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Open Sculpture
Date: 21 February - 11 March 2007 (10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sunday)
Venue: Royal West of England Academy
Admission: £3 adults, £2 concessions, children free

Absraction
Date: 21 January 2007 - 6 May 2007 (10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sun)
Venue: Miler Gallery, Royal West of England Academy, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1PX
Admission: £3, £2 concessions
Contact: Royal West of England Academy Tel: 0117 973 5129 E-mail: info@rwa.org.uk
Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

Doing business in China
Date: 28 February - 26 March 2007 (08.30-11.30)
Regional Language Network
Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Regional Language Network Tel: 0117 32 83000
E-mail: cpa@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/hlss/faculty/news.shtml

Mental wellbeing and the design of the urban environment
Date: 28 February 2007 (14.15)
Venue: Room 2Q56, FBE, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Gill Waddington Tel: 0117 32 83508 E-mail: Gill.Waddington@uwe.ac.uk

The Quaternary evolution of the Gordano Valley, North Somerset
Date: 28 February 2007 (15.00)
Dr Wendy Woodland and Tom Hill, FBE
Venue: Room 4Q56, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Jane Newton Tel: 0117 32 83102 E-mail: jane.newton@uwe.ac.uk

INTERVAL: Exploring the territory between art, architecture and urbanism
Date: 28 February 2007 (16.30-18.00)
Jonathan Mosley, FBE
Venue: Room 2065, FBE, Frenchay Campus
Contact: FBE Tel: 0117 32 83000 E-mail: fbe.entry@uwe.ac.uk

“Dullness and Stupidity”: A reconfiguration of Lionel Trilling’s “Middle of the Journey” and “The Liberal Imagination”
Date: 28 February 2007 (09.30-11.30)
Professor Peter Rawlings
Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Peter Diango Tel: 0117 32 84307

Peter Ford RWA Exhibition
Date: 2 - 27 March 2007 (10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sun)
Venue: New Gallery, Royal West of England Academy, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1PX
Admission: Free
Contact: Royal West of England Academy Tel: 0117 973 5129 E-mail: info@rwa.org.uk
Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

International Project Reunion: Third Istanbul Biennial
Date: 3 March 2007 (11.00-16.00)
Venue: Arnolfini
Admission: £15 (concs £12)
Contact: Claire Doherty Tel: 0117 917 2300 (Arnolfini box office)
E-mail: info@arnolfini.org.uk
Visit: www.situations.org.uk

Rethinking regional histories
Date: 3 March 2007 (09.30-16.30)
Regional History Centre
Venue: The Lady Chapel, St Matthias
Admission: Booking form on website
Contact: Pat Dawes Tel: 0117 32 84307 E-mail: pat.dawes@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: https://uwe.ac.uk/regionality/ronnewfuturecom.htm

Thermal weapon sight technology
Date: 5 March 2007 (18.30 for 19.00)
Chris Raywood, Qioptiq Ltd.
Venue: Room 1N05, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free
Contact: Oly Wells Tel: 0117 913 1864 E-mail: owell@thetiet.org

Rugby Varsity
Date: 7 February 2007
(Gates open 17.00, kick-off 18.00)
Bristol University vs UWE
Venue: Memorial Stadium, Horfield, Bristol
Admission: £5 in advance; £7 on the night
Contact: Katherine Ogilvie, Sports President Tel: 0117 32 82915
E-mail: sports@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: http://www.uwe.ac.uk/rugby

Walking the way to health
Date: 7 March 2007 (12.15)
Venue: Starting at Q Block, Filton
Contact: Catherine Ogilvie
Tel: 0117 32 82464
E-mail: catherine.ogilvie@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.vhi.org.uk

Freedom of religion in the workplace - the veil debate
Date: 7 March 2007 (12.30)
Dr Lucy Yerkes, Oxford Brooks University
Venue: Room 2A027, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Anna Garea or Umut Turksen E-mail: ana.garea@uwe.ac.uk or umut.turksen@uwe.ac.uk

Mobile states of mind and body
Date: 7 March 2007 (13.30-15.30)
Professor Harry Ferguson, HSC
Venue: Room 3B56, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Centre for Psycho-Social Studies E-mail: cps@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/hlss/research/cpss/

Grave predictions! - vegetation burial as a focus for bio-geomorphology and eco-geology
Date: 7 March 2007 (15.00)
Professor Martin Kent, Plymouth University
Venue: Room 4Q56, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Jane Newton Tel: 0117 32 83102 E-mail: jane.newton@uwe.ac.uk

