

## Faculty of Humanities Bulletin

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### **Diversity and Inclusion Staff Survey: 23 April-18 May 2007**

#### **Your chance to provide feedback on the day-to-day reality of diversity and inclusion in the workplace**

The University's Diversity and inclusion staff survey was launched on 23 April 2007.

The information collected will provide the University with valuable feedback from people experiencing the day-to-day reality of diversity and inclusion within the workplace. That's why it is important the survey is completed by staff at all levels within the University.

This feedback will form the basis of a report that will provide the University with information on areas of good and best practice and recommendations for change across the University. It is the first time such a comprehensive assessment of diversity has been undertaken at the University; it will identify any gaps in learning and development and it will assess how comfortable people are at dealing with diversity issues in the workplace.

The survey is available online at:

- <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/diversitystaffsurvey>

Work is currently underway to ensure those staff without easy access the internet are provided with alternative options. If you wish to discuss these options or would like to request any other alternative formats, please contact the Equality and Diversity Team:

- Telephone 0161 306 5857
- Minicom 0161 306 5870
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The benefits of a diverse community affect everyone at the University. Helping to create a diverse and supportive environment depends on you, your colleagues and friends. If you get involved you can make a really positive difference.

## Research News

### Grants for Undergraduate Research Projects

The Faculty of Humanities has awarded three Grants for Undergraduate Research Projects. The grants consist of an award of £1000 to the individual UG student and up to £500 for expenses. The successful applicants were:

Hannah Salter, School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, who will study readers' attitudes to certain episodes in *The adventures of Tintin*, especially those where Tintin's attitudes towards the people and culture of then Belgian colonies have caused great controversy. In some cases these parts of the stories have been revised in more recent editions. This will involve interviewing visitors at the *Musée de la Bande Dessinée* in Brussels.

Emma McNeil, School of Social Sciences, who will work on the research question 'Do computer game designs discourage female players?' As part of her project, she will consult with software houses which produce some of the most popular games and she will also visit a computer games archive in Berlin.

Monika Krupnikova, School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, who will carry out a comparative literary study of two female crime authors, writing from different cultural backgrounds: Dominique Sylvain from France and Aleksandra Marinina from Russia. This will involve studying resources available at the British Library.

## Widening Participation News

### Our House Summer School

On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April, we joined colleagues from Aimhigher to present the first two days of the Our House Summer School. Eleven pupils from Wythenshawe took part in a day of activities at Wythenshawe Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, while a similar number of students from Gorton and East Manchester enjoyed a day at Gorton Monastery on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wythenshawe Hall is rarely open to the public and Gorton Monastery will be opening to the public again in June after lying derelict for over fifteen years, so the pupils enjoyed 'behind the scenes' tours of the sites, as well as activities designed to raise their awareness of architecture, heritage skills and develop their functional skills with the help of our excellent student ambassadors from the School of Environment & Development. The next meeting will take place at the University on 29 May, when the whole group will further develop their theoretical knowledge in these subject areas. This will be followed by two days at MANCAT in July when the group will take part in a variety of tasks from building to plastering a wall and a further day at the University on 27 July, so watch this space...

### Business & Management Insight Days for Cheshire & Warrington Aimhigher

The Humanities WP team hosted two Insight Days for Cheshire & Warrington pupils on 27 and 28 March. These days, based on the Faculty's successful 'Insight Day' model that was used in a number of different subject areas in 2006-07, were attended by almost 70 pupils, who found the programme of lectures and workshops stimulating and interesting. Only 8% of the pupils had visited a university before, so the vast majority discovered something new about university life and studying. The workshops: Magic or Technology, The Shares Game, The Business Game and Introduction to Marketing were particularly well received. The Yr 9 group will be returning to the University next Easter to build on the knowledge from this visit and we will be welcoming a new Yr 9 cohort.

### Humanities Summer Schools Website

We have recently completed the first stage in the development of the Humanities Summer Schools website. After the success of last year's Y9 Summer School Website (hosted in WebCT), we have developed a space within our website for attendees on the Telling Tales and Our House Summer Schools. These pages give pupils, their parents/carers and teachers, information on the academic sessions, the social programme (where relevant), and answers to frequently asked questions, as well as a picture gallery that reflects their activities at the University. This, it is hoped, will aid retention and give the pupils a true taste of what they will be doing on the Summer Schools. Stage 2 will be completed over the coming weeks, which includes uploading information from all the workshop leaders and lecturers about themselves and their activity. The website can be accessed at: <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/wideningparticipation> and click on Humanities Summer Schools.

