



Calendar for September/October 2022

28 September The Anarchy: The relentless Rise of the East India

Wednesday, 7.30pm

Chaired by:

Dr Andrew McKillop

Company

Willian Dalrymple

*William Dalrymple is one of Britain's great historians and the bestselling author of the Wolfson Prize-winning *White Mughals*, *The Last Mughal*, which won the Duff Cooper Prize, and the Hemingway and Kapuściński award-winning *Return of a King*. His most recent book, *The Anarchy*, was long-listed for the Baillie Gifford Prize 2019, and shortlisted for the Duke of Wellington Medal for Military History.*

In August 1765 the East India Company defeated and captured the young Mughal emperor and forced him to set up in his richest provinces a new government run by English traders who collected taxes through means of a vast and ruthless private army. The creation of this new government marked the moment that the East India Company ceased to be a conventional international trading corporation and became something much more unusual: an aggressive colonial power in the guise of a multinational business.

12 October

Wednesday, 7.30pm

Chaired by:

Dr Leonard Esakowitz

The impact of brain injury on vision: what does it teach us about how our minds see?

Professor Gordon Dutton

Professor Gordon Dutton was a Consultant Ophthalmologist in Glasgow for 25 years, initially as a Senior Lecturer, then later as a paediatric ophthalmologist. During this time, visual impairment resulting from brain injury became increasingly common, leading to his contributing to a series of clinical publications concerning this topic.

Our vision is created in our minds, and contributes fundamentally to our freedom of movement, search, recognition, and imagination. Vision is so much a part of our everyday lives that we hardly give it a thought, but when brain injury or anomaly disturbs vision, the resulting unique patterns of visual experience can provide us with insights into its miraculous complexity. The remarkable stories of some of those affected, provide us with glimpses into the nature of human vision and will provide the basis for this talk.

26 October

Wednesday,

7.30pm

Chaired by:

Dr Geraint Bevan

Making a materials difference to Green Energy (Batteries included)

Professor Saiful Islam

Saiful obtained his Chemistry degree and PhD from University College London, followed by a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Eastman Kodak Labs in New York. He returned to the UK to the University of Surrey, was then appointed Professor of Materials Chemistry at the University of Bath in 2006, before joining Oxford in 2022.

Saiful's research interests encompass major contributions to the deeper understanding of atomistic processes in energy materials, especially those related to lithium batteries and perovskite solar cells. Recent efforts have focused on new cathodes for lithium-ion batteries, on solid electrolytes for lithium and sodium solid-state batteries, and on understanding the behaviour of novel perovskite solar cell materials.

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre 201, Sir Charles Wilson Building,
University of Glasgow, 1 University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8QQ.**

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