

# Michaelmas Term 2022

## Termcard



Welcome to the Reuben College Michaelmas Term (MT) 2022 termcard! This is your handbook for College events this term. The termcard lists events organised by the staff and fellows of Reuben College. The graduate community organises social events separately to these, which will be advertised separately. Please note that for **Dining with Dinosaurs**, you will need to book on [InkPath](#) in order to attend, and for Formal Halls you'll need to book on the [Linacre website](#). Please find the [Terms & Conditions for Dining with Dinosaurs here](#).

Please find recurring events below, and do note that events are subject to change, and all College members will be updated in the weekly newsletter.

You can [add all of these events to your Google Calendar using this link](#). If you prefer using an Outlook calendar, you can find information about [how to import a Google Calendar to Outlook here](#).

## Recurring Events

### 1kN Programme

**Tuesdays, Weeks 2-8, 18:00, Reuben Common Room**

The 1-KN programme provides an introduction to the Need-Led Innovation Process – a systematic and proven approach to the identification of unmet user needs and the creative design of new technologies that takes important stakeholders into account. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

### Formal Hall

**Weeks 3-8, 19:30, Linacre Dining Hall**

A chance to dress up with friends and invite guests to enjoy a formal dinner together. Please note that you need to book onto Formal Hall by 9am on the preceding Monday on the [Linacre College website](#).



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### Week 0

#### Wednesday 5th October - Graduate Meet and Freshers Dinner, 18:00, Museum of Natural History

FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY! (Fellows also invited). Join us at the Museum of Natural History for a drinks reception to meet your advisor and other members of the College community, followed by dinner. [Sign up on InkPath.](#)



### Week 1



#### Monday 10th October - Reuben Explores: Innovation & Entrepreneurship

18:00, Reuben Common Room

One of Reuben College's strategic areas is [Innovation & Entrepreneurship](#) (I&E). What does that mean, and how can you link your research with business opportunities? Come along and meet our I&E Fellows for an introduction to what I&E can do for you, and find out more about our exclusive [1KN Need-Led Innovation Scheme](#).

#### Thursday 13th October - Dining with Dinosaurs: When Science and Data meets Art

18:00, Museum of Natural History

Artist Stefanie Posavec and Reuben Research Fellow Rebecca Berrens discuss using art to communicate research. Stefanie's art has been exhibited at major galleries including MoMA, the V&A, the Wellcome Collection, and the Science Museum. Rebecca will explore an art project she worked on which brought scientists and an artist together to communicate how the machinery of cells work.

[Sign up on InkPath.](#) To attend the dinner, you must attend the seminar. No guests are permitted at Dining with Dinosaurs for MT Weeks 1 and 2.

#### Saturday 15th October - Matriculation

11:15, Reuben Common Room

FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY! Matriculation is a ceremony that officially enrolls you as a student of the University of Oxford. Keep an eye on your emails for more information about the schedule. New students who aren't eligible to attend the Matriculation ceremony are very welcome to join us for the accompanying events, including College lunch, official photography, and GCR social events in the evening.



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## Week 2

### Wednesday 19th October - Dining with Dinosaurs: Perspectives on Ivory

#### 18:00, Museum of Natural History

Museums should not be conceived primarily as repositories of heritage to be preserved; they are places of encounter that reveal diverse ways of knowing and interacting with the world. There is huge under-tapped potential of museums for thinking critically about planetary pasts and about sustainable, convivial futures. Focussing on a single ivory object from GLAM's collection, each researcher will discuss it from their own research angle: highlighting how our museum objects relate to human interactions with the environment, cultural and artistic practice, materials and biomedical research, and sustainable futures. With Ashley Coutu, Fritz Vollrath, Anders Sandberg, Jeroen Bergmann, and Matthew Winterbottom.

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## Week 3



### Monday 24th October - Reuben Explores: Uncomfortable Oxford

#### 18:00, Reuben Common Room

Through unique walking tours, Uncomfortable Oxford generate discussions about racial inequality, gender and class discrimination, and the legacies of empire. They are an academic-led organisation dedicated to raising awareness about the 'uncomfortable' aspects of history. Get to know more about the city (and about why Oxford is the way it is) on this evening walking tour. Meet at the Common Room at 6:00 to walk over with us, or at Carfax Tower at 6:30.

