

School of Divinity

# Weekly Newsletter

Undergraduate Student Focus • Week 1

## Greetings!

Here's wishing you all a very warm welcome to Semester 2.

There are a range of exciting activities coming up, so please do feel most welcome to come along!

Please never hesitate to say should there be any queries or suggestions too.

## Dates for the Diary

### Divine Dialogue Online Series

We have another fantastic series lined up for this semester. The Divine Dialogue Online Series is a wonderful opportunity to engage in conversation about core topics and research interests.

Here are some initial dates for the diary:

- In dialogue with *Professor John Swinton and guests*: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 @ 5.00pm-6.00pm, The "Hidden" Side Effects of Covid 19: Racial inequality, toxic politics, loneliness and the need for a spirituality of lamentation
- In dialogue with *Professor John Behr and guests*: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 @ 5.00pm-6.00pm

This event will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and all are very welcome to join. Register now to secure your place.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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# Divinity Online Events Series

We have organised a series of Divinity events covering different topics to support your learning. See our calendar of upcoming sessions which are delivered online on Thursdays (5:00pm)

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Week 2	Academic Skills: Study Resources	Week 6	Lecture Series: Dionysiac Religion
Week 3	Lecture Series: Who is Dionysus?	Week 7	Academic Skills: Assessments and feedback
Week 4	Career development and grant opportunities	Week 8	Getting Involved: Looking at volunteering
Week 5	Reading Week	Week 9	Academic Skills: Essay writing and study skills
Week 10	Lecture Series: Ancient Greek Symposium	Week 11	Moving forward: Looking forward

## Accessing our online events

1. Log into [MyAberdeen](#)
2. Click on 'Organisations'
3. Click on 'Divinity, History and Philosophy Student Information Undergraduates'
4. Select the Divinity folder - here you will find the access link to Events and further information



## Sophia (DRS Women's Network)

We're delighted to bring you details of our upcoming Sophia (DRS Women's Network) sessions for this term. As with last term, all of our meetings will be held on MS Teams. You can search for "Sophia (DRS Women's Network)" in MS Teams, or drop us an email if you'd like to be added to the Teams space. Note that details below include local Aberdeen time, but distance students are warmly encouraged to join us too!

### Monday 1st February: Welcome back social

3.00-4.30pm: A chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones- bring your own coffee/tea! First-time attendees are very welcome.

### Monday 15th February: Viva workshop

3.00-4.00pm: A short workshop looking towards the end of the PhD and the viva exam. All welcome, regardless of stage (prospective PhDs too!)

### Monday 8th March: Prof. Françoise Mirguet

4.00-5.30pm: We will be joined by Prof. Françoise Mirguet who is Jess Schwartz Associate Professor of Hebrew and Near Eastern Cultures at Arizona State University. Prof. Mirguet will be speaking on her research, particularly on violence, forgiveness, and reconciliation practices in scripture and across cultures.

### Monday 29th March: Easter social

7.00-9.00pm: An evening social before we take a break for the holidays.

### (date/time TBC) May: Dr. Eve Parker

Dr. Eve Parker, Postdoctoral Research Associate in Theological Education at Durham University, will be our guest for our final session of the term in May. Time and date TBC- more details to follow.

## Careers

If you are wondering about career pathways, volunteering opportunities or developing new skills, why not take a look at resources on offer at the Careers and Employability Service:

[CAREERS SERVICE](#)

## Academic Skills

As you prepare for the forthcoming assignments, here is a fantastic academic skills resource by Professor Tom Greggs guiding us through assessment feedback.

[WATCH NOW](#)

# Well being and Support

The University offers a range of support and well being guidance.

Here is a fantastic resource concerning ways to enhance well being:

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/students/support/self-help-matters-3634.php>



## 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!

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.



[JOIN FACEBOOK GROUP](#)

Join our new TRSS channel to keep up to date with all the latest news and events. The benefits of joining the team include:

- 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.'

[JOIN TRSS TEAMS CHANNEL](#)



**Responding to the Sacred  
Gender and Liturgy in Conversation**  
12-17 April 2021  
[qenandlit@gmail.com](mailto:qenandlit@gmail.com)

A free online conference with a new panel discussion released each day on Facebook and Youtube, 12-16 April, culminating in a plenary session and act of worship on Saturday 17 April.

Taking in a wide range of perspectives our speakers will discuss issues in the field of gender and liturgy, in the context of liturgical reform beginning within the Scottish Episcopal Church.

For more information visit



[www.facebook.com/qenandlit](https://www.facebook.com/qenandlit)

<https://tinyurl.com/qenandlit>

Our speakers include:

Merete Thommassen (University of Oslo), Bill Paterson (MindfulnessFife), Bishop Ian Paton (SEC), Leon van Ommen (SEC, University of Aberdeen), Bridget Nichols (Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Dublin), David Jasper (SEC, University of Glasgow), Lisa Isherwood (University of Winchester), Beverly Clack (Oxford Brookes University).

## Support

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

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## Funding Opportunities

### The Carnegie Trust

The Carnegie Trust offers a range of Undergraduate grant opportunities. If you are interested in applying to The Carnegie Trust, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I would be delighted to offer further guidance and support for the application process.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



## Calling 4<sup>th</sup> Year Final Year Students: NSS

I would like to invite final year students to complete the NSS (National Student Survey), which offers an opportunity to respond to your academic and study journey here at the University of Aberdeen. Further information is available here: : [www.thestudentsurvey.com](http://www.thestudentsurvey.com)

### One more thing:

Here's wishing you all the very best and please never hesitate to contact me should there be any queries!

All very best wishes,

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