Managing urban Europe - the veil debate
Date: 7 March 2007 (16.00)
David Luffless, FBE
Venue: Room 2B002, The Studio, Frenchay
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Ray Arnold, Head of Management Accounting at UWE spoke about what inspired him to get involved. “My own children are now grown up and I really enjoyed reading to them when they were young and remembered what fun it was. I don’t have a vast amount of time to do volunteer work but this is something that I felt I could do that would contribute something useful and be very enjoyable at the same time. I am helping seven year old Chris with his reading. We have a lot of fun and I enjoy talking to him and exchanging stories about when my own children were his age.”

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CREATE is a collaboration between eight European universities; UWE project has won funding of half a million Euros from the Marie Curie programme (Framework 6) to facilitate knowledge sharing amongst researchers, colour experts and in industrial sectors.

Carina Parraman, (CFPFR), explains, “CREATE presents us with a unique opportunity to develop a pan-European network of training projects and conferences bringing together European colour groups so that experts can exchange and disseminate knowledge through specialist conferences held in each participating country.”

The application of digital colour is used in many commercial, industrial and academic sectors: from digital television to graphic design. One of the fastest growth areas, for example, is the colour sector relating to digital photography and inkjet printing, which has far-reaching implications for how images are captured, printed and archived.

However, as the application of digital colour increases, there still remains a problem regarding the management of colour: how colour is transferred from one device to another, how colour is measured, and perceived, printed, and as more digital print technologies are employed, its permanence.

Carina continues, “This will enable researchers, especially those at an early stage in their career, to benefit from the knowledge of experts in the field.”

The first event will be held at UWE in September aimed at attracting researchers, experts from research institutes, industry and commerce. For more information on the Marie Curie programme, contact Denise.Cooke@uwe.ac.uk, telephone 0117 32 82410.
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The series producer for BBC Top Gear, Pat Doyle, approached the CEMS manufacturing team with a request for help with the programme’s proposed stunt. Dr Mike Ackerman and Chris Hart worked with Top Gear producers and members of the UK Rocket Association to run wind tunnel tests in CEMS using a custom built model of the Reliant Robin rocket powered car. The car was designed to look like a NASA space shuttle.

The plan was that a Robin would travel on two wings, joined to a rocket and launched. To build it Top Gear had enlisted the help of Damian Hall and colleagues who are members of the UK Rocket Association. They had previously worked with Top Gear when they sent a rocket powered model down a ski ramp in Lillehammer, Norway. Construction was already underway in the north of England when UWE was contacted with a request for help with the wind tunnel testing.

Chris says, “First of all we needed to build a model of the rocket. I used CAD editing software to process the raw data supplied and then to build the components by using fused deposition modelling and stereolithography rapid prototyping machines. These build parts, layer by layer, with extruded ABS-plastic filaments or laser cured epoxy resin. The model had to be as accurate as possible but also strong enough to withstand the rigours of 100 mph wind speeds during testing.”

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Representing slavery and abolition in Bristol

‘The Abolition 200 Series’
Watershed Media Centre Tuesday 20 March 18.00

A series of four talks that will highlight the many points of interest about the transatlantic slave trade and present day forms of forced labour (including people trafficking) will launch at the Watershed Media Centre on Tuesday 20 March 2007. Hosted by historians and human rights experts at the University of the West of England and the University of Bristol, ‘The Abolition 200 Series’, will bring together internationally known speakers.

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“This research has shown that the effects on the innocent families of prisoners – particularly children - can be very far reaching. The absence of a parent can cause emotional distress, educational problems and can lead to the break up of families. Many of these have negative consequences in society and can lead to further problems for the children as they grow up. Evidence shows that maintaining family relationships while an offender is in prison can have a positive effect on re-offending rates, and helps to protect children from the adverse effects of losing a parent to prison.”

In 1989, Professor Light organised a meeting in the Faculty of Law at Bristol Polytechnic (now UWE) which helped to set up the National Federation of Prisoners’ Families Support Groups. Now known as Action for Prisoners’ Families (APF) with offices in London, Norwich and Nottingham, this group has evolved to provide a network of valuable support and information for prisoners’ families.

