

Bulletin

Weekly notices

Seminars and Events

Department of Sociology Seminar

8 October 2018

Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building 12:45

Jonathan Lusthaus, University of Oxford

Industry of Anonymity: Inside the Business of Cybercrime

Abstract: Cybercrime now operates like a business. Its goods and services may be illicit, but it is highly organized, complex, driven by profit, and globally interconnected. This talk examines the underground economy and how it works. In particular, it seeks to make sense of the strategies cybercriminals use to build a thriving industry in a low-trust environment characterized by a precarious combination of anonymity and teamwork. It is based on 7 years of fieldwork in cybercrime hotspots around the world, including in Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Brazil, Nigeria, China and the USA. The core source of data is interviews with almost 250 law enforcement agents, security professionals and former cybercriminals.

Jonathan Lusthaus is Director of The Human Cybercriminal Project in the Department of Sociology and a Research Fellow at Nuffield College, University of Oxford. He recently completed a seven-year global study on the organisation of cybercrime published by Harvard University Press as *Industry of Anonymity: Inside the Business of Cybercrime*.

Department of Sociology Seminars

8 October 2017 (Week 1)

Jonathan Lusthaus, University of Oxford

Industry of Anonymity: Inside the Business of Cybercrime

15 October 2017 (Week 2)

Lindsay Richards, University of Oxford

Low status, left behind, ignorant and ignored? Understanding the Brexit voter

22 October 2017 (Week 3)

Colin Mills, University of Oxford

Long-term trends in social class mobility in the UK

29 October 2017 (Week 4)

Charles Seguin,

Boundary Spillover and the Politics of Racial Violence:

The Transatlantic Response to American Lynching 1891-1903

5 November 2017, (Week 5)

Christiaan Monden, University of Oxford

Family size matters

12 November 2017, (Week 6)

Paula Sheppard, University of Oxford

No evidence that becoming a grandparent benefits well-being:

What does this mean for theories of grandparenting

19 November 2017, (Week 7)

Jonathan Gershuny, University of Oxford
Time, Capitals and Social Structure

26 November 2017, (Week 8)
Heather Hamill, University of Oxford
Trust or distrust in medicines

Special Sociology Seminar

2-1pm, Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Sutro Room, Trinity College

Large scale collective action and state intervention

Prof Sverker Jagers

Director, Centre for Collective Action Research,

University of Gothenburg, Sweden

All Welcome

The [Centre for Experimental Social Science \(CESS\)](#) at Nuffield College, Oxford and the [Behavioral Science Unit \(eMBED\)](#) at the World Bank will host a workshop on Measuring the Tricky Things at Nuffield College on 12-13th October 2018.

The workshop will bring together scholars working on state-of-the-art measurement techniques on things that are difficult to measure to share best practices. The workshop will include 11 speakers and 6 Roundtable leaders from academia and policy research with the goal of facilitating interdisciplinary discussion and to develop a shared framework for approaching difficult methodological challenges.

Speakers will present on studies to elicit attitudes, social norms, cognitive abilities and behaviours that people prefer to hide, that are prone to social desirability bias, or that people are simply not aware of (e.g., social norms related to domestic violence, executive functions, stereotypes and out-group biases across hostile groups, and dishonesty). In addition, a series of roundtables will be held throughout the conference on topics such as female genital cutting and corruption.

Speakers

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| Anandi Mani | Professor of Behavioural Economics and Public Policy at the University of Oxford |
| Armin Falk | Professor of Economics at the University of Bonn and Chief Executive Officer of briq |
| Henry Travers | Research Associate in the Department of Zoology at the University of Oxford |
| Julian Jamison | Professor of Economics and Director of Research (Economics) at the University of Exeter |
| Karla Hoff | Lead Economist in the Development Research Group at the World Bank |
| Rachel Glennerster | Chief Economist at the United Kingdom's Department for International Development |

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| Renos Vakis | Co-Head of the Behavioral Science Unit (eMBeD) at the World Bank |
| Ryan Enos | Professor of Political Science and Director of Graduate Studies at Harvard University |
| Sheheryar Banuri | Lecturer at the University of East Anglia |
| Susan Fiske | Eugene Higgins Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs at Princeton University |
| Varun Gauri | Co-Head of the Behavioral Science Unit (eMBeD) at the World Bank |

The workshop is open to faculty and graduate students at the University of Oxford, but spaces are limited. All student requests to attend will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. A small number of additional spots may be given to students who volunteer to help welcome guests and take notes for the roundtable sessions.

The event will take place from 8:30AM – 5:30PM on Friday and 8:30AM – 2:30PM on Saturday. Lunch will be provided on both days. Attendees must participate in the entire event.

To register, please click [here](#).

Dr Alex J. Wood
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Societies at Work Reading Group' Michaelmas 2018

To join mailing list email: alex.wood@oii.ox.ac.uk

We meet fortnightly for an hour long discussion of journal articles or book chapters broadly related to understanding work, employment, class and labour markets. We usually follow the discussion with an informal trip to a pub. We are open to all Oxford University graduate students and faculty members. If you are interested in joining please email alex.wood@oii.ox.ac.uk to receive details of the readings, locations and timings.

