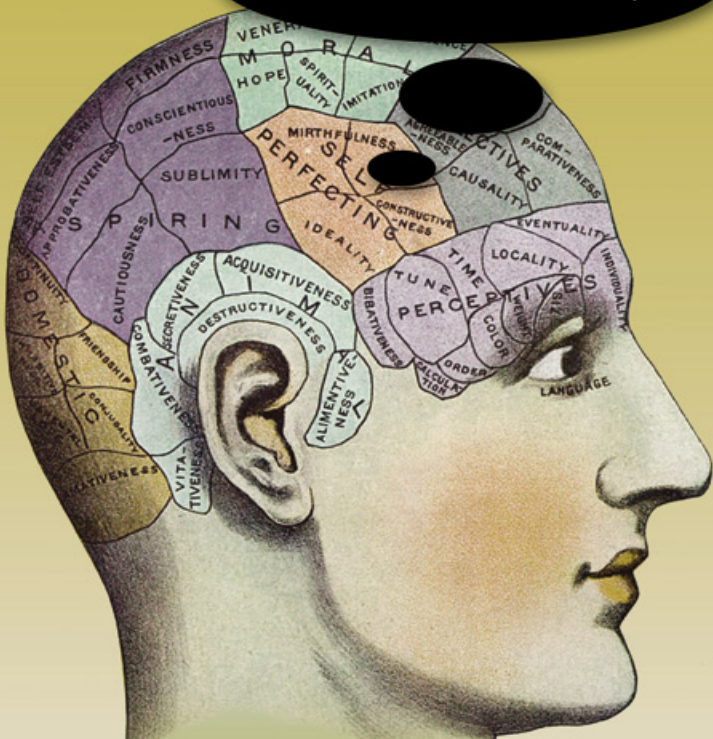


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**7 September 2015** cafépolitique

## Scotland's Promise: A Year on from the Referendum

One year on from Scotland's referendum, **Douglas Fraser**, BBC Scotland's Business and Economy Editor, and **Gerry Hassan**, Scottish writer, academic and research fellow at the University of the West of Scotland, will explore the impact of the SNP's sweeping victory in the General Election analysing Scotland's political future as well as the broader prospects for the future of the Union.



**21 September 2015** caféscientifique

## Donors, Money and Body Parts: Should we pay people to donate body parts?

The growing global demand for human tissue for medical research and treatment has sparked debates about ethically appropriate ways of encouraging individuals to donate their tissue. **Dr Dan O'Connor** of the Wellcome Trust and **Prof Neil Sheerin** from the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle, will explore the complex relationship between money, donors and body parts.



**5 October 2015** caféphilosophique

## Authentic Ageing: My self outside myself

If ageing well involves the rich idea of authenticity, it suggests being true to your self. **Julian Hughes**, Consultant in Psychiatry of Old Age and Professor of Philosophy of Ageing at Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and PEALS, Newcastle University, will ask where is your true self to be located?



19 October 2015 **caféculturel**

## Cultural Leadership and Enterprise in a Changed Public Sector

**Jim Beirne** MBE, Chief Executive of Live Theatre, will outline how Live uses its mission and vision to continue to grow in the context of reducing public investment. Jim's insights will encompass Live's three social enterprises and gastropub, an online playwright course and its role as an SME (small and medium enterprises) incubator. He will also explore its role in large property development, with the City Council as lender rather than grant-maker.



2 November 2015 **caféscientifique**

## Gaming for Health

**Prof Janet Eyre**, Institute of Neuroscience, Newcastle University, will explain how a new fun-based play therapy for adults is being used to transform the lives of stroke survivors and others.



16 November 2015 **caféscientifique**

## Hearing Voices: New ways of understanding the experience

**Ben Alderson-Day** describes the work of Durham University's Hearing the Voice research project, which aims to understand what it is like to hear voices. He will talk about their recent online survey on voice-hearing, and discuss some of the myths and preconceptions associated with the experience.