Lucy Gampling, Director of APF says “We very much welcome this fresh look at the needs of prisoners’ families by Professor Light. Whilst there has been considerable progress in improving visit conditions and in recognising the potentially important role families can play in reducing re-offending, it is clear that there is still much work to be done as family involvement is negatively affected by imprisonment and that the struggles families face in coping with the situation has changed little in the past 40 years.”

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Leслy Donovan (HSC) helped set up the new franchise with Marty Wright, Director of the Glasgow Caledonian University. Lesley said, “We have been working towards this franchise for the past year so it’s very exciting to be able to make this announcement. UWE will lead the franchise that is based at the University of Glasgow Caledonian University’s material, content and assessment. This kind of franchised collaboration is a first for nursing education at UWE and will mean that more nurses are equipped to deal with the specialist care needed by patients suffering chronic heart problems. The course can also count towards a degree qualification.”

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Representing slavery and abolition in Bristol

‘The Abolition 200 Series’ Watershed Media Centre Tuesday 20 March 18.00

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**New Femininities: An International Conference**

New Femininities: An International Conference was held at the London School of Economics and the British Library 25 - 26 January 2007. Jane Arthur and Estella Tincknell from the School of Cultural Studies (HLSS) were co-organisers with Ros Gill (LSE), Anne Phoenix (OU), Valerie Walkerdine (Cardiff) and Marli Storr (UEL) of this final event in what has been a stimulating series of ERIC funded seminars over the last two years.

The conference presented interdisciplinary research about young women's changing social and cultural experiences in the contemporary world. Angela McRobbie's keynote public lecture, Illegible Rage: Reflections on Young Women's Post Feminist Disorders filled a 600 seat lecture hall at LSE and all places for the conference at the British Library were taken within 24 hours of its announcement.

Daniella Bostrom, a student on the MA in Cultural and Media Studies at UWE presented her research paper Night and City: Negotiating Femininity and Post Femininities in Nocturnal Spaces alongside PhD students from across Europe.

Based on interviews with a group of young women clubbers in Bristol, Daniella's research explored how they cope with contradictory demands on them to be sexually desirable, respectable and responsible.

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http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/newFemininities/finalprogramme.htm

**UWE staff develop partnership with Turkish colleagues on disability**

Staff from four Turkish universities recently visited UWE for a week-long visit (21-28 January) to learn more about co-ordinating support for disabled students and implementing policies in the area of disability.

Led by Claire Wickham, the Senior Disability Officer, the project involved UWE staff who provide support for disabled students, a disabled consultant who provides Disability Equality Training and a trustee from the West of England Centre for Inclusive Living. The visiting staff from Turkey came from several institutions, all of whom are responsible for the provision and development of support services for disabled students in their own universities.

Claire says, “The overall aim of this project is to enable staff involved in co-ordinating support for disabled students and for implementing policies in the area of disability in four universities in Turkey and at UWE to develop a greater understanding of each other’s policies, procedures and practices and to identify and explore the possibility of adapting and replicating areas of good practice in each other’s institutions.”

“One of the main reasons for selecting Bristol as the host location was the involvement of disabled people in the planning and management of the exchange - ‘Nothing about us without us’ - and the involvement of disabled users in planning and developing a service is a central message coming from Bristol.”

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Daniella Bostrom, a student on the MA in Cultural and Media Studies at UWE presented her research paper Night and City: Negotiating Femininity in Nocturnal Spaces alongside PhD students from across Europe.

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UWE staff develop partnership with Turkish colleagues on disability

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- academic freedom in institutional contexts
- free speech in the academy
- ethics and academic freedom
- intellectual property and academic freedom
- human rights and academic freedom
- the web and academic freedom
- 1968 and all that.

