.g. they recycle, drive less, walk or cycle more, are careful about how they light and heat their homes, and eat locally produced food.

The debate will be held in the Freeman Centre at 3pm on Wednesday (11 March). The audience – made up of researchers, politicians, business people, members of the public and activists as well as family and friends of the debaters – will be encouraged to join in the debate.

The event can also be listened to or viewed at www.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/climatedebate

“The debate will give all participants an insight into climate change and the multi-faceted approach required to deal with it,” said Andy Wilson, the event organiser and research coordinator at the Sussex Energy Group.

“It promises to be a lively event with ample opportunity for attendees to meet with key players from local and national environmental organisations.”

Sussex scientists survey sewage

Sussex researchers are involved in a new Anglo-French project that investigates the effect of water pollution on animals.

The joint project, which looks at how a specific group of pollutants impacts on fish and aquatic invertebrates (such as mussels, clams and aquatic snails), has received over 2 million euros of European funding.

Dr Jeanette Rotchell, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Science, leads the UK involvement, which includes the Marine Biological Association in Plymouth as well as researchers from Sussex.

Jeanette and her colleague Dr Liz Hill each lead one of the three research areas:

- identifying which chemical compounds are polluting the water,
- investigating how they do the damage, and
- monitoring the environment to see how much pollution is enough to cause damage.

There are also six French partner institutions and companies, with the Universitée du Havre as the overall project leader.

External partners include the UK Environment Agency and ONEMA (Office National de l’Eau et des Milieux Aquatiques), who are responsible for developing legislation on environmental contamination.

Jeanette and Liz have now received joint funding from the European Union under all four of its so-called ‘INTERREG’ programmes, providing a continuous large-scale research programme spanning more than a decade.

The new project, which will run for five years, is the most ambitious in both scale and scope.

Jeanette said: “This is a great opportunity to directly influence emerging national and European environmental legislation.”

Organisations such as the Environment Agency could use the findings, for example, to set permitted pollution levels for discharge from sewage-treatment works.

Impact: Mussels are particularly susceptible to chemical contamination of the aquatic environment.
As the Bulletin goes to press, the grant settlements for higher education are due to be published.

The University of Sussex will receive just over £49m from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) for 2009-10, compared to £49.7m for the current financial year. (This is compared to a total turnover for Sussex of £120m a year.) This is a reduction of 1.4% in cash terms and compares to an overall sector increase of 4%.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Farthing, said: “Like several other institutions that have seen significant cash reductions in this year’s settlement, although we might have wished for a better result, we have been planning in readiness for this outcome.

“This is therefore bad news, but we were expecting it. We have budgeted for a break-even position next year, and this grant settlement should enable us to achieve this but we are a long way from developing the financial headroom we need.”

This settlement for 2009-10 comes after one last year that gave no cash increase to Sussex, compounded by ongoing cost pressures from last year’s pay rises that were well above inflation, higher utility costs and increased pension costs.

The funding settlement is made up of two parts. The teaching grant, which reflects mainstream funding of teaching to support current student numbers, has grown by just 0.2% from £30.8m to £31.5m. The research grant—which is based on the University’s performance in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), numbers of research students and business-engagement activity—has fallen by 7.6% from £17.3m to £16.0m.

The Vice-Chancellor said: “In relation to the RAE, we made clear even before the results were announced that volume growth in the rest of the sector (compared to status quo at Sussex) would squeeze the money available to us. The greater spread of world-leading and internationally excellent research across the sector has also stretched an already limited pot.”

Work is already under way following the RAE to look at the future size and shape of the University—including discussions with all schools and departments about plans for future development—and this information about the funding settlement will be factored in to that work.

Looking ahead to 2010-11 and beyond, the Vice-Chancellor said: “Given the wider economic position, and predictions of tight government public-sector spending, those future years are very concerning.

“We need to prepare ourselves for significant constraints in funding and place ourselves in a stronger position where we are less reliant on funding council allocations.

