



SCATTERING THE SEEDS OF EVIL: BIRKBECK & LIFELONG LEARNING AFTER BREXIT & COVID

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Today's Agenda



- 15:00 – 15:05 Chairman's Introduction
- 15:05 – 15:25 Keynote Presentation – Professor David Latchman
- 15:25 – 15:45 Question & Answer

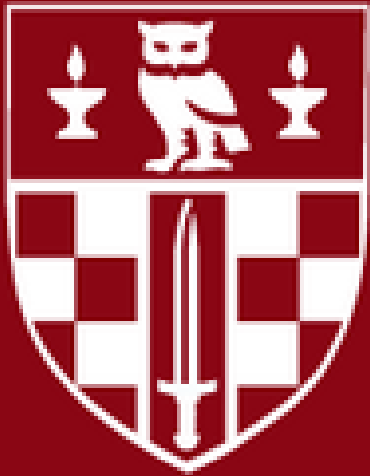
Today's Speakers



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BIRKBECK AND LIFELONG LEARNING AFTER COVID

WHY ARE WE HERE? OUR CITY HISTORY & MISSION

- Founded in the Crown and Anchor pub on the Strand by Dr George Birkbeck (1823). London Mechanics Institute.
- Based in Southampton Buildings, Holborn until 1883.
- Moved to Breems Buildings, Fetter Lane from 1883 until 1952. (In the picture)
- Lord Mayor ex-officio Vice-President of Birkbeck



MOVE TO BLOOMSBURY

- In 1952, HM The Queen Mother opened our Malet St building in Bloomsbury. This was 32 years after joining the University of London and could be co-located on one site. Birkbeck is still based in Bloomsbury although attracts students from all over London and overseas.
- Recent developments have seen an expansion in Birkbeck buildings (more later)

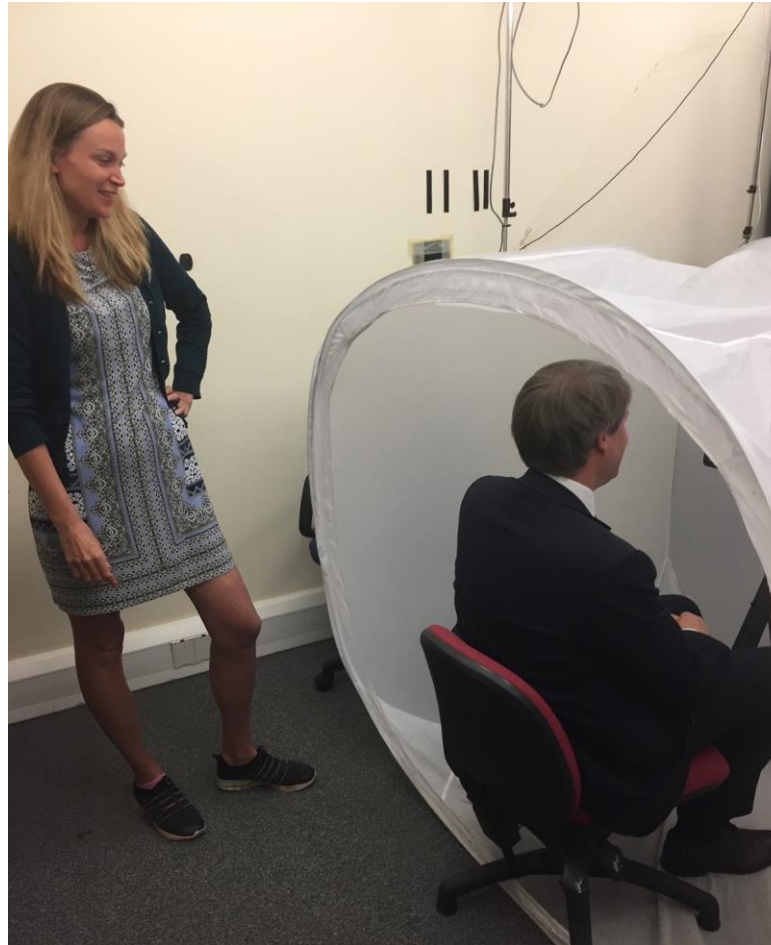


RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES

- ‘Working Londoners’ are in our DNA since foundation in 1823. World of work has changed!
- No stranger to adversity – Birkbeck open during the Blitz in London – the only university to do so.
- Evening teaching has been the bedrock of our model - now includes full and part-time plus postgraduate quals.
- Government rules around ELQ (2008) and then the 2012 tuition fee reforms have changed our funding model even further.
- Reductions in teaching grant and London weighting.
- Fourth Industrial Revolution, Covid, Brexit – all pose different challenges
- Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) from 2025

RESEARCH

- In addition to offering high quality teaching Birkbeck maintains a significant research profile.
- We teach at Postgraduate Level in all of our academic departments and staff are research active we do have particular specialisms in Crystallography, Law, Sports Management and in Neuroscience which encompasses our 'Baby Lab' and 'Toddler Lab' which develops research into infant cognitive issues.
- This Centre attracts a lot of interest and in 2019 hosted a visit by the then Science Minister, Chris Skidmore MP.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Birkbeck is a unique institution within British higher education – no one else offers majority face to face teaching and evening classes.
- Covid has created a burning platform to increase online learning. Birkbeck will never go solely online (Open University) but many of our learners appreciate the flexibility to fit with the rest of their lives.
- Won concessions for ELQ students (on STEM subjects) but exemptions remain.
- Full-Time evening degrees & expansion of Masters degree provision (due to the Student Loans system).
- International students.
- Many well known alumni including current Business Secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, Lib Dem Leader, Ed Davey, former shadow Chancellor, John McDonnell and economics figures like Paul Johnson of The IFS.



BIRKBECK: NEW BUILDINGS AND THE FUTURE

- Consolidating in Bloomsbury
- 373 Euston Road (Sky Lecture Theatre)
- Acquired Student Central, former ULU (to be Birkbeck Central)
- Toddler Lab
- 200 years old in 2023





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- Thu, 06 Jan (15:00-15:45) How Insecure Are Your Websites? The Enigma of Digital Certificates (PKI)
- Tue, 11 Jan (16:00-17:00) The New Old: Getting To Grips With Longevity

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