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UWE to help Bosnia prepare for EU membership
UWE has been awarded 450,000 Euros by the European Union to provide in-depth training for public officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Public Administration Reform and European Integration. The training courses which are part of the European Union’s aid programme to assist applicant countries were won by a consortium led by the Bristol Business School and involving the Faculties of Law, Humanities, Languages and Social Science (HLS) as well as the Academic Consultancy Unit (ACU).
UWE will provide a Master’s degree programme in Management (Public Administration Reform / European Integration) to at least 15 Bosnian public officials who are legal, economic and management experts over the next two and a half years. In addition, up to a hundred places will be provided on three intensive summer school courses and study tours to Brussels. These courses will help the participants understand the political and economic reforms necessary for integration and how to implement them.
Warwick Jones, Dean of the Bristol Business School which is co-ordinating the project, said: “I am delighted that UWE has been selected for this prestigious EU Education Support Scheme. The programme we are offering draws together UWE expertise in law, management, economics and European issues, with an emphasis on Public Sector Administration Reform and European Integration. Many of the staff involved in delivering this master’s degree are from the Balkan region either through consultancy, teaching or research.”
UWE has a strong track record providing tailor-made education and executive programmes for a wide range of organisations in the UK and Europe. UWE staff from IRS, HLS and ACU have worked extensively with newly arrived EU members such as the Baltic States, Poland, Malta, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania and Bulgaria; other candidate countries such as Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo and Albania; and former soviet countries including Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine.
Project Manager Penelope Jones (BBS), who is also the Director of Postgraduate Management Programmes said: “We will be helping the public administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina gain an understanding of the obligations it will take on at membership, in terms of legal background, regulations and economics – in other words, how the single market actually works. This will involve changing administrative structures, procedures and technical tools such as customs unions and VAT, so that all operating and business norms are aligned with the EU.”
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For more information contact Hannah.Whitecross@uwe.ac.uk, telephone 0117 32 82043 or visit www.gwr.ac.uk

UWE to help Bosnia prepare for EU membership

UWE has been awarded 450,000 Euros by the European Union to provide in-depth training for public officials from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the UK, and other countries. The project is funded through the Public Administration Reform and European Integration. The training courses which are part of the European Union’s aid programme to assist applicant countries were won by a consortium led by the Bristol Business School and involving the Faculties of Law, Humanities, Languages and Social Science (HLS) as well as the Academic Consultancy Unit (ACU).

UWE will provide a Master's degree programme in Management (Public Administration Reform / European Integration) to at least 15 Bosnian public officials who are legal, economic and management experts over the next two and a half years. In addition, up to a hundred places will be provided on three intensive summer school courses and study tours to Brussels. These courses will help the participants understand the political and economic reforms necessary for integration and how to implement them.

Warwick Jones, Dean of the Bristol Business School which is co-ordinating the project, said: “I am delighted that UWE has been selected for this prestigious EU Education Support Scheme. The programme we are offering draws together UWE expertise in law, management, economics and European issues, with an emphasis on Public Sector Administration Reform and European Integration. Many of the staff involved in delivering the courses will be based in the Balkan region either through consultancy, teaching or research.”

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The activities will be great fun and give the children a chance to work with state of the art equipment in well-funded laboratories. Opening UWE’s facilities to schools may encourage pupils to extend their study of science from GCSE to AS and A-level.

National Science and Engineering Week takes place from 9 – 18 March and is an opportunity for people of all ages to take part in science, engineering and technology activities. For more information on National Science and Engineering Week, visit http://www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/NSEW/

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Film screening: ‘Clarkson’

A locally-made film about the abolitionist Thomas Clarkson’s historic investigative trip to Bristol to find out about conditions aboard the city’s slave ships.

This event is FREE but it will be necessary to reserve a place.

Walking Club

New Year’s resolution to keep fit? The Staff Association Walking Club aim to have organised walks every three weeks. The walks are usually between 5-8 miles and can be local or up to an hour’s drive away. Some are a little strenuous (h/h) but most are suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

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Thinking of organising a conference, seminar, reception, dinner, presentation?

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Staff Association

6–9 April - Easter 2007 Rouen, Normandy

£150, 3 nights staying in Rouen with excursions. Price for 2 sharing – single supp of £55.

12 May Malverns Spring Gardening Show NEW

£20 Members, £22 non-members and guests. One of the best shows around with something for everyone, not only the keen ones but those of us that like to ‘potter’ in the garden!

26–28 May Whitby weekend away - Snowdonia

Cost: £95 members, £100 non-members and guests. This packed three day packed weekend will include excursions through the beautiful Snowdonia National Park to various destinations as well as evening entertainment to Portmeirion, home to the 60s’ Prisoner! We shall be staying for two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Westminster Hotel in the seaside town of Rhyl.

This will provide us with a good base from which to explore this beautiful area.

18 June Royal Ascot Ladies Day

Waiting list only.

