

EVENTS DIARY

SPRING 2021



JANUARY



CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE

HAVE WE FOUND

JESUS' HOUSE?

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF NAZARETH

An interview with Professor Ken Dark

Monday 25 January 19:30–21:00 on Zoom

Shortcut to Zoom meeting: u.nu/cafetheo

Registration is not necessary

Ken Dark has been conducting archaeological research in Nazareth and the Galilee since 2006. He will be discussing his recent discovery of the remains of a first-century house in Nazareth and his knowledge of the wider region. He is a University of Reading-based archaeologist whose other studies include Early Christian sites in Britain and Roman survivals at Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.



Café Théologique hosts termly talks exploring theological topics. Check the website for confirmation and other Spring events or email chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

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A BRITISH MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT LOAN

TROY: BEAUTY AND HEROISM

The Department of Classics at Reading is delighted to present an online seminar series to accompany an upcoming British Museum Spotlight Loan Troy: beauty and heroism, at the Ure Museum.

While this exhibition has now postponed until later in the year, this series of presentations. This series of presentations from Reading Classics' own scholars, as well as some special guests, explore the interconnectedness of ideas about beauty and heroism in relation to the epic tradition and its reception, throughout antiquity.

Interested individuals are welcome to join us online via Teams Wednesdays at 4pm, from 27 January to 25 March.

27-Jan: Ian Rutherford (Reading)
Beauty, proportion and the canon. What did the Greeks borrow from Egypt?

03-Feb: Amy Smith (Reading)
Beauty & heroism in the Amazonomachy

10-Feb: Claudina Romero Mayorga (Reading)
Who's the fairest of them all? The Judgement of Paris in Etruscan mirrors

17-Feb: Barbara Goff (Reading)
Helens: speeches and silences

24-Feb: Signe Barfoed (University of Oslo/Reading)
The white teeth of a boar of gleaming tusks: Boar-hunt and warrior ethos in Homer's world

03-Mar: Oliver Baldwin (Reading)
Penelope: Inward and outward beauty

10-Mar: James Lloyd (Reading)
Alexander the Great and the music of Paris and Achilles

17-Mar: Sonya Nevin (Panoply/University of Roehampton)
Beauty and Heroism in Panoply's Our Mythical Childhood animations'

25-Mar: Sophia Papaioannou (University of Athens)
*The charming artistry of competitive performance in Nonnus' *Dionysiaca* 19*

For more information or to book for this online seminar series please contact Professor Amy C. Smith, Curator of the Ure Museum, at a.c.smith@reading.ac.uk



Ure Museum
of Greek Archaeology



FEBRUARY



ANNUAL WOLFENDEN LECTURE:

WHY WE ARE NOT ALL EQUAL

With special guest, Hafsa Qureshi,
Stonewall Bi Role Model of the Year 2019

Wednesday 3 February 19:00–20:00 Online Event

As a modern society, we treat the problem of inequality as a thing of the past. This lecture will work to dispel the notion that equality has been achieved. We will look at the ways society has adapted the way we discriminate against one another, and what we can do to oppose this.

This special event is named in memory of Lord Wolfenden, who was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading from 1950–64. Lord Wolfenden chaired a committee that wrote the 1957 'Wolfenden Report', a key milestone in LGBT+ history in the UK.

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ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE:

SPORT AND COVID WHAT DO WE KNOW?

Wednesday 10 February 19:00–19:45



Sport, like most aspects of our lives, has been heavily disrupted by Covid-19. Even as a vaccine begins to be rolled out, sporting events are being cancelled, rescheduled, or adapted to fit Covid-19. Sport without fans has become normal, yet before March 2020 less than 200 elite football matches had ever taken place without fans in the stadium. Removing all fans has affected sports clubs financially, and arguably also on the field – a number of academic studies have shown that

this affects outcomes, especially for the visiting team. Sports events are mass events, and before now scant attention has been paid to their potential public health risk. Yet how much did they contribute to the first wave? Have they contributed at all in the second one? In this talk Professor James Reade, Head of Department of Economics, will review the evidence that has been accumulated over the last year.

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ONLINE ANNUAL EDITH MARY
GAYTON PUBLIC LECTURE:

**REGENERATIVE
AGRICULTURE
MANAGING THE FARM
CARBON FOOTPRINT**

**Tuesday 23 February
17:00–18:00**

Speaker: Jake Freestone
Farm Manager at Overbury Farms

To register please contact Teresa Hicks at
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ONLINE ANNUAL CHAPLAINCY
PUBLIC LECTURE:

THE MAKING OF DOMINION: AN INTERVIEW WITH TOM HOLLAND

Tuesday 23 February 19:00–20:15

Tom Holland is an award-winning historian, author and broadcaster. He will be discussing his most recent work, *Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind*.