### Thursday 27th October - Dining with Dinosaurs: Student Takeover

#### 18:00, Museum of Natural History

Reuben students from across the College's themes discuss their ongoing projects. One year into their research degrees, we will hear about what they've done so far and what they hope to achieve during their time at Reuben College.

Sign up on InkPath. To attend the dinner, you must attend the seminar.

### Saturday 29th October - Diwali Brunch

#### 10:30, Reuben Common Room

Join us for Saturday brunch - friends, family, and children are very welcome. The Week 3 brunch will be a community-wide celebration of Diwali, and all members of the Reuben community are invited to celebrate the festival of light. College will provide buffet food, but do feel free to bring any homemade snacks along as well! Sign up on InkPath.



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### Week 4

#### **Wednesday 2nd November - Halfway Hall**

##### **19:30, Linacre Dining Hall**

A chance to dress up with friends and invite guests to enjoy a formal dinner together. Week 4's Formal Hall is slightly different, as we're celebrating the halfway point of term with a special four course meal. Halfway Hall happens once a term, usually in Week 5, but has been moved forward to allow Reuben alumni graduating on 4th November to attend whilst they're in town. Please note that you need to book onto Formal Hall by 9am on the proceeding Monday on the [Linacre College website](#).

#### **Thursday 3rd November - Dining with Dinosaurs: Surviving the 21st Century: Tech, Politics and Inequality in the Digital Age - 18:00, Museum of Natural History**

What are the new geopolitical dividing lines, and how can we ensure that we create more opportunity for more of those currently on the wrong side of globalisation and technological change? Can the international system, and national governments, keep pace? And are we ensuring that young people in the developing world are also gaining the skills they need to navigate this new terrain? With Tom Fletcher, Principal of Hertford College. [Sign up on InkPath](#). To attend the dinner, you must attend the seminar.

### Week 5

#### **Monday 7th November - Reuben Explores: Applying for DPhil Study**

##### **18:00, Reuben Common Room**

With the deadline for DPhil applications rapidly approaching, join Reuben's Vice-President Esther Becker and other Reuben Fellows for advice on your applications. Bring along your questions and be ready to make some notes!



#### **Thursday 10th November - Dining with Dinosaurs: Future of Food**

##### **18:00, Museum of Natural History**

Food systems around the world urgently need to change. They don't provide appropriate nutrition security to consumers, have a huge environmental and social footprint while nevertheless being one of the major economic sectors in any economy around the world. Michael Obersteiner, director of the Environmental Change Institute, will discuss together with Monika Zurek, lead of the Environmental Change Group at Reuben College and food system futurist at ECI, what plausible futures for food system change might be on the horizon and what this might mean for people and for the planet. Michael's research stretches from biophysical modelling in the areas of ecosystems, forestry and agriculture to economics and finance, using large-scale integrated assessment models to evaluate new policies and technologies for food systems. He is part of various major international efforts on food system transitions.

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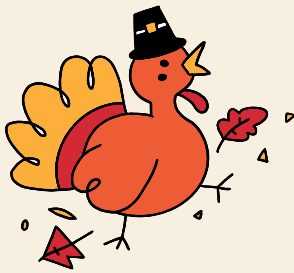
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## Week 6

### Thursday 17th November - Dining with Dinosaurs: How to Grow a Human 18:00, Museum of Natural History

Once considered impossible, researchers can now take a few skin cells from a person and reprogram these into stem cells that have the capacity to generate, in principle, any cell type and tissue of the human body. This Nobel-prize winning technology is now widely used and provides unprecedented insights into how human cells function, what goes wrong in human diseases, and help us to test new drugs. One fascinating application of this new technology is the generation of brain organoids, which allows scientists to study for the first time living human nerve cells in the laboratory including from patients suffering from brain disorders. With [Philip Ball](#), [Katrien Devolder](#), and [Esther Becker](#). [Sign up on InkPath](#). To attend the dinner, you must attend the seminar.



### Saturday 19th November - Thanksgiving Brunch 10:30, Reuben Common Room

Join us for Saturday brunch - friends, family, and children are very welcome. The Week 6 brunch will be a community-wide celebration of Thanksgiving, and all members of the Reuben community are invited to share a moment of gratitude together over some tasty food. College will provide buffet food, but do feel free to bring any homemade snacks along as well! [Sign up on InkPath](#).