“We have been clear, as set out in Making the Future, that the strategic answer to an ongoing reduction in government funding is growth from earned income, i.e. from sources other than government grant. This means bringing in more research income and attracting more students who are not subject to quotas or other controls.

“This grant settlement confirms that this strategy of growth in earned income is the only one for Sussex. We have to place ourselves in a position where we can take control of our own future.”

Professor Michael Farthing
Vice-Chancellor

I make no apology for repeating here much of what I have said in my guest blog this week for the Students’ Union: a good message is worth repeating for staff and students alike!

The University Court is drawn from the academic community at Sussex and includes representatives from across the region. It was heartening to hear everyone who spoke endorsing and applauding this proposal, and then to have Sanjeev elected unanimously.

We heard from academic heads, colleagues from the NHS, local community groups and businesses, who spoke of this as an exciting nomination, demonstrating Sussex’s creative thinking and forward-looking approach.

As Chancellor, Sanjeev will be the presiding figure at our graduation ceremonies in summer and winter, a very special time in the life of the University for students, parents and family, and also our staff as they see the current crop of undergraduates and postgraduates complete their years of study.

He will also work with us as a representative of Sussex in meetings and at events, public and private. I am expecting an active and engaged approach from him, bringing his skills, talents and contacts to bear.

In seeking our new Chancellor we made clear that we were looking for someone who “embodied the values and spirit of the University - and someone whose own success, ambitions and hopes for the world can reflect that of the special community that is the University of Sussex”.

It is very apparent to me in talking to Sanjeev how much his ethos and ideals match those of Sussex, and that here is someone who can express those to new friends and supporters of the University, as well as within Sussex itself.

He is someone who has a great deal to offer the University; he will bring commitment, intelligence and fun to the life of the campus and will be a great ambassador for us in the UK and overseas.

Since the announcement was made, I have received much positive feedback from inside Sussex and beyond. The appointment has also resonated with local and regional media - and I note we have received a positive thumbs-up in Indian media as well. Getting the right person to follow on from Lord Attenborough was never going to be easy - I think we have given ourselves a striking new direction.

This appointment is significant also because Sanjeev will be our Chancellor leading into the celebration of 50 years at Sussex and looking forward to the next 50 years. Since inviting colleagues to contribute ideas we have had a heartening and enthusiastic response.

The steering group meets again on Tuesday and I look forward to considering ideas so far received. The door is still open - take a look at the website for 2011 and put in your ideas.

Finally, I should reflect on the fact, as the grant settlement is published this week, that this will be a tough period ahead for all higher education institutions - indeed for all public-sector institutions.

I will be working with my executive team, with new heads of schools and with our heads of department, and professional services colleagues, to continue to steer a course for development and growth in earned income. This will be a challenging route, but it is the only one that can leave us in control of our own destiny in years to come.
Lecturer links medicine and the arts

A Sussex graduate and BSMS lecturer is celebrating the launch this month of her first novel, a black comedy about expatriate life in West Africa.

Sue Eckstein is Lecturer in Clinical and Biomedical Ethics at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS). The Cloths of Heaven had its origins in an exercise for the Certificate in Creative Writing with the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). Sue continued writing the novel while doing the MA in Creative Writing, Arts and Education at Sussex.

She recalls: "I used to write in the evenings after my two children had gone to bed, revise the first draft on the train when I worked at King's College London, and then produce a more polished draft over the next couple of evenings and so on until I finished it.

"I then started writing radio drama, having taken the Postgraduate Certificate in Dramatic Writing, also at Sussex."

Sue's literary interests are reflected in some of the optional modules she has created for BSMS students. 'Bleeding Hearts and Fevered Lungs' explores the heart, lungs and blood as metaphors and themes in fiction, poetry and film, 'Maternity, Longing and Loss', which focuses on ethical and societal issues around 'natural birth', adoption, surrogacy, IVF and the loss of a child, includes poetry and fiction as well as sociological and ethical texts.

Students on these courses have been inspired by the very tangible links between medicine and the arts and have produced some exceptional work.

