



University of the Third Age,
Timaru

Series 7, 2020

THE FUTURE OF WORK

Organised by Kevin Foley and Reese Hart

U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures.
It would be unfair to those who have been on the waiting list for a year or more.

7 Sept **Social and Ethical implications of Artificial Intelligence for Jobs and Work** *Prof James Maclaurin*

This talk will focus on the way that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will change the way New Zealanders live and work. Prof Maclaurin will look at the effects of the coming AI revolution on earnings, productivity, job security, and inequality. He will also ask whether AI might change the way that we value work.

14 Sept **Work Futures: Trends, Projections and Disruptions** *Prof Sara Walton & Dr Paula O'Kane*

The *Work Futures Otago* project analyses and forecasts the trends, future projections and potential disruptions in New Zealand with a time horizon of 2040. We construct scenarios that draw together the drivers, differing voices and potential consequences of long-term change. We will outline some of our key findings from our research and outline our latest research, prompted by the COVID19 pandemic, on employee experiences of remote working during these unprecedented times.

21 Sept **Work and Wellbeing Economics** *Dr Paul Dalziel*

New Zealand was the first country in the world to present a Wellbeing Budget to its Parliament (30 May 2019). That event reflected a world-wide movement to go beyond traditional measures of economic performance (such as GDP) to explicitly consider people's wellbeing. This has important implications for work, which this talk will explore.

2020 PROGRAMME:

Series 8: Oct 5, 12, 19 **Music**

Series 9: Nov 2, 9, 16 **The State of the Nation**

ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND LECTURES IN TIMARU: See the following page for details

INVITATION TO VISIT OTAGO MUSEUM: See the following page for details

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Meetings

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.
Lectures commence at 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.
Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

Please ...

Be seated by 1.20 pm Wear your name tag
Turn your cell phone off No talking during lectures
Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions
Stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone

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ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND - SOUTH CANTERBURY LECTURES

Science and Religion

John Stenhouse, Associate Professor and Head of the History Programme, University of Otago

When: Thursday 24th September 2020 at 7pm

Where: Timaru District Council chambers (off Barnard St)

Free admission, all welcome

Bio: John Stenhouse is Associate Professor and Head of the History Programme at the University of Otago. He teaches European history, New Zealand history, intellectual history and the history of science. His main research field is the history of science and religion, in which he has published widely. Recent publications include, co-edited with Diane Paul and Hamish Spencer, *Eugenics at the Edges of Empire: New Zealand, Australia, Canada and South Africa* (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

Abstract: In Britain, Europe and the U.S. during the second half of the nineteenth century, some influential men of science and historians claimed that Darwin's *Origin of Species* (1859) triggered the latest battle in the perennial warfare between science and religion. This talk explains why this 'warfare thesis' has largely been abandoned by historians of science. I then explain why warfare is particularly misleading in the case of the New Zealand scientific community. I make this case by exploring the ideas, beliefs and practices of leading New Zealand men of science such as James Hector, F.W. Hutton, Julius von Haast, Walter Buller, and T.J. Parker.

It's all Greek to Me: The New Testament in Text and Translation

Dr Katie Marcar, Teaching Fellow in Biblical Languages, University of Otago

When: Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7pm

Where: Timaru District Council chambers (off Barnard St)

Free admission, all welcome.

Bio: Katie Marcar (PhD, Durham University, UK) is a Teaching Fellow in Biblical Languages at the University of Otago, where she teaches ancient Greek and Hebrew from introductory to advanced levels. Her research interests focus on the New Testament letter of 1 Peter and its connections to Second Temple Judaism and the Greco-Roman world. Katie is also a lay minister in the Anglican Church.

Introduction: *From Manuscripts to Study Bibles*: Where did the New Testament Come from -a very brief look at the origins of the NT from oral tradition to written text and its transmission to the present

The New Testament in Translation:

- A look at modern translation approaches, from very wooden, literal translations to smoother, more stylized translations
- Generally, translations are good, but there's no perfect translations
- Process of translation on-going because language and culture not fixed

The New Testament in Greek:

- With any text and any language, there is never a perfect translation, so there will always be a reason to study the NT in Greek
- Case Studies: 2-3 examples where the Greek can't be translated easily into English, or where knowledge of the Greek makes something visible that would otherwise be inaccessible

Foulden Maar, Hindon Maars and the Roxburgh Amber Forest,

three of the most important terrestrial fossil sites in NZ; How do we protect our threatened fossil heritage?

Daphne Lee, Geology Department, University of Otago

When: Thursday 19th November 2020 at 7pm

Where: Timaru District Council chambers (off Barnard St)

Free admission, all welcome.

Abstract of talk: The South Island is home to many of New Zealand's most important terrestrial fossil sites. The Miocene Foulden and Hindon Maar deposits hold tens of thousands of amazingly well-preserved fossil plants and animals: leaves, flowers and fruit, freshwater fish with eyes and skin, entire spiders and insects. Most of our amber fossils come from a coalmine near Roxburgh.

Some of these sites have been under threat from mining and other human activities as well as natural processes. How can we protect and preserve our fossil treasures and geological features for future generations?

INVITATION TO VISIT OTAGO MUSEUM

Dr Ian Griffin (*Adventures in Astronomy, 3 August*) has offered to arrange a special "tailored event" for a U3A Timaru group visit to Otago Museum. Such a visit could include a special screening of one of the museum's planetarium shows, a first flight butterfly release, a tour, a curator talk, a visit to the Tūhura science centre and Tropical Forest, and the Museum's free galleries which all provide interesting things to do on a day out. There may be a cost. If anyone is interested in organising such a visit please contact President Kevin.