### **Pathways to Law**

Recruiting for the first cohort of 50 Y11 pupils for the University's *Pathways to Law* programme is well underway and so far 29 schools within Greater Manchester have expressed interest in the programme. The aim of *Pathways to Law* is to provide a wealth of advice and guidance in order to assist pupils from non-privileged backgrounds in gaining access to a Law degree and the legal profession. The University will work with pupils and parents, as well as professional organisations, to provide information on the courses and careers in Law. Opportunities will include: parents information sessions, careers days, guaranteed work placements, University open days, application advice sessions and student mentoring. For further information please email [Katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk)

### **Careers Initiative: Campus Open Day**

The 2007 Humanities Careers day took place on Weds 18 April. Sixty Level 2 Access students visited the University from Hopwood Hall College, Bury College and City College. Julie Bond from the Sector Skills Council for the UK health sector spoke about career opportunities with the NHS and Anne Milligan, from the Small Business Zone spoke about opportunities in Greater Manchester, working in small and medium sized enterprises. Four current Humanities students gave presentations on their experiences of student life, including the transition from Access to undergraduate study and the visitors were then able to ask questions of the students who were around throughout the day. After campus tours, the day was brought to a close with a group activity delivered by the Careers and Employability division. Feedback from the visitors was very positive and many felt that the event had allowed them to gain valuable information about the opportunities available to them in relation to degree and career choice. For further information please email [Katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk).

## **ICT News**

### **ICT Newsletter**

The ICT Newsletter, out the middle of May, will feature the latest news on cluster updates and closures, news on changes to the Service Desk and information on the E-Learning Starter Pack booklet.

## **Congratulations**

### **Stan Metcalfe made Fellow**

Professor Metcalfe, of the School of Social Sciences, has been appointed a Fellow of the Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters for the academic year 2007/2008.

### **Postgraduate Student of the Year 2006-07**

Kenichiro Onishi, a profoundly deaf Japanese student who was awarded an MA in International Relations with Merit, has been awarded The University of Manchester's Postgraduate Student of the Year 2006-07, Distinguished Achievement Award. Ken is still in Manchester and will be attending the Ceremony in June.

**BSA Phillip Abrams Memorial Prize**

Bridget Byrne, from the School of Social Sciences, has been awarded the BSA Phillip Abrams Memorial Prize for her book, 'White Lives: the Interplay of Race, Class and Gender in Everyday Lives' (Routledge 2006). The prize is directed towards new scholars publishing their first single authored book. This is the second time a colleague in Sociology at Manchester has won this prize in recent years with Graeme Kirkpatrick winning the prize for his book, *Critical Technology* (Ashgate 2004).

**Humanities in the News****Media Report**

Research on the Home Guard by Professor Penny Summerfield for a book received wide attention across all media - including BBC breakfast television, PM on BBC Radio Four, several national newspapers and many regional outlets. Dr Hal Gladfelder's research on Thomas Cannon received the attention of the Today Programme on BBC Radio Four- and the work on friendship and astrology previously reported from the School of Social Sciences in 'Media news' continues to receive attention in the print media.

**Forthcoming Events**

These events are listed in date order:

**3 May****SED Annual Lecture****Spatial Aspects of Economic Development: Cities, Regions and International Trade**

Tony Venables (Chief Economist, Department for International Development)

4pm

Lecture Theatre B, Roscoe Building, Brunswick Street

This is the 4th Annual Manchester Lecture on Environment and Development, co-hosted this year by the School of Environment and Development and the Brooks World Poverty Institute. Tony Venables is Chief Economist in the UK Department for International Development and Professor of Economics at the University of Oxford, where he also directs the Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies. He is a fellow of the British Academy and of the Econometric Society. He was previously Professor of International Economics at the London School of Economics and has worked as research manager of the trade research group in the World Bank and as advisor to the UK Treasury. He has published extensively in the areas of international trade and spatial economics, including work on trade and imperfect competition, economic integration, multinational firms, economic geography and 'urban buzz'. Publications include *The Spatial Economy: Cities, Regions and International Trade*, with M Fujita and P Krugman (MIT Press, 1999), and *Multinationals in the World Economy* with G Barba Navaretti (Princeton, 2004).

**4 May****'The Rise of China and India: A Comparative Economic Assessment'**

Professor Pranab Bardham, Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley

3pm

Cordingley Lecture Theatre, Humanities Bridgeford Street Building

Please see [www.manchester.ac.uk/bwpi](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/bwpi) for further details

**10 May****Research Network on Love Seminar**

Peter Goldie, Philosophy, the University of Manchester

'What is that thing called love?'

2.30 – 4.00pm

Dover Street Building, Room tbc  
 For further information on this event or the research network on love, please contact:  
[maja.zehfuss@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:maja.zehfuss@manchester.ac.uk)

### **11 May**

#### **The Ethics of Killing and Saving**

Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) One Day Conference

10am to 5pm

Harold Hankins Building

Please contact [charlotte.jackson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.jackson@manchester.ac.uk) for bookings or with any other enquiries

### **12-13 May**

#### **Disability and Disadvantage- Practical Philosophy Workshop**

Manchester Business School, Booth Street West

Contact [charlotte.jackson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.jackson@manchester.ac.uk) to reserve a place. Spaces are limited.

