



Weekly Divinity UG Newsletter: Being Divine



(King's College - Photograph by Amy Bender)



What's on this week:

Every Thursday (Online) and Friday (Campus), there will be a series of events on offer for *all Divinity Undergraduates* including careers advice, an introduction to ancient languages and culture, academic skills and student-led topic debates.

Week 4 (w/c: 19th October):

- **Thursday / Friday: *Magic, Mysteries and Superstition in the Ancient World*** - This session will look at magic and spells in Ancient Greece.

To access the online events:

- i. Log into myaberdeen
- ii. Click on 'Organisations'
- iii. Click onto 'Divinity, History and Philosophy Student Information Undergraduates'
- iv. Click on Divinity folder - here you will find the access link to Events and further information

To attend campus events:

To attend the campus events, you will need to enrol via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/divinity-outreach-group-fridays-10am-11am-tickets-122122352243> .

Divine Dialogue Online Series:

On the first Wednesday of each month, there will be a *Divine Dialogue Online Series*; which will introduce top topic debates discussed by academics, undergraduates and postgraduate researchers. *You are all welcome!*



4th November 2020 @ 5.15-6.15pm - Wednesday: Divine Dialogue Online Series:

Women, Academia and the Church - Dr. Katie Cross will be joined by Dorothy Plummer (UG), Cody Crawshaw (PGT), and Melissa Tan (PGR) for an informal panel discussion on women in the church and theology.



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If you require a guest link for this event, please contact Sam Newington directly (s.newington@abdn.ac.uk)

Forthcoming Faculty and UG Workshops and Events:

The topics for the Thursday (@5.00pm Online) and Friday (10am-11am Divinity Library) sessions are as follows:

Week 5 (w/c: 26th October):

- **Thursday / Friday: Drop In session - Careers** - This session will offer careers guidance, and insights into volunteering and CV development.

Week 6 (w/c: 2nd November):

- **Wednesday: Divine Dialogue Online Series: *Women, Academia and the Church*** hosted by Dr Katie Cross
- **Thursday / Friday: Magic, Mysteries and Superstition in the Ancient World** - This session will explore ancient mystery religions and mystical experience.

Week 7 (w/c: 9th November):

- **Wednesday: Online Informal Coffee Morning @ 10am** - Catch up and queries
- **Thursday / Friday: Hot Topics Debate - *Religion, Sin and Salvation***

Week 8 (w/c: 16th November):

- **Wednesday@ 10am: Online Informal Coffee Morning** - Catch up and queries
- **Thursday / Friday: Drop In Session - Academic skills** – Academic development and reflective learning approaches.

Week 9 (w/c: 23rd November):

- **Wednesday: Online Informal Coffee Morning @10am** Catch up and queries
- **Thursday / Friday: Drop In Session** - Student Voice

Week 10 (w/c: 30th November):



Thursday / Friday: Magic, Mysteries and Superstition in the Ancient World - Magic and Christianity

Week 11 (w/c: 7th December):

- **Wednesday: Divine Dialogue Online Series: Science, Faith and (dis)Belief** hosted by TBC
- **Thursday / Friday: Drop In Session - Employability Enhancement** - looking at ways to enhance career development and funding opportunities.

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TRSS – Message from the Society:

TRSS News and updates:

*This term, **ALL** TRSS events will be online. Undergraduates, postgraduates, staff members and mature students are all more than welcome to come along and join in the fun!*

AUSA is currently sorting TRSS's access to Microsoft Teams. So, check out TRSS's Facebook group for further event information and stay posted for the links to the events, which will be made available on the Facebook group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2272399396416039>

 Wednesday the 4th of November- 16:00-17:15pm 

Professor Bill Naphy and the Alumni Team, have kindly invited TRSS along to an evening lecture on "Women, Witches and Aberdeen: How Profiling Worked in the Past." Looking at Aberdeen's 1597 Witch Trials, Professor Naphy will explore the religious and social tensions that led to the profiling and accusations of witchcraft.



For those who are interested, the event is free, and you should sign up individually via the booking form: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/alumni/events/15982/>

The joining instructions will be sent out a few days in advance of the lecture. So, look out for them in the week leading up to the event! Sign up, I'm sure you'll have a spooktacular time! 🐾

TRSS has now set up a Microsoft Teams channel, and ALL members are welcome to join. There are many benefits to joining the Team:

- ALL TRSS events are automatically added to your Teams calendar.
- Channel members receive an event reminder 15 minutes before each event.
- Plus, there is no need to visit Facebook every time you need an event link. As if by magic, you can access events by clicking on your calendar and selecting 'join.'

TRSS Teams

link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a2d0cddf6c5bc41c48c28820a4aa6cbb5%40tbread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=4bf32578-eab9-44ca-9fb2-c9808ea2d511&tenantId=8c2b19ad-5f9c-49d4-9077-3ec3cfc52b3f>

Support:

There is a range of support on offer here at the Department of Divinity and University of Aberdeen:

Divinity Support and queries: Dr Sam Newington (s.newington@abdn.ac.uk)

Chaplaincy: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/chaplaincy/>

Student Support: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/>

Coronavirus FAQ: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/staffnet/working-here/coronavirus/fags-9773.php>

AUSA: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/support/>

Here's to a wonderful semester and all very best wishes,

Sam (Dr Newington - s.newington@abdn.ac.uk)