

Lunchtime Discussion Groups: Past Speakers

Sciences Discussion Group, 2007-09

Dr Luke Alphey

Reader in Genetics, and founder and Chief Scientist at the university biotech spin-out Oxitec Ltd
Starting a spin-out company

Robert, Lord May of Oxford OM AC FRS

Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government (1995-2000) and President of The Royal Society (2000-2005)
Reflections on the changing world of science

Fiona Fox

Director, Science Media Centre
Science and the news media: the view from the front line

Professor Lord John Krebs

Principal of Jesus College, Oxford; Chairman of the Food Standards Agency (2000-2005); Chief Executive of the Natural Environment Research Council (1994-1999)
Whose risk? Whose choice? Whose health?

Professor Lord Robert Winston

Professor of Science and Society & Emeritus Professor of Fertility Studies, Imperial College London
The scientist as citizen

Professor Sir Richard Gardner FRS

Edward Penley Abraham Research Professor of the Royal Society (Department of Zoology), Chair of the Royal Society Working Group on Stem Cells and Cloning and a member of the Scientific and Clinical Advances Group of the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority
Stem cells and regenerative medicine: principles and problems

Dr Sarah E. Thomas

Bodley's Librarian and Director of University Library Services at the University of Oxford
New directions in library service in science

Dr Manuel Berdoy

Department of Veterinary Services, University of Oxford
The laboratory rat: a natural history

Professor Dame Louise N. Johnson FRS

Molecular Biophysics Laboratory, University of Oxford
Women in crystallography: why so many?

Dr Philip Campbell

Editor in Chief of *Nature*
Scientific knowledge: facts and frictions

Dr Frank Kelly

Professor of the Mathematics of Systems and Master of Christ's College, University of Cambridge
The challenges of road pricing

Hilton Lord

Partner in Marks & Clerks, Patent Attorney
Intellectual property

Professor Christl Donnelly

Professor of Statistical Epidemiology, Imperial College London
To what extent should public policy be based on science?

Professor David Acheson

Emeritus Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford
What's the problem with maths?

Nina Alphey

DPhil Student at St Anne's College, Oxford
IdeasLab – a taste of Davos

Dr Simon Benjamin

University of Oxford
Harnessing the 'spooky' quantum realm

Professor Paul Fairchild

Co-Director of Oxford Stem Cell Institute, 21st Century School
Stem cell biology: medical dream or ethical nightmare?

Professor Anthony Monaco

Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the Neurogenetics Laboratory, University of Oxford
Genes for walking, genes for talking: discovery in human genetics over 25 years

Professor Malcolm Levitt, FRS

Professor of Physical Chemistry, University of Southampton
Making life difficult for oneself – reflections of an anti-Zionist scientist

Dr Graham Nelson

Mathematician, Poet and Fellow at St Anne's College, Oxford
Growing up with television: science on TV, 1945 to 2000, and how it spoke to us

Matt Goode

Deputy Head of External Relations, BBSRC
The importance of communicating the outputs of publicly funded research and its impacts

Duncan Dallas

Creator of the Café Scientifique and Producer of
Science Programmes for TV

Bringing science back into culture

Professor Angela McLean, FRS

Co-Director of the Institute for Emerging Infections
of Humans, Oxford; Senior Research Fellow at All
Souls College

Immunity and evolution of HIV

Professor Julian Savulescu

Director of the Programme on Ethics in the New
Biosciences; Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics;
Director of the Oxford Centre for Neuroethics all at
the University of Oxford

The moral imperative to enhance human beings

**Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Discussion Group, 2008-09****Edwina Currie**

Former Conservative Party MP, Junior Health
Minister, Author and Media Personality

The women swing it

Dr Andrew Stockley

Senior Tutor and Fellow of Brasenose College,
Oxford, previously Head of the Law School at the
University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Making elections matter

Baroness Northover

Liberal Democrat Spokesperson on International
Development, House of Lords

*Do foreign affairs and international development
matter?*

Dr Andrew Moran

London Guildhall University

The death penalty in the United States

Alan Leaman

Chief Executive, Management Consultancies
Association

Management consultancy in the downturn

Professor David Williams

Faculty of Law, University of Auckland

History wars – lawyers, historians and their myths

Korky Paul

Award-winning children's book Illustrator

Paid to play – making children's books happen

Philip Pullman

Best-selling Author

What are stories made of?

Professor Virginia Berridge

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine,
London

Why do policy makers ignore history?



Subject Family Events: Past Speakers, 2008-09

Wednesday 5th November 2008

Dr Terry O'Shaughnessy

Tutor in Economics

Reflections on the current crisis

Mr Antonios Tzanakopoulos

DPhil Student, Law

State reaction to security council illegal action

Professor Carol Sanger

Columbia University, New York, and Visiting Plumer
Fellow, Law

Regulating abortion: the peculiar American approach

Wednesday 19th November 2008

Mr Khim Heng Lau

DPhil Student

NanoSIMS analysis of biological materials

Dr Martin Bishop

Stipendiary Lecturer

*Using computational modelling to combat sudden
cardiac death*

Dr Martin Speight

Fellow and Reader in Zoology, Tutor for Biology

*Habitat associations of coral reef fish – complexity,
connectivity and catchability*

Wednesday 25th February 2009

Medical Event Special

Christina Mayer

DPhil Student

Malarial proteins: how do they look and what do they do?

Vaughan Dutton

DPhil Student

*Few come out though many go in: fever mortality in
the Royal Navy anti-slavery squadron*

Dr Peter Judge

Stipendiary Lecturer in Biochemistry

The viral ion channels of HIV-1 and influenza A

Special Guest External Dinner Speaker:

Professor Chris Lavy

Visiting Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the
Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre

*Setting up a hospital and surgical research centre in
Malawi – the academic, the practical and the
romantic*

Wednesday 4th March 2009

Simon Howes

DPhil Student in the History of Medicine

Thomas Sydenham: the sceptical galenist

Sarah Hegenbart

DPhil Student in Philosophy

*Does Plato radically reject visual arts? References to
the epistemological function of arts in Plato's
dialogues*

Dr Alberto Behar

Biegun Warburg JRF, St Anne's College and Centre
for the Study of African Economies

*What can gravity tell us about Africa's export
performance?*

Wednesday 13th May 2009

Dr Jennifer Higgins

Kathleen Bourne Junior Research Fellow in French

*Repeat after me: French poetry in English and stance
of the translator*

Dr Ling Ge

Recent DPhil Graduate, Department of Materials

Modelling nano peapods for quantum computing

Emefa Amoako

DPhil Student, Department of Education

*A qualitative study of the Ministry of Education-
donor interactions and their shaping of the Education
Strategic Plan of Ghana*