7 December 2015 **caféphilosophique**

## The Philosophy of Taste

**Prof Barry Smith**, Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Founding Director of the Centre for the Study of the Senses, University of London, will share the results of collaborative research between philosophy, neuroscience and psychology. Barry will show how our experiences can mislead us, and why tasting is a complex fusion of many senses.



18 January 2016 **caféculturel**

## Art and the Moral Imagination

Can art free us from our damaging habits and propel us towards personal liberation and societal change? **Barry Knight**, social scientist and Director of the Webb Memorial Trust will reflect on materials from the Trust's recent publication *The Society We Want*.



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1 February 2016 **cafépolitique**

## The Middle East, Identity and Sectarian Violence

The Director of the first UK Centre for the Study of Political Islam, at the University of Bradford, **Afshin Shahi** delivers an analysis into the rise of sectarian ideology in the Middle East, its role in shaping the power blocks and current conflicts in the region.



15 February 2016 **cafépolitique**

## Policing the Changing Nature of Crime

**Vera Baird QC**, Police & Crime Commissioner for Northumbria, elected in November 2012, will discuss the impact of her high-profile campaign on domestic violence and initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour as well as setting out the challenges ahead.



7 March 2016 **caféphilosophique**

## What is the Sky?

The sky arches over us all. Nothing could be more familiar, yet more mysterious. How do we perceive the sky? Is the sky its light? Its colours? Its weather? Its atmosphere?

**Prof Timothy Ingold**, Aberdeen University, will explain and discuss why it is all of these, and more.



21 March 2016 **caféscientifique**

## Virtual Reality: Alleviating anxieties in autism

**Jeremy Parr**, Institute of Neuroscience, Newcastle University, explores new scientific discoveries, which are helping children with autism to overcome their fears by creating a virtual world where they can safely and gently try new experiences which then help to overcome anxieties and phobias.



18 April 2016 **caféculturel**

## The Power to Create

Social progress should mean everyone living a life which is unique, meaningful and fulfilling. **Matthew Taylor**, CEO of the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce), will explain how changing appetites, needs and the march of technology make 'the larger life' for all possible but also describe the high barriers we need to sweep away.

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16 May 2016 **caféscientifique**

### Cell Therapies: From the laboratory to the clinic

Cell therapies have the potential to revolutionise the treatment of autoimmune diseases. **Catharien Hilkens**, Newcastle University, and members of Immunology North East will discuss the challenges in delivering these therapies for our health services.



6 June 2016 **caféphilosophique**

### The Case for Humanism

**AC Grayling**, Philosopher, Founder and First Master of New College of the Humanities, an independent undergraduate college in London, and Vice President of the British Humanist Association, will consider how humanism is based on the idea that human reality in the here and now is the right starting point for thinking about good, worthwhile lives.

**Please note** this is a ticket only event. To book your free ticket visit: <https://cafecultureacgrayling.eventbrite.co.uk>



20 June 2016 **cafépolitique**

### Is There Life in the UK Citizenship Test?

Launched in 2005, more than one million people have sat the UK's Citizenship Test, which is supported by all political parties. **Prof Thom Brooks**, of Durham University's research, found the test 'unfit for purpose' and 'like a bad pub quiz'. Hear Thom explore the bigger philosophical questions including what the test is for, what such tests should be about, and test yourself against the official questions at this informative and entertaining evening.



4 July 2016 **caféscientifique**

### Resistant Bugs and Failing Drugs: Whose problem?

Resistant bacteria in hospitals are well known, as are the NHS' strict targets with penalties for hospitals that fail to meet them. **Prof Roz Anderson**, University of Sunderland, will discuss the problem of growing resistant bacteria in the UK and in communities worldwide, especially in Asia, which poses a significant threat to our health, before considering the global treatment challenge.



18 July 2016 **cafépolitique**

## The Politics of Hope

**Owen Jones**, author of *Chavs* and *The Establishment*, and columnist at *The Guardian*, on the need for The Politics of Hope, which says that all problems and injustice can be overcome with enough determination and courage. Owen will say we can build a society run in the interests of the real wealth creators, working people, rather than run as a racket for a tiny elite at the top.

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