



The next U3A Newsletter will be sent out on 14th August. In the meantime here are the lectures up to September.

Embassy Lectures Begin 21 July

Our series of Zoom lectures ended on a high note this past Friday, 3 July with Suzanne Sniveley's informative address on Transparency as it relates to the Covid-19 situation. The online lectures have served us well especially during the lock-down period. We plan to investigate how we could supplement our face-to-face lectures by recordings. If any member has expertise recording in a large auditorium with multiple speakers such as we have in the Embassy, please contact the President, Barbara Crump. We have recordings of the more recent Zoom lectures which will be available until 20 July. If you would like a link to a recording please let Barbara know.

We return to The Embassy theatre for our lectures at the start of Term 3 on **Tuesday 21 July**. Robin, Rae and Doug, our Programme Coordinators have organised a topical and interesting lecture series. We begin with Professor Nick Wilson, Professor of Epidemiology, and on Friday 28th July, our lecture will be given by George Troup a former Ambassador to The Hague.

Please check our lecture programme on our website. They appear under the *Lectures and Events* tab as well as on the calendar.

VISITS AND EVENTS FOR JULY HOLIDAYS

NIWA, Malaghan Institute, Holocaust Centre and Harbour Signal Station all proved difficult to arrange post lock down but are sure to feature amongst later Events. The following however, are all set for these two weeks prior to our return to the Embassy.

Wednesday 8 July, 10 am- Bata Boot Factory, Happy Valley **(One hour plus travel)**

In addition to the manufacture of gumboots, the Factory displays all Bata imports of sports and leisure footwear, handbags, etc. at wholesale prices. In order to see both we must visit on a Wednesday, meeting with or without a vehicle at 10 am on the corner of Victoria and Dixon Streets. in order to car pool for Happy Valley.

See below for bookings, indicating if you have a car to share, or if more convenient to go direct. (No cost)

Tuesday 14 July 10.30 am - Guided visit to Hindu Mandir, Kilbirnie

(One hour)

At the heart of the Indian Sports & Cultural Centre on Kemp St, Kilbirnie is their Temple or Mandir, to which we are welcome for a guided visit and some reflection on Hindu Philosophy. Participants may park on Kemp St or walk from the Kilbirnie bus hub. There's a coffee opportunity afterwards at Hey George Cafe, Bay Rd, Kilbirnie.

See below for bookings. (No cost)

Friday 17 July 10.30 am or 1 pm - Victoria University Art Walk

(2 x One hour)

Art Historian Vivienne Morrell MA (Vic) led our Secret Art Walks through some 20 Business Foyers in the central city two years ago and is happy to guide us round significant art works within the various buildings of the University. Two tour groups of twelve participants each will begin and end at the Student Union's 'Milk & Honey' Cafe at Gate 3, with opportunity for both groups to join there for lunch at noon. For those that wish, the University's Adam Art Gallery is available nearby for a private visit.

See below for bookings and to nominate preferred time. (Cost \$5 at start of tour)

Bookings at events@u3awellingtoncity.org.nz

(or in the absence of internet, on 021 028 22082)

U3A LECTURE PROGRAMME

Lectures are usually held at the Embassy Theatre, 10 Kent Terrace

from 10.30 am until 12 noon

TERM 3 Tuesday 21 July to Friday 25 September

TERM 4 Tuesday 13 October to Friday 6 November

Tuesday 21 July

Professor Nick Wilson

The Covid -19 Elimination strategy. Why was it the best choice for New Zealand?

Professor Nick Wilson is a Public Health doctor and epidemiologist with the University of Otago in Wellington. He has done research on the 1918 influenza pandemic, the SARS pandemic, the 2009 influenza pandemic and the most recent the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday 24 July

George Troup

The international legal institutions in The Hague – do they make the world a better place?

George concluded a varied diplomatic career as ambassador to The Hague. It hosts a range of legal institutions: some created for the purpose of settling disputes between states and others aimed at ending impunity by bringing the perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity to justice. This talk surveys the history of the institutions and New Zealand's involvement with them, and attempts to assess their degree of success in establishing the rule of law as the basis for international relations.

