

**Timetable for 'On Laughter'**  
**UCL Institute of Advanced studies**  
**10-12 July 2019**

**Day 1: 10 July**

**Harrie Masley Lecture Theatre**

17:45	<i>Welcome address</i>	Andrew Dean & Alice Rudge	
18:00	<b>Keynote address: Devorah Baum</b>	<b><i>Dear Jokes,  Whose side are you on?  Yours sincerely,  2019</i></b>	<b>Devorah Baum is Associate Professor in English Literature at the University of Southampton. She is the author of two books, <i>Feeling Jewish</i> (Yale University Press) and <i>The Jewish Joke</i> (Profile), and co-director of the creative documentary feature film, <i>The New Man</i>. She has written for a range of publications including <i>The New York Times</i>, <i>The Guardian</i>, <i>The Financial Times</i>, <i>Tate Etc</i>, <i>History Today</i>, <i>Times Higher Education</i> and <i>Granta</i>. Her guest co-edited special issue of <i>Granta Magazine</i> on 'The Politics of Feeling' came out in Feb 2019.</b>

## **Day 2: 11 July**

### **IAS Common Ground G11 South Wing**

09:30	<i>Panel 1: Laughter, evolution, and human vocalisation</i>	Chris Knight	The evolutionary emergence of laughter as a levelling mechanism
		Carolyn McGettigan	Laughter as a experimental stimulus for the investigation of human vocal communication
		Annie Julia Wyman	Title TBA
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00	<i>Panel 2: Laughter and violence</i>	Stephen Forcer & Laura Martin	'I Only Laugh When it Hurts: Humour and Violence, from Surrealism to Sierra Leone'
		Katharine Owen & Tereza Capelos	Laughing it Off: How Humour Can Help Conflict Resolution
		Pete Chonka	Comedy in Conflict: Methodological Reflections on Researching Humour, Violence and 'Resilience' in Somalia
		Emily Upson	Title TBA
12:45	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:45	<i>Panel 3: Our laughing brains</i>	Addison Niemeyer	Novel Approaches to Investigate the Neural Correlates of Laughter
		Caspar Addyman	The delights of being a

			baby
		Christine Howes	Is this funny? Shared conversational laughter in schizophrenia
15:00	<i>Coffee</i>		
15:15	<i>Panel 4: Troublesome laughter</i>	Phil Emmerson	A minor (geo)politics of laughter: multiplicity, ambiguity and affect during the Senate hearings on Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court
		Katharina Donn	"Laughter beyond the Human: Towards a Blasphemous Ecocriticism"
		Peter Jones	Laughter as Power? Two Medieval Laughing Saints
		Birte Loschenkohl	Climate Change - No Laughing Matter
		Christian Keller	Muzzling the 'wide mouth' of laughter
17:00	<i>Break</i>		
17:30	<b>Keynote address: Morten Kringelbach</b>	<b>The eudaimonia of laughter: perspectives from neuroscience</b>	<b>Professor Morten L Kringelbach leads the Hedonia Research Group based at the Universities of Oxford and Aarhus. His prize-winning research uses neuroimaging and whole-brain computational models of, for example, infants, taste, sex, drugs and music to find ways to increase eudaimonia (well-being). He has published fourteen</b>

			<p><b>books, and over 300 scientific papers, chapters and other articles and his research features regularly in newspapers, magazines, radio and television. He is a fellow of The Queen's College, Oxford, of the Association for Psychological Science, on the advisory board of Scientific American and a board member of the world's first Empathy Museum.</b></p>
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## **Day 3: 12 July**

