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Reuben College Termcard

Trinity Term 2025

This is your handbook for events organised by the staff and Fellows of Reuben College. A number of additional theme events may be arranged throughout the term, and will be advertised in the weekly College newsletter. The graduate community also organises social events which are advertised separately. Please note:

- Reuben members are able to bring guests to most evening events: there will be a charge for guest meals.
- For **Reuben Explores** you are asked to register via Microsoft Forms using the links below by 9:00 on the Friday prior to each event. You are welcome to invite non-Reuben friends - we just ask that you register them in advance. This event is free of charge.
- For **Tuesday Talks/Dining with Dinosaurs (DwD)**, you'll need to book (and pay for guests) via University Online Stores by 9:00 on the Friday prior to each event. See [Terms & Conditions for Tuesday Talks here](#). This event is free for Reuben members, and £15 for guests.
- For **Formal Halls** (£25) and **Cultural Dinners** (£15) you will need to book and pay via University Online Stores by 9:00 on the Friday prior to each event. See [Terms & Conditions for Thursday Night Dinners here](#).

Events are subject to change: these will be communicated in the College's weekly newsletter wherever possible.

WEEKLY LUNCHES*

Lunch is normally served Monday - Friday between 12:00 - 13:00 for Reuben members (and guests) only. Lunch is open to all University members from 13:00 - 14:00.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY DINNERS*

In term time, dinner is available on Monday & Wednesday evenings from 17:30 - 18:45 for Reuben members and guests.

***You do not need to book these in advance.**

WEEK 1

27 APRIL - 3 MAY

Reuben Explores: The Anatomy of a Good Idea



Monday 28 April

17:30 - 18:30, College Bar

Had an idea for a business but don't know if it's got the ingredients of success, or if it's one of the 80% that won't make it? Come & join the I&E team to talk through some key indicators that you can use to test your ideas, plus get some tips for establishing viability. This hands-on session will look through a framework approach top incubators and accelerators use to sift applications.

[Book here](#)

Tuesday Talks/DwD: Workarounds for Complex Problems

Tuesday 29 April

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Paulo Savaget (Associate Professor of Engineering) shows how “scrappy” organisations tackle seemingly intractable problems, such as illegal logging, caste discrimination, and diarrheal deaths, through workarounds that achieve massive wins with minimal resources. Savaget identified the four workarounds that these groups commonly employ – the piggyback, the loophole, the roundabout, and the next best – and demonstrates how to know which one to use when.

[Book here](#)

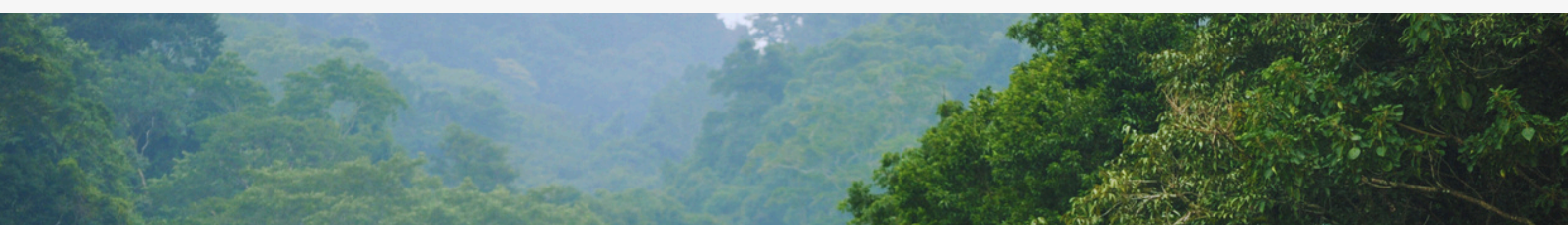
UK Assisted Dying Bill: Exploring Dissensus Through Dialogue

Wednesday 30 April

17:00-19:00, Lecture Theatre

Chaired by Mehrunisha Suleman (Ethox Centre) there will be a discussion on the UK Assisted Dying Bill and areas of moral disagreement. Professor Dominic Wilkinson (Director of Medical Ethics) will be in conversation with Jamie Hale (multidisciplinary practitioner) exploring ways to move discussion forward.