Tuesday 28 July

Dr Rebecca Dudley

Protecting the Human in Humanitarian emergencies

Rebecca has lived in New Zealand, since 2015. She has a doctorate in international human rights law from Queen's University and a BA in history from Yale. She has worked in the fields of community development, human rights advocacy, transitional justice and the reduction of gender-based violence against women. In Northern Ireland she was on the staff of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and was in charge of human rights training for the police. She has been the International Humanitarian law Advisor to New Zealand Red Cross since August 2016. Sharing human stories from around the world, Rebecca will show examples of how the largest humanitarian movement in the world works.

Friday 31 July

Ian F Grant and Hannah Benbow

The 2017 general election as the cartoonists saw it:

Ian was the founder of the NZ Cartoon Archive and Hannah is the current cartoon and comics librarian at the National Library. There is increasing appreciation by historians that editorial cartoons have considerable value for their unvarnished, street-level view of events, untainted by the sanitising of official documents, correspondence and reports. They provide a valuable perspective to measure against other sources of information and opinion. This is certainly true of the editorial cartoons that appeared during the 2017 General Election in New Zealand.

Tuesday 4 August

Dr Areti Metuamate

Exploring Voices of young in the Pacific - Their Future Post Covid-19

Dr Areti Metuamate is chief Executive of a newly formed tertiary education provider, Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute. He is also a board director and researcher, heavily involved in his iwi's Treaty of Waitangi claim. Areti has worked in higher education in Australia for 10 years, the Office of Treaty Settlements in NZ, and in Parliament. Areti will talk about the role of young people in Aotearoa and the Pacific region play in advocating for their rights and for their futures.

Friday 7 August

Dr Paul Herrick

Cataract surgery from the early Egyptians to Bach, Monet and the present

Paul is currently a consultant ophthalmologist at Wellington Public Hospital. He has also worked in Iraq, Pakistan, Cambodia and Samoa. His presentation will particularly mention the effect the operation had on J S Bach and Claude Monet. He will talk about the great work that Fred Hollows did in bringing the operation to 3rd world countries. He will discuss the current small incision procedure, foldable intraocular lenses and what part lasers play in modern cataract surgery.

Tuesday 11 August

Marc Wilson

Scepticism on scientific issues

Marc is Professor of Psychology at Victoria University. He has numerous research interests, including adolescent mental health, political behaviour and beliefs about science and pseudoscience. Marc questions "why do some people believe that humans are negatively impacting our climate, or that humans evolved from simpler organisms over millions of years, but others don't. Why does this differ so much between, say, the United States and NZ". In this presentation he will talk about psychological factors that contribute to belief, or scepticism, about scientific issues.

Friday 14 August

John Miller Professor (Emeritus)

Sea sponges, natural products and cancer

Professor Miller is currently based at the School of Biological Sciences and Centre for Biodiversity at Victoria University of Wellington. He will talk about the successes and failures in treating cancer with drugs extracted from marine animals, bacteria, or plants. These natural products have been and still are being researched in laboratories around the world to try to produce a new chemotherapeutic drug that selectively kills cancer cells and has fewer off-target or unwanted side effects.

Tuesday 18 August

Detective Inspector Blair Macdonald

The New Zealand Drug Scene

Blair is currently Manager of the National Drug Intelligence Bureau (NZIB) in the NZ Police Force. Blair will talk on how NZ continues to be targeted by transnational organised crime groups. He will outline a number of drug seizures and how methamphetamine is New Zealand's most widely abused drug. He will outline NZ Wastewater Testing Programme that measures drug consumption over 80% of our population. If time allows he will talk on the impact of Covid-19 on New Zealand's illicit drug market and what is anticipated in the future.

Friday 21 August

Bernadette Courtney

Journalism matters: our challenging road ahead

Bernadette has a journalism career spanning 35 years in the United Kingdom and New Zealand. She is the Editor-in-Chief Newsrooms of Stuff and was previously the editor of the Dominion Post. Bernadette will discuss the company's proud, rich newspaper heritage and its rapid switch to digital newsrooms, the challenges New Zealand's media face from global giants and why journalism matters. With media companies collapsing around the world Bernadette will share how Stuff has become one of the most successful and trusted online brands. And why after more than 35 years she still cares about the craft of journalism.

