

Newsletter

Spring Term Begins

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a wonderful break over Christmas and New Year and found some time for rest and for fun.

end of the term many of you will be going off on fieldwork in preparation for writing your dissertations and theses - so there is much to look forward to.

Make sure you also keep an eye out for the Annual DICE lecture in March.



The Spring Term has now begun and runs through until 5th April. I'm sure it will continue to be very busy with staff and students continuing their research activities and having their work published. Towards the

The newsletter is published every fortnight so if you have anything to contribute then please get in touch with Jennie. We welcome input from staff and students across the School: J.S.Hogg@kent.ac.uk.

The National Student Survey

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Dates For Your Diary

To keep up with events and see what is forthcoming please visit our [School Events website](#).

TRIBE

Student Society

Weekly during term time.

NEXT EVENT: Film Screening
Wednesday 30th Jan, 6pm, E.Lyons Rm

For full details visit their [Facebook](#)

Conservation Society

Student Society

Weekly during term time.

Tuesday, 6-7pm,
Keynes LT 6
NEXT EVENT:
Conservation Quiz!



Anthropology Seminar Series

Open to all

Weekly during term time.
Tuesday, 4-6pm, Swingland Room

Seminar speakers and titles can be found on our [Events page](#).

Anthropology Professional Development Seminars

For Anthropology PGT and PGR students

Fortnightly, Tuesday, 2pm

NEXT EVENT: 29th January. Prof. Roy Ellen on publishing in journals

Contact Emma O'Driscoll for more information. eo82@kent.ac.uk

DICE Postgraduate Seminars

For DICE PGT and PGR students

Throughout the Spring Term, Friday, 5-6pm, Swingland Room

NEXT EVENT: 25th January, The use of social media for your research and career

Contact Niki Rist (nr208@kent.ac.uk) or Diogo Verissimo (dv38@kent.ac.uk) for more information.



DICE Annual Lecture

Thursday
28th March 2013

Speaker

Dr Peter Bridgewater

Chairman of the Joint Nature
Conservation Committee

Peter's talk is entitled:

**Seven types of Ambiguity;
Confusing Conversations
in Conservation**



For more information visit our [website](#)

PhD Success for Oana Ivan

Supervisors Raj Puri and Glenn Bowman travelled to Babes Boylai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania to examine Oana on Friday 11th January 2013.

Raj and Glenn joined examiners and supervisors from BBU in the first EU cotutelle doctorate at Kent. Under this scheme Oana was supervised by both universities while conducting research in Romania, and will receive a PhD from the Dept of Sociology and Social Work at BBU and a PhD from SAC at Kent. Oana's thesis, *Cultural change in a fishing village in the Danube Delta: the consequences of environmental protection and tourism*, has already attracted the attention of the Global Environmental Facility at the World Bank, and she is beginning work for them reviewing the impacts of environmental regulations on the famous Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve. She also has two publications submitted to journals and is planning more in the future.



Prestigious Award for SAC student

Huge congratulations go to Samia Saif, Biodiversity Management, on winning the [Future for Nature](#) Award.

The award recognises the work that Samia has done on the protection of tigers in Bangladesh. The prize fund of 50,000 Euros can be used towards a conservation project of her choice and will be presented to Samia at a ceremony in the Netherlands in February.

The award will be presented by Dr Jane Goodall and Saba Douglas-Hamilton.

For full details read the [Kent press release](#).

New App Developed for Scientific Research

Dr Nick Newton-Fisher, funded by the University's Ideas Factory, has developed the app, Animal Behaviour Pro for iPhone

and iPod touch.

The app allows researchers to log the identity of an animal, the time required to note its activities as well as the type of activities the species undertakes. For full details read the [Kent press release](#). The app can be downloaded from the [App Store](#).



Monitoring the Biodiversity of the Iwokrama and Surama Forests

PhD student Jake Bicknell's story about his work in Guyana has been released in "[Exploring Guyana Magazine](#)". From page 50 onwards you can read about his fascinating work with Operation Wallacea and also view some spectacular photographs.

Scholarships

The University of Kent and the School of Anthropology and Conservation offer a range of Scholarship opportunities for Undergraduate, Taught Masters and PhD students. Below you will find details of some of the Scholarships currently available.



Useful links:

[University Scholarships Search](#)
[SAC Scholarships](#)

Templeman Scholarship

The Templeman Scholarship will support a Kent graduate to undertake a full-time taught postgraduate degree at the University of Kent by covering tuition fees for one year.

[More information](#)

Canon Collins Scholarship

Creating opportunities for people in southern Africa to develop their full potential through education and the assertion of their Human Rights. The Scholarship funds tuition fees for a Masters programme, a return flight to the UK and a maintenance allowance.

[More information](#)



Kent 50th Anniversary Scholarship

Open to all applicants for a PhD wishing to pursue research in the following fields: social anthropology, environmental anthropology, biological anthropology or biodiversity conservation. We also welcome strong applicants who wish to undertake interdisciplinary projects that bridge two or more of these areas of research and that capitalize on complementary supervisory expertise within the School.