[Book here](#)



WEEK 2

4-10 MAY

Tuesday Talks/DwD: Twosday

Tuesday 6 May

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Please note, this session will feature two separate talks by Associate Research Fellows.

Finding Cosmic Explosions with the ATLAS Virtual Research Assistant

Modern sky surveys can image the entire sky every night. In doing so, they discover new cosmic explosions. But the sky is vast and the alerts far too many for humans to keep up with. In this talk, Heloise Stevance will present how their Virtual Research Assistant for the Asteroid Terrestrial impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) sky survey has reduced her team workload by 80%, and comment on the importance of a "Data First" approach in the field of AI for Science.

Rethinking Risk: using AI and multimodal data to predict pesticide impacts on bees

Pesticide regulations are based on whether individual bees survive exposure, but many studies show serious sublethal effects on behaviour, physiology, and hive fitness. In this talk, Rachel Parkinson will present new tools to improve risk assessment: high-throughput behavioural testing with video and audio, and AI-driven methods to extract and model data from scientific literature. Together, these approaches offer a scalable, systems-level framework for predicting how stressors impact pollinators.

[Book here](#)

Investing in AI in the Context of International Development

Wednesday 7 May

18:00 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Reuben Visiting Fellow Sir Graham Wrigley will be joined by President Lionel Tarassenko and Abinav Singha (Head of ICT at British International Investment (BII)) to discuss the investment challenges and development opportunities for AI in Africa and South Asia. BII is the UK's development finance institution. Participants will debate concrete BII projects in healthcare, agriculture and logistics. Hosted by: Watu Wamae and Sam Fankhauser.

Sign up information will be circulated in an upcoming newsletter.

WEEK 3

11-17 MAY

Reuben Explores: How to create effective CVs & Cover Letters for job applications

Monday 12 May

17:30 - 18:30, College Bar

Want to make your CV and cover letter stand out from the crowd? In this session, let by the University's Career Service, we'll look at how to structure effective CVs and cover letters, and how to convey your skills and experience to catch the attention of recruiters.

This event will finish at 18:30 to allow attendees to have dinner in the Dining Hall.

[Book here](#)

Tuesday Talks/DwD: Genetic Screening of Babies - is More Better?

Tuesday 13 May

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Sequencing a person's genetic code is advancing, promising better detection and earlier diagnoses. Newborn screening in the UK is expanding from 9 treatable conditions to a 'pilot' covering 200+. The predictive power of genetic findings is often weaker than many assume; many babies need years of investigations before their risk can be clarified. In this talk, Anneke Lucassen (Professor of Genomic Medicine) will ask whether attempts to end 'diagnostic odysseys' that many babies with rare diseases face may lead to 'predictive odysseys' for many more.

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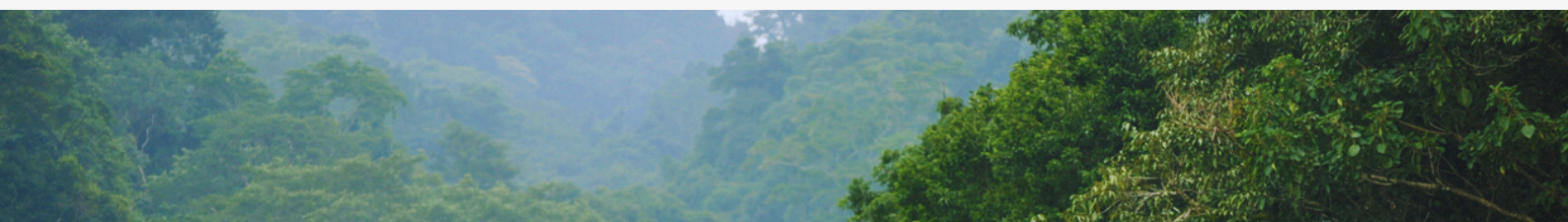
Cultural Dinner: Latin American Celebration

Thursday 15 May

19:00 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Reuben invites you to learn about and celebrate the rich and vivid cultures of Latin America. Enjoy music and entertainment from Oxford's Latin American community while eating a buffet-style dinner. We encourage wearing reds, blues, yellows, and white!