Tuesday 25 August

To be advised

Friday 28 August

Ross Bell

Through the haze: all that you need to know for the Cannabis Control Referendum

Ross has been the Executive Director of the NZ Drug Foundation since 2004. He has also served on the boards of the International Drug Policy Consortium, Global Alcohol Policy Alliance, and the NZ Needle Exchange Services Trust. Ross will discuss what will we be voting for exactly, and what impact it might have on our families and communities. Drawing international and local experiences of legal regulation, Ross will talk about the possible social, health and economic impacts that legalisation might have on New Zealand and describe the contents of the Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill.

Tuesday 1 September

To be advised

Friday 4 September

Heather Sangster and Abby Leota

Living with HIV today

Heather and Abby are from the Positive Speakers Bureau. Which is New Zealand's preferred supplier of HIV education. They will share their lived experiences with HIV and to provide an update on the state of HIV in Aotearoa, today. The Positive Speakers' Bureau believes people living with HIV must be at the heart of the HIV response, creating dialogue between individuals and communities, to effectively raise awareness and reduce HIV stigma and discrimination.

Tuesday 8 September 2020

Jessica Young

End of Life Choices - Research and the Referendum

Jessica's Phd research explored the views of 14 terminally ill New Zealanders who would consider choosing assisted dying if it were available to them. This has led to her involvement in a campaign (Yes for Compassion) that shares dying people's reasons for wanting choice and aims to educate the public by providing trustworthy, evidence-based information on the *End of Life Act 2019*. Jessica has published widely on assisted dying and received several awards for science communication as well as research excellence. In November of 2019 New Zealand's Parliament enacted the *End of Life Choice Act 2019* to authorise the administration of a lethal

dose of medication to competent adults suffering from a terminal illness likely to end his or her life within 6 months, should they directly and voluntarily request it. However, before the legislation can enter into force, it must be approved by a majority of voters at a referendum held at the next general election. Jessica will present New Zealand and international research on assisted dying with reference to the criteria and safeguard in this Act.

Friday 11th September AGM - Please note earlier time of 10 am. AGM details and reports will be in the Newsletter due out on 14th August. The AGM speaker will be Dr Michael Johnston.

Dr Michael Johnston

Free speech as a democratic value: Why a free society depends on the free expression of offensive ideas

Michael is an Associate Dean of Education at Victoria University of Wellington. He will discuss the importance of free speech as a foundational value of democratic society. He will argue that free speech is not merely a 'right', but rather an essential process of public discourse, without which democratic institutions cannot properly function or long endure. He will further argue that attempts to protect vulnerable groups by legislating against 'hate speech' are likely to be counter-productive and exacerbate prejudice, conflict and social division.

Tuesday 15 September

Stephanie Parkyn

Josephine's Garden - The Empress Napoleon and her botanical garden

Stephanie is the author of "Josephine's Garden." She had a former career as an environmental scientist, but now writes historical fiction. Her short stories have been shortlisted for the RSNZ Manhire Prize for Creative Science Writing and her debut novel "Into the World" was longlisted for the Tasmanian Premier's Literature Prize 2019. In this talk Stephanie will explore Josephine's largely unknown obsession with growing rare and unusual plants gathered from expeditions around the world. "Josephine's Garden" is the story of Josephine's desire to grow these plants in France for the first time, her magnificent garden, her botanical rivalries, and her tumultuous marriage to Napoleon.

Friday 18 September

Jane Wrightson

The role of financial capability in achieving a good retirement

Jane has been Retirement Commissioner since February 2020 and was previously Chief Executive of Public Media Funding, NZ on Air. She will discuss why financial capability among New Zealanders of all ages is crucial in securing a good standard of living in retirement, CFFC research that shows how COVID-19 has exposed a lack of financial resilience, and measures her office is taking to help address this. Jane will also touch on the Review of Retirement Income Policies which her office completed last year. It contains 19 recommendations which Jane is progressing with government and community organisations. She will go through some of the key recommendations that might affect U3A members and ask for your feedback. Jane is keen to hear what we think constitutes a 'good retirement' in the 21st century.

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Wellington SeniorNet is offering a free visitors session on Friday 14 August, from 12:30pm - 2:30pm, at Anvil House 138 Wakefield Street. Further details on their website. (wellingtonseniornet.co.nz)

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