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A series of **FREE** public lectures  
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# WELCOME

Every year the University of Gloucestershire presents a series of public lectures exploring key topics and global challenges which affect us all.

From business to the media, science to religion, and beyond, our academics take centre stage to tackle topical debates. They showcase the impact of research and its contribution on a local, national and international scale.

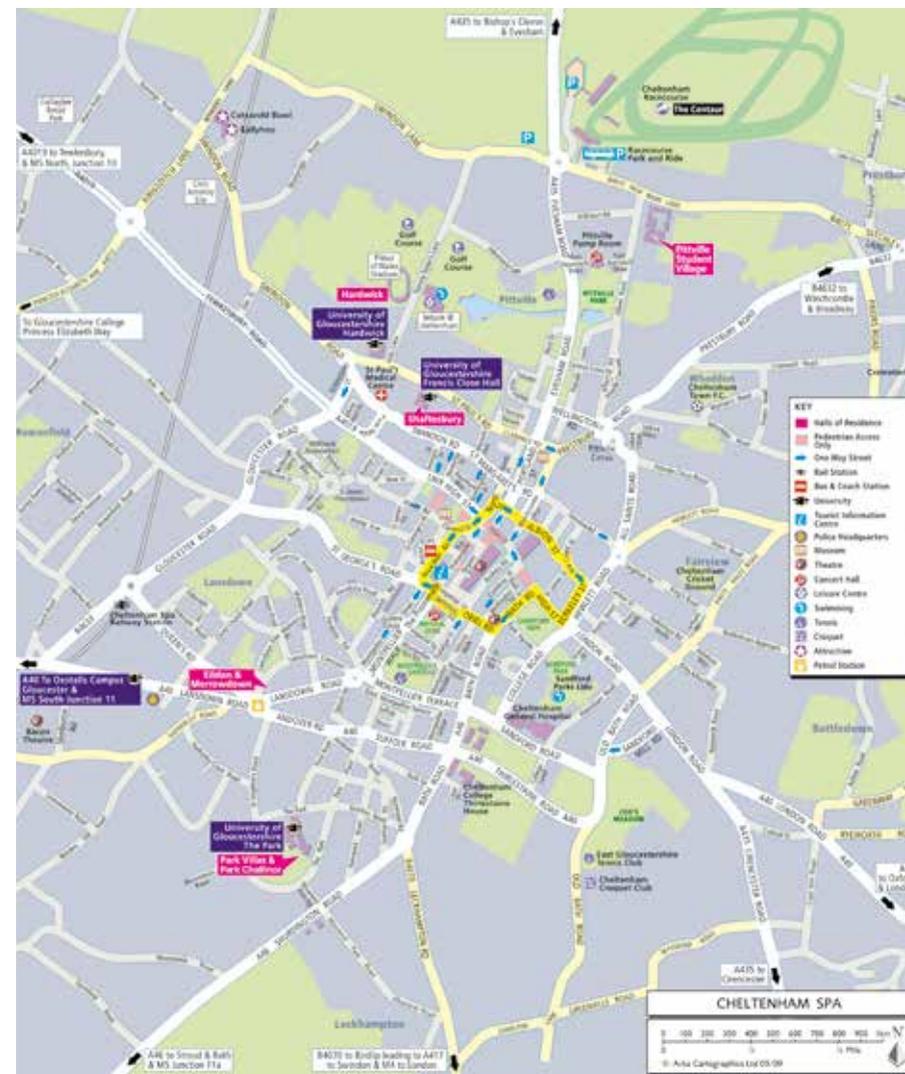
We welcome thousands of staff, students and members of the public every year and you can join our audience for free.

## WHERE TO FIND US

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## CYBER SECURITY IN THE ERA OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS

**Wednesday 21 February - Park campus, room TC014  
6pm start (free refreshments from 5pm)**

Whether it's turning up your home central heating from your office, or measuring the steps you've taken today, the internet of things is making our world smarter. But from hardware to software, wearable technology and smartphones, are we leaving ourselves vulnerable?

With security specialists including GCHQ on our doorstep, cyber security is a subject close to home as well as a growing concern. Led by Professor Kamal Bechkoum, Head of the Business and Computing school, Students at the University of Gloucestershire are working to address cyber security through a wide range of courses and research.

Join him to find out more as he explores the risks, the benefits and the future of how we stay safe, while staying connected.