"It is our view that those of us who teach ethics are uniquely placed to facilitate the sort of cross-disciplinary and outward-looking approach required to enhance the curriculum in these ways and thankfully BSMS is one of the medical schools willing to explore these challenging new ways of working," says Sue.

Her debut novel will be launched at 6pm on 16 March in the BSMS Lecture Theatre, where Radio 4 'Bookclub' producer Dymphna Flynn will join Sue to discuss the novel. All are welcome; email j.wellington@bsms.ac.uk to book your place.

Myriad Editions, an independent publisher run by another Sussex alumnus, is publishing The Cloths of Heaven next month.

Word, image, memory

The artistic testimony of a Holocaust survivor

Drawings and watercolours by a Holocaust survivor whose works are held in the campus Library will be on display at an exhibition in London.

Curated by Dr Deborah Schultz, Research Fellow in the Centre for German-Jewish Studies, the exhibition at the Austrian Cultural Forum marks the centenary of the birth of Arnold Daghani.

Daghani came from a German-speaking Jewish family. One of his earliest paintings, featured in the exhibition, shows his wife waiting full of apprehension at the window of their home in Cernauți (then part of Romania) in 1942.

Daghani and his wife spent a year in a slave labour camp in the Ukraine before they managed to escape in July 1943, only a few months before the camp was liquidated. The exhibition presents drawings and watercolours that were smuggled out of the labour camp and the Bershad ghetto in Transnistria.

They are displayed together with later mixed-media works that combine words and images.

In 1958 the Daghannis left Romania, emigrating to Israel, France, Switzerland and finally England – where they settled in Hove.

Over 6,000 works and documents were presented to the University of Sussex after Daghani's death in 1985. The exhibition is drawn from the collection and runs from Tuesday 31 March until Friday 15 May. For more information visit www.austria.org.uk/culture
Director's plans for IT Services

The Director of IT Services, Iain Stinson, has been in post for four months; what's he made of it all so far?

What were your initial impressions of Sussex?
I'd carried out an external review of IT Services, so I had a reasonable knowledge of what state it was in. My initial few months have confirmed that there is quite a lot of work still to do.

I've worked in a number of universities and it is certainly one of the most friendly I've experienced. I've found my colleagues in ITS particularly helpful, competent and friendly.

After four months here have any of those first impressions changed?
The priority areas where attention is needed have changed since the external review. There are areas which are in need of a little more attention, and there are some areas in which it will be a little more difficult to make the changes than I first thought.

How does Sussex compare with other universities you've worked at?
It's quite a different place. As an institution it's more collegiate. People have good input into committees, which have more say in the running of the organisation than they have in other places.

As a campus university you are much more aware of the students, whereas in a city university, such as Manchester or Liverpool, you get quite a different view. At Sussex sitting, talking and having tea in cafes on campus allows you to meet students informally - this is really quite good.

What are your plans?
Firstly to revise the strategy for how we go forward.

To look at particular areas of the infrastructure that we use to support services, that is to say the workstations - the PCs, the Macs. That needs some attention in my view.

To look at some of the core business systems. They're built on some software which is very old and not used by a lot of people. The maintenance overhead for our staff is high because formal support is either quite thin or doesn't exist at all.

With our number of staff we have to move to products which are off-the-shelf and supported by a vendor so we are not running risks that the institution can't operate. There's a big programme of work there to be carried out over a number of years.

Staying safe online

Shopping, socialising, banking ... the amount of information we share and the time we spend online have been increasing inexorably over the past few years.

Unfortunately with every new medium come those looking to exploit it: what can Sussex students and staff do to minimise risk and protect their identities?

You can find out during Staying Safe Online – a security awareness week being held on campus from Monday 16 March.

As well as promoting awareness throughout the week, IT Services will be launching a security 'portal' at www.sussex.ac.uk/its/security, with links to both existing and new information about many subjects, including

- how to avoid spam,
- use of secure passwords,
- keeping your personal information out of harm's way on Facebook,
- protecting your computer from viruses, and
- making sure you don't end up the victim of a "phishing" scam.

