

Scott Polar Research Institute

M.PHIL. (one-year course) IN POLAR STUDIES

A series of seminars on a wide range of polar topics (environment, history, peoples, development, resources, administration), and addressed by many outside specialists, are held at the Scott Polar Research Institute in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms for those taking the M.Phil. in Polar Studies. Other graduate students who wish to attend any of these seminars should get in touch with the Course Director at the Institute, who will provide full details.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND RUSSIAN NORTHERN STUDIES GROUP

The Group's regular graduate seminar covers a wide range of topics, often with visiting speakers from Russia and elsewhere. The Group also runs specialist seminars covering the following topics: Reindeer herding; Oil, gas and society; Shamanism, spirits and environment; Therapy and the family in Russia; Governance and indigenous rights in the North. For details please contact Dr Piers Vitebsky on pv100@cam.ac.uk

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Unless otherwise announced, all public lectures are held on Saturdays at 8.00 p.m. in the Institute's Lecture Theatre.

- 19 Oct. ROBERT HEADLAND
The Argentine invasion of South Georgia: two decades on
 The speaker was stationed at the British Antarctic Survey base King Edward Point when it was attacked by Argentine forces on 3 April 1982 in an early action of the Falklands Conflict. This lecture has been organized jointly with the South Georgia Association.
- 2 Nov. DR CHARLES COCKELL
Life in a polar asteroid crater
 Located on Devon Island in the Canadian Arctic, the 22-km Houghton impact structure was formed by the collision of an asteroid 24 million years ago. Research reveals how life might take advantage of craters created by asteroid and comet collisions. Similarities between this crater's geological environment and the shocked polar-like environment of Mars has led to a major NASA project here testing technologies for human exploitation of Mars.
- 16 Nov. PETER SPEAK
William Speirs Bruce (1867–1921)
 To commemorate the departure of the *Scotia* Expedition to Antarctica, the author of a recent book on Bruce will give an account of the life and work of this remarkable polar explorer, scientist and Scottish nationalist.
- PLEASE NOTE: The lecture will be followed by the AGM of the Friends of the Institute and a buffet. All are welcome to the lecture but Friends only should attend the AGM and buffet.
- 30 Nov. PAM FLOWERS
Alone across the Arctic
 In February 1993, Pam Flowers set out alone with her 8-dog team in an attempt to retrace the 1923–24 route of Danish explorer Knud Rasmussen's portion of the Fifth Thule Expedition. During her illustrated presentation, the speaker will recount her experiences during the 2,500 mile journey.

With the exception of the lecture on 16 November which will be held at 5.00 p.m., all lectures are at 8.00 p.m. in the Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road. They are open to all who are interested, and seats will be reserved, on request, for "Friends of the Institute".

SCIENCE AND SOCIETY GROUP

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