We now ask that everyone pay in full for their seats when booking (unlike a deposit is specifically asked for) please. Thank you. If you are interested in any of the above we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on some of these outings - tel: 83001 (vocmail) or Coachclub@uwe.ac.uk

Film Club

The Staff Association Film Club now has a growing collection of DVDs which include new titles such as; The Da Vinci Code, The Calendar Girls, The Hours, Ladies in Lavender, in addition to older classics such as Peter Pan, The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, Lost in Translation, ET. New for February King Arthur starring Clive Owen.

Full lists of both the DVD collection and the extensive video collection can be found in the office. Don’t forget that film hire is free to all Members of the Staff Association, so come along to the new office FC001, take your pick and enjoy!

The office is now open Monday – Friday between 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Entry is by ticket only, which can be either collected from the Staff Association office (FC001, Felistone Court, Frenchay Campus), or ordered via tel: 82966, or e-mail: Staffassociation@uwe.ac.uk. The raffle will take place at 1:00pm during the Easter Buffet and again there will be lots of great (delicious) prizes. We would ask you if possible to purchase tickets in advance from our representatives throughout the University as they will only be on sale for a short while at the beginning of the Buffet. If you do not know who the representatives are within your department pleaase ask.

We look forward to seeing you - all Members are welcome to attend.

Staff Ads

Advertisements up to a maximum of 50 words can be placed in the Bulletin by staff for free by e-mailing Jayne.Andrews@uwe.ac.uk.

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Spain – apartment to let Cabo Roig, Costa Blanca

Fully furnished 2-bed ground floor apartment with separate kitchen, balcony, gardens, communal swimming pool and close to beaches, bars, restaurants and supermarkets. Championship golf courses nearby, accessible from Murcia and Alicante airports. Available weekly or mid-week, for further information tel 01454 270261 or e-mail: holidayhome19@hotmail.com.

Villa to rent - Orlando, Florida

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sleeps 8, facilities include private pool, fully equipped kitchen, laundry room, communal pools, tennis courts, fishing lake and playground. 16 miles to Disney main gate, walking distance to local shops and restaurants. Prices from £299 per week, for more details e-mail g_petherbridge@hotmail.co.uk.

Spain - Villa to let

Private pool, panoramic views over orange groves to sea, two bedrooms, two shower rooms, inside and outside living/kitchen areas. Quiet position inland near Denia, Costa Blanca, one hour to Alicante/Valencia. Non-smoking. For further information tel: John 32 81066 or e-mail John.Norris@uwe.ac.uk

Walking Club

New Year’s resolution to keep fit? The Staff Association Walking Club aim to have organised walks every three weeks. The walks are usually between 5-8 miles and can be local or up to an hour’s drive away. Some are a little strenuous (h/h) but most are suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

Upcoming dates: Sunday 11 March; Sunday 22 April; Sunday 24 June (Further details yet to be arranged).

If you would like to know more, perhaps lead a walk, and the dates of future walks please contact Amanda Cooke, ext: 82267 or e-mail: Amanda.Cooke@uwe.ac.uk

For further information, please contact Rose West, Knowledge Exchange Officer on Tel: 0117 32 84372, or e-mail: Rose.West@uwe.ac.uk
Dr John McAleer: Representing Slavery in Museums 2007

Dr Beth Kowaleski Wallace: Representing Slavery and Abolition in popular culture

Maritime History, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich
Tuesday 20 March 2007

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Centre for Performing Arts Theatre Club

London Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor: Emmanuel Krivine, Piano: Nicholas Angelich
Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2
Sibelius Symphony No. 2
Saturday 24 February at 19.30
St David’s Hall, Cardiff
Tickets: £17 (normally £20)

Philharmonia Orchestra
Conductor: Sir Andrew Davis, Soloist: James Ehnes
Elgar 150th Birthday Anniversary Concert
Serenade for Strings
Violin Concerto
Symphony No. 1
Friday 18 May at 19.30
St David’s Hall, Cardiff
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Thursday 1 March, 13.00 – 14.00
“Religious and Secular Ethics” Professor Robin Gill
The debate about creation is firmly back on the agenda, and cosmology continues to fascinate as we penetrate further into the Universe. Come and hear an eminent thinker speak on the issues.

Thursday 15 March, 13.00 – 14.00
“Space, Time and Eternity – Issues of Cosmology and creation.” Rev. Garth Barber
How is spirituality best studied? Can psychology and theology be integrated in the study of spirituality and belief? This talk raises important issues on the interface of the human sciences, theology and the study of spirituality.

