NEW DIRECTOR FOR FOREIGN SERVICE PROGRAMME

Join us in welcoming Kate Jones, diplomat and lawyer.

Oxford University’s prestigious Foreign Service Programme enters its 47th year under the guidance of new Programme Director Kate Jones. Kate comes to us from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) where she advised the British Government on human rights law, humanitarian law, diplomatic law, the law on counter-terrorism, and the law relating to the British Overseas Territories, among other topics.

Kate said, ‘Coming from the Foreign Office myself, and acutely aware of the new challenges facing diplomats, I am very excited to be leading a team that is equipping tomorrow’s generation of diplomatic leaders with the expertise and the skills to excel.’ Please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/katejones

‘VICTORIAN POLITICAL CULTURE’

Victorian Britain is often described as an age of dawning democracy and as an exemplar of the modern Liberal state; yet a hereditary monarchy, a hereditary House of Lords and other institutions survived as influential aspects of national public life.

A new book by Professor Angus Hawkins, Victorian Political Culture: Habits of Heart and Mind, explores the distinctive values and cultures behind the transformations of the Victorian age – and examines changing ideas of the British constitution, political parties, elections and voting behaviour, as well as shifting notions of male and female involvement in the public sphere. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/vpc

SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP

A new scholarship benefits students on our Master’s in Sustainable Urban Development, providing a fully funded place for a student with an interest in undertaking research in the area of recycled aggregates. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/sheehan

TOM BUCHANAN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Professor Tom Buchanan, who joined the Department in 1990 as a University Lecturer in Modern History and Politics, completed his twenty-fifth year of service in October. The anniversary coincides with the publication of his latest book, War in the Balkans: Conflict and Diplomacy before World War I. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/TB25

TO WATCH

OPEN DAY 2015

The following lectures from this year’s event are available to watch online:

www.conted.ox.ac.uk/openday

Magna Carta: the first clause
Dr Elizabeth Gemmill

Bad Science!
Dr Ben Goldacre, chaired by Professor Carl Heneghan

Freud and Pastor Oskar Pfister: unlikely friends
Dr Alistair Ross

William Morris: design for living
Dr Antony Buxton

The Raj at War: A People’s History of India’s Second World War
Dr Yasmin Khan

Discoveries in Theology and Religion: Middle Eastern Christianity explored!
The Rev’d Canon Dr Robin Gibbons

Enter a rabble of plebeians! Social disorder in Shakespeare’s England
Dr Jonathan Healey

Biomimetics and what we can learn from animals
Dr Thomas Hesselberg

Preparing for study
Dr Yasmin Khan, Dr Tara Stubbs

The coming of the railway to Oxford
Liz Woolley

INSIDE

LEARN SOMETHING NEW THIS WINTER...
Make the most of colder weather and greyer days to settle in and learn something new: there are hundreds of part-time courses to bring interest and colour to the new year. And for those thinking of starting an award or degree programme next autumn – the time to apply is now!

**DAY & WEEKEND EVENTS**
Over 150 courses per year, taught by lecturers and speakers who are noted authorities in their field of research. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/dayweekend

**TOP PICKS FOR WINTER**

**The Booker Prize**
21 Nov – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/Q200-303

The Man Booker Prize has long courted controversy, yet endures as a hallmark of literary achievement, and as a marker of what to read and why. This day school takes place just weeks after the award of the Booker for 2015.

**German Refugees from Nazism and their Contribution to Art and Design in Britain**
5 Dec – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/Q100-134

Morning sessions will explore the contribution to fashion design, textile production, photography and journalism of German émigré artists who fled Nazi Germany; afternoon talks will focus on selected women creatives.

**The Inconsistency of Science**
9 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V500-291

**The Romano-British Countryside**
16 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-585

**The Bayeux Tapestry and the Norman Conquest**
5 Feb – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-536

**East Oxford, A Thames Valley Landscape**
20 Feb – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-586

**Beyond the Icon: Exploring Nelson Mandela**
27 Feb – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V100-327

**Social Anthropology: An Introduction**
5 Mar – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/L600-6

**WEEKLY CLASSES**
Over 400 10-week accredited classes each year, taught in Oxford, Reading and elsewhere. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/weekly

**HILARY TERM RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Domestic Culture**
Mondays, starting 18 Jan
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/K900-115

Life in the ‘home’ is a central and near-universal human experience; economic and social shifts from the Mediaeval to the modern era were manifested in changes in the household. Explore the nature of domestic culture, from its emergence as a defining characteristic of human development

**An Introduction to Continental Philosophy**
Tuesdays, starting 19 Jan
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V500-298

**Art and Culture at the Restoration Court 1660-1685**
Wednesdays, starting 20 Jan
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V350-319

**Turkey and the Middle East**
Thursdays, starting 21 Jan
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V100-293

**Exploring the Solar System**
Thursdays, starting 21 Jan
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/F500-32

**Learn a language**
Various start dates each term
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/languages

Gain a practical skill, discover new cultures, take on an intellectual challenge: there are many reasons to learn a language, and we have 19 languages to choose from, including ancient Greek, Spanish, Farsi, Sanskrit, Chinese, Italian, German and Arabic.

**ONLINE COURSES**
More than 90 accredited short courses. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/online

**NEW IN HILARY TERM 2016**

**Britain and empire**
Starts 25 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V100-339

The British empire shaped the planet’s geopolitical landscape and played a major role in creating the modern world. This course examines the rise and fall of empire and its manifold legacies in Britain and beyond.

**Mixing it up: understanding and using mixed methods research in social sciences**
Start TBD – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/J442-1

An online course for researchers which critically discusses mixed methods approaches to social science analysis by critically discussing a series of examples of research “in action” at different social science departments at the University of Oxford.

