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Guest lectures have been one of the key features of university life for centuries. They offer the chance to listen to some of the world's greatest minds discuss issues of common interest in the finest detail. Nottingham Trent University has had the privilege of hosting a number of distinguished speakers on a broad array of stimulating subject areas since 2006. Here you'll find details of upcoming lectures and a brief outline of lecturers who have graced us with their presence in the past.

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Our Distinguished Lectures are free to attend, and take place on our City Campus, in Nottingham's city centre.

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Dates for your diary

Katie Ghose

Why We Love Democracy but Hate Politics:
How to be a 21st-Century Democratic Citizen
Wednesday 8 November 2017
6 pm – 7.15 pm, City Campus

Trevor Phillips

Beating The Elite: When Identity Trumps Economy
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in the 21st Century
Wednesday 18 April 2018
6 pm – 7.15 pm, City Campus



Katie Ghose

Why We Love Democracy but Hate Politics: How to be a 21st-Century Democratic Citizen

Katie Ghose is a barrister and campaigner. She became the Chief Executive of Womens Aid in 2017.

Prior to this Katie was Chief Executive of the Electoral Reform Society, a role she took up in 2010. She spent her tenure there establishing the society as the UK's leading campaigner for a better democracy.

Previously Katie was Director of the British Institute of Human Rights (2005 – 2010) where she pioneered new initiatives to bring human rights to life for everyone in the UK.

Katie has also worked in parliamentary and public affairs for organisations including Age UK and Citizens Advice, and for seven years served as a trustee for LGBT rights charity, Stonewall.

Katie is a board member of Fair Vote, a US organisation campaigning for electoral and democratic reform, and in 2015 became an independent council member at the University of Sussex.

In 2009, she was awarded Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the Asian Lawyers' Association.

Katie's first book, *Beyond the Courtroom: A Lawyer's Guide to Campaigning*, was published in 2005.

Lecture synopsis:

This lecture will explore the state of British democracy and identify the practical ways in which democratic participation can be renewed and revitalised in the 21st Century

Katie will reflect on seven years at the helm of the Electoral Reform Society. She will present a series of democratic innovations that could help bridge the gap between people and politics at a time of alienation and declining trust in politicians and political institutions.

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On: Wednesday 8 November 2017

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Trevor Phillips

Beating The Elite: When Identity Trumps Economy

Trevor Phillips is a writer and television producer. He is co-founder of Webber Phillips Ltd, a data analytics provider.

Trevor is President of the Partnership Council of the John Lewis Partnership, the organisation's first external appointment since 1928. He is also currently the Deputy Chair of the Steering Committee of the National Equality Standard.

He is the former Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. He had previously been the Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality and the elected Chair of the Greater London Authority.

Educated in London and in Georgetown, Guyana, he studied chemistry at Imperial College London and between 1978 and 1980, he was president of The National Union of Students.

Trevor joined London Weekend Television as a researcher, rising to become Head of Current Affairs, before leaving to found Pepper Productions. He was a weekly columnist for *The Independent* and has presented several series for BBC Radio 4. Trevor wrote and presented *Things We Won't Say About Race That Are True*, a documentary broadcasted on Channel 4 in March 2015.

Trevor's voluntary activities include serving as a board member of the Barbican Arts Centre, the Social Mobility Foundation and the Employers Network for Equality and Inclusion.

He is the recipient of several honorary doctorates, the OBE, and was awarded the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by the French government in 2007.

Lecture synopsis

The rolling wave of defeat for conventional politics across the West has left political, media and academic elites stunned. In some cases voters appear to have responded to political appeals that might damage their own economic interests.

But for most of human civilisation the pull of family faith and tribe have always been strong and the advance of big data has revealed that consumers' choices are driven by considerations of ethnic inheritance, community and environment, as much as by price and quality.

Might it be the case that the famous Clintonite dictum "It's the economy, stupid" has been replaced by a resurgent – and very old – nostrum: "It's identity, you idiot".

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Professor William Whyte

Building a University: A Biography of NTU

William Whyte is Professor of Social and Architectural History and Acting President of St John's College, Oxford.

Like all historians, William is interested in people, but unlike many, he is also equally preoccupied by things and places. He is especially intrigued by what the serious investigation of the built and natural environment does to existing accounts of modern British and European history. His research has consequently often focused on architecture, and he has a special interest in institutions like schools, universities, and churches.

