

## QUICK REFERENCE: 'GETTING TO ASA18'

Welcome to Oxford and *ASA2018 Sociality, matter, and the imagination: re-creating Anthropology*, the annual conference of the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth.

The conference mostly takes place at the Examination Schools (81 High St, OX1 4AS) in breakout rooms located on the ground floor and the East Schools on the first floor; but some panels and labs will run in Magdalen College (OX1 4AU), All Souls College (OX1 4AL), Queen Elizabeth House (Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, OX1 3TB), and the Pitt Rivers Museum (South Parks Road, OX1 3PP). The reception desk will be located near the front entrance of Examination Schools.

### Getting to Oxford and the conference venue

#### From airports

The [Airline coach](#) is the most convenient mode of travel from London [Heathrow](#) and London [Gatwick](#) airports to Oxford. From Luton Airport there's a regular National Express service to Oxford (see [here](#)). From London Stansted, you can come by train, taking the Stansted Express to London Liverpool Street and then continuing towards Oxford by taking the tube to either Paddington or London Marylebone – see the train connection info [here](#). Stansted is also well connected to Oxford by coach services – find out more from the [airport's travel site](#).

Airline coaches, as well as other coaches from London stop directly in front of the Examination Schools at the High Street-Queens Lane bus stop, before proceeding to the final stop at Gloucester Green Coach Station.

From Birmingham airport: direct trains run from Birmingham International station to Oxford and a new [coach service](#) runs from Birmingham Airport to Oxford, via Warwick University.

The Gloucester Green coach station is within walking distance of the Examination Schools.

#### By train, and then on from Oxford station

Frequent direct trains travel to Oxford from London Paddington, Birmingham New Street, Manchester Piccadilly and Liverpool Lime Street, but also from all other major stations in the UK. The journey takes ~1hr from London.

Once at the train station in Oxford: you can take a 10 minute taxi from the station for £8-10. Brompton bikes can be hired from the station and it takes ~10 minutes to cycle to Examinations Schools; a walk from the station would be ~25 minutes. You can also take Bus no.5 from Oxford railway station to Queens Lane bus stop, and cross the road.

#### By coach or bus

Advantages to taking the bus rather than the train are that it costs less, has onboard wifi, and has multiple pick-up and drop-off points. The most affordable coach is [Megabus](#) that travels to Oxford from various UK cities, including London (from Victoria Street Station). For prices and bus times, please visit the [Megabus website](#).

Megabus coaches arrive at Gloucester Green Coach Station which is 15 minutes from the venue. Alternatively, there are [National Express](#) coach services from all other major cities.

There is a 24 hour bus service from London via the [Oxford Bus Company](#) and the [Oxford Tube](#). Note that in peak times, bus/coach travel from London can take 2 hours. Buses stop outside the exam schools and leave from across the road at the Queen's Lane bus stop.

#### By car (Park and Ride)

Parking is not possible near the Examination Schools. Please use Park and Ride; buses (number 400) from Thornhill Park and Ride (off M40/on A40) and Seacourt Park and Ride (off A420) stop directly in front of the Examination Schools (see Park and Ride [bus map](#)). The nearest city centre car park is St Clements car park ~10 minute's walk away, open 24hrs and charges apply

throughout the year. There are disabled car parking spaces opposite the Exam Schools and also in Merton Street.

## **Taxis**

Hail a cab on the street, use taxi ranks at the bus or train stations or phone:  
001 Taxis: 01865 240000; ABC Taxis: 01865 770077 /775577; City Taxis: 01865 201201;  
Radio Taxis: 01865 242424 / 249743; Royal Cars: 01865 777333; Euro Taxis: 01865 430430.

## **What to do on arrival?**

Depending on what time you arrive and which day, we recommend going first to your accommodation, leaving your luggage and only then coming to the venue at a time when the reception desk is open. If you have booked college accommodation when registering, you'll be sent information on check-in times and travel instructions from the college. However we can store your bags in the conference office at the Exam Schools if it needs be the other way around.

