



## Inspirational thinking right on your doorstep

Distinguished Lectures have been one of the key features of university life for centuries. They offer us all 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. Here you'll find details of upcoming lectures and a brief outline of lecturers who have graced us with their presence in the past.

## Be inspired

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

Please visit [www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/distinguishedlectures) to reserve tickets, or for more information.

## Dates for your diary

**Professor Sir Christopher Frayling**

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## Professor Sir Christopher Frayling

### ***Slaying the Sixth Giant: reflections on the public funding of the arts***

Until recently, Sir Christopher served as Rector of the Royal College of Art and Chair of the Arts Council England.

Sir Christopher is an award-winning broadcaster on network radio and television, and author of 21 books on the arts, design and popular culture.

He has chaired numerous arts committees, including the Design Council, the Royal Mint Advisory Committee and the Crafts Study Centre.

Sir Christopher is currently Professor Emeritus of Cultural History at the Royal College of Art, Fellow of Churchill College Cambridge and Visiting Professor at the University of Lancaster.

Sir Christopher was knighted in 2001 for Services to Art and Design Education. He was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Art (DArt), from Nottingham Trent University in November 2013.

#### Lecture synopsis:

The welfare state in the post-war period set out to slay the “five giants of physical poverty”. It also set out to slay a sixth giant – poverty of aspiration – through, among other things, the public funding of the arts. Seventy years on, it is time to take stock, learn lessons and examine this “great experiment”.

This lecture is held in conjunction with our celebration of 170 years of Art and Design in Nottingham. Our School of Art & Design has educational roots dating back to the formation of the Nottingham Government School of Design in 1843. Please visit [www.ntu170years.co.uk](http://www.ntu170years.co.uk) for more information and details of both our celebratory and future-focused events throughout 2014 and into 2015.

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## Michael Wood

### ***Travels in Time***

For over thirty years, historian and broadcaster Michael Wood has made compelling journeys into the past, bringing history alive for generations of readers and viewers.

He is the author of several books on English history including *In Search of the Dark Ages*, *Domesday*, and *In Search of England*, and over one hundred documentary films, among them *In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great* and *The Story of India*. His *Story of England* told the tale of one village, Kibworth in Leicestershire, through British history, and his most recent work is the television series *King Alfred and the Anglo-Saxons*.

Michael is currently working on a major BBC TV series *The Story of China* for transmission at the end of 2015.

Michael was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Oriel College Oxford, where he did postgraduate research in Anglo-Saxon history in the Viking Age, on which he has written many academic articles. His most recent contribution in this field is "King Athelstan's Psalter" in *1000 Years of Royal Books and Manuscripts* (British Library 2014). His study of the first king of England, *The Lost Life of King Athelstan*, is to be published by Oxford University Press in 2014-15.

Michael is Professor of Public History at the University of Manchester, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the Royal Society of Arts and the Society of Antiquaries, as well as a governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

#### Lecture synopsis:

With clips from over thirty years of documentary filmmaking, Michael will talk about making history on television and reflect on why history matters to us.

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## Professor Dame Carol Black DBE FRCP FMedSci

### ***Work. Friend or Foe to Health?***

Professor Dame Carol Black has been Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge since September 2012. She is also expert adviser on Health and Work to the Department of Health, England, Chairman of the Nuffield Trust, and Chairman of the Governance Board of the Centre for Workforce Intelligence. In November 2011, as co-chair, she completed an independent review for the UK Government of sickness absence in Britain, to which the Government has recently responded.

Professor Black is a past President of the Royal College of Physicians, of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, and of the British Lung Foundation. The Centre she established at the Royal Free Hospital in London is internationally renowned for research and treatment of connective tissue diseases such as scleroderma.

Since the early 1990s, Professor Black has worked at board level in a number of organisations, including the Royal Free Hospital Hampstead NHS Trust, the Health Foundation, the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, and the Imperial College Healthcare Charity, and she has chaired the UK Health Honours Committee. She has been a member of several national committees aiming to improve healthcare, is a foreign affiliate of the US Institute of Medicine, and has been awarded many honorary degrees and fellowships.

#### **Lecture abstract:**

*For moral, social and economic reasons, it is a major aim of government policy to safeguard and maintain the health and wellbeing of people of working age, and to support and enable people with health conditions to enter and remain in work, and to return to work after sickness absence. The necessary trend to extend working life in an ageing population heightens the importance of these issues, now and in the longer term.*

*Numerous factors, many operating from early life, influence health and employment outcomes, productivity and economic performance. An important step in addressing these factors and answering the problems has been to see health and work as a collaborative enterprise. It is an enterprise in which Government, health, healthcare and social agencies, welfare agencies, employers and individuals each recognise their responsibilities for enabling productive and rewarding work for people with physical and mental health problems, while also safeguarding and promoting sustained good health in those who are well. Bad work is bad for health.*

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## Gavin Esler

### ***The Power of Stories***

Gavin Esler is an award-winning television and radio broadcaster, journalist and author.

