



TUESDAY TALKS/DwD: MT25

Week 1: An Introduction to Reuben's Themes

Tuesday 14 October

This evening's talk will be of particular interest to new students. We will introduce Reuben's 'themes' and 'strategic areas', and discuss the ways in which students can get involved in any and all of their activities. Please note that this event is for Reuben members only.



Week 2: Maximising the University's Societal Impact Through Innovation

Tuesday 21 October

Our Vice Chancellor identifies three parts to our academic mission: teaching, research, and innovation. But what does 'innovation' mean in practice? How can we measure the impact of the University's innovations to know if we're making a difference? For Oxford, societal impact is as diverse as you might expect. [Dr Mairi Gibbs](#) (CEO of Oxford University Innovation) will give an overview of how innovation is enabled by OUI's expert support and explain OUI's approach to measuring impact based on theory.



Week 3: Why is Amazon's Alexa Named Alexa?

Tuesday 28 October

In this talk, [Michael Scott](#) (Professor of Classics & Ancient History and Pro-Vice-Chancellor International, University of Warwick) explores how and why our modern society is still inextricably linked with the Ancient Greece and Rome.

He will expose the surprisingly recent origins of our engagement with antiquity, explore its positive and negative impacts across fields as diverse as politics, science, and social media, and discuss how this relationship might evolve in the future. From this, Prof Scott will highlight what continues to make the past such an important part of our present.



Week 4: Yesterday, The Beatles & the Soundtrack of the 60s

Tuesday 4 November

Join renowned music historian [Rupert Perry CBE](#) for a magical mystery tour through the 60s, exploring how The Beatles not only changed music but helped shape an entire generation. Their music became the soundtrack of a turbulent decade; as the world cried out for answers, The Beatles reminded us to simply Let It Be. Come together to celebrate the enduring legacy of the Fab Four at this talk.



Week 5: Student Takeover

Tuesday 11 November

Join us for presentations from our Reuben students on their own varied research projects. Details on the topics and presenters will come during term.



Week 6: AI - Investment Perspective Through an African and South Asian Lens

Tuesday 18 November

[Sir Graham Wrigley](#) will lead an interactive discussion around this important topic. We will also welcome our College President, [Prof Lord \(Lionel\) Tarassenko](#) - a world expert in AI - along with [Abhinav Sinha](#), who leads British International Investment's technology programme in Africa and Asia.



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Week 7: AI - Health as an Entry Point to Tackling Climate Change

Tuesday 25 November

Climate change is harming our health, whether through increased heat stress, worsening air quality, spread of diseases, worsening food security, or increased anxiety linked to extreme events. Tackling climate change is good for our health. Prof Elizabeth Robinson (Director of LSE's Grantham Research Institute) will share with you why, despite the clear benefits, globally we are still struggling to make what surely are sensible policies and choices.



Week 8: How Politics is Shaping Markets and the Implications for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Tuesday 2 December

Sam Gyimah is a British politician and former banker. He began his career at Goldman Sachs before being elected as the Conservative Member of Parliament for East Surrey in 2010. During his political career, he held various ministerial roles, including Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation. He resigned from the Conservative Party in protest of a no-deal Brexit and later joined the Liberal Democrats. After losing his seat in the 2019 general election, he returned to work at Goldman Sachs.