Participants in two-hour workshops on 'Housekeeping for your PC' will be encouraged to bring along their own laptops to try out some of the tips and techniques discussed. For further details see www.sussex.ac.uk/its/training/courses#6; places can be booked in the usual way via Sussex Direct.

Consultation on new website

Staff and students were this week shown the new Sussex website and invited to comment before it goes live next month.

The Web Team has already received lots of feedback since the Bulletin article from 20 February, called 'What do you think of the new website?'

Now staff and students have all been emailed a link to the new site, further feedback is being sought until the launch on 15 April, and also after that as ongoing developments are made. Go to www.sussex.ac.uk/website/structure/testwebsite.php to see the site and give your comments.

Here are some of the comments and suggestions so far:

"Colour at last, with pictures of our glorious campus. So much better! Congratulations."

"At present I can go straight to Sussex Direct or to Study Direct from the staff home page with a single click (since the passwords are remembered). I hope it will be possible to retain this feature in the new design."

"I've just looked at the proposed new web pages - which look great!"

"I have had a look at the test external website and think the interface looks good. I do think that there should still be links to dept pages too particularly as these link research and teaching and highlight tutors."

"Thanks for this - it looks very imaginative."

"Internal website (new version) looks like a useful way of linking Sussex/Study Direct and SPLASH all on an easy to navigate page, and the quick links idea looks like a useful feature."

"Predominantly 'blue' colour is being used for bands of colour on the pages. From an artist's point of view this is a 'cold' colour. Red, pink and orange are warm colours. It might be considered that the pages could be 'warmed' a little."
Obituary

Vivien Hart, Professor of American Studies and an expert on "contemporary constitutionalism", died on 2 February aged 70.

Vivien was a late entrant to an academic career. The turning point was at Harvard, where Professor Samuel H. Beer, the leading American authority on British government, became her PhD supervisor. Over the next 35 years, there was a continuing flow across the Atlantic of information, analysis and discussion.

In 1974 Vivien joined Sussex, where she and Professor Marcus Cunliffe immediately formed an important collaboration. As an historian and a literary critic, Marcus teamed with Vivien, a social scientist, to forge ahead with American Studies.

When in 1991 the University established the Cunliffe Centre for the Study of Constitutionalism and National Identity, Vivien was the obvious choice for Director.

This proved the perfect vehicle for Vivien to further her own research interests as well as to facilitate the work of younger scholars. She fostered links between the Centre and George Washington University, Ohio State University and the University of Toronto. A series of international conferences followed, resulting in numerous publications.

Vivien’s career expanded far beyond the University of Sussex. She was a Visiting Professor at Smith College and at Ohio State University, and held fellowships and scholarships from the American Council of Learned Societies, Massey College of Toronto University, the United States Institute of Peace, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Brookings Institution.

Vivien’s many pleasures and enthusiasms included the outdoors, music and food, the reading of detective novels and, most of all, her family and friends.

These pleasures allowed her to play the academic game of “never too busy to talk to you” and “let’s have another cup of coffee” when, in reality, she was one of the most dedicated and conscientious of colleagues and teachers.

Bob Benewick, Emeritus Professor of International Relations and Politics

National pay negotiations 2009

The next round of formal national pay negotiations for higher education is scheduled to begin in March.

The last national negotiations resulted in the current three-year pay settlement (covering the period from August 2006 to July 2009), for which the final instalments were a 3% pay increase in May 2008 and a further 5% in October 2008.

The timetable for the next round of talks (involving all five relevant trades unions and the employers’ association) has been planned so that negotiations can be completed in good time for implementation from 1 August 2009.

More detailed information on the background and progress with these issues is available at www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/staffing/forms/National_Pay_Bargaining.pdf

Discretionary pay and grade review

The annual process is under way to review discretionary pay, covering the performance of staff on grades 1 to 9 in 2007–08.