His first book, published in 2006, *Oxford Jackson: Architecture, Education, Status, and Style 1835 – 1924*, explored the work of an influential university architect. His second was *Redbrick: A Social and Architectural History of Britain's Civic Universities*, which was published in 2015. His third book, *Unlocking the Church: The Lost Secrets of Victorian Sacred Space* will be published in 2017. As the final part of what has become a trilogy on university architecture, he is currently writing *The University: A Material History*.

William has also edited or co-edited eight other books. In collaboration with other academics, he is working on a Wellcome Trust / John Fell funded project on the history of dyslexia.

William is chairman of the Oxford Historical Society, sits on the London Advisory Committee of Historic England and is editor of the Oxfordshire Records Society.

He has recently been appointed a trustee of the Oxford Preservation Trust and elected a member of the International Commission for the History of Universities.

Lecture synopsis

All universities have a history and these histories continue to shape universities today. This general truth has a particular purchase for NTU: a new university with a history stretching back to the 19th Century. By drawing on new research and exploring the people and places of the past, William will offer not just a biography of NTU, but also illuminate how this history continues to shape the University.

Date for your diary

On: Wednesday 21 February 2018

From: 6 pm – 7.15 pm

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Nicholas Crane

The Making of the British Landscape

Nicholas Crane is a geographer, author and broadcaster. In recent years, Nick has become best known for presenting the BBC2 TV series *Coast*, *Map Man*, *Great British Journeys*, *Britannia*, and *Town*.

Nick's travels include a solo, 10,000-kilometre walk across Europe, a bicycle ride across the Himalayas, Tibet and Gobi Desert to the geographical centre of Asia and a horseback journey through the Hindu Kush mountains of Afghanistan.

His books include *Clear Waters Rising*, *Two Degrees West*, *Mercator: The Man Who Mapped the Planet*, and *Coast*. Nick's most recent book, *The Making of the British Landscape*, was published in October 2016. Nick is also President of the Royal Geographical Society.

Lecture synopsis

How much do we know about the place we call 'home'? The British landscape has been continuously occupied by humans for 12,000 years, from the end of the Ice Age till the 21st Century. It has been transformed from a European peninsula of glacier and tundra to an island of glittering cities and exquisite countryside.

In this geographical journey through time, we discover the ancient relationship between people and place and the deep-rooted tensions between town and countryside. As Britain lurches from an exploitative past towards a more sustainable future, this is the story of our age.

Date for your diary

On: Wednesday 7 March 2018

From: 6 pm – 7.15 pm

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Baroness Valerie Amos

Liberal Education in an Age of Populism

In September 2015, Baroness Valerie Amos became the Director of The School of Oriental and African Studies (SoAS), University of London. From 2010, she was the Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator at the United Nations. She has held a number of roles in the public sector, including in local government and as Chief Executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Valerie was an adviser to the Mandela government on leadership, change, management and strategy issues between 1994 and 1998. She was appointed a Labour life peer in 1997 and became a member of the government in 1998. She was a Foreign Office Minister, Secretary of State for International Development, Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Council.

Valerie also held the position of UK High Commissioner to Australia before joining the United Nations. In June 2016, she was made a Companion of Honour in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Lecture synopsis

Facts. Logic. Evidence. Reason. These are held as pillars of Western society. But is the classic concept of liberal education underpinning it still relevant in 2018? And how might it adapt to a world of social, financial and economic dislocation?

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Professor Mark Griffiths

Slots of Fun: Behavioural Addiction in the 21st Century

Dr Mark Griffiths is Distinguished Professor of Behavioural Addiction at NTU and Director of the International Gaming Research Unit.

He is internationally known for his work into gambling and gaming addictions.

At NTU, Mark teaches on various undergraduate and postgraduate psychology programmes. His main teaching and research interests are the areas of abnormal, social and health psychology with particular emphasis on behavioural addictions, such as to gambling, video games, the Internet, sex, exercise, and work.

Mark has published over 650 research papers, five books, over 150 book chapters and more than 1,500 other articles. He is a freelance journalist, frequently contributing to a variety of media, and has appeared on over 3,000 radio and television programmes since 1988.

Mark is also a gaming consultant and has worked with various international government bodies and the gaming industry to promote responsible gambling, social responsibility, harm minimisation, and player protection worldwide.

Mark is a fellow of the British Psychological Society, the Royal Society of Arts and the Academy of Social Sciences.

He has won 18 national and international awards for his research, including the British Psychological Society Fellowship Award for exceptional contributions to psychology and a North American Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his dedication, leadership, and pioneering contributions to the field of youth gambling. In 2013, Mark was the first ever recipient of a Lifetime Research Award from the US National Council on Problem Gambling.