[Book here](#)



WEEK 4

18-24 MAY

Interdisciplinary Lunch

Tuesday 20 May

12:00 - 13:00, Abbot's Kitchen

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Tuesday Talks/DwD: The Next Chapter of the History of the World

Tuesday 20 May

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Lord Hague will discuss global events since 1945, arguing that after the Cold War and the period of globalisation that followed it, we have now entered a third chapter of recent history. He will outline how this period is bringing a combination of exciting developments in science and technology, but also intensified dangers in geopolitics and security. The ability to manage positive excitement and enhanced danger at the same time will become a key test of organisations, countries and individuals, requiring qualities of resilience and constant reinvention for them to succeed. **This event is for Reuben members only.**

Book here

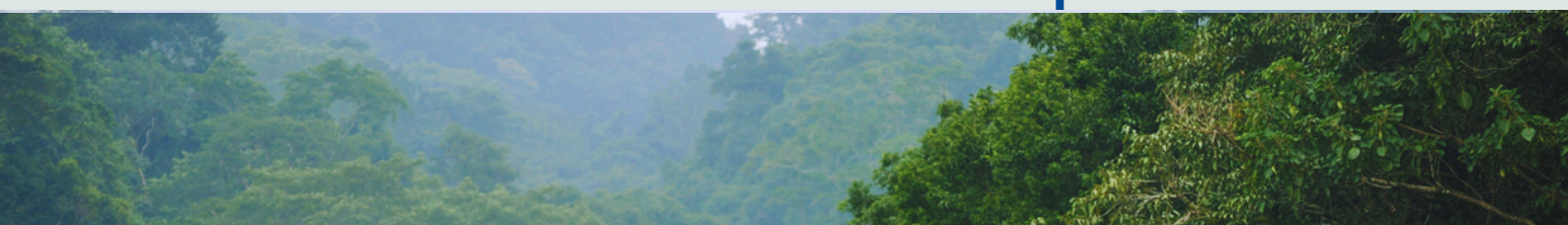
Formal Hall

Thursday 22 May

19:00 - 21:00,
Dining Hall

Formal Hall (sometimes known as 'Guest Night' at other colleges) offers a chance to get together with friends and colleagues to enjoy a beautifully prepared meal and get dressed up. Members are welcome to invite up to a max of 5 paying guests.

Book here



WEEK 5
25-31 MAY



Reuben Explores: Uncomfortable Oxford Tour

Monday 26 May

17:30 - 19:00

Through unique walking tours, Uncomfortable Oxford generate discussions about racial inequality, gender and class discrimination, and the legacies of empire. They are an academic-led organisation dedicated to raising awareness about the 'uncomfortable' aspects of history. Get to know more about the city (and why Oxford is the way it is) on this evening walking tour. Your guide will be waiting for you at Carfax Tower, wearing an unmistakable bright blue Uncomfortable Oxford vests and carrying a branded tote bag.

Meet in the lodge to walk down together at 17:15, or meet at Carfax Tower.

[Book here](#)

Tuesday Talks/DwD: VisualAI: From Babies to the Movies

Tuesday 27 May

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

This talk, given by [Andrew Zisserman](#) (Royal Society Research Professor), will be in two parts; the first on how models can learn to see and hear simply by ingesting video streams in a similar manner to how infants learn to see and hear. The second is about how to enable models to follow a movie - at least to the extent that they can provide a description of it suitable for the visually impaired.

[Book here](#)



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WEEK 6

1-7 JUNE

Tuesday Talks/DwD: How Can We Tackle the “Constellation of Biases” Affecting the Care of Pregnant Women?

Tuesday 3 June

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Research into prevention of severe complications in pregnancy has identified multiple reasons why pregnant women do not receive the same standard of care as the non-pregnant population. Concerning symptoms are often dismissed as being “normal for pregnancy”, essential medications may be stopped and investigations such as x-rays may be inappropriately withheld.

Compounding the problem, pregnant and breastfeeding women are often excluded from clinical trials. At this seminar, Marian Knight (Professor of Maternal and Child Population Health) will give an overview of her research in the area and discuss some of the ethical challenges and opportunities to make a difference.

