



Innovative Learning Week

20 - 24 February 2012

Politics & IR
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Graduate School
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International Development
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SPS are pleased to announce their schedule for Innovative Learning Week, a University-wide initiative to provide students with the opportunity to participate in events that are experimental, innovative and fun but which also enhance skills which are relevant to employability.

Amongst the events will be opportunities to engage with public, community and university issues, from sustainability to binge-drinking. Some events are open lectures in topics far from your field of study which you are welcome to attend and enhance your perspective on key issues. Numbers next to the titles indicate there is more information about the event at the end of the document.

The value of ILW is increased by the opportunity to listen to different opinions and perspectives and interact with other people from different fields of knowledge and experience.

You will see that most events have a colour associated with them. This indicates the organising subject area of the particular event. Where that event stretches across all columns, it means it is an open event available to students outside of the organising subject area. Why not listen and participate in a discussion that will be only be enhanced with the various perspectives of different disciplines. Look carefully in the additional information at the end of the document to see if you need to reserve free tickets.

MONDAY, 20 February 2012

09:30 am - 10:00 am		Opening Innovative Learning Week Introduction to the weeks events Coffee/Tea served in the CMB Foyer
10:00 am - 12:00 pm		Justin Kenrick: Innovating Transition - Research in practice¹ Part One Organised mainly for International Development students to give people a sense of how activism and community development happens. Fieldwork takes place during the week with Part Two on Friday (Sem Rms 1 & 2 CMB)
10:00 am - 12:30 am		Op-ed Writing workshop² CHSS Press and PR Officer, Edd McCracken Seminar Rm 6 CMB Free tickets (maximum of 30 places) on first-come-first-served basis. Email ruth.nicol@ed.ac.uk
10:00 am - 11:30 am		Film Screening: The Joy of Stats by Hans Rosling (90mins) Even the most worldly and well-traveled among us will have their perspectives shifted by Hans Rosling. His current work focuses on dispelling common myths about the so-called developing world , which (he points out) is no longer worlds away from the West. In fact, most of the Third World is on the same trajectory toward health and prosperity, and many countries are moving twice as fast as the west did. Swedish academic superstar Hans Rosling uses the power of statistics to change our understanding of global development over the last 300 years. From the bowels of some of the world's greatest supercomputers to the frontlines of scientific discovery, Hans exposes the explosive growth of an extraordinary new method of understanding ourselves and our Universe. An Open Discussion afterwards will be led by Professor John MacInnes 6th floor Common Room, CMB - Not ticketed - just turn up

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MONDAY, 20 February 2012 ... continued

10:00am - 11.30 am		<p style="text-align: center;">Beholder: Part 1 An exhibition exploring taste and subjectivity in the visual arts. Talbot Rice Gallery (Organiser: Dr Richard Braxstrom) Not ticketed - just turn up</p>
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Alumni & Careers in Social & Political Science Plenary Session introduced by Neil Thin followed by presentation from Careers Specialist for Social & Political Sciences, Lizzie Mortimer Seminar Rms 1 & 2 Not ticketed - just turn up</p>	
2:30pm - 3:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Future Prospects Panel A panel of SSPS graduates talk about their work and how their Degree fit into what they do</p> <p>Andrew Lyon³ - International Futures Forum Nils Cornelissen⁴ - McKinsey and Company Adam Smith⁵ - Lothian and Border Police John Ireland⁶ Scottish Gov't gsi Richard Rollinson - Civil servant with the Scottish Government Lucie Stewart⁷ -Proctor & Gamble Gina Novak⁸ - Children's voluntary sector Andrew Anderson⁹ - Frontline Defenders.org</p>	
	<p>Short Break to formulate questions for panel</p>	
3.20 pm - 4.30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: What future life processes, careers and outcomes are there for Social and Political Science Graduates. Chaired by Lizzie Mortimer</p>	
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Open networking - an opportunity for further discussions plus Careers Advice Drop-in</p>	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Graduate School Student Society Event</p>	