'If great books encourage you to look at the world in an entirely new way, then Dominion is a very great book indeed',
Sunday Times History Book of the Year.

Previous works include *Rubicon: The Triumph and the Tragedy of the Roman Republic*; *Persian Fire*; and *In the Shadow of the Sword*. Holland has adapted Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides and Virgil for the BBC and his translation of Herodotus was published in 2013 by Penguin Classics. He is the presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Making History*.

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MARCH

GREAT DEBATE 2021: FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR WATER SUPPLY

Wednesday 10 March 19:00–20:00
Online Free Event

The UK water industry is facing many challenges and the success with which they are tackled will affect us all.

There is a poor match between water availability and demand in this country. Moving water about and treating it is complex. Population growth is putting ever greater pressure on supply and climate change may impact on availability. The water companies are overseen by three regulators: Ofwat, the economic regulator; the Environment Agency, the environmental regulator; and the Drinking Water Inspectorate, who ensure public health.

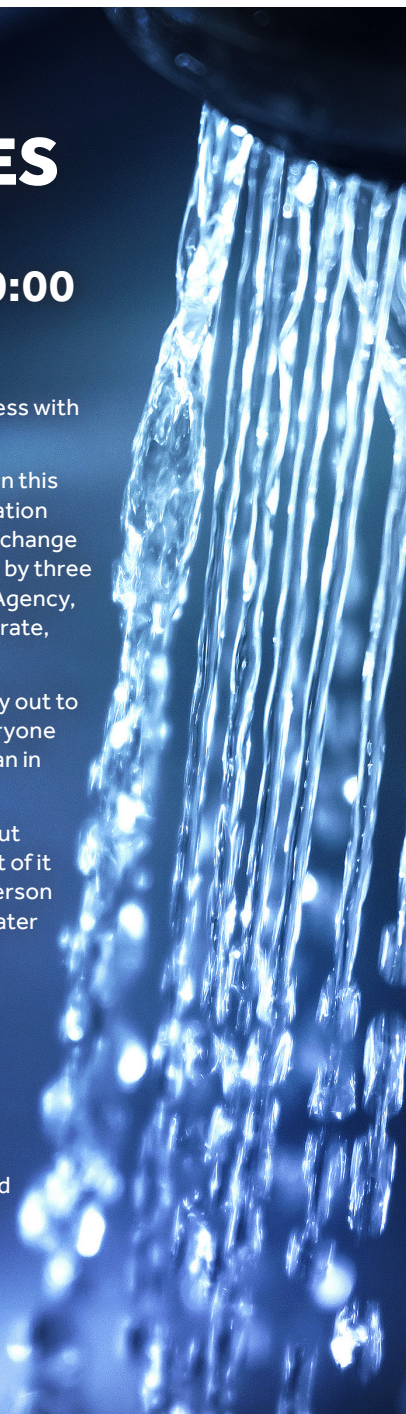
Today the water companies deliver safe, clean water, day in day out to millions of homes. They do it reliably and at a price almost everyone can afford. Service interruptions are rare. The last hosepipe ban in England was seven years ago.

Using less water and using it more efficiently is only partly about investment in infrastructure or technological innovation. Most of it is about changing human behaviour. At present the average person in the UK uses 140 litres of water a day: if we want long term water security, we need get that down to 100 litres or less.

This year's Great Debate event will have four speakers representing water operator, water regulator, drinking water inspectorate and water consultant / research authority. Speakers will then form a panel to respond to questions and comments from the online audience.

Topics to be covered will include: Water Recycling and Efficiency, Improving the Balance between Supply and Demand for Water, Maintaining and Improving Water Quality & Ageing Infrastructure and Asset Management

To book your place visit:
ice.org.uk/events/great-debate-water-supply-online



ONLINE PUBLIC LECTURE:

PREVENTING A CLOTTING CATASTROPHE: THE COVID CONNECTION

Wednesday 10 March 19:00–19:45

Talk given by Professor Jon Gibbins,
School of Biological Sciences.

Our blood needs to clot quickly when we injure ourselves to keep us safe but blood clotting sometimes happens where it shouldn't. If this is inside our veins and arteries, a process known as thrombosis occurs. While thrombosis is best known as the trigger for heart attacks and strokes, understanding unwanted clotting has become a major focus in 2020. Severe COVID-19 infection triggers clots to form in the lungs which are responsible for life-threatening impacts on lung function. In this lecture we will explore what we have discovered about how and why clot formation occurs in this context, and how we are using this knowledge to test the effects of existing medicines that could alleviate the most serious consequences of COVID-19 infection.

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