The procedure for pay review is designed to reward exceptional performance; defined as "a level of performance that goes significantly beyond that which would normally be expected from a member of staff in their role". Actual recommendations will be made against specific criteria.

Any payments made to staff will be effective from 1 October 2008 and can include bonus payments to individuals or teams, accelerated increments and use of discretionary increments.

The procedure also includes the process for reviewing grades for non-academic staff in grades 1–9. (A separate academic promotions process applies to academic staff.)

Collated submissions will be put forward to Human Resources from deans and from heads of the Professional Services by 19 March.

In late March these submissions will be considered by a Pay Review Panel, chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and deans and directors will be notified of outcomes in April.

During May Human Resources will write to all staff receiving an award, and payment will be made in May pay packets.

FIRST CLASS

BSMS student Miles Gandolfi fought his way to individual and team silver medals in the men’s épée at the Commonwealth Junior Fencing Championships in Malaysia from 15–21 February. As a medical student, Miles receives a joint sports bursary from the Universities of Sussex and Brighton.
Staff and students shape up

Staff and students have been getting in shape during the ninth annual Healthy Campus Week.

A week-long programme of events to promote positive health and wellbeing included:
- Free use of the fitness room;
- Free taster sessions of Nordic walking, trapeze and Cuban salsa;
- A cooking demonstration in the Coffee Shop by the new executive chef;
- And the chance to have a full-body MoT at one of the mini health-check sessions.

More than 15 different areas of the University are involved in delivering the Healthy Campus Week programme, which judges claimed was a significant factor in naming Sussex the ‘healthiest workplace’ at the Brighton and Hove Business Awards in 2008.

A walk on the wild side

February started by reminding us just how harsh a month it can be, with snow shutting the University. Since then, however, the first signs of spring have been appearing all over campus.

Campus now echoes to bird song and several resident species, including Long-tailed Tits and Magpies, are already building nests. Remarkably, a Mistle Thrush brood have already left their nest near the Falmer Sports Complex: their mother must have been incubating throughout the snow.

The carpets of brown leaves in the woodlots are increasingly broken by fresh green shoots of Stinging nettles and carrot-leaved clumps of Cow Parsley. The leaves of Wild Arum (Lord-and-Ladies) can be puzzling at this time of year since they push up through the leaf litter while tightly furled up before unrolling to reveal their familiar arrow-headed shape.

Most trees and bushes will be slower to break into leaf. The bare twigs mean that Hazel catkins (left), so-called lambs’ tails, are very obvious on Boiler House Hill. These pale golden tassels, up to 8 cm long, are the male flowers and shed pollen into the wind. Hazel’s female flowers look like tiny crimson tufts growing out of swollen buds; although on the same twigs as the catkins, they cannot be fertilised by pollen from the same bush.

The glorious sunshine of 21 February revealed that three species of butterfly had survived the wintry blasts on campus, having hibernated as adults. One was a sulphur-yellow male Brimstone, the most flamboyant British member of the ‘white’ butterfly family, which probably over-wintered in dense Ivy. The others were both members of the gaudy Vanessid family, feeding as caterpillars on Stinging Nettles. One was a Peacock, which probably sheltered in a crevice in a tree or unheated building. The other was a Red Admiral, which is puzzling as this species is reputed to hibernate on exposed tree trunks and thus to survive only really mild winters.

Although not as colourful as the butterflies, some large moths have been making themselves obvious, battering against the lit windows of the Library. They were male Pale Brindled Beauties: most had pale grey wings, but some were a virtually black form called monacharia, which is unusually common around campus. The males will have been distracted from their frantic nocturnal search for the brownish females, which have extremely stunted wings and wait on the caterpillars’ food plants (mainly Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Ash on campus). Both sexes will have spent the last six months pupating underground. To help them find a mating partner, males have huge feathered antennae to detect her scent.

Some early-breeding insects are less obtrusive because they live underground and mated much earlier. Some queen ants will already have laid eggs, using sperm they stored on their one and only mating flight during their first summer, often several years ago.