TUESDAY, 21 February 2012

10:00 am - 12:00 am	Poster Sessions & Exhibits Open	<p align="center">Discussion on Scottish Independence with Professor Charlie Jeffery¹⁰ Organiser: Nicola McEwen (Seminar Room 1 & 2) Not ticketed - just turn up</p>	
11:00 am - 13:00 pm		<p>International Development - Careers Event This offers students of International Development an opportunity to hear from speakers now working in the field about their career path and experiences. Presentations will be followed by an informal question and answer session. (Organiser: Tobias Kelly) 6th Flr Common Room, CMB</p>	
11:00am - 12:00 pm		<p>Action Research: Street-Level Attitudes to Social Work and Social Workers. Part 1. (questionnaire discussion and compilation) (Organiser: Gary Clapton) Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower</p>	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm		<p align="center">Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll and Sociology¹¹ Led by Prof. John MacInnes Seminar Rm 5 CMB</p>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm		<p align="center">“The World Beyond Edinburgh”¹² Honours students Emily Beggins & Charlotte Lelong talk about working with the Zambia Book Bus Project (Sem Rm 6, CMB) Not ticketed, just turn up</p>	
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm		<p align="center">A Massacre Foretold¹³ Documentary film by Nick Higgins released 10 years after the Acteal massacre in Chiapas, Mexico with a discussion by the filmmaker Robson Building Lecture Theatre</p>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm		<p align="center">Beholder: Part 2. Following on from yesterday, short presentations will be given regarding material culture, the status of “the beholder” and the audience, etc. Afterwards, participants then will work together in teams at ECA to formulate their own responses to the exhibit and will produce works to be then displayed at ECA for the duration of the ILW (Studio, Edinburgh College of Art)</p>	
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm		<p align="center">Zine-making workshop Collaborative Zine-Making Workshop: Learn about self-publishing as a feminist teaching and learning tool. Organiser: Feminist Reading Group FemJoy, a small post-graduate reading and peer supervision group. Not ticketed, just turn up 6th Flr Common Room, CMB</p>	
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm		<p align="center">International Development Poster Competition Do you think you can do better than NGOs, Government or UN agencies in creating an awareness raising poster? This competition invites groups to use their knowledge and creativity to design a poster drawing attention to any aspect of international development. All posters will be printed and displayed in the Foyer of CMB on Monday the 19th of March, where a prize will be awarded to the team with the best poster. http://edinburgh-university-89.eventbrite.co.uk/ (Organiser: Lucy Lowe) (Seminar rooms 1 & 2, CMB)</p>	

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm		<p align="center">Paper Birds Theatre Group presents: Thirsty¹⁴</p> <p>Based on our nations love affair with alcohol, Thirsty weaves together real stories, memories and booze based confessions, collected from a 'drunken hotline' and an online questionnaire. Fusing live music, verbatim text and stunning physical theatre, The Paper Birds explore the stories and social repercussions of lost memories and gained traumas, bruised knees, uncontrollable laughter, urine stained beds and sore heads, particularly focusing on the women waving the flag for 'Booze-Britain.'</p> <p>A dynamic theatrical exploration delving beyond statistics, facts and figures Thirsty looks to the faces and the voices of everyone who likes a drink and asks why, as a Nation, are we so thirsty?</p> <p align="center">The play will be followed by an open discussion on Binge-drinking and Intoxication led by Dr Angus Bancroft</p> <p align="center">(George Square Lecture Theatre) N.B. This is a free event open to all</p>
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WEDNESDAY, 22 February 2012

