

2–4 MARCH 2012

OXFORD RADICAL FORUM 2012

In the last year, as the global economic crisis has deepened, we have seen revolutions sweep dictators from power across the Middle East and North Africa and resistance to austerity spread across Europe and the US with the Occupy Movement. There have been a number of general strikes in Greece and mass strikes in Britain.

This year's Oxford Radical Forum (ORF) will be held from 2-4th March. This will be the fifth anniversary of the forum, run by students, lecturers and local activists based in the city. This year it is bigger than ever, with almost thirty sessions over a host of colleges and venues during the weekend.

As always the event is entirely FREE, but we welcome and encourage donations towards the costs of putting on the Forum.

We hope you will join us at the event. Spread the word!

Further information on speakers and timetables will be available and updated here: <u>http://orf2012.wordpress.com/</u>

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>> FRIDAY 2 MARCH <<

TIME	MEETING	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
17.15 – 19.00	The Revolutions in Middle East and North Africa: One Year on	Gilbert Achcar (SOAS, the Revolutions and Western Imperialism), Nadine El-Enany (Lecturer in Law, Brunel University and Egyptian activist), Anne Alexander (Cambridge, Workers's struggles in Egypt), Firoze Manji (Pambazuka, Social movements in Africa and the MENA revolutions)	Magdalen Auditorium
19.30 – 21.15	Why Marx was Right	Terry Eagleton (Literary/Cultural theorist, author of "Why Marx was Right") and Alex Callinicos (Prof King's College London, author of "The Revolutionary Ideas of Karl Marx")	Magdalen Auditorium

>>SATURDAY 3 MARCH<<

TIME	MEETING	SPEAKERS	PLACE
10.00	Austerity and Resistance	Jeff Webber (QMUL) on Bolivia, Mike Gonzalez	Wadham
_	in Latin America	(Glasgow) on Venezuela	Okinaga
11.30	Antonio Gramsci:	Peter Thomas (Brunel, Author 'The Gramscian	Wadham New
	Hegemony, Philosophy and Revolution	Moment')	Seminar Room
	Scottish Nationalism	Neil Davidson (Uni Strathclyde, author of "The	Balliol Lecture
	Today: The British State in Crisis?	Origins of Scottish Nationhood"), Cailean Gallagher (OurKingdom Associate Editor)	Room 23
12.00 _	Radical Culture	Julian Stallabrass (Courtauld Institute of Art)	St John's Graves Room Wadham
13.30	Dale Farm and Traveller Solidarity Network	lidarity Network	
	Where next for Climate	Nancy Lindisfarne (Oxford Climate Jobs	Balliol Lecture
	Justice? Climate Change Activism Panel	Campaign), Cat Hudson (Newcastle Uni student, UK Youth Climate Coalition ambassador to Durban), Mel Evans (Platform)	Room 23
	LGBTQ Resistance	Ghassan Makarem, Founding member of Helem (Lebanese protection for LGBTIQ people); Sarah Lamble (Lecturer in Law, Birkbeck); Colin Wilson (Queer theory and politics)	Worcester LB
	OLR launch	Contributors to OLR6	Wadham New Seminar Room
14.30	Tar Sands	Jess Worth (No Tar Sands Campaign)	St John's Graves Room
16.00	Historical Materialism panel: "International Dimensions of the Crisis"	Historical Materialism (journal): Rob Knox, Jeffery Webber on Chile, Peter Thomas	Wadham Okinaga
	Protest, Riots & Political Policing	Hannah Dee (Defend The Right To Protest Campaign), Sara El Sheikh (Student Activist), Stop Criminalising Hackney Youth Campaign, Adam Cooper (Tottenham Defense Campaign)	Balliol Lecture Room 23
	Palestine in the Media: fair and balanced?	Moshe Machover (founder member Matzpen), Greg Philo (author, Bad News From Israel), Daphna Baram (author, Disenchantment: The Guardian and Israel), Miriyam Aouragh (author, Palestine Online).	Worcester LB
	Zero Books Panel	Tariq Goddard (radical publishing), Sinead Murphy (modern art), Peter Fleming (work)	Wadham New Seminar Room
16.30 - 18.00	Occupy: From London to New York	Connor Reed (via Skype, occupy activist in New York), Anindya Bhattacharyya (eyewitness Occupy Wallstreet), Tanya Dempsey (Occupy London)	Wadham Okinaga
	The Politics of Intervention in Revolution: the Case of Syria and Iran	Ali Alizadeh (lecturer and activist London) and Joseph Daher (SOAS) and Ghassan Makarem (activist Lebanon)	Balliol Lecture Room 23
	Revolutions in History: Political, Social, Permanent	Neil Davidson (Author, "How Revolutionary Were the Bourgeois Revolutions?"), Peter Thomas (discussant)	Worcester LB
	Radical Film	Patrick Keiller	Wadham New Seminar Room
	Radial Poetry	Anna Chen, Tim Wells	Turl Street Kitchen
19.00	The Future of Education	Kate Tunstall (OUCHE, No Confidence in Willetts	Wadham
_ 20.30		campaign), Prof John Holmwood (Campaign for the Public University), Jim Wolfreys (UCU, Author 'Universities for Hire'), Mark Bergfeld (EAN, NUS NEC)	Okinaga

>> SUNDAY 4 MARCH <<

TIME	MEETING	SPEAKERS	PLACE
10.00 - 11.30	China & the Crisis	Jane Hardy (Herts Uni, author "Poland's New Capitalism"), Patricia Thornton (Oxford, tbc)	Wadham New Seminar Room
12.00 - 13.30	Radical Culture	Henry Procter - Practicing Conflict, the art installations of Thomas Hirschhorn, Guy Atkins - the 'Save Our Placards' project	Wadham New Seminar Room
13.50	Radical Science Women's Liberation	John Parrington (Oxford), Amy Gilligan (Cambridge) Closed women's circle	Worcester LB Balliol Lecture Room 23
14.30	Eurozone Crisis	John Weeks (SOAS), Pete Dwyer (Ruskin)	Wadham Okinaga
16.00	Group Facilitation Training	Seeds for Change	St John's Graves Room
	Internet Security for Activists	Pete Speller	Worcester LB
	Race, Racism and Resistance Panel	Weyman Bennett (Unite against Fascism), Lee Jaspers (BARAC)	Wadham New Seminar Room
16.30 _	Radical Gender	Thierry Schaffauser, Judith Orr (author "Sexism and the System") and local activist	Balliol Lecture Room 23
18.00	Austerity, Resistance and Trade Unions	Ian Bradley (Sparks - victorious electricians dispute), Mark Campbell (UCU) and Kate Douglas (PCS), Manishta Sunnia (Ex-NUC NEC, SOS), Robin Coleman (student, Cherwell School)	Wadham New Seminar Room

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