



**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**  
**School of Social Science and Global Studies**  
**Teaching - Research Day Programme**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**10.45 am to 11:00 am – Welcome** and introduction: Professor Shonil Bhagwat, SSGS Head of School, Mr Matt Staples, SSGS Director of Teaching, Prof. Jamie Gaskarth, SSGS Director of Research

**11:00 am to 11:40 pm – Morning Discipline Session:** each of the eight parallel sessions will offer a mix of lecture/presentation and interaction/discussion with students

**Development Policy and Practice**

- **Matt Staples:** 'Soft power and the battle for influence in West Africa'

**Geography**

- **Dr Ruth Slatter:** 'Faith and friendship, and the geographical proximity of friendship networks'

**POLIS – Politics and International Studies**

- **Dr Precious Chatterje-Doody and Dr Filippo Boni:** 'Russia's invasion of Ukraine'

**Philosophy**

- **Dr Jon Pike:** 'What does "fairness" in sport amount to?'

**Religious Studies**

- **Dr David Robertson:** 'How does the study of religion help us to understand conspiracy theories like QAnon or the antivaccine movement?'

**Social Policy and Criminology**

- **Dr Matthew Cole:** 'How can theoretical concepts like 'power' and 'discourse' help us research harms against nonhuman animals?'

**Sociology**

- **Professor Sophie Watson:** 'Key ideas of Sociology in our contemporary world'

**11:40 am to 12:00 pm – Learn about our 2022 Teaching Lab Student Arts Competition** and tell us what you would like to see in 2023: Dr Maria Nita, Teaching Lab Lead, Centre for Global Challenges and Social Justice

**12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – Come to a careers and library session whilst you are eating your lunch.** From 12:00 pm meet with our dedicated team who will talk about ‘careers and employability for SSGS students’; from 12:30 pm our library staff will talk about and take questions on ‘how can the library help you with your own independent research’

**1:00 pm to 1.50 pm – Afternoon Themed Session:** each of the four parallel sessions consists of two 15-minute talks and 20 minutes for discussion with students

#### **Session A: Climate, Technology, Sustainability**

- Dr Les Levidow, *Development Policy and Practice*: 'Digital storytelling and local food-growing initiatives'
- Dr Maria Nita, *Religious Studies*: Green Christians and Muslims – what can religious communities teach us about sustainability?'

#### **Session B: Health, Wellbeing, Biodiversity**

- Dr Cristina Santos, *Economics*: 'Learning from cancer patients'
- Dr Azita Chellappoo, *Philosophy*: 'Is "obesity" a disease?'

#### **Session C: Conflict, Peace Security**

- Dr Ruth Slatter, *Geography*: 'International Exhibitions as Spaces of Conflict, Peace, and Security'
- Dr Dan Taylor, *POLIS – Politics and International Studies*: 'Talking about politics when the house is on fire'

#### **Session D: Migration, Race, Equality**

- Prof Gerry Mooney, *Social Policy & Criminology*: 'How do boundaries and borders shape OU lives?'
- Dr Ece Kocabicak, *Sociology*: 'Gender, class, race, and migration – themes and questions'

**1:50 pm – 2:00 pm – Tea break**

**2.00 pm to 2:45 pm - Keynote lecture from Dr Paul-François Tremlett**, Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies: '**Protest, religion and social justice – Occupy Hong Kong and beyond**', followed by a roundtable discussion with staff and students, chaired by Dr Precious Chatterje-Doody, Lecturer in Politics and International Relationships

**2:45 pm to 3:00 pm – Student voice forum:** we want your feedback, please tell us how to improve your Teaching – Research Day 2023

**Thank you all for taking part!**