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### Week 7



#### **Monday 21st November - Reuben Explores: Public Engagement with Research**

**18:00, Reuben Common Room**

This is a chance to engage with another of Reuben's strategic areas, Public Engagement with Research (PER). Engaging society with research is an integral part of what it means to be an academic. Join us to learn about the mutual benefits for both the public and researchers, and find out more about Reuben's exclusive PER Innovation Fund, which will support your own PER endeavours.

#### **Thursday 24th November - Dining with Dinosaurs: Urgent Action to Deal with Environmental Change**

**18:00, Museum of Natural History**

Around the world the call for urgent action to deal with climate change, biodiversity loss and other environmental changes has become louder and louder. While we need to find new ways to mitigate the pressures that lead to crossing various biophysical planetary boundaries we nevertheless also need to adapt to the massive climatic and ecosystem changes that are currently unfolding. Bringing about the needed policy and societal actions and finding a balance between mitigation and adaptation has been slow and difficult. In this interactive session, Environmental Change Fellows Anupama Sen, Katrina Charles, Sam Fankhauser, Elizabeth Jeffers and Monika Zurek will discuss their experiences on finding a way forward. Sign up on InkPath. To attend the dinner, you must attend the seminar.

### Week 8

#### **Thursday 1st December - Dining with Dinosaurs: Doping in Sports and Fairness**

**18:00, Museum of Natural History**

Doping is a well-documented problem in elite sport, with a considerable number of athletes employing a range of prohibited substances and methods to gain an edge in competition. As the sporting world begins to encounter an increasing number of new technologies that promise to enhance performance (including the use of AI and so-called 'neuro-doping'), it is important to return to the ethical principles that provide the rationale for prohibiting some performance-enhancements, but not others. In this talk, I will provide a brief overview of the ethics of doping in sport, with a particular emphasis on the role of fairness and equality in this area, before considering how the World Anti-Doping Authority might address emerging forms of performance enhancement in sport.

With Jonathan Pugh

Sign up on InkPath. To attend the dinner, you must attend the seminar.

#### **Saturday 3rd December - Mince Pies at the Museum**

**14:00-16:00, First floor Clore Balcony, Pitt Rivers Museum**

Join Reuben College Fellows, and colleagues from the Gardens, Libraries, and Museums (GLAM) and friends for a festive afternoon in one of Oxford's most eclectic museums! You will hear about opportunities for Public Engagement with Research (PER); how you can work with the Pitt Rivers Museum and GLAM to engage the public including object-based engagement, and your role in decolonising the museum. You will have access to an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and create festive decorations inspired by the collection. There will of course be mince pies and seasonal drinks!



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### Week 9

**Monday 5th December - Reuben Explores: Self-Care and Supporting Others**  
**18:00, Reuben Common Room**

When things are stressful with your studies, and the wider world is full of bleak news outside your control, it's vital to look after yourself and those around you. Join Senior Tutor Caroline Mawson and Welfare Dean Kirren Mahmood to get practical advice on how to take care of yourself and others during stressful times.



**Wednesday 7th - Dining with Dinosaurs: Do We Need Human Rights Legislation?**

**18:00, Museum of Natural History**

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10th December – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). In recent years successive British Governments have promised to repeal the HRA and replace it with a British Bill of Rights or indeed to withdraw from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) altogether. At the same time the governments of Scotland and Wales are pursuing programmes of expanding human rights protections. This lecture will explore the question of whether we need human rights legislation and if so, whether it should extend beyond incorporation of the ECHR to other civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights. With Joanna Cherry.

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**Sunday 11th December - Graduate Carol Service**

**18:00, University Church**

Join us for a traditional English carol service at the University Church with the graduate community. All College members and guests, of all faiths or none, are welcome for a peaceful and meditative service.

### Week 10

**Thursday 15th - Festive Dinner**

**18:00, Museum of Natural History**

End term with a festive dinner with the Reuben community in the beautiful setting of the Natural History Museum. Dress to impress!

Sign up on Inkpath.



**Saturday 17th December - Hanukkah Brunch**

**10:30, Reuben Common Room**

Join us for Saturday brunch - friends, family, and children are very welcome. The Week 3 brunch will be a community-wide celebration of Hanukkah, and all members of the Reuben community are invited to celebrate the Jewish festival of light. College will provide food, but do feel free to bring any homemade snacks along as well! Sign up on InkPath.