

Crichton

Conversations and Events

Programme 2016/17



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The Crichton Foundation invites you to join us for the Crichton Conversations. These will be held at Easterbrook Hall, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TA.

The Crichton Conversations continue to attract high calibre speakers pre-eminent in their fields and our audiences enjoy opportunities for discussion and questions on a range of topical subjects of relevance to today's Scotland. We are delighted to welcome our distinguished speakers.

BOOKING INFORMATION:

The usual format for the Crichton Conversations is doors open at **7.00pm** with lectures beginning at **7:30pm** prompt. A one-course supper, followed by coffee, will be served after the question and answer sessions close at **9:00pm**. Red or white wine will be available for purchase by the glass from Easterbrook Hall. Please note that supper must be pre-booked at least one week in advance of the event. No refunds will be made for cancellations made less than one week before the event.

Two of the Conversations follow a different format to usual. At the Evening With Richard, Duke of Buccleuch and Charles Jencks guests will be served a glass of wine (a non-alcoholic alternative will be available) on arrival, included in the ticket price. The lecture will begin at **7:30pm** prompt and the event will close at **9:00pm**. There will be no supper available at this event. For Lunch with Hugh Pym, lunch will be served at **12:30pm** and will be followed by the lecture at **2:00pm**.

Please note that no tickets will be issued for the Conversations, you will receive confirmation of your place(s) with a booking reference number via email (by telephone if you do not have access to email).

To book a ticket for the Crichton Conversations, or to be included in the mailing list for future events, please contact the Foundation:

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Crichton Conversation



Date: Tuesday 4th October 2016
Speaker: Professor Michael Keating
Title: *Where is Europe Heading?*
Time: Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm
Tickets: £5 for lecture only, £16 for lecture and supper

The opening lecture of the 2016/17 series of Crichton Conversations could not be more topical and will be given by **Professor Michael Keating**. Michael is Professor of Politics at the University of Aberdeen, part-time Professor at the University of Edinburgh and Director of the Centre on Constitutional Change. He holds a BA from the University of Oxford and in 1975 was the first PhD graduate of what is now Glasgow Caledonian University. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the British Academy, the Academy of Social Science and the European Academy.

Michael has taught in universities in Scotland, England, Spain, France and the United States and at the European University Institute Florence. From 1988 to 1999, he was Professor of Political Science at the University of Western Ontario. Among his publications are *The Independence of Scotland* (Oxford University Press, 2009) and *Rescaling the European State* (Oxford University Press, 2013). He currently holds a senior fellowship in the ESRC UK in a Changing Europe programme.

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Date: Tuesday 1st November 2016
Speaker: Neil Baxter Hon FRIAS
Title: *Building Health in with the Bricks*
Time: Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm
Tickets: £5 for lecture only, £16 for lecture and supper

As Chief Executive of the Royal Incorporation of Architects, **Neil Baxter** is responsible for oversight of RIAS policy, governance, business planning and budgets. He also has overall responsibility for the Incorporation's membership services, consultancy, practice services, accreditation schemes, events, publications, outreach, political liaison, CPD, educational initiatives and awards. At his job interview for the RIAS in December 2007 Neil proposed that, to mark its centenary in 2016, the Incorporation should organise a year-long Festival of Architecture.

Previously principal of his own architectural and interpretation consultancy and Development Director of Glasgow Building Preservation Trust, Neil has lectured on urbanism, written for *The Telegraph*, *Herald*, *Sunday Herald*, *Homes & Interiors* and the *Architects Journal*. He is a frequent media spokesman.

In May 2008, Neil received Glasgow's Lord Provost's Award for services to heritage.

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Crichton Conversation

An Evening With Richard, Duke of Buccleuch and Charles Jencks

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2016

Speakers: Richard, Duke of Buccleuch and Charles Jencks

Title: *The Crawick Multiverse Land Art site: social transformation and public regeneration through art*

Time: Lecture at 7:30pm

Tickets: £10 for lecture, a glass of wine is included



Richard, Duke of Buccleuch is one of Scotland's largest landowners who has lived and worked in and from Dumfriesshire all his life. Awarded a KBE in 2000 in recognition of his huge voluntary contribution to the community, he was for several years a District Councillor in Nithsdale, a Board Member of Scottish Natural Heritage, President of the National Trust for Scotland and of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and was a member of the Millennium Commission. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and is today a Deputy Lieutenant of Dumfriesshire.

The guardian of one of Scotland's most important private art collections, he has taken an active part in the development of Art and the Environment in Dumfries and Galloway. His latest venture at Crawick demonstrates that commitment to the arts bringing cultural, social and economic benefits to the community.



Charles Jencks is well known locally as the owner of Portrack one of Scotland's most significant landscape gardens. He is a renowned cultural theorist, landscape designer, architectural historian, and co-founder of the Maggie's Cancer Care Centres. His best-selling books include *The Language of Post-Modern Architecture*, *Adhocism*, *The Architecture of the Jumping Universe* and *The Architecture of Hope* (on Maggie's Centres). His recent landscape work is summarised in *The Universe in the Landscape*.

Scotland is home to several of his most exciting landscapes including *The Garden of Cosmic Speculation* and *Jupiter Artland*, outside Edinburgh. His continuing project *The Crawick Multiverse*, 2015, commissioned by the Duke of Buccleuch, culminates annually in a three day festival of performance art and public debates with the world leading cosmologists and scientists.

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Please note that *The Evening With Richard, Duke of Buccleuch and Charles Jencks* follows a different format to the usual Crichton Conversations. Guests will be served a glass of wine (a non-alcoholic alternative will be available) on arrival, included in the ticket price. There will be no supper available at this event.