### ABOUT KAMAL BECHKOUM

Kamal, Professor of Computing, is the university lead of a £3 million security project, working with organisations including GCHQ and the National Cyber Skills Centre to develop cyber professionals at the university and beyond. His PhD is in Software Techniques for Computer Aided Engineering, and he is a Fellow of the British Computing Society.

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## "THE REFEREE'S A W@#£\*R" - RESPECT AND REFEREES

WITH PREMIER LEAGUE AND INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL REFEREE ANDRE MARRINER

**Wednesday 7 March - Oxstalls campus, room LC003  
6pm start (free refreshments from 5pm)**

Whether you love or hate their decisions, there would be no fair play without match officials. Anita Navin, head of the School of Sports and Exercise, hosts our panel lecture with guests including FA Premiership referee Andre Marriner, international rugby referee Chris White, and Gary Burgess from English Netball. Together they discuss the controversies, the challenges and the rewards of life as a match official.

### ABOUT ANITA NAVIN

Having been involved in netball for 37 years, Anita is committed to developing coaches across a range of sports and associated mentoring programmes. She now supports business leaders using her leadership and coaching experience. Anita teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students, and her research includes the perceptions of female coaches in the UK high performance coaching system on behalf of UK Sport.

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## AN AUDIENCE WITH...

**Wednesday 2 May - Park campus, room TC007  
6pm start (free refreshments from 5pm)**

From tips on roasting mince to an insight into treading the boards, you can expect the unexpected at our Audience With...events. Previous guests include celebrity chef Tom Kerridge, and actor David Morrissey, and this year's guest will be confirmed nearer the time. Head of the Media School, Anne Dawson, will join them on the sofa for an evening of conversation, followed by questions from the audience.

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## FINDING THE TRUTH IN A FAKE NEWS ERA

**Wednesday 16 May - Park campus, room TC014  
6pm start (free refreshments from 5pm)**

Named the Collins' Word of the Year 2017, the term 'fake news' is set to appear in the next edition of the Collins' Dictionary - but can 'alternative facts' mean different things to different people?

Paul Wiltshire, Senior Lecturer in Journalism, is a passionate about upholding the truth and society's trust in storytelling. He presents the case and the need for verified news, and how journalism can and should hold power to account.

Paul is skilled at combining traditional skills with the latest digital storytelling techniques. An enthusiastic blogger, he'll also be exploring the impact of social media and Google on journalism in a digitised world.

### ABOUT PAUL WILTSHIRE

A journalist for more than 30 years and former deputy editor of The Bath Chronicle, Paul continues to write regularly for regional media and teaches news reporting, media law and politics. Having mentored dozens of journalists he is also regional editor trainer for Local World/Trinity Mirror.

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## MICHAEL PERHAM ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CATHEDRAL LECTURE

Tuesday 5 June - Gloucester Cathedral, College Street, GL1 2LX  
7pm start

This annual event is named after the late Bishop of Gloucester, organised between the University of Gloucestershire and Gloucester Cathedral. The event alternates between the university and Gloucester Cathedral each year, and previous speakers include theologian and broadcaster Alister McGrath. This year, we are delighted to welcome writer and theologian Dr Paula Gooder.

### ABOUT PAULA GOODER

Currently the Director for Mission and Development in the Birmingham Diocese, Paula is a Reader in the Church of England. She is passionate about igniting enthusiasm for reading The Bible today, and making scholarship accessible. Former Theologian in Residence for the Bible Society, Paula is a writer and a visiting lecturer.

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## THE SEARCH FOR NEW STORIES TO LIVE BY

Wednesday 13 June - Park campus, room TC014  
6pm start (free refreshments from 5pm)

Society is structured by stories. The stories underlie the texts that surround us in everyday life, and often go unnoticed, but can influence how we think, talk and act. They are the stories we live by. While some are working well, others are contributing to inequality and environmental destruction. In his inaugural lecture, Professor Arran Stibbe begins by reading between the lines of everyday texts to reveal harmful hidden stories, and then turns to literary texts in the hope of discovering ways to reimagine the society we live in.

### ABOUT ARRAN STIBBE

Focusing on how language shapes who we are, Arran's teaching and research looks at the role of language in building the kind of society we live in. His work involves linguistic analysis of a wide range of discourses, from advertising which encourages people to buy ecologically damaging products, to the inspirational language of nature writing.

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# COMING SOON...

The next Public Lecture Series will start in the new academic year.

Highlights include the annual Christmas Lecture with Adam Hart, Professor of Science Communication, and the Cheltenham Science Group.

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