

TERMCARD

Trinity Term 2023



Welcome to the Reuben College Trinity Term 2023 termcard. This is your handbook for events organised by the staff and fellows of Reuben College. The graduate community organises additional social events which are advertised separately.

Please note that events are subject to change. All College members will be updated in our weekly newsletter.

Event bookings & T&Cs

Dining with Dinosaurs

Dining with Dinosaurs is a highlight of Reuben College's Academic Programme. World-class speakers are invited to speak, usually on a topic within the College's research themes, followed by a dinner where guests debate questions inspired by the seminar. Please note that to attend the dinner you must also attend the preceding seminar. Students and fellows are welcome to invite guests - see [here](#) for costs and conditions. Please find the Terms & Conditions for Dining with Dinosaurs [here](#).

Please book your place via [InkPath](#) which will direct you to the Oxford Store. It is essential that you book on both platforms.

Reuben Explores

Reuben students are invited to informal skills and development talks across the term in Reuben's Common Room at Linacre College.

Bookings are not essential but help with planning. Please book via [InkPath](#).

Formal Hall

Formal Hall provides a chance to get together with friends and colleagues to enjoy a beautifully prepared meal at Linacre College. Members are encouraged to invite guests, especially from other colleges. Formal Hall refers to the structure of the evening rather than the atmosphere; there is no formal dress code.

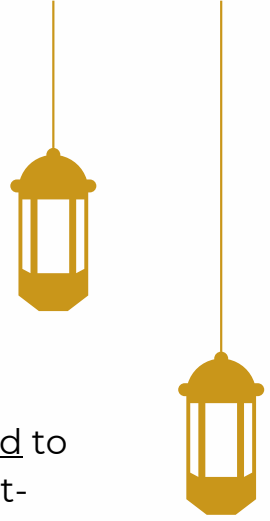
Bookings should be made by 9am on the preceding Monday on the Linacre College website. Find details [here](#).

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Week 0

16 - 22 April



Monday 17 April
7.30-9pm
GCR

Reuben Explores: Iftar

Join Reuben Welfare Dean Kirren Mahmood to learn about and participate in Iftar – the fast-breaking evening meal of Ramadan. This is an open event to which all Reuben members are warmly invited.

Week 1

23 - 29 April

Monday 24 April
6-7.30pm
GCR

Reuben Explores: Academic Writing

This bespoke academic writing workshop will cover grammar and structure, style, flow, citing, referencing, how to write a good discussion, and how to write abstracts vs summaries.

Thursday 27
April
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of
Natural History

Dining with Dinosaurs: Breaking the Rules - Arts & social transformations

Professor Paul Heritage (QMUL) is Director of People's Palace Projects, a research centre that brings together artists, activists, academics, and audiences to challenge social injustices through the power of the arts. In this seminar, he will discuss research projects in Brazil that use arts-based practice to build resilience and resistance to mental health crises, environmental degradation and the climate emergency, violence, and other social injustices.

Reminder to book!

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Week 2

30 April - 6 May

Wednesday 3 May

From 7.15pm

Linacre College

Formal Hall

Thursday 4 May
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of
Natural History

Psychedelic Moral Enhancement? Beware the Hype
The human enhancement debate has tended to focus on improvements to the body, mood, or cognition. However, there is now a quickly expanding literature on the prospect of using biomedical means to improve human beings as moral agents. In this talk Brian D. Earp will explore an emerging possibility: the potential use of certain psychedelic substances (under legal and appropriately supervised conditions) to foster moral improvement in human beings. He will also emphasise the ways such a project could backfire and discuss the potential dangers of psychedelic “hype.”

Week 3

7 - 13 May

Thursday 11 May
Seminar 6-7pm, Dinner
7-9pm
Museum of Natural
History



Dining with Dinosaurs: How much for a ticket to the ark? Justice and the end of the world

Preventing and mitigating large disasters has an important justice aspect. Disasters harm poor, marginalised and vulnerable people most, and beyond direct devastation they compound injustices. Yet when thinking about existential threats to the survival of the species, justice seems to drop out of the equation: justice requires survivors. Is there a point beyond which justice ceases to matter, or does existential justice exist? This talk from Reuben Fellow [Anders Sandberg](#) will explore global catastrophic and existential risks, what we can do about them, and how this relates to justice on the largest scales.

Week 4

14 - 20 May

Wednesday 17 May
From 7.15pm
Linacre College

Formal Hall

Thursday 18 May
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of Natural History

Dining with Dinosaurs: Valuing us - Celebrating the innovation that disabled people bring to academia and society

In this seminar, [Dr Marie Tidball](#) will talk about how the treatment of disabled people in the Covid-19 pandemic made her redouble her academic and political activism to help create a country that values disabled people and closes the inequality gap. She will explore why increasing the inclusion of disabled people in public life, in politics and broadcast TV, in developing inclusive maternity care pathways, inclusive climate change action and in technology is important in creating a more inclusive society. In doing so, she will demonstrate that placing disability, and issues that affect disabled people, at the centre of our teaching and research questions can facilitate better interdisciplinary working and generate exciting innovation.



