

## Trinity 2016: Week 8

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## InSIS News

### Horizons of Movement: Interdisciplinary Encounters in Kinesthetic Thinking

On September 22-23 InSIS will be hosting the workshop 'Horizons of Movement: Interdisciplinary Encounters in Kinesthetic Thinking'.

Convened by [Javier Lezaun](#) and [Nicolas Salazar Sutil](#), the workshop will explore the disruptive potential of kinetic movement for philosophies and social theories centred on the problem of mind and its language.

The meeting will encompass a wide variety of perspectives, including representational and non-representational, formal and informal, scientific and arts/humanities approaches to movement.

Confirmed participants include Paul Carter, Fernando Zalamea, Peter Gärdenfors, Celia Lury, Nerea Calvillo, Derek McCormack, Michael Guggenheim, and John Stell.

A full programme will be announced shortly. For more information, please contact Javier Lezaun.

### InSIS at RAI Conference in May

Sophie Haines co-convened a panel at the [Royal Anthropological Institute](#) conference, held 27-29 May at the British Museum. The theme of the conference was [Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change](#).

Sophie's panel was held on 28 May on '[Knowing the atmosphere: exploring conceptual and practical dimensions of weather and climate knowledge for environmental decision-making](#)'. Sophie also presented a paper as part of the panel on her work undertaken in Belize as part of the [OMPORS](#) research project.

Steve Rayner acted as a discussant, as well as chair of the keynote address and participated in a plenary presentation of the American Anthropological Association.

### Anthropologies of Forecasting Weather and Climate

On 30 May, Steve Rayner and Sophie Haines convened a one-day workshop on 'Anthropologies of Forecasting Weather and Climate', under the Oxford Martin Programme on Resource Stewardship.

Organised as a way to extend discussions from the RAI conference, the workshop was attended by nearly 20 participants, including scholars from UK, USA, Norway, Brazil, Argentina, and Denmark - mostly anthropologists but also colleagues from geography, STS, history of science, and physics. Round table discussions throughout the day addressed the following themes: 'times and spaces of forecasting'; 'usability and uncertainty'; 'working across disciplines and domains'; 'governance and accountability'; and 'impacts and interventions'. The group also discussed the development of a scholarly network on this topic, and plans to hold more events in the future.

### BioProperty at the 4S/EASST conference in Barcelona

Javier Lezaun and Natalie Porter are convening a session at the forthcoming 4S/EASST conference in Barcelona (August 31 to September 3). Under the title '[Economies of Life in Biomedicine](#)', the session will include presentations by Amy Hinterberger, Ann Kelly, Nadine Levin, Javier Lezaun, and Natalie Porter, with Kaushik Sunder Rajan as discussant.

### Sophie Haines presentations

Sophie Haines will attend the first conference of the Research Councils' UK Droughts and Water Scarcity programme in Oxford 27-28 June. She will present work from the IMPETUS project on 'Understanding user needs for drought prediction' on 28 June.

On 4 July, Sophie will present a paper, titled 'Framing uncertain futures: promises probabilities and the prediction of weather and climate' (co-authored with David Zeitlyn) at the 2016 Association of Social Anthropologists meeting in Durham, as part of a panel on [Digital Environmentalisms](#).

### **Ontologies of...**

On June 24 Javier Lezaun will be speaking at the workshop '[Ontologies of...the Biosphere, Sex, the Artificial and Autonomous](#)', organised by the Centre for the Study of Environmental Change, the Centre for Gender and Women's Studies, and the Centre for Science Studies at Lancaster University.

### **Javier Lezaun on antimicrobial resistance**

On August 3 Javier Lezaun will be speaking at the workshop '[The Construction of Antimicrobial Resistance](#)' at Latimer Place, in Chesham. The event is organised by the Anthropology, Politics and policy Group at the [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#).

### **Jerome Ravetz in The Guardian**

InSIS research associate Jerome Ravetz has recently published an article in The Guardian titled '[How should we treat science's growing pains?](#)'. In this piece, Jerome reflects on the troubles facing contemporary science and argues that the roots of science's crisis, including a failure of quality controls to keep pace with the growth of science, have been ignored for too long.

### **Science Dialogue - Climate Engineering**

On May 20 Steve Rayner gave the keynote presentation and participated in a panel discussion at the '[Science Dialogue on Climate Engineering: Lessons from the Oxford Geoengineering](#)' event. Held at the University of Zurich, this one-day workshop was organised by the [Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability \(CCRS\)](#) at the University of Zurich and provided a forum for informed and constructive dialogue in the area of climate engineering.

Steve also gave a presentation on May 19 as part of the CCRA monthly lecture series titled, '[The Flexible City: the role of lock-in and path dependency in the context of urban development for "regenerative sustainability"](#)'.

### **Mary Douglas Memorial Lecture 2016**

On May 25 the third Mary Douglas Memorial Lecture was held at UCL. This year's lecture, titled '[How BOFIs \(Banks and Other Financial Institutions\) Think](#)' was presented by Dr Michael Thompson from the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis.

The lecture is sponsored by the Oxford University School of anthropology and Museum Ethnography, UCL's [Anthropology Department](#), the Royal Anthropological Institute, and St Anne's College, of which Mary Douglas was an alumna.

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## **Publications**

### **Journal Articles**

Bellamy, R., and Lezaun, J. (2016) Crafting a public for geoengineering, *Public Understanding of Science*, DOI: 10.1177/0963662515600965

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Bellamy, R., Chilvers, J. and Vaughan, N. (2016) Deliberative Mapping of options for tackling climate change: citizens and specialists 'open up' appraisal of geoengineering. *Public Understanding of Science*, 25, 269-286

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### **Book Chapters**

Heyward, C., Rayner, S. and Savulescu, J. (2016) Early geoengineering governance: The Oxford Principles. In: D. Kaplan and J.B. Callicott (eds.) *Technology and the Environment*, MIT Press: Cambridge MA.

Heyward, C. and Rayner, S. (2016) Apocalypse Nicked: Stolen Rhetoric in Geoengineering Advocacy. In: S. Crate and M. Nuttaall (eds.) *Anthropology and Climate Change Second Edition*, Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, CA.

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## Other

Benessia, A., Funtowicz, S., Giampietro, M., Guimarães Pereira, A., Ravetz, J., Saltelli, A., Strand, R., van der Sluijs, J. (2016) *The Rightful Place of Science: Science on the Verge*, Published by The Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes at Arizona State University.

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