10:00 am - 11.30 am		<p align="center">Understanding the Research Process¹³ Hosted by the Politics & IR Society, open to all Sem Room 2 CMB</p>
10:30 am - 12:00 pm		<p align="center">Eye on the Planet: Evoking Wonder to Lead to Change¹⁶ Using clips from the beautiful film Home and The Awakening Universe we will explore what motivates us to become engaged in Sustainability. The film offers perspective on this critical time we are living in. Without learning to appreciate the natural world with a sense of wonder, how can we truly hope to defend it? (6th Flr Common Rm, CMB) Open to all Organiser: Ali Newell & Briana Pegado acknowledged by Neil Thin</p>
11:00am - 12:00 pm	Poster Sessions & Exhibits Open	<p>Action Research: Street-level attitudes to social work and social workers . Part 2 (data collection) (Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower)</p>
12:00pm - 2:00pm		<p align="center">Social Policy Birthday Party: Social/networking event 6th Floor Common Room CMB</p>
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm		<p align="center">Crystal Macmillan - The Woman, The Legacy Talk by Helen Kay, Researcher and Fiona Mackay followed by a staff/student panel on the theme "what does CM mean to me (and my work)" Seminar Rooms 1 & 2 CMB Not ticketed - just turn up - Open to all</p>
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm		<p align="center">Childhood Studies Jamboree Advanced postgraduate students and early career researchers share their research methodologies and practice/ policy interactions with students who are earlier on in their academic studies. Followed by Networking until 6pm Kay Tisdall organising Ochil & Torridon Rms Charles Stewart House, Chamber St.</p>
2:30pm - 4:00 pm **New Time ** re-scheduled from morning		<p align="center">"Desert Island Monographs" Social Anthropology event open to all Run by Dr. Magnus Course 6th Floor Common Room CMB</p>
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm		<p align="center">Edinburgh University Debates Union: Public Debate on Scottish Independence Teviot Dining Room For more information visit the EUSA website http://eusalive.co.uk/whats-on/event/1456/public-debate-this-house-believes-that-scotland-should-have-independence/</p>

THURSDAY, 23 February 2012

10.00 am - 1.00 pm	<p align="center">The Real Edinburgh: Bus Tour of Suburban Estates Identifying Tenure Change and Regeneration. Led by Paul Crompton 45 spaces are available with priority given to Social Policy undergraduates and postgraduates. Register your interest by emailing l.angus@ed.ac.uk</p>	
11:00am - 12:00 pm	<p>Action Research: Street-level attitudes to social work and social workers Part 3 (analysis & report) (Faculty Room South, David Hume Tower)</p>	
11.00 am - 12.30 pm	<p align="center">Tales of the Unexpected: The Anthropologist Diaries From European city squares to African jungles and Brazilian villages, anthropologists study anything and everything. Student and professional anthropologists tell stories about life in the field and its adventures and practicalities. Come and ask questions about dealing with surprises, the academic environment or anything else you're curious about. Organisers: Lucy Lowe & Sylvia Seldon 6th Floor Common Room, CMB</p>	
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	<p align="center">Film Screening: When China met Africa¹⁷ Fly-on-the-wall documentary following a Chinese project in Zambia to illustrate the Afro-Sino relationship. Open to Asian Studies and African Studies students also. Followed by discussion led by Dr Sara Dorman Lecture Theatre B, DHT Not ticketed - just turn up</p>	
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	<p align="center">The Politics of Protest Reading of an abridged version of a play about Chrystal Macmillan (a gradualist, reformist) and her fellow activist Flora Drummond who was a revolutionary suffragette. Followed by a panel and audience discussion about different sorts of strategies for effecting social and political change and attendant dilemmas. 6th Floor Common Room CMB – not ticketed, just turn up</p>	
5.00 pm - 8.00 pm	<p align="center">'First Contact' The Social Anthropology Society shows the 1983 film by Bob Connolly and Robin Anderson - an ethnographic classic - which recounts the 'discovery' of a native population in the Papua New Guinean highlands in the 1930s by three Australians in search of gold. 6th floor Common Room, CMB - not ticketed, just turn up</p>	

FRIDAY, 24 February 2012

10.00 am - 11.30 am	<p align="center">Film Screening: The Most Dangerous Man¹⁸ This straightforward history lesson casts Daniel Ellsberg and his leaked Pentagon Papers as the first shot in the war that brought down the Nixon regime. Discussion follows. ** (Lecture Theatre 1, Appleton Tower) ** new venue</p>	
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p align="center">Justin Kenrick: Innovating Transition **Revised Event Outline** A run through of a more practical outline of what Transition is about i) the need to rapidly shift our systems of energy and food production, our systems of care and education, from being dependent on high energy inputs to being relocalised, resilient and sustainable; and (ii) a movement that draws inspiration from common regimes across the world in seeking to attempt this, based on a very different sense of what the self, society and development is about. Followed by open discussion on: (i) how our research might be informed by it, and how our research might help to make that transition possible; and (ii) the broader economic/ political global seizure taking place - the threats and opportunities this presents for human well-being, and how our research fits into this picture. (Sem Rm 2 CMB)</p>	