[Book here](#)

Cultural Dinner: Preparing for Eid

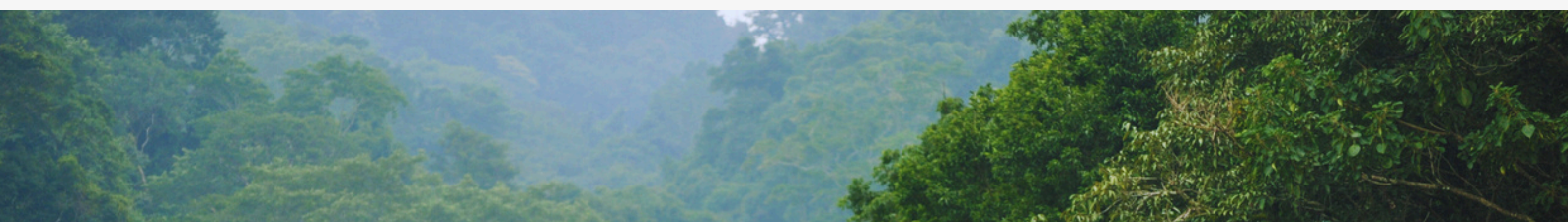
Thursday 5 June

19:00 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Join us in preparing for Eid al-Adha!
Gather with community for festive activities and a traditional feast showcasing cuisine from across the Muslim world. Festive attire encouraged - greens, whites, and golds welcome. Eid Mubarak! We look forward to sharing this joyous celebration with you.



[Book here](#)



WEEK 7

8-14 JUNE

Reuben Explores: Sketch Your Subject – Art and Research Workshop

Monday 9 June

17:30 - 18:30, College Bar

Looking for new ways to present your research? A keen artist that wants to try something new? Never tried art before and fancy trying? If so, come along to this Reuben Explores workshop in collaboration with Reuben Art Society, where we will be exploring and brainstorming designs which express your research interests! Materials will be provided to get those creative juices flowing, especially ahead of submissions for the Reuben Art competition and display at the Insights Festival.

[Book here](#)

Tuesday Talks/DwD: Generation AI - Young People as the Creators and Consumers of Future Tech

Tuesday 10 June

18:20-21:00, Dining Hall

As AI becomes increasingly embedded in our lives, its impact on the generation growing up alongside it remains to be seen. How will AI affect children and how can we design to ensure AI contributes to a flourishing future for the next generation? Andrew Serazin (Senior Research Fellow & Director of the Global Challenges Programme) will walk you through some of the opportunities and risks AI poses to childhood development, reflecting on our experience of supporting young innovators to integrate ethical principles into their designs.

[Book here](#)

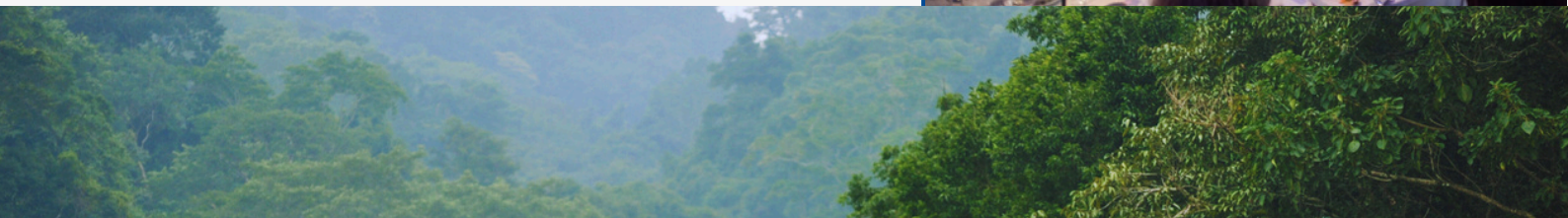
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WEEK 8

15-21 JUNE

Tuesday Talks/DwD: Student Take-over

Tuesday 17 June

18:20 - 21:00, Dining Hall

Join us for presentations from our wonderful Reuben students on their own, varied research projects.

Details on the topics covered coming soon.