The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby

By Charles Dickens
Adapted for the RSC by David Edgar
By arrangement with Josef Weinberger Limited
Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 March 2007
Evenings 19.30, Saturday matinée 14.30
The Olympus Theatre, WISE Campus,
New Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8QT

Tickets: £8 (£5 concessions)
Available: In advance from the CPA
Telephone: 0117 328 2067, e-mail: cpa@uwe.ac.uk
or on the door from the Olympus Theatre
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- **Wednesday 21 March, 19:30**
  - “Transforming Spirituality in Theology and Psychology.”
  - Professor Peter Hampson

The debate about creation is firmly back on the agenda, and cosmology continues to fascinate as we penetrate further into the Universe. Come and hear Rev. Barber speak on the issues.

The need to find an ethical base for decisions is unceasing. Can psychology and theology be integrated in the study of spirituality and belief? This talk raises important issues on the interface of the human sciences, theology and the study of spirituality.
Inaugural professorial lecture: Love affairs had to wait; women and Labour politics between the wars
Date: 15 - 17 March 2007 (evenings 19.30, Saturday matinée 14.30)
Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free Contact: The Chaplaincy Tel: 0117 32 82334 E-mail: chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Transforming spirituality in theology & psychology
Date: 21 March 2007 (19.30)
Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free Contact: Amanda Seale Tel: 0117 32 82067 E-mail: amd.enquiries@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa

Two West Country Painters: Jane Furness and Peter Morrill
Date: 30 March - 24 April 2007 (10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sun)
Venue: Royal West of England Academy (10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sunday)
Admission: £3 adults, £2 concs, children free Contact: Royal West of England Academy Tel: 0117 973 5129 E-mail: info@rwa.org.uk
Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

Community Arts worker
Potterscliffe, University of Bristol vs UWE
Date: 21 March 2007 (13.00-18.00)
Venue: Various, enquire at 2D11, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free Contact: CPA Tel: 0117 32 82067 E-mail: cpa@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa

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Wednesday 28 February – Saturday 3 March 2007
Evenings 19.30, Saturday matinée 14.30
The Redgrave Theatre, Percival Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3LE

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Inaugural professorial lecture: Love affairs had to wait: women and Labour politics between the wars
Date: 8 March 2007 (18.30)
Professor June Hannam, HLS
Venue: Chapel Lecture Theatre, St Matthias
Contact: Rose West Tel: 0117 32 84372
E-mail: rose.west@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/hs/historicnews.html

APPLICATIONS: Applied Theatre Seminar Series
Date: 8 March 2007 (18.30)
Rebecca Lloyd, recent UWT graduate and Community Arts worker
Venue: Room 2D7, St Matthias Campus
Contact: Colette Conroy
E-mail: colette.conroy@uwe.ac.uk

High Sheriff of Gloucestershire’s Charity Concert
Date: 10 March 2007 (19.00)
Venue: Tewkesbury Abbey
Admission: Tickets £15 Contact: CPA
Tel: 0117 32 82607 E-mail: cpa@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa

Destination: World
Date: 12-13 March 2007
Venue: Various, enquire at 2D11, Frenchay
Contact: Kristina Niken Tel: 0117 32 82010
E-mail: Kristina.Niken@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/destinationworld

Walking the way to health
Date: 15 March 2007 (12.15)
Venue: In Main Foyer, Bower Ashton
Contact: Emma Brickle, Catherine Coombe
E-mail: emma.brickle@uwe.ac.uk or catheine2.coombe@uwe.ac.uk

Geography Research Unit and Centre for Leisure, Tourism and Society Seminar Series
Date: 14 March 2007 (15.00)
Anne Brindle and Hannah Brown, FBE
Venue: Room 4Q56, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Jane Newton Tel: 0117 32 83102
E-mail: jane.newton@uwe.ac.uk

A Chaste Maid in Cheapside
Date: 15-24 March 2007 (19.30)
Bristol Old Vic Theatre School
Venue: Bristol Old Vic Studio, Bristol BS1 4ED
Admission: £10 (6 concessions)
Contact: Box Office Tel: 0117 987 7877
Visit: www.oldvic.ac.uk/productions.html

