

GUDTP | 24-25
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Conference | **2025**



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Day 1

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10:15 | Registration & Coffee

Lecture Theatre
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10:15 | Supervisors' Session

GUDTP Hub
Manor Road Building

11:05 | Welcome Address

Prof Rebecca Surender
Lecture Theatre
Manor Road Building

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11:20-13:00

Lecture Theatre
Manor Road Building

Chair | Prof Rebecca Surender

11:20 | Thomas Brailey
Politics | 2024

Mercenary Norms in South Africa &
the Persistence of Non-State Security

11:40 | Chiara Rohlfes
Socio-Legal Studies | 2024

Manufacturing Ambiguity: An Ethnography of the Influences Shaping the EU Sustainable Finance Framework

12:00 | Freya Cole-Norton
Socio-Legal Studies | 2022

'There's not enough':
Housing Advice in an English Town

12:20 | Abhishek Saha
Migration Studies | 2022

'How many more papers do I need?':
Documents & Production of Statelessness in India

12:40 | Natasha Durie
Anthropology | 2022

The Life & Death of Akiya:
Stories from Three of Japan's Nine Million Empty Houses

13:00 | Lunch

Common Room
Manor Road Building

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14:00-15:00

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GUDTP Fair

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& Placements Coordinator

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15:10-16:40

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Chair | Prof Steve Pile

15:10 | Dylan Thurgood
Digital Social Science | 2020
Dissecting the Persuasiveness of AI Writing in Articles about Climate Change

15:30 | Denise Kohlhepp
Experimental Psychology | 2021
Moving Minds: Mechanistic Pathways Linking Physical Activity to Executive Function & Mental Health across the Lifespan

15:40 | Rahel Warnatsch
Education | 2024

Preschool Home Learning Activities in Families Living with Economic Disadvantages in Germany

15:50 | Milo Edwards
Education | 2023

Responding to Institution Histories

16:00 | Elaine de Vos
Health & Wellbeing | 2019

Fighting Fit: Clothing, Equipment, & Material Objects as Identity Formation in Female Boxing

16:20 | Ann-Marie Debrah
Socio-Legal Studies | 2022

Phenotype, Racism & Colonialism:
Analysing Legal Conceptions of Race in Brazilian Affirmative Action & Committee Procedures

16:40 | Break

17:15 | Scholars' Association
Chapel
Harris Manchester College

17:30 | Keynote Speaker

Prof Dame Julia Black, CBE
President | British Academy
Warden | Nuffield College
Chapel
Harris Manchester College

18:30 | Drinks Reception

Tate Quad
Harris Manchester College

19:30 | Dinner

Arlosh Hall
Harris Manchester College

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Day 2

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09:00 | Registration & Coffee

Foyer
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09:30-11:00

Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
St Anne's College

Chair | Katerina Vavaliou

09:30 | Maria Pereira da Costa
International Relations | 2022

Liminality & Lusophone Africa's Contested Sovereignty during the Colonial Wars in the UN (1961-1974)

09:50 | Jeffrie Quarsie
Politics | 2024

French Contemporary Military-Money Influence on African Sovereignty

10:10 | Jodie Bettis
Geography | 2020

Criminalising Domestic Ecocide in England: An Insiders' Perspective

10:30 | Rosanna O'Keeffe
Development Studies | 2023

Reflections on Objects Designed to Kill from Those Who Fight

10:50 | Lauren Fox
Criminology | 2023

Court-Watching & Legal Analysis: Tools to Understand Credibility Assessments in UK Immigration & Asylum Tribunals

11:00 | Tea & Coffee Break
Foyer | St Anne's College

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11:40-13:00

Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
St Anne's College

Chair | Prof Louise Mansfield

11:40 | Zoe Bantleman
Migration Studies | 2024

The Strange Case of the Missing Loophole

12:00 | Victoria Hulks
Psychology | 2022

Can Responsive Interactions Be Promoted in a Museum Toddler Programme?

12:20 | Joanna Rankin
Education | 2022 cohort

'I've not finished telling you!' Contrasts in the Classroom Discourse of Multilingual Pupils with & without Bilingual Assistants

12:40 | Joanne Tallentire
Education | 2023

Constructing a Sense of Belonging: Narratives of Students Admitted to Academically Selective Universities through Contextual Admissions

13:00 | Lunch
Foyer | St Anne's College

14:00 | Keynote Speaker
Prof Lucie Cluver, OBE
Professor of Child & Family Social Work | University of Oxford
Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
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15:15-16:55

Room 9
St Anne's College

Chair | Katerina Vavaliou

15:15 | Vittorio Bruni
Anthropology | 2021

The Welfare and Market of Effects of Delays in Humanitarian Assistance

15:35 | Tavish Traut
Experimental Psychology | 2022

Trading Rewards: Economic Decision-Making during Social Interaction

15:55 | Su Tina Bai
International Relations | 2023

Emitter as Leader: The Strategic Social Construction of China's Climate Leadership Image through the Interaction of Chinese and International Discourses

16:15 | Harry Mayne
Digital Social Sciences | 2022

Training Large Language Models to Explain Themselves Counterfactually in Natural Language

16:35 | Conrad Kunadu
International Relations | 2023

Proteins to Paradigms: How Technology Shapes the Bioweapons Governance Regime

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15:15-16:55

Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
St Anne's College

Chair | Dr Paula Sheppard

15:15 | Andrew Langford
Health & Wellbeing | 2021

Critical Realism: A Philosophical Paradigm for Exploring the Influence of Grief Support on Bereaved Men

15:35 | Maria Obrebska
Socio-Legal Studies | 2024

Beyond Elites: Towards a Material Perspective on Anti-Genderism's Popular Appeal

15:55 | Amy Jaffa
Education | 2017

Listening Differently:
Methodological Reflections on Participatory Research into the Educational Experiences of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children in the UK

16:15 | Matthew Bone
Digital Social Sciences | 2024
Labour Markets & Technological Change

16:35 | Jasmine Holland-Gilbert
Geography | 2023

How Can Social Infrastructure Help Build a More Equitable Future for the London Borough of Camden?

16:55 | Closing Remarks
Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
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