

School of Divinity

Weekly Newsletter

Undergraduate Student Focus • Week 1

Welcome Back!

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

What's on this week

There is a range of activities this week, so please do check out the following dates for the diary, AUSA webpage and TRSS facebook.

As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any queries!
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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 3rd 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 31st 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.

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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. Francoise Mirguet

4.00-5.30pm: We will be joined by Prof. Francoise 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](#)

TRSS: Theology and Religious Studies Society

Spirituali-Tea (or Coffee)

Every Monday at 3 pm

Are you weary? Heavy laden? Burdened with a load of cares? Or do you fancy a good old gossip and a chin wag? TRSS invites you to our weekly "Spirituali-Tea" session! Struggling to tell your Codex Sinaiticus from your Codex Vaticanus? Well, why not ask our very own Codex Crawshaw what she thinks about it! Greek Grief? Yool do worse without chatting to Caitlin! So, whether you like your tea weak or Strong, like Zoe, come along and give it a chai!

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Evening Lecture with Professor David Clough - 'Pandemic as Animal Apocalypse'

Monday 29th March at 5 pm

We are delighted to announce an upcoming TRSS lecture presented by Professor David Clough. David is a Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chester. His research interests cover a fascinating scope, including the ethics of war and peace, Karl Barth, animals in Christian theology, and animal ethics.

Join Professor David Clough for his lecture on '*Pandemic as Animal Apocalypse*', exploring how the pandemic has unveiled truths about the human exploitation of other animals and its feedback effects on human wellbeing.

University of Aberdeen
Art History Department Spring
2021 Research Seminar Series

Mary Magdalen in the Museum

Lieke Wijnia (Museum Catharijne Convent)

March 17, 16:30-17:45 (GMT)
All welcome, further details and Zoom link to follow



Alfred Stevens, *Mary-Magdalen*, 1887, oil on canvas, 111,8 cm x 77,3 cm

Support

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

CHAPLAINCY: STUDENT
SUPPORT

DIVINITY SUPPORT AND QUERIES

CHAPLAINCY

AUSA



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 4th 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