Saturday 20 May
10am-12pm
GCR

Brunch

Join us for Saturday brunch where friends, family and children are very welcome. College will provide buffet food, but do feel free to bring any homemade snacks along as well!

Saturday 20 May
12-3pm
GCR

Designing Future Artefacts workshop

Join us for part one of a set of interdisciplinary workshops exploring how immersive game worlds can help us address current and future challenges. This workshop is focused on designing and creating artefacts from the future. Activities will challenge ideas around dystopian futures, escapism, and dig into the everyday experiences in the future. The workshop will be led by Reuben Fellow [Saher Hasnain](#).

Week 5

21 - 27 May

Thursday 25 May
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of Natural
History

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Dining with Dinosaurs: The joys & challenges of setting up a spin-out company

Spin-outs are an impactful way of enabling ideas that originate from research to have real-world commercial impact. Oxford University has more spin-out companies from research than any other UK university. The journey of establishing a spin-out company is full of ups and downs as people from different professions engage with an idea and seek to strengthen and refine it to meet a real need, secure a strong commercial position, raise investment, build a team, and start to deliver on the promise of that original idea. Prof Constantin Coussios will talk about his experience spinning out three companies from the University, the challenges he faced, and what motivates him to be a serial founder.

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GCR

Brunch

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Gaming Future Worlds workshop

Join us for part two of a set of interdisciplinary workshops exploring how immersive game worlds can help us address current and future challenges. This workshop will develop immersive game worlds and explore the role of stories in exploring and planning for multiple futures. Activities will encourage an optimistic and action-oriented approach to dealing with complexity for big, real-world problems. The workshop will be led by Reuben Fellow Saher Hasnain.

Week 6

28 May - 3 June

Wednesday 31 May
From 7.15pm
Linacre College

Halfway Hall

'Halfway Hall' provides a chance to celebrate reaching the halfway point in Hilary Term with friends and colleagues over a beautifully prepared four-course meal.

Thursday 1 June
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of Natural History

Dining with Dinosaurs: Plant biominerals –

A natural form of permanent carbon dioxide removal?

This talk from Reuben Fellow [Elizabeth Jeffers](#) will address questions about the feasibility and suitability of harnessing plant-based biomineralization for carbon dioxide removal (CDR). How much CDR is possible from terrestrial biominerals? What is the potential ecological cost of harvesting the crystals they produce? Can they be harvested in a way that contributes a net benefit to climate change mitigation without introducing additional environmental impacts? And can we use this form of CDR to protect intact, ancient woodlands?

Week 7

4 - 10 June

Monday 5 June
6-7.30pm
GCR

Reuben Explores: Virtual Reality demo & 3D printing

Use Immersive Technology and 3D printing to empower your research through the Bodleian Libraries' new technology services. This session will include demonstrations of the library-owned VR headsets.



Thursday 8 June
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of Natural History

Dining with Dinosaurs: Cull of the Wild - Why we need to talk about killing for conservation

Millions of wild animals are killed each year to help conserve other species. Invasive species are recognised by the UN Convention on Biodiversity as one of the most significant threats to biodiversity. Ecologist and author [Hugh Warwick](#) sets out to investigate the practical and ethical dimensions of tackling this problem. Have we a right to intervene? Or do we have an obligation? Can exterminating one species to save another be justified?



Week 8

11 - 17 June



Monday 12 June 6-7.30pm
GCR

Reuben Explores: Preparing for the Insights Festival - Presenting your research
Learn tips and techniques for presenting your research in a public forum ahead of Reuben's Insights Festival (1 July).

Wednesday 14 June
From 7.15pm
Linacre College

Formal Hall

Thursday 15 June
Seminar 6-7pm
Dinner 7-9pm
Museum of Natural History

Dining with Dinosaurs: End of an era or a new beginning?

Join experts from our much-loved Museum of Natural History to hear about endings and new beginnings in deep time, history, and the future.

Elsa Panciroli, Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow at the Museum and popular science author, will discuss research on early mammals, the end of the dinosaurs, and what happened next.

Mark Carnall, Life Collections Manager at the Museum, will talk about the 17th Century extinction of the dodo and explore why this animal became an icon of extinction.

There will be a chance to view specimens related to the talks, including the world's only dodo soft-tissue, and mammal fossils from the Jurassic and Palaeogene, from 5.30pm in the lecture theatre.

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Save the date! Insights Festival - 1 July

The Insights Festival is a day where Reuben Students share their research with colleagues and friends. In an informal atmosphere, fuelled by crepes and ice-cream, Reuben students, staff and Fellows come together to explore the topics that drive them in an accessible and open forum.