Religious and secular ethics
Date: 15 March 2007 (13.00-14.00)
Professor Robin O’Hara, HLS
Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free ticket
Contact: The Chaplain Tel: 0117 32 82334
E-mail: chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.sacrama.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Sartre: a playwright for his time
Date: 15 March 2007 (16.30-18.00)
Dr Ben O’Donohoe, HLS
Venue: The Concourse, St Matthias Campus
Contact: Professor Peter Rawlings
E-mail: rawlings2006@uol.com
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/philenglish/ama/researchseminars/06-07.doc

The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby
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Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Undergraduate Open Day
Date: 17 March 2007 (10.00-16.00)
Venue: All UWE campuses
Contact: Admissions and International Recruitment
Tel: 0117 32 83333 E-mail: open@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/aboutUWE/opensday

UWE Saxophone Group in concert
Date: 17 March 2007 (19.30)
Venue: St Peter’s Church, Filton, Bristol
Admission: Free with retiring collection
Contact: CPA Tel: 0117 32 82067
E-mail: cpa@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa

Walking the way to health
Date: 20 March 2007 (12.30)
Venue: Starting at Q Block, Frenchay
Contact: Carmegne Ogilvie
Tel: 0117 32 86246
E-mail: catherine.ogilvie@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/cpa

Walking the way to health
Date: 21 March 2007 (12.30)
Venue: Meet in Q Block, Frenchay
Contact: Carmegne Ogilvie
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BP Portrait Award
Date: 21 March - 26 May 2007
(10.00-17.00 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sunday)
Venue: Royal West of England Academy
Admission: £3 adults, £2 concs, children free
Contact: Royal West of England Academy
Tel: 0117 973 5129 E-mail: info@rwa.org.uk
Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

Best practice in hospital based end of life care for children - experience from UK and abroad
Date: 23 March 2007 (11.30-13.00)
Maggie Whitta
Venue: Hampton House, Cotham Hill, Bristol BS6 5AA
Contact: Diana Hynam Tel: 0117 331 0893
E-mail: d.hynam@bristol.ac.uk
Visit: www.mia.org.uk

Hartpury College General Careers Event
Date: 24 March 2007 (10.30-12.30)
Venue: Hartpury College
Contact: Hartpury College Tel: 01452 702132
E-mail: enquiries@hartpury.org.uk
Visit: www.hartpury.ac.uk

Walking the way to health
Date: 26 March 2007 (12.30)
Venue: Meet at Main Reception, Glenside
Contact: Amy Allen or Sue Ollis
E-mail: m2.allen@uwe.ac.uk or sue.ollis@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk

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Open Sculpture
Date: 26 February - 11 March 2007 (10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sunday)
Venue: Royal West of England Academy
Admission: £3 adults, £2 concessions, children free

Abstraction
Date: 21 January 2007 - 6 May 2007 (10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sun)
Venue: Milner Gallery, Royal West of England Academy, Queen’s Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1PX
Admission: £3, £2 concessions
Contact: Royal West of England Academy Tel: 0117 32 83125 E-mail: info@rwa.org.uk
Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

Doing business in China
Date: 26 February 2007 (08.30-11.30)
Regional Language Network Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Regional Language Network
Tel: 0117 32 84457 E-mail: lene.petersen@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: humanities.uwe.ac.uk/regionhistory/

Mental well-being and the design of the urban environment
Date: 26 February 2007 (14.15)
Venue: Room 2056, FBE, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Gill Wheadon Tel: 0117 32 83598 E-mail: gill.wheadon@uwe.ac.uk
The Quaternary evolution of the Gordano Valley, North Somerset
Date: 26 February 2007 (15.00)
Dr Wendy Woodland and Tom Hill, FBE Venue: Room 4026, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Jane Newton Tel: 0117 32 83102 E-mail: jane.newton@uwe.ac.uk
INTERVAL: Exploring the territory between art, architecture and urbanism
Date: 26 February 2007 (16.30-18.00)
Professor Peter Rawlings, HLSS
Venue: The Conifers, St Matthias Campus
Date: 28 February 2007 (08.30-11.30)
Date: 1 March 2007 (18.00)
Venue: Mottison Building, St Matthias
Contact: Pat Diango Tel: 0117 32 84307 E-mail: pat.diango@uwe.ac.uk

Rugby Varsity
Date: 28 February 2007 (Gates open 17.00, kick-off 18.00)
Bristol University vs UWE Venue: Memorial Stadium, Horfield, Bristol
Admission: £5 in advance; £7 on the night
Contact: Katharine Ogilvie, Sports President Tel: 0117 32 82815 E-mail: sports.president@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: http://www.uwe.ac.uk/sports

