



Oxford Language Teachers' Conference 2023 Sir Robert Taylor Society

St Anne's College | Friday 29 – Saturday 30 September 2023

Programme

Friday 29th September

All sessions will take place in the Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre, unless otherwise indicated.

- 12.30pm Arrival and registration
- 1.00 Welcome buffet lunch; Dining Hall
- 2.00 Building Bridges Roundtable: Schools and Universities Working Together
A roundtable discussion on current issues within MFL teaching from KS3 to degree level, with a panel of academics and teachers as well as contributions from the floor.
- 3.30 In the spotlight: Beginners' languages at university
An insight into the increasing accessibility of beginners' languages degrees, and how these are structured at Oxford.
- 4.15 Afternoon tea; Dining Hall
- 4.45 Careers and Modern Languages, with keynote speaker Lindsay Johns
Writer and broadcaster Lindsay Johns will discuss his experiences of studying Modern Languages at Oxford and how his degree and language learning have shaped his personal and professional life.
- 5.30 Taster lecture: 'Creating the World on the seventeenth-century Spanish Stage'
A short lecture delivered by Prof. Jonathan Thacker, King Alfonso XIII Professor of Spanish Studies, with time for a Q&A.
- 6.15 Break
- 7.00 Pre-dinner drinks; Foyer B Ruth Deech Building
- 7.30 Seating for dinner; Dining Hall
- 9pm onwards After-dinner drinks; College Bar

Saturday 30th September

All sessions will take place in the Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre, unless otherwise indicated.

- 9.15am A-Level Literature Circus: The Language of the Text
Academics from the MML Faculty discuss ways in which an area of language teaching can be used as a starting point for textual analysis in the following A-Level texts: Un sac de billes (French); Die Verwandlung (German); El coronel no tiene quien le escribe (Spanish).
- 10.30 Coffee break; Dining Hall
- 11.00 Admissions 101
An introduction to Oxford's admissions process for Modern Languages degrees, featuring a mock interview and a Q&A.
- 11.45 In the spotlight: Oxford outreach for Key Stage 3 learners
An insight into outreach projects occurring across the university which are supporting KS3 MFL pupils. Led by Dr Charlotte Ryland (the Queen's Translation Exchange/Stephen Spender Trust).
- 12.30pm End of conference