Car park closures 25, 26 and 27 March

The Sportcentre car park (P5) will be closed for use by staff, students and visitors on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March.

That’s because on 26 and 27 March the annual UCAS Fair for prospective university students takes place in the Sportcentre.

In addition, the Science car park (P1) will be closed on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March between 9am and 4pm, when an estimated 16 coaches per hour will be arriving and departing from the car park for the UCAS Fair.

Finally, East Slope car park (P10) will be reserved for parking by members of Council and Court on Friday 27 March.

This means that on 27 March almost 50% of the parking spaces on campus will be reserved for these events.

David Harper
Life Sciences

David Streeter
Life Sciences

Top: At a cooking demonstration for Healthy Campus Week, executive chef Mark Hancock uses locally sourced produce to prepare four different dishes aimed at the student pocket.

Bottom: Sussex student Candice Kadaj learns the techniques of aerial circus from Hazel Maddocks at a trapeze taster session during Healthy Campus Week.

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MON 9 MAR
3pm International Relations seminar: Kees Ven-Pijp (Sussex), An Asian future for us all? Arts C233.

4pm Languages lecture: Melanie Green (Sussex) and Forey Bebe (Rusea), Subject and topic in Kenyan, Arts A71.

5pm Social Work seminar: Tush Mambane (Sussex), Exploring the construction of the difficult child. Arts D110.

TUE 10 MAR
12.30pm Life History seminar: Sarah Hitchens (Leaves Arterius Arts), Oral history and heritage lotteries. Arundel 1b.

2pm Europe seminar: Stephen Peckett (Strathclyde), Energy governance in the wider Europe. Arts C233.

4pm Cognitive Science seminar: Andrew Philippides (Sussex), Insect visual homing. Peversy 1, 1A7.

4.30pm Medical lecture: Anne Johnson (UCI), The sexual history of 20th-century Britain. BSMS lecture theatre.

WED 11 MAR
4.30pm Russian Studies seminar: Stella Rock (Sussex), The revival of pilgrimage in post-Soviet Russia. Arts D741.

4.30pm Social Work seminar: Nick Frost (Leeds), Under-standing integrated working. Location tbc.

5pm Migration seminar: Lena Nare (Sussex), Domestic work migration to Naples. Arts C233.

5pm Sexual Dissidence lecture: Richard Phillips (Liverpool), Postcolonial sexuality politics. EDB 121.

6pm Sussex Lecture: Quentin Skinner (Queen Mary), Word and image in the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes. BSMS lecture theatre, RSVP essential to events@sussex.ac.uk

THU 12 MAR
1pm Development seminar: Mick Dunford (Sussex), Geographical inequality, social cohesion and a harmonious society: A China-EU dialogue on the nature and role of regional development policies. IDS 221.

2pm Cultural Studies seminar: Gawen Tiley, Recycled multiculturalism in western Europe. EDB 315.

2pm Physics seminar: Gawain Leefe (Sussex), Large Hadron Collider. Branner House 230.

4pm Sociology seminar: Gillian Bendelow (Sussex), Emotional health: A challenge to mind/body dualism in health and illness? BSMS 1.01.

4pm History seminar: Claire Langhammer (Sussex), Desire and authenticity in mid-20th-century England. Arts A155.

4pm Maths seminar: Christoph Drinner (Oxford), Analysis of quasi-continuum methods. Mantell 230.

4pm Psychology seminar: John Dixon (Lancaster), Some reflections on the social psychology of intergroup contact and desegregation. Pevensey 1, 1B3.

5pm Development lecture: Clare Lockhart (Institute for State Effectiveness), Rethinking sovereignty in a networked world. Chichester lecture theatre.

FRI 13 MAR
12 noon History seminar: Ilana Sen (Mahatma Gandhi International) and Kavita Srivastava (People's Union for Civil Liberties), State repression in Chattisgarh, India. Arts D110.

1pm Biochemistry seminar: Tyson Sharp (Nottingham), Bodies with LMs. JMS lecture theatre.