Space, time andernity - issues of cosmology and creation
Date: 1 March 2007 (13.00-14.00)
Rev Garth Barber
Venue: The Octagon, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free ticket
Contact: The Chaplaincy Tel: 0117 32 82334
E-mail: chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/chaplaincy

The emergence of folk art in the 1930s - the case of Karlela
Date: 1 March 2007 (18.00)
Professor Pekka Suutari, Joensuu University
Contact: Peter Wardley Tel: 0117 32 84366 E-mail: peter.Wardley@uwe.ac.uk
Peter Ford RVA Exhibition
Date: 2 - 27 March 2007 (10.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 14.00-17.00 Sun)
Venue: New Gallery, Royal West of England Academy, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1PX
Admission: Free
Contact: Royal West of England Academy Tel: 0117 32 83253 E-mail: info@rwa.org.uk
Visit: www.rwa.org.uk

International Project Reunion: 5th Istanbul Biennial
Date: 3 March 2007 (11.00-16.00)
Venue: Arnolfini
Admission: £5 (concessions £3)
Contact: Claire Doherty Tel: 0117 917 2200 (Arnolfini box office)
E-mail: info@arnolfini.org
Visit: www.arnolfini.org.uk

Rethinking regional histories
Date: 3 March 2007 (09.30-16.30)
Regional History Centre
Venue: The Lady Chapel, St Matthias
Admission: Booking form on website
Contact: Pat Diango Tel: 0117 32 84307 E-mail: pat.diango@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: humanities.uwe.ac.uk/regionhistory/rhnewfuturecon.htm

Thermal weapon sight technology
Date: 3 March 2007 (18.30 for 19.00)
Chris Baywood, Qioptiq Ltd
Venue: Room 1M05, Frenchay Campus
Admission: Free
Contact: Clive Wells Tel: 0117 9131864 E-mail: owells@theiet.org
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/innovation/innovationinbusiness/UK/England/WestBristol/

Walking the way to health
Date: 7 March 2007 (12.30)
Venue: Starting at Q Block, Frenchay
Contact: Katharine Ogilvie Tel: 0117 32 82815 E-mail: katherine.ogilvie@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk

Freedom of religion in the workplace - the veil debate
Date: 7 March 2007 (12.30)
Dr Lucy Yerkes, Oxford Brookes University
Venue: Room 2A07, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Anna Glear or Umut Turksen E-mail: anna.glear@uwe.ac.uk or umut2.turksen@uwe.ac.uk

Mobile states of mind and body
Date: 7 March 2007 (15.00-15.30)
Professor Harry Ferguson, HSC
Venue: Room 3B56, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Centre for Psycho-Social Studies
E-mail: cps@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/files/research/vcpsi/seminar2007.doc

Grave predictions - vegetation burial as a focus for bio-geomorphology and eco-ecology
Date: 7 March 2007 (15.00)
Professor Martin Kent, Plymouth University
Venue: Room 4Q56, Frenchay Campus
Contact: Jane Newton Tel: 0117 32 83102 E-mail: jane.newton@uwe.ac.uk

Managing urban Europe - beating retreat
Date: 7 March 2007 (16.00)
David Lufff, FBE
Venue: 28002, The Studio, Frenchay
Contact: FBE Tel: 0117 32 83000 E-mail: fbe.entry@uwe.ac.uk

Heresy and literacy in late medieval and early modern Central Europe
Date: 7 March 2007 (17.00)
Regina Poertner, University of Wales Venue: St Matthias Campus (tbc)
Contact: Dr Lane Petersen Tel: 0117 32 84457 E-mail: lane.petersen@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk/files/faculty/news.html

Football Varsity
Date: 7 March 2007 (Gates open at 17.00, kick-off at 18.00)
Wycliffe University vs UWE
Venue: Manor Farm
Admission: £3.50 advance, £5 on gate
Contact: Katherine Ogilvie, Sports President Tel: 0117 32 82815 E-mail: sports.president@uwe.ac.uk
Visit: www.uwe.ac.uk

Age dynamics - the impact of the new age rules six months on
Date: 7 March 2007 (09.00 registration)
Venue: Osborne Clarke, 2 Temple Back East, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6EG
Admission: £25 + VAT
Contact: Sadie Merchant Tel: 0117 913 3000 Visit: www.osborneclarke.com