This workshop is supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council

### **17-18 May**

#### **Re-moralising Britain?**

10 Years of New Labour: Faith, Morals and Governance

Chancellors Hotel and Conference Centre

Confirmed speakers include John Atherton (William Temple Foundation) Mark Chapman (Cuddesdon, Oxford) Anthony Giddens (LSE) Elaine Graham (The University of Manchester) Will Hutton (The Work Foundation) Inderjeet Parmar (The University of Manchester) Jess Steele (BURA) Gerry Stoker (The University of Southampton) Paul Vallely (The Independent)

Further details, and a booking form, can be found at:

<http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/mrircs/events/remoralisingbritain/>

### **18-19 May**

#### **Depiction Conference**

<http://www.socialsciences.man.ac.uk/philosophy/conferences/Depiction.htm>

### **23 May**

#### **The 2007 Manchester Peace Lecture – see attached poster**

Hosted by the *Politics* Discipline Area

“Thresholds of Humanity”

Norman Geras

4.00 pm

Basement Lecture Theatre, Dover Street Building

For further information about the event, email [greig.charnock@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:greig.charnock@manchester.ac.uk)

### **23 May**

#### **Writing in Opposition: the European left and democracy in the twentieth century and beyond**

Harold Hankins Conference Suite, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harold Hankins Building

9:30-17.30

In his major history of the European left *Forging Democracy* (2002), Geoff Eley argues that the main burden of democratic advocacy in Europe from the late nineteenth century was borne by parties in the socialist tradition. Taking democracy in its widest sense, including radical conceptions of citizenship and personhood as well as traditional juridical definitions, Eley traces the democratic dynamic of the left even where it was most obviously compromised, for example by Stalinism or in respect of gender and race. Reviewing these developments at the beginning of the twenty-first century, he passionately affirms the continuing relevance of socialist values to the radical social movements that have emerged in the spaces left by the decline of

traditional socialist politics. He concludes: 'In our profoundly conservative context of capitalist restructuring and its globalized market order, words like 'socialism', 'democracy' and 'freedom' are being wrenched from their appropriate histories and translated out of all recognition. However, in imagining the fruits of a fully democratized Europe ... we are living part of the future the twentieth-century left had pursued. In meeting the challenge of further democratic change, the rest of that future will need to be remembered.'

Of wide chronological and geographical scope, the themes of *Forging Democracy* can only be touched upon in a one-day event. Following an introduction by Geoff Eley, the morning session will consider examples of democratic advocacy from the formative years of the socialist tradition, while the afternoon session will consider the relevance of socialist values for more recent social and protest movements. In a concluding roundtable on contemporary prospects for the left, Geoff will be joined by Stefan Berger, comparative labour historian; Donald Sassoon, author of *One Hundred Years of Socialism*; and Hilary Wainwright, editor of *Red Pepper*. Other confirmed speakers include Ian Bullock (Sussex), David Howell (York), Karen Hunt (Keele), George McKay (Salford) and Sheila Rowbotham (Manchester).

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### **30 May**

#### **CRESC Seminar Series**

#### **The role of consumption in the cultural economy**

#### **The Challenge of Affluence: Self-control and well-being in the United States and Britain since 1950**

2.30- 5.00

CRIC Conference Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harold Hankins Building, Oxford Road

Professor Avner Offer (University of Oxford)

Respondents: Johnna Montgomerie, Alan Warde, Karel Williams

If you would like to attend please contact [cresc@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:cresc@manchester.ac.uk)

### **19-21 July**

#### **Hallsworth Conference 'War and our World'**

Manchester Conference Centre

*Confirmed plenary speakers include:*

Abdel-Rahman Ghandour, UNICEF in the Middle East;

Joanna Bourke, Professor of History at Birkbeck College;

Rony Brauman, former President of Medecins Sans Frontieres;

Urvashi Butalia, Feminist, activist and historian;

Marianne Elliot, Professor and Director of the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool;

Anatol Lieven, Senior Research Fellow, New American Foundation, Washington DC;

Chairs: Anna Ford, Co-Chancellor and Admiral Sir John Kerr, Pro-Chancellor, the University of Manchester.

The event is staged in partnership with the AHRC *In Place of War* project with a performance event in the John Thaw Studio on 18 July, with Passion Pit & Theatre Tours International whose World Premiere of 'Child of Biafra' at the Contact Theatre will be performed on 19 July with a discussion panel to follow, and the Imperial War Museum North, where a drinks reception will be held on the final day.

Please visit the website for booking and programme information

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/warandourworld>

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