He is a presenter on *Dateline London* on BBC World and the BBC News Channel, and he has presented numerous other TV and radio programmes ranging from *Newsnight* to *Breakfast News*.

Gavin began his journalism career with *The Belfast Telegraph* and then moved to the BBC, where he became chief North America correspondent (1989-97). He has reported from countries as diverse as China, Peru, Argentina, Cuba, Brazil, Russia, Jordan, Iran and Saudi Arabia, and from the Aleutian Islands.

He has interviewed world leaders such as Margaret Thatcher, David Cameron, Gordon Brown, Tony Blair, John Major, King Abdullah of Jordan, Jacques Chirac, Giscard d'Estaing, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter and Shimon Peres.

Gavin is a frequent newspaper and magazine columnist with publications including *The Scotsman*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Mail on Sunday*, *The Mirror*, *The Independent*, *La Vie*, and *The New Statesman*. He is also the author of five novels, and a non-fiction book about the United States, *The United States of Anger*. His most recent book *Lessons from the Top – the Three Stories that Every Leader Tells* is based on his encounters with many current and past world leaders.

He is a BAFTA member, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and the holder of a Royal Television Society award for a documentary about the Aleutian Islands. In 2007, he was also awarded a Sony Gold Award for a radio documentary on a prisoner held without trial in Guantanamo Bay, Sami al Hajj. After the broadcast Mr al Hajj was released and is now a free man.

Gavin became Chancellor of the University of Kent in January 2014.

#### Lecture synopsis:

From over 30 years' experience of interviewing presidents, prime ministers and world-famous figures, such as Angela Merkel, Bill Clinton and Margaret Thatcher, Gavin has learnt that great leaders have always understood the power of stories. In his lecture, Gavin will discuss the three stories every leader tells to encourage other people to follow them.

#### Date for your diary

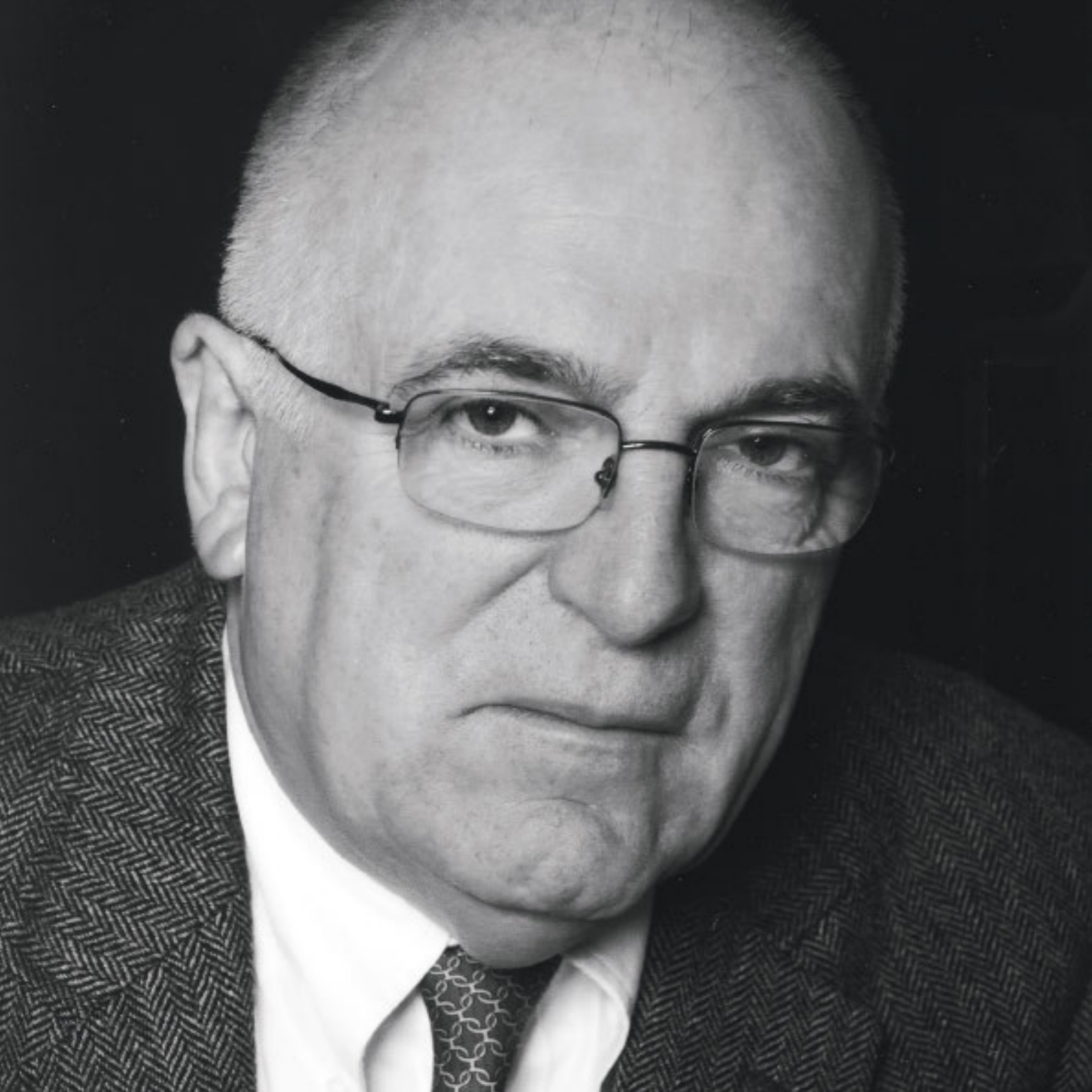
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Sir Richard Dearlove KCMG OBE

***Intelligence collection in a time of disclosure***

Sir Richard is currently the Master of Pembroke College Cambridge. His tenure at Pembroke is now in its ninth year.