12:00 pm - 14:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Food of the World</p> <p>SocAnthSoc invites you to bring a sample of a food or drink from the place you're from, a place you've studied or just a place you love, to a 'potluck' feast. It is a chance to sample different dishes and to share stories about their origins, names and traditions. Professor Francesca Bray will add more flavour with a few words about the anthropology of food.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All welcome. 6th Floor Common Room, CMB</p>
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">'Working in Government'¹⁹ Discussion with Sarah Smith of the Scottish Government (Sem Room 1, CMB)</p>

¹ **Innovating Transition - Research in Practice:** This project will offer students the chance to work in twos or threes to explore the relevance of their international development, social anthropology or sustainable development courses to real world situations. It will provide an opportunity to think through how you would bring a constructively critical social science perspective to bear in working with communities or projects in the Global North or South.

It is highly experimental in that - drawing on a range of methodologies, theories and ethnographies, and for the purposes of creating an innovative learning environment - I have invented something called 'Transition theory' to act as the lens through which we will develop a theoretical, methodological and practical way of engaging with social contexts, and proposing ways of enabling those contexts to thrive. For some, these contexts might become the focus of their dissertations

This workshop is relevant thematically to students on post-graduate programmes relating to development, sustainability, social anthropology and sociology. Undergraduate students doing Social Anthropology with Development will also benefit together with any third-years intending to write dissertations on development or environmental justice themes. Places are limited, book online <http://edinburgh-university-87.eventbrite.co.uk/>

² **Writing Workshop:** The op-ed is the media's conscience. It is the part of the newspaper, magazine or website that does not simply report the news; the op-ed gives an opinion on it. It condenses an informed world view into 500 crisp, punchy, and entertaining words. This session will explain how major media outlets do just that. It will give pointers on what makes great journalism, major pitfalls, and tips to tighten up your writing. It will give examples of the variety of op-ed styles, from the emotional to the prosaic, from the creative to the blunt. Finally, it will challenge you to write your own op-ed piece in under an hour. Aimed primarily at Politics & International Relations students, this event has a maximum capacity of 30 participants. Secure your place on a first-come-first served basis by emailing ruth.nicol@ed.ac.uk

Careers/Alumni Speakers

³ Andrew Lyon is the converger of the international futures forum where he works in a range of contexts on intractable problems. He has worked on the World Health Organisation Healthy Cities Project in Glasgow Europe and Bangladesh and on sustainable development He has been a volunteer all of his adult life and currently serves on the board of several charities. He is happy to try and answer questions on anything.

⁴ Nils Cornelissen works as a Senior Practice Expert in McKinsey's Organization Practice. Since joining the consulting Firm after his degree from Edinburgh University (M.A. Joint Honours Sociology and Psychology) in 2003 has increasingly focused his client work and research on leadership, change management, as well as performance and talent management.

⁵ Adam Smith is a Police Officer with Lothian and Borders Police. He has worked in emergency response and community policing (working with partner public and voluntary sector agencies), also completing a secondment to the Prince's Trust as a Team Leader.

⁶ John Ireland heads the Low Carbon Economy Division in the Scottish Government. He previously headed the multi-disciplinary Education Analytical Services Division within the Scottish Government

⁷ Lucie Stewart studied Economics and Sociology, and was a keen member of the athletic club. Currently, she works as an Account Manager in Customer Business Development at Proctor and Gamble with three main aspects to her job: Account Management, Recruitment, and Charity Project Management.