Lecture synopsis

This lecture will reflect on 30 years of research on behavioural addictions into such activities as gambling, video gaming, work, sex, and social networking.

Date for your diary

On: Wednesday 18 April 2018

From: 6 pm – 7.15 pm

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Past lectures

The Distinguished Lecture Series has bought high-profile guest speakers to the University since 2006. The events feature leading academics, key decision-makers and well-known individuals working in a wide variety of fields such as politics, education, law, culture, science and the environment.

Please visit www.ntu.ac.uk/pastdistinguishedlectures for further details and videos of selected past lectures.

Dame Helen Ghosh	What are the Challenges Facing the National Trust in the 21st Century?
Professor Margaret Boden OBE FBA	The Future of Artificial Intelligence
The Rt Hon Alan Milburn	Mind the Gap: How to Make Britain Socially Mobile
Professor Monica Grady CBE	Landing on a Comet
Sir Peter Fahy QPM	More of a Social Worker Than a Police Officer
Dr Rowan Williams	Ethics and Empathy: What Do We Know About Each Other?
Paul Nurse	Great Ideas of Biology
Professor Lord Hennessy	Writing the History of One's Own Times
Professor Ronald Hutton	Britain's Pagan Heritage
Sir Richard Dearlove KCMG OBE	Intelligence Collection in a Time of Disclosure
Gavin Esler	The Power of Stories
Professor Dame Carol Black DBE FRCP	Work. Friend or Foe to Health?
Michael Wood	Travels in Time
Professor Sir Christopher Frayling	Slaying the Sixth Giant: Reflections on the Public Funding of the Arts
Baroness Sue Campbell CBE	Creating a Winning Culture
Sir Mark Walport FRS FMedSci	Big Data: Big Opportunities, Big Brother or Big Trouble?
Sir Christopher Hum KCMG	Living with the Dragon: China in Today's World
Professor Sir Albert Aynsley-Green Kt	Have We Been Failing our Children and Young People on a Grand Scale?
Professor Sir Peter Rubin	Doctors Aren't What They Used To Be
Professor Lord Bhikhu Parekh FBA	Retreat from Multiculturalism

Professor Sir John Savill FMedSci FRSE	The Future of Medical Research
John Simpson CBE	Reporting the World
Professor Sir Drummond Bone	Byron: Art and Nature
Professor Sir Richard Evans	War in the Nazi Imagination
Professor Sir John Beddington CMG FRS	Managing Risk in Government
Jonathon Porritt	Will Today's 'Third Industrial Revolution' Deliver a Sustainable World?
Greg Dyke	What's Next in Television – Global, Local or Both?
Professor Martin Rees	Life in the Cosmos: from 'Big Bang' to Biosphere
Kevin Cahill CBE	Raising Money, Changing Lives... (and Having Fun Along the Way)
Lord Saville of Newdigate	The Conduct of a Public Inquiry
Shami Chakrabarti	Common Values: The State of Rights and Freedoms in Modern Britain
David Bellamy	Stitching Natural History Back Into Sustainable Order
Richard Thomas CBE	Putting People First
Dr Ian Johnston CB FRSA	Apprenticeship or University? The Wellbeing Choice for the Next Generation
Professor Sir James Underwood	The Matter of Life and Death: Ethics and the Human Body
Lord Puttnam of Queensgate CBE	New Ways of Learning in a Digital Age
Diarmuid Gavin	The Emergence of a Contemporary Garden
Baroness Susan Greenfield	The Future of the Brain
Lord Krebs FRS	Public Policy – How can Science Help?
Mark Jones	Museums in the 21st Century
Chris Cramer	Trust and Integrity in the Modern Media – Has the Media Lost the Message?
Sir Mike Tomlinson	Vocational Education should be a Rounded Education
The Hon Mr Justice Beatson	Judicial Independence and Accountability: Pressures and Opportunities
Sir Liam Donaldson	A Safer World for Healthcare
Professor Tim Burt	Long-term Monitoring of the Natural Environment: Perceptive Science or Mindless Monitoring?
Sir Michael Hopkins	Building in the Back Yard – Opportunities for Architecture in the 21st Century
Dr Peter Horbury	Aim for the Heart not the Head
Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys	Genetic Fingerprinting and Beyond
Baroness Estelle Morris	Amidst Great Changes... What Might Higher Education Look Like at the End of the Decade?
Professor Sir David Williams	Public Order and Freedom of Expression

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