## **Reception desk and NomadIT office opening times**

The Reception desk, staffed by volunteers in green ASA t-shirts, is just inside the entrance of the Examination Schools and has the same opening hours as the conference office (NomadIT) in Room 5A: *Tue 11:30-18:00; Wed 08:00 -16:15; Thu 08:00 -16:15; Fri 08:00 -16:15.*

At the Reception desk, student volunteers will check our records and if all is in order, they will hand you your book and badge and you can go on to enjoy the conference. If there are any financial 'discrepancies' (membership or registration), you will be forwarded to queue at the NomadIT office in Room 5A (and then once again at the Reception desk once your payment's been sorted!). To thoroughly enjoy the quintessential British experience of queuing, please bring something to pass the time. *The Lord of the Rings* (all three volumes) would be appropriate given the Oxford connection – you should reach the desk around the same time Frodo starts climbing Mount Doom.

***Please note that we can only take payments in cash (GBP) on the day – no cards!***

## **WiFi**

You can use Eduroam credentials or obtain temporary OWL credentials from the Reception desk.

## **Keynotes and plenaries**

**Semi-plenaries are split between two venues which are 15 minutes apart: so ensure you plan your time right!**

On Wednesday and Thursday, there will be two plenaries taking place at the same time: one will be held in the South School of the Examination Schools, while the other will take place at the Lecture Theatre in the Oxford University Natural History Museum (OUNHM, Parks Rd, OX1 3PW). OUNHM is about a 15-minute walk from Examination Schools, so if you are keen on one of the plenaries taking place there, please ensure that you start off early enough to avoid being late.

## **Laboratories (labs) and films**

There's a diverse programme of workshops – 'labs' – exploring the more experimental modes of doing anthropology. The full programme can be seen [here](#). Most labs take place at the Pitt Rivers Museum, some at Examinations Schools, and a few at special locations (all are marked on the map below). NB! As some labs require prior registration, please read about them already now and email the lab convenors via the lab pages on the conference website.

The film programme (curated by Prof Marcus Banks) will run at the Lecture Theatre of the Pitt Rivers Museum Tue 13:30-15:00, Wed 16:15-17:45 and Thu 14:15-15:45.

## **Catering: refreshment breaks, lunches and conference dinner**

Refreshments and lunches can be obtained by delegates on display of their conference badge at one of the refreshment serving areas: North Schools hall in the Examination Schools on the first floor and the marquee outside the Examination Schools. If your panel or lab takes place at Queen Elizabeth House, Pitt Rivers Museum, Magdalen or All Souls College, do try to end your panel promptly (or even slightly ahead of time, if possible, and have most of the discussion while walking back to the Exam Schools) to ensure your participants can avail of the coffee and then have a brisk walk back. We apologise for this inconvenience and hope you will see this as us trying to promote a healthy lifestyle that balances cookies with walking. All catering will be mindful of allergies and special diets. Alternatively if it seems too far, please avail of a local coffee outlet.

The conference dinner - a three-course sit-down meal with wine, in Keble College dining hall (OX1 3PG) requires a pre-purchased ticket (£60), to be booked at the time of registration. The dinner will be held in the magnificent Victorian Gothic Dining Hall of Keble College, and includes excellent food and wine. As we have already paid for the dinner booking, no tickets can be reimbursed.

## **Book exhibit**

There will be a Book Exhibit in the North Schools on the first floor of the Examination Schools alongside the catering space, where delegates are invited to browse the titles, and talk to the publisher/institutional representatives of Berghahn, Bloomsbury, Cambridge University Press, Combined Academic Publishers Ltd, MIT Press, RAI, Rowman International, Sean Kingston Publishing, T&F and The White Horse Press.

The Book Exhibit hours: Mon 15:00-19:30; Tue 09:00-20:00; Wed 09:00-14:00.

## **Emergency contact details during the conference**

During the Conference, emergency messages should be sent to [conference@theasa.org](mailto:conference@theasa.org), with subject line starting URGENT.

NomadIT can be contacted in emergency situations on UK cell/mobile phones +447482613951 (Triinu Mets) and +447866425805 (Rohan Jackson).

999 is the official emergency number for the United Kingdom, but calls are also accepted on the European Union emergency number, 112. All calls are answered by 999 operators. Calls are always free.