[Book here](#)

Interdisciplinary Lunch

Wednesday 18 June

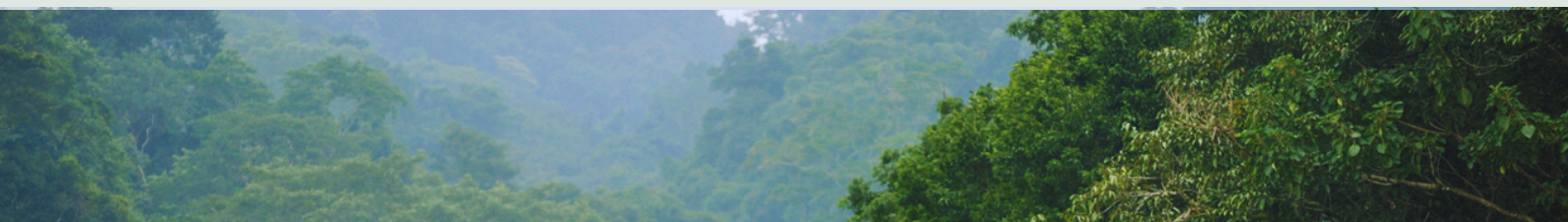
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WEEK 8 (CONT'D)

15-21 JUNE

Formal Hall

Thursday 19 June

19:00-21:00, Dining Hall

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[Book here](#)

@reubencollegeball

Reuben College Ball

Saturday 21 June

19:00-02:00, Reuben College

"Are you sure that we are awake? It seems to me that yet we sleep, we dream..."

The Reuben College Ball Committee invites you to step into a world of intrigue, illusion, and revelry, inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream. For one unforgettable night, reality blurs with fantasy as laughter, music, and mischief fill the air.

Sip on sparkling drinks, indulge in decadent delights, and lose yourself in a whirlwind of dancing, music, and unexpected surprises. With food and drinks included in your ticket, you will feast and toast to the night in true celebratory fashion. Prepare for an evening where nothing is quite as it seems.

Dress to captivate in black tie, and embrace the magic of the night.

[Get your ticket](#)

BEYOND TERM

AI-Ethics Schmidt Colloquium

Friday 27 June

11:00-16:30, Lecture Theatre

You are warmly invited to an AI-Ethics Schmidt event. This event is supported by two Reuben Themes (AI & ML, Ethics & Value), as well as the Schmidt AI Programme hosted by Reuben College, and the Applied Digital Health (ADH) MSc Programme, at the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences. The aim is to bring together AI and Ethics researchers, and to kindle research collaborations. Join in with questions and discussions throughout the day. The event is free (including lunch) for Reuben members and the ADH-MSc students from the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences.

The day will start with talks by Reuben Fellows from the Ethics & Value Theme, and then after lunch, there will be a series of talks by the Schmidt Fellows. At the end of the event, please join us at a nearby pub to continue your conversations.

[Book here](#)



Ethics in Film

Thursday 3 July

17:00, Ultimate Picture Palace

Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

Insights Festival

Saturday 5 July

12:00-15:00, Dining Hall

Save the date for our 2025 Reuben Insights Festival - a celebration of the amazing work and research produced by the College's students and Fellows.

Further details will be shared in the College weekly newsletter and [online](#).



FURTHER BOOKING INFO

Tickets and guest tickets can only be booked by Reuben members using a Reuben email address. All guests must attend the event with a Reuben member; anyone found to have booked guest tickets without being present themselves will have these places cancelled.

Pronouns

You may have noticed that we are asking, when booking onto events, whether you would like to include your pronouns on your place cards. **But why?**

Pronouns are words we use in everyday language to refer to ourselves or others. They can be an important way to express your gender identity. 'I', 'me', 'she/her', 'he/him' and 'they/them' are some examples of pronouns. Some trans and gender non-conforming people may use 'they', 'them' and 'theirs' as personal pronouns. 'They' is considered a gender-neutral pronoun, compared to pronouns like 'he/him' or 'she/her' which are generally perceived as gendered terms.

Pronouns can be used to role model trans allyship, allowing others to see that inclusion is a key component of our College culture. For more information on why you might like to introduce yourself with your pronouns, and how to be inclusive of others doing so, please see here:

[A beginner's guide to pronouns and using pronouns in the workplace | Stonewall](#)

College Hospitality

We now have a 'College Hospitality' option when booking onto events. This is only to be used by those that have specific allowances from the College, and have been emailed to confirm that they can use this option. We reserve the right to cancel bookings that are not eligible.

Should you have any questions about the Termcard or upcoming events in Trinity Term, please email the events team at:

events@reuben.ox.ac.uk



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