⁸ Gina Novak is the National Coordinator for 'No Knives, Better Lives', the Scottish Government's anti-knife crime initiative for young people. With a background in policy, public affairs and research, having worked for bodies including Barnardos, the Scottish Parliament and YouthLink Scotland, she is happy to talk/ answer questions about working in the voluntary sector or policy/ public affairs fields more generally.

⁹ Andrew Anderson is Deputy Director at Front Line Defenders and is happy to talk/answer questions about working in the human rights field generally. He used to work at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International where he was Director of Campaigning and Crisis Response and then Director of the Africa Programme.

¹⁰ **Discussion with Professor Charlie Jeffery: "Independence" Scottish Devolution** - What would happen if Scots vote for Independence in 2014? This event will explore the aftermath of a majority vote for Independence. Students will be divided into groups, each with a stake in the outcome of independence negotiations. Each group will devise a strategy, based on its interpretation of the result and its interests and stake in the issue. Group strategies may also be shaped by ongoing events.

Groups will include those within the UK - the Scottish Government, the UK Government, the Labour Party, the devolved administrations, the Armed Forces, the Bank of England, etc - as well as those outside of the UK who have an interest in the outcome - e.g. the European Commission, NATO, the Spanish government, and the governments of Scotland's near neighbours, including the Republic of Ireland and the Scandinavian countries etc.

The event will be moderated by Dr Nicola McEwen, Professor Charlie Jeffery (both School of Social and Political Science), and Greg Black (Politics Honours student). We will also play the role of journalists, to interpret and report events as they unfold, and to keep things interesting! Not ticketed - just turn up

¹¹ **Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll and Sociology:** Popular music often reflects and gives us new insights into the society in which it is produced. Professor John MacInnes will look at the early career of Bob Dylan and the story of Motown records in Detroit in the context of the struggle for black civil rights in the US in the 1960s, and how this influenced and was itself influenced by, groups like the Rolling Stones and the Beatles. Not ticketed - just turn up

¹² **Zambian Book Bus Project:** "Working as volunteers in a Zambian UNHCR refugee camp last summer for The Book Bus, a registered charity, proved to be the most unique experience in either of our lives. We came away from our time spent in Meheba, Zambia with a deep respect for the resilience of refugees and an understanding of the Great Lakes refugee crisis. We also came away with new-found friends, both from within the camp as well as our fellow volunteers. As International Relations students, we enriched our knowledge by observing and participating in international development, adding validity to our studies. We saw the positives and the negatives of international intervention in the camp and the interplay of governments in the global arena. Instead of pursuing an internship for International Relations in a developed city's headquarters, we were able to have a hands-on impact that gave us real skills for a future in International Relations. We are still in contact with the friends we made in Meheba, sending them packages, emails and letters to keep their spirits up. This communication helps us maintain the connection we made with individuals in the camp and gives us the platform to advocate for them. We hope that those who study Politics, International Relations, etc. will look into experiences like this in the future as an avenue for change and to deepen their understanding of Politics as we know it through University." The Zambian Book Bus Project is not ticketed - just turn up.

¹³ **A Massacre Foretold:** On 22 December 1997, forty-five indigenous residents of the small Southern Mexican village of Acteal were attending a prayer meeting in their village church when they were slaughtered by unknown paramilitary forces. They were members of the pacifist group Las Abejas (The Bees), who were supporters of the revolutionary Zapatistas but renounced their violent methods. The investigation into their deaths quickly went suspiciously cold...

Scottish documentary maker Nick Higgins, an expert on Mexican culture and politics and the author of "Understanding the Chiapas Rebellion", attains unprecedented access to the place, the people, and the story behind a barely-reported atrocity. Dr. Nick Higgins is the programme director of the University's new post-graduate degrees in Media, Culture and Practice and Trans-disciplinary Documentary Film. see

<http://tiny.cc/media-culture-practice> The film trailer can be seen here at www.massacreforetold.com and here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yt3y97e5pc>
Tickets for the film - free but limited - click on <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/2846284313?ref=elink>