## **Making use of your portable device**

As the programme changes after going to press, we suggest using your portable device to check the conference [website](#). We'll be putting up an Errata list on the conference homepage that will show all the changes to panels since the book went into print. Check the [webpage of the panel or lab](#) you're thinking of heading to, in case someone's dropped out or a convenor has rearranged things. If the book is a little heavy/inconvenient to carry around, download the [pdf](#) version.

Conference news will be posted from ASA [Facebook](#) and Twitter (@theasainfo) accounts - so make sure you like/follow those. The conference hashtag is [#ASAOxford](#)

## **More information**

The timetable, session grid and map follow. Full information is in the conference programme which you can collect from the reception desk along with your badge.

Safe travels!

Triinu, with James and Rohan (NomadIT)

# Timetable

## Every day

Uganda Stories exhibition  
(Pitt Rivers Museum, Special Exhibition Gallery)

Performing Tibetan Identities exhibition  
(Court and Clore Balcony, Pitt Rivers Museum)

Diversifying Portraiture in Anthropology exhibition  
(Exam Schools)

The Legend of Ponnivala Nadu exhibition  
(Exam Schools)

## Tuesday 18 September

11:30-18:00 Registration desk open (Exam Schools)

13:30-15:00 Film screening: With this Ring  
(Pitt Rivers Museum, Lecture Theatre)

13:30-15:00 Panel session 1

15:00-15:30 Refreshments (Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

15:30-17:00 Panel session 2

17:00-17:15 Break

17:15-18:30 Welcome and ASA's Firth Lecture (opening keynote) (Exam Schools, South School)

19:00-21:00 Welcome reception (Pitt Rivers Museum)

## Thursday 20 September

08:00-16:15 Registration desk open (Exam Schools)

09:00-10:30 Panel session 6

10:30-11:00 Refreshments (Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

10:55-11:15 Walking to the Oxford University Natural History Museum  
(if going to Semi-plenary 3)

11:15-12:45 Semi-plenary 3 - Creative bodies  
(Oxford University Natural History Museum, Lecture theatre)

11:15-12:45 Semi-plenary 4 - Language and imagination  
(Exam Schools, South School)

12:45-14:15 Lunch (Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

13:00-14:15 ASA's Annual General Meeting  
(Exam Schools, South School)

14:15-15:45 Film screening: Nightfall on Gaia  
(Pitt Rivers Museum, Lecture Theatre)

14:15-15:45 Panel session 7

15:45-16:15 Refreshments  
(Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

16:15-17:45 Roundtable: Interdisciplinarity  
(Exam Schools, South School)

19:00-21:00 Conference dinner  
(Dining Hall of Keble College, Parks Road)

21:00-23:00 Conference dance (The Bar, Keble College)

## Wednesday 19 September

08:00-16:15 Registration desk open (Exam Schools)

09:00-10:30 Panel session 3

10:30-11:00 Refreshments (Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

10:55-11:15 Walking to the Oxford University Natural History Museum  
(if going to Semi-plenary 2)

11:15-12:45 Semi-plenary 1 - Environmental imaginations  
(Exam Schools, South School)

11:15-12:45 Semi-plenary 2 - Transformation and time  
(Oxford University Natural History Museum, Lecture Theatre)

12:45-14:15 Lunch (Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

12:45-14:15 Heads of Departments (HODs) meeting  
(Exam Schools, Room 13)

13:00-14:15 APPLY network meeting (Exam Schools, Room 12)

13:00-14:15 #MeTooAnthro: Supporting students in the field  
(Exam Schools, East School)

14:15-15:45 Panel session 4

15:45-16:15 Refreshments (Exam Schools, North Schools and marquee)

16:15-17:45 Film screening: The Block/Blocul  
(Pitt Rivers Museum Lecture Theatre)

16:15-17:45 Panel session 5

18:00-19:30 Roundtable: Anthropology and the imagination  
(Exam Schools, South School)

## Friday 21 September

08:00-16:15 Registration desk open (Exam Schools)

09:00-10:30 Debate: Morality and evolution, part 1  
(Exam Schools, South School)

09:00-10:30 Panel session 8

10:30-11:00 Refreshments  
(Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

11:00-12:30 Debate: Morality and evolution, part 2  
(Exam Schools, South School)

11:00-12:30 Panel session 9

12:30-14:00 Lunch  
(Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

14:00-15:30 Closing keynote - Creative bodies  
(Exam Schools, South School)

