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Department of Psychology – Weekly Bulletin: 11/10/24

Please send any information to hod.psychology@warwick.ac.uk you would like to share.

Each weekly bulletin will be shared every Friday – We hope you have a lovely weekend!



#### Noorin Rodenhurst - Research Fellow

Hi everyone! I'm Noorin and I've just started in the department as a Research Fellow, working alongside Professor Derrick Watson until August 2025. For those of you who don't already know me, I completed my PhD in this department earlier this year alongside Dr Katherine Messenger (now at Lancaster), looking at language comprehension in bilingual children. I'm now working on something completely different, particularly the use of fNIRs in visual search/attention, driving behaviour, and action and attention. You'll find me with some of the other Postdocs in H1.44. Hope to see you soon!

### **Announcements**

#### **Showcase Science at the Live Labs!**

On Monday 25th November and Monday 2nd December, the Warwick Institute of Engagement will be filling the Warwick Arts Centre foyer with exciting activities to accompany the annual award-winning Warwick Christmas Lectures (organised by the Department of Physics). In Live Labs, staff and

students are invited to inspire and engage members of the public through close up demonstrations and hands-on activities around the themes of science and technology. We can help you design your activity (for an audience of ages 8+) rehearse and source any kit you might need. If you have an idea for a live lab that you'd like to share, get in touch and we'll help with the rest! Express your interest here or if you would like to discuss this with a member of the team contact us at wie@warwick.ac.uk.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any more information.

Many thanks, Clare Hurst

### Participants Needed for Study on Sleep and Chronic Pain

Dear all,

The Warwick Sleep and Pain Lab is currently conducting a research study and we're looking for participants with **chronic pain and sleep difficulties**. If you or someone you know has been struggling with both pain and sleep problems for more than 3 months, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

### About the Study:

We are investigating the feasibility of a new, adapted approach designed to improve sleep in individuals with persistent pain. This study involves participation in a 6-week online treatment program which includes 2 therapist-guided sessions, alongside assessments before, after, and 3 months post-intervention.

Please feel free to share this study with others outside of the department who may be interested!

Study Webpage link: <a href="https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/psych/research/lifespan/sleeplab/projects/naps/">https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/psych/research/lifespan/sleeplab/projects/naps/</a> Link to registration and screening form:

https://warwick.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_ehNwjVx7uLmuzKC

PDF of study poster is attached.

Best,

Thomas Bilterys, PhD

### **Training, Webinars and Workshops**

Dear All,

You are invited to the following **Annual Black History Month Public Lecture** on **Thursday 24 October 2024.** 

Please use this link to register to attend https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/events/bhm24/

**Guest Speaker**: Professor Gary Younge, University of Manchester

Title: 'The man who photobombed De Gaulle'

**Time**: Drinks will be served from 5:30pm followed by the Lecture at 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Venue: Lecture Room B3.03, Zeeman Building, University of Warwick

**Abstract**: 'The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation of Paris offers an opportunity to explore the discrepancy between race-based mythologies around the second world war and black involvement in the war and what that tells us about Europe as a whole and how black people's presence here is misunderstood. How would

conversations about responsibility, obligation, entitlement, sacrifice, patriotism, immigration, integration, welfare, equality and justice be understood when it applied to black people if their contributions to the war were fully acknowledged. Gary will highlight these issues with specific reference to the decision to ensure only white French troops could be seen to liberate Paris and the scene, the day after the Liberation, in which a Gabonese soldier, Georges Dukson, effectively photobombs General De Gaulle as he parades along the Champs Elysee'

Gary Younge is an award-winning author, broadcaster and a professor of sociology at the University of Manchester in England. Formerly a columnist at The Guardian he is an editorial board member of the Nation magazine, the Alfred Knobler Fellow for Type Media and winner of the 2023 Orwell Prize for Journalism. He has written six books: Dispatches From the Diaspora, From Nelson Mandela to Black Lives Matter; Another Day in the Death of America, A Chronicle of Ten Short Lives; The Speech, The Story Behind Martin Luther King's Dream; Who Are We?, And Should it Matter in the 21st century; Stranger in a Strange Land, Travels in the Disunited States and No Place Like Home, A Black Briton's Journey Through the Deep South. He has also written for The New York Review of Books. Granta, GQ, The Financial Times and The New Statesman and made several radio and television documentaries on subjects ranging from gay marriage to Brexit.

