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Bournemouth University Fusion Inaugural Lecture Series 2018-19

BU's Fusion Inaugural Lecture Series provides an opportunity for professors from across all faculties at the university to share an insight into their specialist research and how this enriches the world.

Members of the public, staff and students are all invited to attend and step into the fascinating world of research and innovation at BU. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to learn something new and be inspired by some of our leading academics.

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Fusion at Bournemouth University

We believe that research, education and professional practice are intrinsically linked, with each benefiting the other. We call this Fusion.

We want to provide our students with an outstanding education, enabling them to develop the skills they need to achieve their goals in life. We want to be leading on world-class research, tackling the pressing issues facing us as a society and we want to be engaging with businesses and other organisations to help industries move forwards. Fusing research, education and professional practice is at the heart of our work at BU.


Through our Fusion Inaugural Lecture Series, we intend to share with you just a few of our examples of Fusion in practice.



The fine art of healthcare: using art to think about people and practice

Professor Sam Porter
6:30pm for 7pm, 23 October
Shelley Theatre, Boscombe

Professor Sam Porter is a nurse by profession and a sociologist by academic training. His research ventures into one of the most difficult and sensitive areas of human experience: caring for people who are reaching the end of their lives. Professor Porter researches issues such as the use of music therapy in hospice care, how family members can best care for their dying loved ones, and how care homes can be supported to provide excellent end of life care.



Seeking community creatively: one social worker's journey

Professor Lee-Ann Fenge
6:30pm for 7pm, 26 February
Poole Lighthouse

Professor Lee-Ann Fenge began her career as a social worker, before moving into academia over 20 years ago. She is Director of the Research Centre for Seldom Heard Voices and has been involved in a variety of projects linked to the use of participative methodologies with older people, youth, and the homeless specifically linked to social inclusion and the voice of under-represented groups.



As if 15 years of oil price volatility was not enough... energy markets need to deal with Brexit now

Professor George Filis
6:30pm for 7pm, 26 March
Executive Business Centre, Bournemouth

Professor George Filis is a specialist in energy and financial economics. Currently, he is working towards the development of new modelling frameworks for forecasting energy prices. In particular, he looks at the predictive information of different asset classes on oil prices and oil price volatility. Professor Filis has also served as a consultant for the US Energy Information Administration and the Bank of Greece.



Behind animation: how technology is changing the landscape of computer animation

Professor Jian Chang
6:30pm for 7pm, 27 November
Fusion Building, Talbot Campus

Professor Jian Chang is a Professor in computer animation at the National Centre for Computer Animation and an active researcher with an interest in physically based modelling, virtual reality applications and development of novel human computer interaction. His work has contributed to the development of new technologies for computer animation. He is a co-editor of the book *Next Generation Computer Animation Techniques* published by Springer in 2017.



What it means to be a monkey on the planet of the people

Professor Amanda Korstjens
6:30pm for 7pm, 24 January
Bournemouth Natural Science Society

Professor Amanda Korstjens is a behavioural ecologist, who studies animals in their natural environments. Her work has taken her around the world to places such as Indonesia, Côte d'Ivoire, Costa Rica and Uganda. Professor Korstjens's current research explores subjects such as the influence of climate change and human disturbance on primate distribution patterns, disease transmission, social behaviour, and human-wildlife conflicts.



Limits of space and time: predicting how environmental change affects coastal birds

Professor Richard Stillman
6:30pm for 7pm, 1 May
Royal Motor Yacht Club, Sandbanks

Professor Stillman is an applied ecologist with an interest in predicting how environmental change and management influence animal populations. His research aims to advise policy makers, conservationists and industry on the best ways of reconciling the interests of wildlife with those of humans. His main study species have been wading birds and wildfowl, and his research has addressed environmental conflicts when the coastal habitats of these species are also exploited by humans.



Taking sport seriously: looking behind Olympic and Paralympic mega events

Professor Michael Silk
6:30pm for 7pm, 21 May
Vitality Stadium, AFC Bournemouth

Professor Mike Silk's research focuses on the relationships between sport and physical activity (physical culture), the governance of bodies, mediated (sporting) spectacles, identities and urban spaces. He has received funding from the British Council, the ESRC, the AHRC, the British Academy, Sport England, Women Win, and the Jiangsu Provincial Government (PRC). His current research addresses the relationship between sport mega-events, urban renewal, and social inequalities.