# Humanities Researcher Development and Training Newsletter
## Michaelmas 2023 | Fifth Week

We hope you enjoy reading about some of your Researcher Development and Training Programme opportunities.

We offer a comprehensive programme of events, opportunities, workshops and resources to support and develop Humanities researchers at all stages of their career from postgraduate level upwards. Some of these opportunities are bespoke and developed in-house; others are provided through external partners, student support services or in partnership with faculties. Most workshops and events are free, or require a £20 refundable deposit. They are open to Master's and DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers (including teaching-only and college-only appointments). All times given are GMT.

This newsletter is sent once a week during term-time to all current MSt, MPhil and DPhil students in the Humanities Division. To unsubscribe, send a blank email to humanitiestrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk.

You can see a list of all our events here (under the 'events' tab).

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## Presentation Delivery Skills
*Wednesday 8 November, 2pm - 5pm – only two places remaining*
*GUDTP Hub Room, 3rd Floor, Manor Road Building, Oxford OX1 3UQ*

**Have you ever watched an amazing presenter build a relationship, a connection, with their audience and wondered how they do it?** This workshop focuses on how to give a good presentation rather than what makes a good one, can help you identify your authentic style and provides you with a set of practical tools with which to approach your next presentation.

We will go beyond superficial discussions of speaking pace, good eye contact, and adopting open body language to explore how you can use internal and external resources to create impact in your presentations. It releases you from many of the myths around public speaking and explores what we do intellectually, emotionally and physically when we communicate effectively.

More information and booking >>

## How to work (and live) well

*Thursday 9th November 2pm – 5pm,* <span style="color:red">*Deadline to apply is Tuesday 7th November at 2pm*</span>
*Online*

*Hosted by the Open-Oxford-Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership*

"What got you here won't get you there." Successful completion of your doctorate may well require you to stop taking some aspects of your existing ways of working for granted. Working habits tend to accrete in haphazard ways, especially when we're under pressure, and it's easy for them to survive far longer than the benefits they offer to us or our work.

In this session, you'll turn a critical eye on your own routines and be introduced to ways of optimizing them. You'll reflect on the multiple roles your life involves and how these give rise to goals that matter to you, which in turn shape how you direct your time and energy into specific tasks and activities.

You'll join the dots between daily and weekly levels of tasks and projects, and your goals and roles for the PhD and beyond. The session will also include an excursion into feelings of academic failure and impostor syndrome how to reject or transform them.

**Please note, you will need to complete some pre-course work on Wednesday 3rd November in order to attend this session. This involves writing down tasks you complete on Wednesday. This will be sent to you on Tuesday afternoon once your attendance has been confirmed.  By booking a place, you agree to attend the 3-hour session in full, and to be free of phone, email, and social media throughout (including the break), to protect your ability to focus on the work we do together. If you need to be contactable in case of emergency, please let us know in advance.**

Book here>>

## Preparing for the DPhil Viva

*Monday 13 November, 2pm - 4pm*
*Online*

This Preparing for the DPhil Viva Workshop is for those who are expecting to sit their viva in the next six months. The workshop focuses on the practical issues surrounding the viva and tries to demystify as much of the process as possible. The workshop provides participants with some resources that aim to help manage expectations, develop confidence, and clarify the institutional systems within which the viva operates.

More information and booking >>

## Improving Your Interview Technique

*Thursday 16 November, 1.30pm – 2.30pm*
*Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PA*
*Hosted by the Careers Service*

Do you want to make sure your interview will impress? We're here to help! In this session we will be covering a range of topics to help with your preparation and performance including; types of interview format, how to prepare effectively, different types of interview questions and practical tips on video / virtual interviews.

We will also discuss a few of the most common interview performance issues, including tackling nerves, delivering appropriate-length answers, and communicating your skills.

[More information and booking >>](#)

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### DPhil and Early Career Lunch
*Tuesday 21 November, 12.15pm - 2.15pm*
*Colin Matthew Room Radcliffe Humanities*

Come along to this networking lunch and meet fellow DPhils and Early Career Researchers in a friendly and informal environment. Lunch provided: just bring yourself!

**Please ensure you note any dietary requirements during the booking process.**

[Book now >>](#)

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### Applying for Research Grants
*Tuesday 21 November, 1pm - 2.30pm*
*In-person and online*
*Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education*

If you are thinking about applying for a research grant this session will help you understand the process from different academic's early career experiences.

Applying for a research grant can be understandably daunting, especially for an early career researcher. To help you to understand more about this process (both from a pragmatic and personal perspective) this facilitated panel discussion will consider several, different disciplinary, personalised narratives about this process. That is, the grant application process will be represented via expert panel members who will reflect on their early days as academics seeking funding.

[More information and booking >>](#)

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## Building Your Academic Web Presence

*Wednesday 22 November, 11am – 1pm*
*Online*

Do you want to be more visible to potential employers, collaborators, and funding bodies? It's more important than ever to have a strong online presence. But where on earth do you start? This interactive workshop provides you with the tools and strategies you need to promote your research online, using social media, blogs, videos, podcasts, and networking sites.

By the end of this session, you'll have a plan for building an online presence that helps you achieve your academic goals.

[More information and booking >>](#)

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## Channels of Digital Scholarship – Gaming and History

*Thursday 23 November, 2pm – 4pm*
*Online*

This session will give two talks on video games and how they explore historical stories: 'Remediating Historical Affects: Agency and Complicity in Historical Video Games' and 'Contemporary video games and Layers of History'.

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