**RECOMMENDED**

**Public policy economics**
Starts 25 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/L100-45

**Contemporary British fiction**
Starts 18 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/Q200-8

**Learning to look at modern art**
Starts 20 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V350-6

**Ethics: an introduction**
Starts 25 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V500-39

**Origins of human behaviour**
Starts 25 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-7

**History of medicine**
Starts 27 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V300-6

**Writing fiction for young adults**
Starts 25 Jan – www.conted.ox.ac.uk/W800-30
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More than 50 programmes in over 25 subject areas, taught part-time. Many subjects offer chances for progression. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/awards

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The Foundation Certificate in English Literature is equivalent to the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree. On completion of the Foundation Certificate, many students go on to complete their English Literature degrees, some at Oxford, others elsewhere, applying for entry into year two of a degree course.

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MSc in Nanotechnology for Medicine and Health Care
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/340

Postgraduate Diploma & MSt in Psychodynamic Practice
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/42 & /52

Postgraduate Certificate & DPhil in Architectural History
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/31 & /181

MSt & DPhil in Literature and Arts
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/213 & /299

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www.conted.ox.ac.uk/dipcw & /mstcw

SUMMER PROGRAMMES

Over 120 accredited and nonaccredited courses of between one and three weeks duration, held at Rewley House and at Oxford’s historic colleges. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/summerschool

Seamus Heaney’s poetry and European literary tradition
One week, starts 30 July
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/Q200-318

During a long career, Seamus Heaney garnered a substantial audience worldwide, drawn to the exceptional quality of his work, its lyrical beauty and depth. Learn how Heaney’s empathy for other cultures and histories enhanced and enriched his imaginative vision.

Exploring Indian art
One week, starts 9 July
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V350-337

International politics summer school
Two weeks, starts 31 July
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/L200-1

This intensive programme tackles questions and problems that shape politics in the modern world. Participants study in depth the politics of key countries and regions outside of Western Europe and North America, and apply their knowledge of these regions to the discussion of broader issues affecting all parts of the globe.

Stars and solar systems
One week, starts 23 July
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/F500-43

Making story real: exploring the craft of turning story into novel or script
One week, starts 9 July
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/W800-224

The thirties: politics, culture and society in Britain
One week, starts 30 July
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V100-338

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

More than 150 short courses, conferences and award programmes per year, created in collaboration with departments at Oxford and other universities, research councils, government agencies and industry. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/cpd

Immunology: a pathway through the maze
8-9 Dec, www.conted.ox.ac.uk/C720-2

Stem cells: a pathway through the maze
9-11 Dec, www.conted.ox.ac.uk/C720-1

Introduction to study design & research methods
11-15 Jan, www.conted.ox.ac.uk/B900-21

Introducing advanced concepts of research design, and emphasising how they relate to evidence-based health care.

Drug development, pharmacokinetics and imaging
16-22 Jan, www.conted.ox.ac.uk/B900-24

Introduction to statistics for health care research
10 weeks online, begins 18 Jan
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/B900-23

Stratigraphic analysis in archaeology
Thursday 3 Mar
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-593

Postgraduate Certificate in Ecological Survey Techniques
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/est

Taught part-time, normally over one year, the PGCert offers an effective blend of face-to-face, online and experiential learning, which ensures that specialist training can fit alongside busy work schedules and commitments.

... AND SPRING, SUMMER AND AUTUMN
NEW LOOK FOR ONLINE SHORT COURSES

Students who have previously studied our online short courses will notice some changes to the course websites this term. Our Technology Assisted Lifelong Learning (TALL) team have made recent improvements to the ‘look and feel’ (known in the digital world as the ‘user experience’), as part of ongoing efforts to support our online learners. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/onlineupgrade

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Dr Janina Ramirez, Director of our Certificate and Diploma in History of Art, published her first book over the summer. The Private Lives of the Saints: Power, Passion and Politics in Anglo-Saxon England offers an insider’s view into the Dark Ages’ most influential figures. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/lots

‘NOT JUST ANY NEW PARTICLE’

In July 2015 a research group at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider reported the discovery of a new class of particles known as ‘pentaquarks’. Professor Guy Wilkinson, who spoke at our ‘CERN and the Future of Physics’ day school in November, is Professor of Physics at the University of Oxford and spokesperson for CERN’s Large Hadron Collider Beauty experiment (LHCb) – the research team that found the particle in several years worth of data. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/pentaquark

EZINE PROSPECTUS

Our printed prospectus, Part-time Study Opportunities 2015-16, is now searchable online in an eZine format. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/issuu

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KENNIS NG

‘My long term goal is to continue to promote insect conservation in Hong Kong, especially amongst amateurs and the younger generation.’

Kennis Ng, a professional arborist, sought training with the Postgraduate Certificate in Ecological Survey Techniques to develop her surveying skills as her business grew. In the process she took responsibility for her own learning, and welcomed the inspiration gained from course tutors and other students. Read her full story (and those of other students) on our website, at: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/kennisng

END NOTES

STUDENTSplus

STUDENTSplus, the official mature student group at Oxford, exists to represent mature students’ interests at the University, and to help build connection between mature students through social gatherings and other events each term. Please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/STUDENTSplus

ESA Director General and Oxford Satellite Communications

Director General of the European Space Agency (ESA) Johann-Dietrich Woerner gave a presentation and joined the evening drinks reception during the Department for Continuing Education’s new ‘Satellite Communications: Markets, Business and Technology’ course, held 8–10 July 2015. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/esa

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPEN DAY 2015

Our fourth annual Open Day took place on Friday and Saturday, 25–6 September, with approximately 500 people attending at Rewley House for walking tours, short lectures, creative writing workshops and more. They were joined online by viewers from countries around the world, including the United Kingdom, the United States, Italy, Japan and Greece. See: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/od15