

OXFORD HUNGARIAN SOCIETY



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Pub Night

Meet us in the Royal Oak, 42-44 Woodstock Rd, for chat, drinks and a bite!

Week 2 (January 29th) Blue Boar Seminar Room, Christ Church College / 8 pm

Brexit: What would Thomas Hobbes, David Hume and Adam Smith advise?

Péter Róna (Fellow of Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford)

The claim proposed and defended is that the EU is not a union as that concept was elaborated by these seminal thinkers, and, further, that in the absence of a genuine union the EU is unlikely to survive for the very reasons they had set out.

Week 3 (February 5th) Blue Boar Seminar Room, Christ Church College / 8 pm

Trading with the Enemy: British-Hungarian Commercial Relations during World War II

Éva Norton (Historian)

The talk aims to explore the complexity and flexibility with which both parties handled their commercial ties in the war. Éva Norton is a Hungarian historian living in London and a former Oxford Soros Scholar.

Week 4 (February 12th) Blue Boar Seminar Room, Christ Church College / 8 pm

After the End of Polio: Local and Global Consequences of

Hungarian Disease Elimination in the Cold War

Dóra Vargha (Researcher, Birkbeck College, University of London)

Hungary was one of the first countries in the world to introduce the Sabin vaccine in its national programme in 1959, which soon eliminated polio in the country. This feat had profound consequences both on the local and global scale - on medical knowledge and practice, disability and eradication programmes. Looking past the conventional epidemic narrative, the talk will uncover some of the hidden histories of disease elimination and explores the significance of proclaiming the end of a disease.



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Hungarian Musical Life in the Shadow of Nazism

Ágnes Kóry (Béla Bartók Centre for Musicianship, London)

In spite of strict laws preventing Jewish participation in Hungary's cultural life from 1939, music-making by Jews refused to die out without a fight. With the aid of some outstanding Jewish cultural figures, Hungarian Jewish musicians organised their own regular events in Jewish premises under the collective name of OMIKE. Ágnes Kóry will discuss the OMIKE Artists Action with music samples.

Week 6 (February 26th) Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College / 8 pm

Field Marshal Gróf Hadik András (1710-1790), His Campaigns and His Family

Andrew Hadik (Barrister, London)

Andrew Hadik is a descendant of the Field Marshal. He will give a talk, from a personal point of view, on the life and career of the Field Marshal and other members of the Hadik family.

Week 7 (March 4th) Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College / 8 pm

The Collapse of Hungarian Communism: the view from the British Embassy

Sir John Birch (Former British Ambassador at Budapest)

Sir John Birch will discuss how the Hungarian people escaped from "Kádár's Happy Barrack" and contributed to the end of the Soviet Empire in Europe. Was it out of the frying pan into the fire?

Week 8 (March 11th) Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College / 8 pm

Film Night

For Some Inexplicable Reason (VAN valami furcsa és megmagyarázhatatlan)

Gábor Reisz's debut film tells the story of how a trip to Lisbon helps a nerdy guy who is quickly approaching 30 finally get his mojo back. Duration: 90 minutes.



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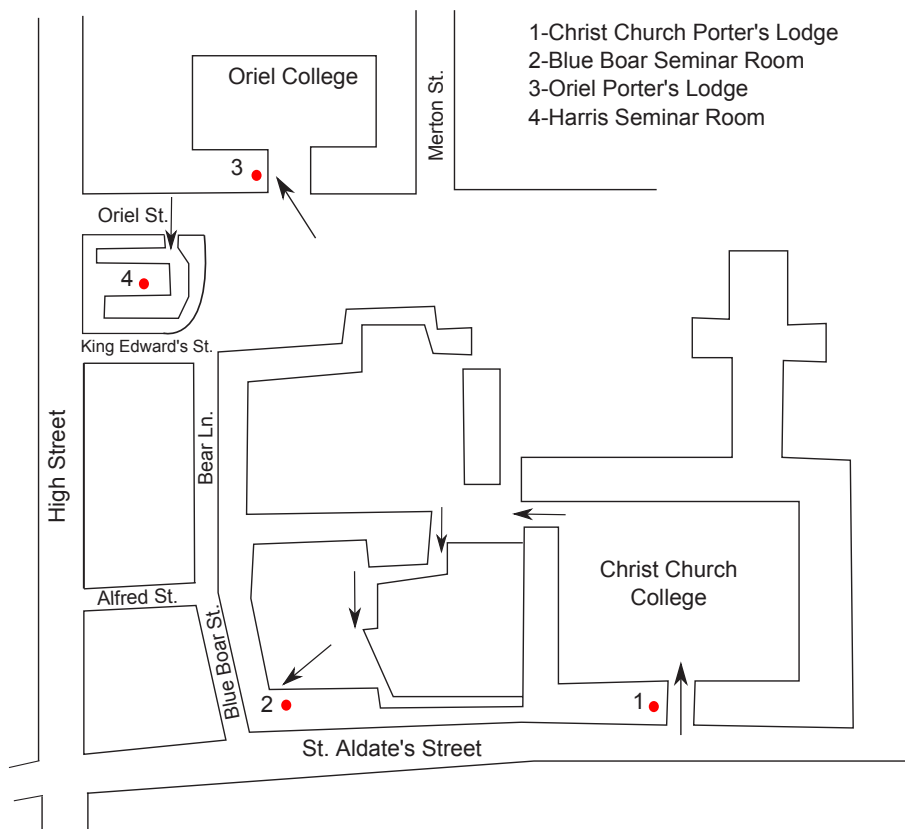
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- 2-Blue Boar Seminar Room
- 3-Oriol Porter's Lodge
- 4-Harris Seminar Room

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