15:30-16:00 Refreshments  
(Exam Schools, North School and marquee)

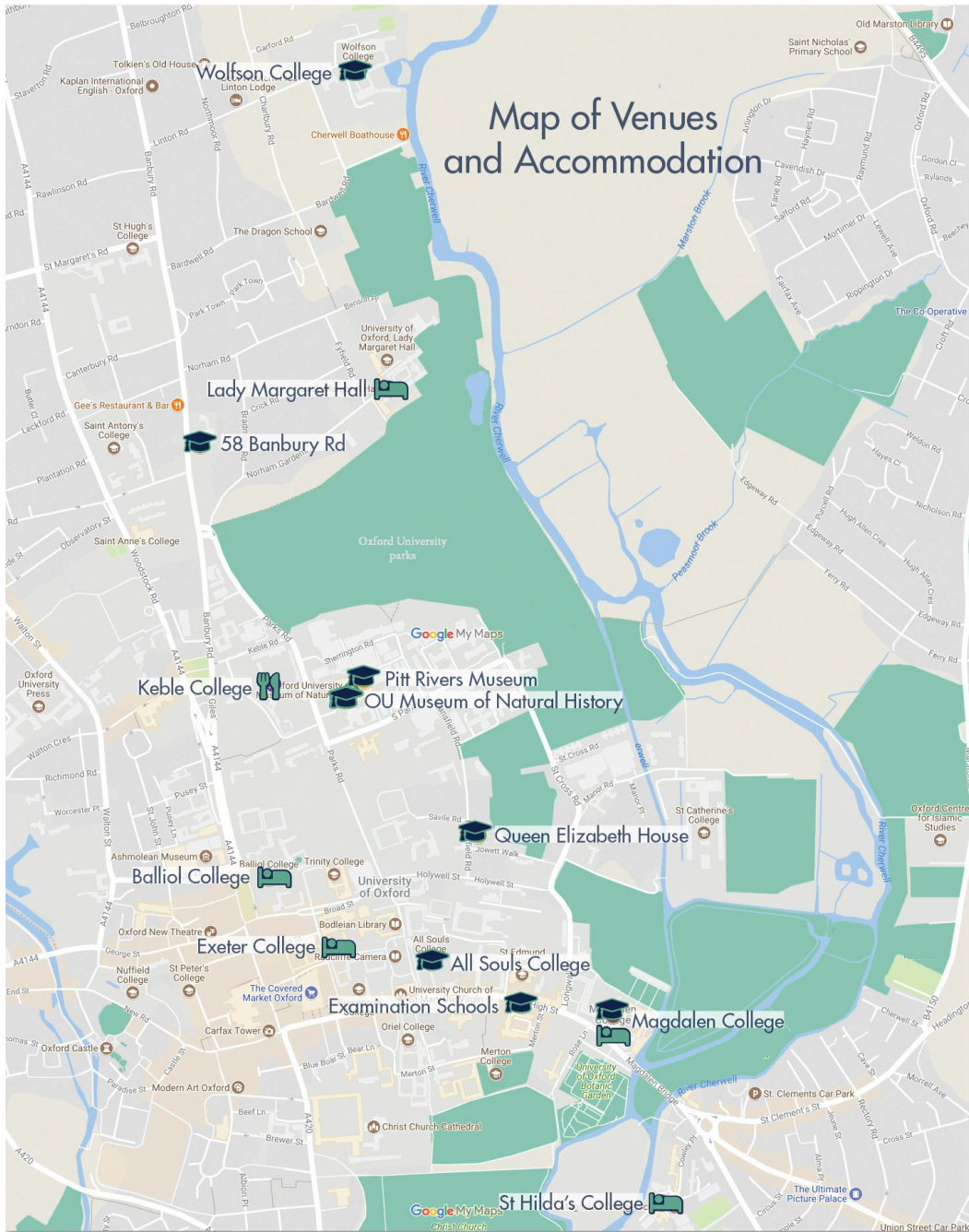
16:00-17:30 Panel session 10


# Panel grid

Location	Tuesday 18 September		Wednesday 19 September		
	13:30-15:00	15:30-17:00	09:00-10:30	14:15-15:45	16:15-17:45
Examination Schools South School			Time02	Time02	Time02
Examination Schools East School			Cre08	Lab03	
Examination Schools Room 6	Lang02	Lang02	Time06	Time06	Time06
Examination Schools Room 7		Pol09	Time01	Time01	Time01
Examination Schools Room 8	Cre08	Cre08	Cre04	Cre04	Cre04
Examination Schools Room 9	Cre03	Cre03	Inf02	Inf02	Cre07
Examination Schools Room 10	Cog03	Cog03	Cog05	Cog05	Cog07
Examination Schools Room 11	Ant01	Ant01	Ant04	Ant04	Env13
Examination Schools Room 12		Lab02	Env04		
Examination Schools Room 14	Inf06	Inf06	Inf03	Inf03	Inf03
Examination Schools Room 15	Inf01	Inf01	Pol08	Pol08	Pol08
All Souls Hovenden Room			Pol10	Pol10	Pol10
All Souls Old Library			Pol04	Pol04	Pol04
All Souls Wharton Room			Pol02	Pol02	Pol02
Magdalen Daubeny	Med04	Med04	Body02	Body02	Body02
Magdalen Lecture Room A			Lang03	Lang03	Lang03
Magdalen Old Law Library	Body09	Body04	Body10	Body10	Med02
Magdalen Oscar Wilde Room	Med07	Med07	Body11	Body11	Body11
Magdalen Summer Common Room	Body08	Body08	Body01	Body01	Body01
Queen Elizabeth House (QEH) SR1	Env14	Env14	Mor02	Mor02	Mor02
Queen Elizabeth House (QEH) SR2	Env01	Env01	Env05	Env05	Env15
Pitt Rivers Museum Lecture Theatre	Films			Lab13	Films
Pitt Rivers Museum Seminar Room	Lab05			Lab10	Lab06
Pitt Rivers Museum Main Gallery			Lab09		
58 Banbury Road, COMPAS visitors' room					Lab08
Private Dining Room, Wolfson College	Lab01	Lab01			