2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Erik Arnold (Technopolis), Impacts of the framework programme big and small. Freeman Centre G24/25.

MON 16 MAR
3pm International Relations seminar: Colin Wight (Dexter), The errors of epistemology in IR. Arts C233.

5pm Education seminar: Alistair Lynch (Birmingham), Developing literacy through touch in the mainstream. Arts D110.

TUE 17 MAR
12.30pm Life History seminar: Sue Eckstein, Anna Lyon and Juliana Vandergrift (Sussex), Familial histories and sensation novels. Arundel room 1b.

1pm Development seminar: David Leonard (IDS), State weakness and conflict. IDS 221.


4pm Cognitive Science seminar: Margaret Boden (Sussex), Collingwood and computer art. Pevensey 1, 1A7.

6.30pm Professorial lecture: Marie-Christine Rathiex (Sussex), Can human society learn from insect societies? BSMS lecture theatre. RSVP essential to events@sussex.ac.uk

WED 18 MAR
2pm Law seminar: Hazel Biggs (Lancaster/Southampton), ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ under the new law.” Russell Building 21.

5pm Migration seminar: Thomas Fasti (Bielefeld), The new social question and transnational social security. Arts C233.

6pm Engineering lecture: Naser Sayma and Peter Childs (Sussex), Introduction to turbulence modelling in computational fluid dynamics. InQbate Creativity Zone, Pevensey 3.

THU 19 MAR
1pm Development seminar: Adrian Ely (Sussex), Links between global regulatory regimes and dynamic local contexts in China. IDS 221.

4pm Maths seminar: Timo Bettee (Manchester), Fundamental solution methods for wave problems. Mantell 2A01.

FRI 20 MAR

1pm Biochemistry seminar: Judy Breuer (Queen Mary), Genetic studies of Variola Zoster Virus transmission and virulence. JMS lecture theatre.

2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Virginia Acha (Pfizer), Innovating in healthcare at Pfizer. Freeman Centre G24/25.

Small ads

For sale: Navy blue Mama's & Papa's travel cot. + bag for storage/transportation. Approx 9.9kg. £20 ono. Ext 85277. E: y.d.barnes@sussex.ac.uk


Wanted: Room for French student on work placement 4 May–26 June. E: e.etet@sussex.ac.uk

Newspaper board

Temporary change to Print Unit opening hours

For about eight weeks from 24 March, the Print Unit will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 12 noon. The ID card service will also be closed at these times. This is to ensure security during the production cycle for exam papers. While production of exam papers is in progress all access doors will be secured, so the Print Unit advise that collections and deliveries are restricted to mornings only on production days. As always, work can be submitted via internal mail and deliveries of completed jobs to the relevant buildings will continue as normal.

Deadline approaching for JRA applications

The deadline for undergraduates applying for Junior Research Associate (JRA) bursaries is 12 noon on Friday 20 March. Following the success of the 2008 scheme, the University is offering 26 bursaries, worth £1,800 each, for the 2009 summer vacation. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for talented and ambitious undergraduates to participate in original research. For details, see: www.sussex.ac.uk/scholarships_and_bursaries/jra

Suppliers' exhibition 12 March

The Procurement Office will be holding a suppliers exhibition in the Conference Centre, Bramber House on Thursday 12 March from 10.30am–3pm. The exhibition is open to all staff who actively purchase goods or services directly, or on behalf of others. A wide range of suppliers will be exhibiting, from travel services to scientific consumables. In addition to the external suppliers, Catering will be showcasing their new range of products and services – with tasters to try – and EFM will be featuring environmental projects such as EcoCampus, transport and recycling.

Children's Easter camps

Sussexsport will again be offering a programme of sport activities for children aged from 7 to 16 years over the Easter holidays with some of the top coaches in the area. Activities will include: basketball, football, squash, tennis, dance, cricket and badminton. For further information or to book a place please contact Luke Terrill on (87) 7687 or visit www.sussex.ac.uk/sport/1-7-2.html

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