Crichton Conversation



Date: Tuesday 10th January 2017
Speaker: Simon Pepper OBE
Title: *Saving Nature: people and protected areas*
The Annual SRUC Lecture
Time: Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper at 9pm
Tickets: £5 for lecture only, £16 for lecture and supper

Director for Scotland of the World Wildlife Fund from 1985-2005, **Simon Pepper** has spent most of his working life involved in the debate about land use and the environment. A past Board member of the Forestry Commission and the Deer Commission as well as acting as an advisor to Scottish Ministers on Sustainable Development his agenda includes aspects of agriculture, forestry, fish farming, climate change, wild deer management and protection of the natural heritage.

It is the people-land-nature relationships which have interested him most, with highlights including the Millennium Forest for Scotland, the introduction of National Parks, and the campaign for Mar Lodge estate. He draws much of the content of this talk from the experience of leading a panel exploring the future of Protected Areas for Scottish Natural Heritage.

Simon was Lord Rector of St Andrews University from 2005-2008. He and his wife Morag run a 40 hectare holding with 60 blackface sheep and 12 hectares of woodland in Highland Perthshire.

Lecture sponsored by: **Scotland's Rural College**



Date: Tuesday 7th February 2017
Speaker: Professor James Hough OBE FRS FRSE
Title: *Ripples from the dark side of the universe*
Time: Lecture at 7:30pm; Supper 9pm
Tickets: £5 for lecture only, £16 for lecture and supper

Professor James Hough is a British physicist and an international leader in the search for gravitational waves. A graduate of Glasgow University, he became Professor of Experimental Physics and is the Emeritus holder of the Kelvin Chair of Natural Philosophy.

His work has been awarded many prestigious prizes and currently he is a member of the Scottish Science Advisory Council, the Council of the Institute of Physics in the UK and of the European Science Foundation. These positions enable him to help steer science and education policy in Scotland, the UK and Europe.

We are most fortunate to welcome a world leader in his field and Jim promises to explain the complexity and excitement of outer space to a non-scientific audience!

Lecture sponsored by: **The University of Glasgow**

Crichton Conversation



Date: Monday 20th March 2017
Speaker: Hugh Pym
Title: *The NHS: Challenges and opportunities for the decade ahead*
Time: Lunch at 12:30pm; Lecture at 2pm
Tickets: £16 for lunch and lecture; £5 for lecture only

The Foundation is delighted to welcome the return of **Hugh Pym**, the BBC's Chief Health Correspondent. Educated at Marlborough College, followed by Christ Church College at the University of Oxford, he graduated in Philosophy, Politics and Economics in 1981.

A renowned political journalist and published author, Hugh began his career in the late 1980s as a BBC radio journalist and then became producer of Business Daily at Channel 4. Throughout the 1990s he was a correspondent with ITN and also worked as a freelance broadcaster with Sky Television. He was a BBC special correspondent covering economics until 2008.

A familiar face on television he was appointed Chief Health Correspondent at the BBC in 2014.

Hugh has published two books: *What Happened? And Other Questions About the Credit Crunch and A Study Of Gordon Brown's First Year in Office as Chancellor of the Exchequer*, both books were co-written with Nick Kochan.

Hugh stood as Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate in the North Wiltshire constituency in the 2001 General Election. He is married with three children and lives in Wiltshire.

Lecture sponsored by: **The University of the West of Scotland**

Please note that Lunch with Hugh Pym follows a different format to the usual Crichton Conversations. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm and will be followed by the lecture at 2pm.

The Crichton Foundation aims to:

- Increase access to higher and further education.
- Help students to achieve their true potential.
- Help our academic partners on the Campus with key projects.
- Improve the facilities and opportunities for study.
- Regenerate the Crichton Estate as a public asset to be enjoyed by all.
- Raise awareness of the importance of the Crichton University Campus to the prosperity of the whole community.

Dates for your Diary

Crichton Foundation AGM

Date: Wednesday 7th September 2016
Time: 11am followed by a light buffet lunch
Venue: Browne House, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4ZZ

St Andrew's Dinner and Dance

Date: Friday 18th November 2016
Time: 7pm until midnight
Venue: Easterbrook Hall, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TA

You are cordially invited to join us for our exciting new fundraising event The St Andrew's Dinner and Dance. The evening will begin with a drinks reception followed by a sumptuous three-course dinner. After coffee, guests will have the chance to relax whilst we hear from our two distinguished speakers. We are delighted that Fiona Armstrong, Lady MacGregor of MacGregor, who is Lord Lieutenant for Dumfries, and Lt-Col Sir Malcolm Ross GCV OBE, who is Lord Lieutenant for the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, will be our guest speakers. Guests will then have the opportunity to dance to the music of Two Left Feet Ceilidh Band.

Tickets £45 each

Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch

Date: Friday 10th March 2017
Time: Pre-luncheon drinks from 11:30am
Venue: Easterbrook Hall, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TA

Plans are well ahead for the 2017 Women's Lunch. We are delighted Fiona Kennedy Clark and Kirsty Wark have agreed to be the speakers celebrating 15 years of the Women of Dumfries and Galloway Lunch. We predict that yet again this will be a popular event celebrating the contribution to the region of the Women of Dumfries and Galloway.

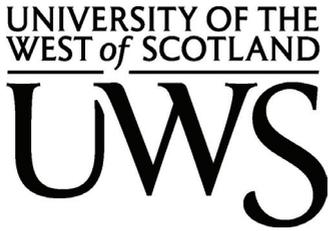
Tickets £37 each

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