¹⁴ **Paper Birds Theatre Group Presents: Thirsty.** The Paper Birds strive to create and share devised work that is important; work that is culturally, socially and politically observational and conversationally urgent. "Terrifically sharp, vibrantly choreographed and sensitively paced, poignant without getting preachy" The Independent on Sundays 'Top 5 Theatre Recommendations' of The Edinburgh Fringe. **** Shortlisted for The Observers 'Best Double-act 2011' "An energetic rollercoaster ride through the reasons that make so many of us reach for the bottle and, exuberantly performed". The Telegraph "The Paper Birds are expert theatre makers". Total Theatre. To give us an idea of numbers we request you book your free tickets on <http://edinburgh-university-88.eventbrite.co.uk/> or alternatively just turn up on the night. This is an Edinburgh fringe show free to University students as part of Innovative Learning Week.

¹⁵ **Understanding the Research Process with Dr Andrew Neal:** What does academic research involve? How does the process from 'interesting idea' to 'published output' work? What issues and challenges does the social science researcher encounter? The staff-student relationship tends to revolve around lecturing; seminars and course work. This is however only one aspect of what being an academic is about. An equally important part of the workload is the research that staff carries out but students may not always be aware of what 'doing research' entails. The purpose of this event is to bring the research process closer to the students and to introduce them to the practicalities of conducting academic research. A further aim is that this event continues beyond Innovative Learning Week thus exposing students to the large variety of research projects that are in progress in the School. Not ticketed - just turn up.

¹⁶ **Eye on the Planet: Evoking Wonder to Lead to Change:** Sustainable Development Hons student Briana Pegado and the Reverend Ali Newell, Associate Chaplain invite you to share your wonder of the natural planet and discuss how that wonder can change attitudes to our environmental, economic, and social responsibilities. Two beautiful film clips form the backdrop to the discussion where we are given the unique opportunity to witness our changing environment from an entirely new vantage point. To view the full film after the event, you can find 'Home' on You Tube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqxENMKaeCU> and 'The Awakening Universe' <http://awakeninguniverse.com> We are very excited that the filmmaker for Awakening Universe, Neal Robin has given us his special permission to show his film saying, "Best wishes for the success of your important work. I am pleased and proud to have a small part".

¹⁷ **"When China Met Africa" – documentary film:** "When China met Africa" is an award-winning documentary that looks at recent Chinese investments in Zambia from a grassroots perspective, allowing viewers to reflect and interrogate their assumptions and expectations of this significant presence, and its implications for development, politics and more. Not ticketed - just turn up.

18 Most Dangerous Man in America" - documentary film: A story of leaked documents, whistle-blowers and US engagement in an overseas war...long before Wikileaks, Henry Kissinger called Daniel Ellsberg "the most dangerous man in America". Ellsberg leaked the Pentagon Papers to the New York Times in 1971, leading to Watergate and US withdrawal from Vietnam. This award-winning story speaks to questions about accountability, democracy and the rise of presidential power. A must see! Not ticketed - just turn up

¹⁹ **Working in Government" - discussion with Sarah Smith of the Scottish Government:**

As Director for the Scottish Government's Learning Directorate, Sarah has prime responsibility for Scottish Government policy on school-based learning and national qualifications, through partnership working and shared priorities, as encapsulated by the Curriculum for Excellence. Her previous positions in Scottish Government include being Director, Strategy and Ministerial Support Directorate, providing support to the Cabinet and the Strategic Board, heading up the central Strategy and Delivery Units and leading the team dealing with UK relations, honours and protocol. Prior to that, Smith worked in the UK Government, mostly in relation to international affairs. In the UK Department for International Development, she headed up the Eastern Asia and Pacific Department - dealing with the development programme in China and the Pacific; and the Latin American and Caribbean Section - dealing with the development programme in Bolivia, Peru and Brazil. In the UK Department for Transport, she headed up the international aviation branch dealing with air services negotiations with the US, Canada and the Caribbean; the international shipping branch dealing with EU shipping liberalisation negotiations; and was Principal Private Secretary to the then Minister for Aviation and Shipping.

Sarah also previously served as Vice-Principal at the University and she is currently a Visiting Professor in the University's Academy of Government. Not ticketed - just turn up