Prior to this, Sir Richard served as Chief (known as C) of the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) from August 1999 until his retirement in July 2004. For the preceding five years he was Director of Operations and, from 1998, Assistant Chief.

As Director of Finance, Administration and Personnel, Sir Richard also oversaw the move of SIS into its new headquarters at Vauxhall Cross in 1994.

A career intelligence officer of thirty-eight years standing, he served in Nairobi, Prague, Paris, Geneva and Washington as well as in a number of key London-based posts.

Sir Richard is a trustee of Kent School, Connecticut, Honorary Fellow of Queens' College Cambridge, Senior Adviser to several international companies, including the revamped AIG, Chairman of Ascot Underwriting and a Director of Kosmos Energy.

**Lecture synopsis:**

The lecture will examine the current and future role of Britain's intelligence and security community in the face of the problems caused by recent disclosures and the pressure for greater transparency and accountability.

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# Past lectures

The Distinguished Lecture Series continues to bring high-profile guest speakers to the University. 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.

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Baroness Sue Campbell CBE	<i>Creating a winning culture</i>
Sir Mark Walport FRS FMedSci	<i>Big Data: big opportunities, big brother or big trouble?</i>
Sir Christopher Hum KCMG	<i>Living with the dragon: China in today's world</i>
Professor Sir Albert Aynsley-Green Kt	<i>Have we been failing our children and young people on a grand scale?</i>
Professor Sir Peter Rubin	<i>Doctors aren't what they used to be</i>
Professor Lord Bhikhu Parekh FBA	<i>Retreat from Multiculturalism</i>
Professor Sir John Savill FMedSci FRSE	<i>The Future of Medical Research</i>
John Simpson CBE	<i>Reporting the World</i>
Professor Sir Drummond Bone	<i>Byron: Art and Nature</i>
Professor Sir Richard Evans	<i>War in the Nazi Imagination</i>
Professor Sir John Beddington CMG FRS	<i>Managing Risk in Government</i>
Jonathon Porritt	<i>Will Today's 'Third Industrial Revolution' Deliver a Sustainable World?</i>
Greg Dyke	<i>What's Next in Television – Global, Local or Both?</i>
Professor Martin Rees	<i>Life in the Cosmos: from 'Big Bang' to Biosphere</i>

Kevin Cahill CBE	<i>Raising Money, Changing Lives... (and Having Fun Along the Way)</i>
Lord Saville of Newdigate	<i>The Conduct of a Public Inquiry</i>
Shami Chakrabarti	<i>Common Values: The State of Rights and Freedoms in Modern Britain</i>
David Bellamy	<i>Stitching Natural History Back Into Sustainable Order</i>
Richard Thomas CBE	<i>Putting People First</i>
Dr Ian Johnston CB FRSA	<i>Apprenticeship or University? The Well-being Choice for the Next Generation</i>
Professor Sir James Underwood	<i>The Matter of Life and Death: Ethics and the Human Body</i>
Lord Puttnam of Queensgate CBE	<i>New Ways of Learning in a Digital Age</i>
Diarmuid Gavin	<i>The Emergence of a Contemporary Garden</i>
Baroness Susan Greenfield	<i>The Future of the Brain</i>
Lord Krebs FRS	<i>Public Policy – How can Science Help?</i>
Mark Jones	<i>Museums in the 21st Century</i>
Chris Cramer	<i>Trust and Integrity in the Modern Media – Has the Media Lost the Message?</i>
Sir Mike Tomlinson	<i>Vocational Education should be a Rounded Education</i>
The Hon. Mr Justice Beatson	<i>Judicial Independence and Accountability: Pressures and Opportunities</i>
Sir Liam Donaldson	<i>A Safer World for Healthcare</i>
Professor Tim Burt	<i>Long-term Monitoring of the Natural Environment: Perceptive Science or Mindless Monitoring?</i>
Sir Michael Hopkins	<i>Building in the Back Yard – Opportunities for Architecture in the 21st Century</i>
Dr Peter Horbury	<i>Aim for the Heart not the Head</i>
Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys	<i>Genetic Fingerprinting and Beyond</i>
Baroness Estelle Morris	<i>Amidst Great Changes... what might higher education look like at the end of the decade?</i>
Professor Sir David Williams	<i>Public Order and Freedom of Expression</i>

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