Location	Thursday 20 September		Friday 21 September		
	09:00-10:30	14:15-15:45	09:00-10:30	11:00-12:30	16:00-17:30
Examination Schools South School	Ant06	Lab04	Ant03		Ant05
Examination Schools East School	Time04	Time04	Pol06	Pol06	Pol06
Examination Schools Room 6	Ant02	Ant02	Pol05	Pol05	Pol05
Examination Schools Room 7	Pol01	Env11	Pol11	Pol11	Pol11
Examination Schools Room 8	Cre06	Cre06	Cre09	Cre09	Cre02
Examination Schools Room 9	Cre05	Cre05	Cre01	Cre01	Mor01
Examination Schools Room 10	Cog01	Cog04	Cog02	Cog02	Cog02
Examination Schools Room 11	Env13	Env13	Env07	Env07	
Examination Schools Room 12	Lab11				
Examination Schools Room 14	Inf05	Inf06	Lab12	Lab12	Lab12
Examination Schools Room 15	Env03	Env03	Env09	Env10	Env10
All Souls Hovenden Room					
All Souls Old Library	Inf04	Inf04	Pol12	Pol12	Pol12
All Souls Wharton Room	Pol03	Pol03			
Magdalen Daubeny	Med06	Body07	Med01	Med01	Mor04
Magdalen Lecture Room A	Med08	Med08	Lang01	Lang01	Lang01
Magdalen Old Law Library	Body03	Body03	Time03	Time03	Time03
Magdalen Oscar Wilde Room	Med05	Med05	Med03	Med03	Med03
Magdalen Summer Common Room	Body05	Body05	Time05	Time05	Time05
Queen Elizabeth House (QEH) SR1	Mor05	Mor05	Env06	Env06	
Queen Elizabeth House (QEH) SR2	Env02	Env02	Env02	Env08	Env08
Pitt Rivers Museum Lecture Theatre	Lab15	Film			Lab17
Pitt Rivers Museum Seminar Room		Lab16			

# Map



 **Wifi access at the venue**

Eduroam credentials can be used for accessing WiFi at the University of Oxford. Delegates can also request temporary credentials, for use during the conference, at the Reception desk when checking in.

Or see this [google map](#)