Best wishes,

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# First internal seminar Oct. 16th [In-person]

Dear all,

The first internal seminar will be held on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> in room H1.49 from 12-1PM. The speaker is Calvin Deans-Browne, who's currently a PhD student at UCL and was formerly a student here. He'll present his work on how prior beliefs influence perceived argument quality (please see full title and abstract below). Hope to see you all there!

Best, Maria

**Title:** Prior Beliefs Play a Larger Role on Perceived Argument Quality Than does the Quality of the 'Everyday' Argument Itself

**Abstract:** Social media has changed the amount of information we have access to and the type of information we see. For example, individuals often publicly debate topics important to them on social media, and while one individual might be convinced by what a social media user has to say, another individual might be left unpersuaded. We are interested in what makes an 'everyday' argument like those found on social media persuasive to one person but not another. In two experiments, participants rated their beliefs about various political claims (e.g., 'abortion should be legal') and evaluated the quality of 'good' and 'bad' arguments about these claims. These 'everyday' arguments were designed to be like those seen on social media, with good and bad arguments

manipulated to have either strong or weak evidence supporting their conclusions respectively. We find that participants consistently rated good arguments as better than bad arguments, but their argument quality ratings were also strongly correlated with their beliefs. Participants on average perceived arguments as being of better quality if it was also in line with their prior beliefs, with this overall effect of belief being around 3 times larger than the effect of argument quality itself. This finding was robust even when we controlled for potential order effects and demand characteristics; participants used their beliefs to assess the quality of the arguments despite being told explicitly not to, which they did irrespective of whether they saw the arguments before or after they rated their beliefs about the political claims. Our findings highlight that the same information can be perceived differently depending on a person's prior beliefs.

# **Information**

### **Faculty Inclusive Education Showcases**

Hi Professional Services Excellence Network,

We hope the new academic year has got off to a good start!

The inclusive education faculty events took place in term 3 last academic year (thanks to all who were involved or attended), and as we move into the start of a new year, we'd like to highlight the wide range of activities taking place across the University to support inclusive education. If you're interested in learning more what's happening across academic departments, take a look at our post-event resources:

- Inclusive Education in Social Sciences: Event recap (warwick.ac.uk)
- Inclusive Education in the Arts Conference 2024 (warwick.ac.uk)
- SEM Faculty EDI Festival (warwick.ac.uk)

These webpages include presentation slides, student-created reports, podcasts, video overviews and much more. Feel free to share these pages with any colleagues you feel would find the information useful.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss project ideas, email us at inclusiveeducation@warwick.ac.uk.

## Another Introduction to Solar Panels event coming up!

Hi everyone Staff & PGR Green Champions, thank you to those who joined us yesterday for the 'Introduction to Solar Panels' event at Ramphal. We hope you enjoyed it! We have another similar event coming up next Tuesday lunchtime at Zeeman, so please join us if you're working in the nearby areas. Additionally, it would be great if you could share this event with others. Please see the poster here if you need it. Thank you!

Event sign-up link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/8T3xUN4CZx">https://forms.office.com/e/8T3xUN4CZx</a>

Poster: zeeman and msb poster.png

If you see or have an accident, or feel unwell summon a First Aider (in the Humanities Building):

The departmental First Aiders are:

Hannah Austin - H1.41, call x73910 (or 024 765 73910 from a mobile phone)

Catherine Johnstone – H2.53 call x23745 or (024 765 23745 from a mobile phone)

Professor Thomas Hills - H0.26, call x23182 (or 024 765 23183 from a mobile phone)

Dr Pete Trimmer - H0.29, call x50909 (or 024 761 50909 from a mobile phone)

If it is not possible to contact one of the first aiders, please contact Community Safety on ext: 22222 (024 765 22222).

**Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)** 

**location** https://warwick.ac.uk/services/healthsafetywellbeing/guidance/first aid/defibrilators/.

# **Procedure for reporting Accidents**

- (a) Report incident to <u>Linda Wilson</u> or, in her absence, your line manager / supervisor / tutor.
- (b) Complete the online Accident / Incident / Near Miss Report Form

UOW Portal b61470bf-91f9-4f38-a1c9-8b2cce40b052 (sheassure.net)

Kind Regards, Hannah.

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Or chat with me on Teams!

Work hours: 8:30 am till 4:30pm (Monday till Thursday), 9:00am till 4:00pm (Friday)