Next meeting:

Tuesday October 23

'Speaking of Contradiction' – *Work, Employment and Society*

Geraint Harvey, Peter Turnbull, Daniel Wintersberger

Other readings this term:

Tuesday October 23

'Working Algorithms: Software Automation and the Future of Work' – *Work and Occupations*

Benjamin Shestakofsky

Tuesday November 6

'Reconnecting class and production relations in an advanced capitalist 'knowledge economy': Changing class structure and class consciousness' - *Capital and Class*

DW Livingstone and Antonie Scholtz

Tuesday November 20

'Entrepreneurial agency and field relations: A Realist Bourdieusian Analysis' – *Human Relations*

Steve Vincent and Victoria Pagan

Vacancies

Research Support Assistance Work Available -- Department of Sociology, University of Oxford
Reporting to: Dr Patrick Präg

Task:

The research assistant will support Dr Patrick Präg on the ERC-funded FAMSIZE MATTERS project. The RA will be working in a team with Professor Christiaan Monden, Dr Paula Sheppard, and Dr Patrick Präg.

The tasks of the research assistant will include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing data sets for use in the larger project, including documenting the computer code (using Stata)
- Analyzing survey or other data, independently following the guidance of the researchers
- Producing literature reviews under guidance of the researchers

Additional tasks may include:

- Contribute to wider project management, including organization of meetings
- Participate in meetings/seminars of the project
- Contribute to discussions and share research findings with members of the project

Skills required:

Essential:

- Relevant experience in working with survey data in Stata
- Ability to manage own research and administrative activities
- Ability to work independently and with tight deadlines

Desirable:

- Experience of working in a research team

Start date: as soon as possible.

Duration: 8 weeks in first instance

Rate of pay: standard RA rate (ca. £14.40 per hour)

Please contact Patrick Praeg (Patrick.prag@sociology.ox.ac.uk) with your CV and an application letter/email

Conference/Call for abstracts/papers

Opportunities & Information

New book by Anthony Heath with Elisabeth Garratt, Ridhi Kashyap, Yaojun Li, and Lindsay Richards.

Social Progress in Britain will be released 27th September 2018

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/social-progress-in-britain-9780198805489?cc=gb&lang=en&>

In his landmark 1942 report on social insurance Sir William Beveridge talked about the ‘five giants on the road to reconstruction’ – the giants of Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor, and Idleness. Social Progress in Britain investigates how much progress Britain has made in tackling the challenges of material deprivation, ill-health, educational standards, lack of housing, and unemployment in the decades since Beveridge wrote. It also asks how progress in Britain compares with that of peer countries — Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden and the USA. Has Britain been slipping behind? What has been the impact of the increased economic inequality which Britain experienced in the 1980s — has rising economic inequality been mirrored by increasing inequalities in other areas of life too? Have there been increasing inequalities of opportunity between social classes, men and women, and different ethnic groups? And what have been the implications for Britain’s sense of social cohesion?

IT Courses

Research Skills Toolkit

“IT & library skills and services for your research”



“Is your research material mounting up? Are you using the smartest tools and strategies to get organised?” Sharpen up your research skills with a **free** Research Skills Toolkit workshop. The teams from IT Services and the Bodleian Libraries are bringing you a hands-on encounter with a range of tools and techniques for your study and research.

Choose one of the 2-hour sessions in Week 1, January! Visit the “workshops” page of the [Research Skills Toolkit](#) website www.skillstoolkit.ox.ac.uk for details or follow us on @OxResearchSkill.

[Documents: Start to finish](#)

Do you really want to get your word-processing skills up to scratch? Here is your opportunity to build a solid foundation, and see how Word can make a real difference when working with your formal documents, theses, essays and reports. “Start To Finish” is an immersive bootcamp, where you will discover how Word’s powerful tools work together to save you time. You will explore how to design and manage your documents for efficient, sustainable work in the University context. We want you to spend less time fighting with the word-processor and more time thinking about your content!

This workshop brings together the same topics covered in the separate Documents courses from this series, in an immersive 1½-day course.

Wednesday 17 October 09:15 - 16:00 & Thursday 18 October 09:15- 12:15 [Book and pay](#)
Tuesday 27 November 09:15 - 16:00 & Wednesday 28 November 09:15- 12:15 [Book and pay](#)

Staff £90/Students £45

[Programming: Concepts for new programmers](#)

Do you feel that learning how to program on a computer would be a valuable skill, but are concerned that a formal course in a particular language might need knowledge or experience that you don’t yet have? This session provides a non-technical introduction to the basic principles and mechanics of computer

programming where you will discover the building blocks that go into making a program in any computer language.

Friday 12 October 09:00-15:00 [Book and pay](#)

Monday 12 November 09:15-15:15 [Book and pay](#)

Staff £50/Student £25

Spreadsheets: Start to finish

This "boot camp" is for those who need to quickly get up to speed working with spreadsheets. It brings together the same topics covered in our separate Spreadsheet courses into an immersive 2-day session including:

- Good practice with spreadsheets
- Charts
- Inheriting spreadsheets
- Designing robust spreadsheets
- Lookups
- PivotTables

Wednesday 10 October 09:15 - Thursday 11 October 15:15 [Book and pay](#)

Monday 26 November 09:15 - Tuesday 27 November 15:15 [Book and pay](#)

Staff £100/Students £50

Sharepoint: Introduction to its use at Oxford

Learn how to use SharePoint 2013 for sharing information and working together in teams and communities.

Wednesday 24 October 09:15-12:15 [Book and pay](#)

Friday 2 November 09:45-12:45 [Book and pay](#)

Wednesday 28 November 09:15-12:15 [Book and pay](#)

Staff £30/Students £15