**Location 1: IAS Common Ground G11, South Wing**

**\*Please note that there are parallel sessions running on this day!**

09:15	<i>Panel 5(1): Laughing in hope and despair</i>	Chrisoula Lionis	Sincerely, oi i8agenies': Humour as Aesthetic Strategy of Cultural Resilience
		Yousef Barahmeh	Carnavalesque Politics in Jordanian Political Humour after the Arab Spring
		Lina Molokotos- Liederman	Do Opposites Attract? The Case of Religion and Humour, Faith and Laughter
		Tarek Younis	Humour on Terror: Race, Power and the Right to Joke about Muslims
10:45	<i>Coffee</i>		
11:00	<i>Panel 6(1): Laughter and Memory</i>	Andrew Dean	Philip Roth and Holocaust memory
		Chloe Julius	Laughter and the Holocaust: Humour in <i>No Other Symptoms: Time Travelling with Rosalind Brodsky</i>
		Meret Kaufmann	Title TBA
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>		
13:00	<b>Keynote address: Yasmine Musharbash</b>	<b>So much more than funny: Laughter and difference in central Australia</b>	<b>Yasmine Musharbash is Senior Lecturer in the School of Archaeology &amp; Anthropology, College of Arts and Social Sciences, at the Australian National University. Since the mid-1990s, she has been conducting</b>

			<p>extensive participant observation-based research in central Australia, most closely with Warlpiri people at the remote settlement of Yuendumu, Northern Territory. Yasmine's key interest is Warlpiri social relations: at home in the camps at Yuendumu, as well as between Warlpiri people and Others, such as non-Indigenous people, dogs, birds, plants, the elements, and monsters. She has analysed these relations by focussing on a range of emotions, practices, and phenomena including laughter, fear, grief, boredom, sleep, and the night. Next to many chapters and articles, she is the author of <i>Yuendumu Everyday. Contemporary Life in Remote Aboriginal Australia</i> and a number of co-edited volumes; most relevant to this symposium: Together with John Carty, she co-edited the 2008 Anthropological Forum Special Issue <i>You've Got to be Joking! Anthropological Perspectives on Humour and Laughter</i></p>
14:30	Panel 7(1): Therapeutic	Shudarshana Gupta	Client Laughter as an Attachment Behaviour in

	laughter		Psychotherapy
		Polona Curk	Laughter: A Particular Engagement With the World
15:30	<i>Break</i>		
15:45	<i>Panel 8(1): Sharing in laughter</i>	Andrea Bravo Díaz	Laughter among the Waorani
		Camilla Power	Laughter, gender politics and morality: Hadza world turned upside down
		Elena Fejdiova	Laughing like sisters: Bakhtinian ritual, egalitarianism and the morality of cosmetics sharing among Slovak women
		Alice Rudge	Ambiguous laughter among the Batek of Malaysia
		Ian Wilkie & Natalie Diddums	Title TBA
<b>17:45-18:30</b>	<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>	<b>Speakers TBA</b>	

**Day 3: 12 July (Continued)**

**Location 2: IAS Forum, Ground Floor, South Wing**

09:00	<i>Coffee</i>		
09:15-11:00	NO PARALLEL SESSION	NO PARALLEL SESSION	(see location 1)
11:00	<i>Panel 6(2): Sensibilities of laughter</i>	Daniel Norman	Politicising Laughter in the 1790s: John Thelwall's Lectures and Jokes
		Matthew Ward	Byron's Hysterical Merriment

		Shun-Liang Chao	Lampoon and Laughter in the Age of Politeness
12:15	<i>Lunch</i>		
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Keynote address: Yasmine Musharbash</b>	<b>So much more than funny: Laughter and difference in central Australia</b>	<b>(see Location 1)</b>
14:30	<i>Panel 7(2): Laughter and Uncertainty</i>	Thomas Hintze	The “Ticklish Subject”: Laughter and the Politics of Racial Solidarity in Nella Larsen’s <i>Passing</i>
		Hannah Fagin	Laughing At: The V-Girls Enactment of Vulnerability as Feminist Critique
15:45	<i>Panel 8(2): Transgressive laughter</i>	Elisa Padilla	Celebrating a World Upside Down: Queer Laughter in the cinema of John Waters
		Jahdiel Perez	Laughing God to Death: Nietzsche and the Laughing Body
		Andrei Rogatchevski	Stiob: An Anti-imperial Pan-Slavic Kind of Humour?
		Maryam Sikander	Incongruity Theory of Humour and Colonial Asymmetries
		Carolyn Zieringer	Serious Fun with the ‘Free the Nipple Movement



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<b>17:45-18:30</b>	<b><i>Closing Remarks</i></b>	<b>Speakers TBA</b>	<b>(see location 1)</b>