[More information](#)

Commonwealth Shared Scholarship

The aim of the scheme is to assist students from developing Commonwealth countries who are of excellent academic calibre but for financial reasons would not otherwise be able to afford to study in the UK. The scheme allows them to benefit from postgraduate study at a university in the UK which will help them to contribute toward the development of their home countries.

[More information](#)



IdeasTap Competition

The chance to win £9000 to pay off University Tuition Fees

Deadline: 29th March 2013

Visit [IdeasTap](#) for more information

Fascination of Plants Day

Call for participants: to encourage people around the world to join together and celebrate the importance of plants.

You are invited to get involved by organising an event for Fascination of Plants Day 2013. Events could include hands-on activities, talks, debates, nature walks or visits to farms or research facilities.

Find out more by visiting their [website](#).

Debate: Smallholder Farming and the Future of Food

28th January 2013, 7pm, University of Cambridge.

Visit their [events site](#) for more information and to book your ticket.

Book Launch

Join Dr Jane Goodall and Aminatta Forna for the Launch of "King Bruno".

6th February 2013, Barbican Centre.

The children's book tells the tale of Tacugama's very first chimpanzee.

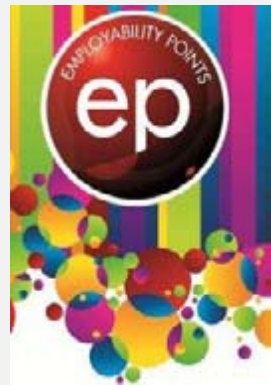
For information and to book tickets visit the [Tacugama website](#).

Talking Cultures Workshop

The Centre for English and World Languages (CEWL) will be delivering a series of 4 workshops which explores the notion of intercultural communication. The aim is to develop students' engagement and integration within a contemporary internationalised classroom and within a global workplace. The workshops will help to increase awareness of cultural differences and will explore a range of areas such as cultural identity, international communication, prejudices and stereotypes.

Weeks 15-18, Wednesday 1-3pm. [More Information?](#)

Participation is free AND students who attend these workshops will be eligible for Employability Points and will receive a certificate of attendance!



Student Anthropological Film Festival

The KinoAnthrop Film Festival will be taking place in April in Ekaterinburg. The deadline for application submissions is 1st March 2013.

For full details visit their [Facebook](#).

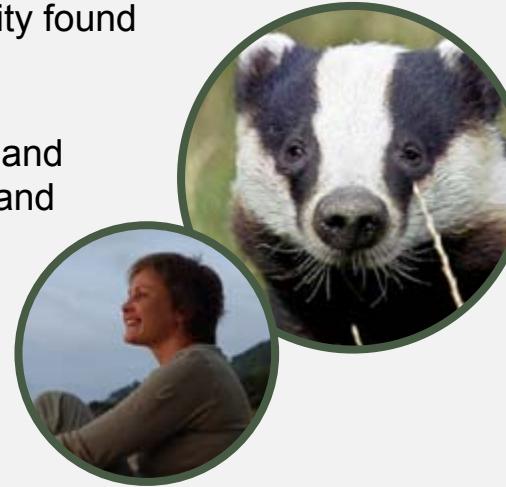
Recent Publication Gains Media Interest

Dr Freya St. Johns' paper, [“Innovative Techniques for Estimating Illegal Activities in a Human-Wildlife-Management Conflict”](#) was published in PLoS One on the 16th January 2013. Subsequently Freya and lead author Paul Cross from Bangor University found their paper receiving significant media interest.

Freya was interviewed by the BBC and Paul by BBC Wales and Radio Wales. A number of articles were also written online and in the printed press. A sample of which are:

[Guardian](#) [BBC Wales](#) [Farming UK](#) and [Daily Post](#)

(Badger image courtesy of Faming UK)



SAC staff and students are research active and therefore often have new work being published. Below is a selection of these which were published recently.



Inskip, C., Ridout, M., Fahad, Z., Tully, R., Barlow, A., Greenwood Barlow, C., Islam, A., **Roberts, T.**, and **MacMillan, D.** (2013) [Human–Tiger Conflict in Context: Risks to Lives and Livelihoods in the Bangladesh Sundarbans](#). Human Ecology DOI 10.1007/s10745-012-9556-6



Chloe is a DICE PhD student.

Lycett, S.J. & von Cramon-Taubadel, N. (2013). *A 3D morphometric analysis of surface geometry in Levallois cores: Patterns of stability and variability across regions and their implications*. Journal of Archaeological Science 40 (3): 1508-1517.

Demian, M. with Charles Beach, Laura Burke, Rosie Davies, Camilla Evans and Elinor Turnbull. (2012) [Viva Gluckman! or. Case Studies in the Classroom](#). Anthropology News

This paper is written by Anthropologist Dr Melissa Demian and students from her Anthropology of Law module.

Inogwabini B-I, Leader-Williams N (2012) [Effects of Epidemic Diseases on the Distribution of Bonobos](#). PLoS ONE 7(12): e51112. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0051112

Bila-Isia is a graduate from PhD in Biodiversity Management and Nigel is an Honorary Professor at DICE.