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Department of Psychology – Weekly Bulletin: 28/06/24

Please send any information to hod.psychology@warwick.ac.uk you wish to share. Each weekly bulletin will be shared every Friday – We hope you have a lovely weekend!



Note: If you would like a set weekly item in the weekly bulletin to start now or in the new academic year, please let me know.

No in the spotlight this week. If you would like to submit a paragraph about you and your role, please get in touch!

Below, please find information on:

- **CRiSM Masterclass: 5-6 August**
- **Celebrating 10 years of the RTPs (Wednesday 18 September, 09:30-12:00, FAB0.03)**
- **STEM Connect Workplace Survey**
- **Call for Ideas: IDG's XR, VR, MR and AR Training**
- **Temporary PG Coordinator (Maths) closing 30 June**
- **Student Communications - week 9 student newsletter links**
- **Online Participants Sought: Contexts on Face Perception**

CRiSM Masterclass: 5-6 August 2024

The CRiSM Masterclass will take place on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 August between 10:00 and 16:30 in Chancellors 1 and 2, Rootes building, and is free-of-charge for PGRs and staff at Warwick. This course will cover the two big data visualisation questions: what you should draw and how you should draw it. The course will look at the process of converting data into a visual representation and build up a set of guidelines that take advantage of the strengths of the visual system and avoid its weaknesses. It will also teach how to apply those guidelines to create data visualisations using the {ggplot2} package in R. The course will be led by Paul Murrell, Associate Professor from the University of Auckland and an R Core Developer. For full details see the [course site](#). Registration required by 15 July 2024 - please only register if you plan to attend as places are limited and there is a cost for no-shows.

Celebrating 10 years of the RTPs (Wednesday 18 September, 09:30-12:00, FAB0.03)

The Research Technology Platform (RTP) Department is hosting an event to celebrate 10 years of the RTP programme. They invite members of the University to join them as they showcase how the RTPs have grown over

the past decade and facilitated innovation in research and development at Warwick and beyond. Please see [this link](#) for more details including a link to register for the event.

STEM Connect Workplace Survey

From the STEM Connect Programme Team: We are pleased to announce that the STEM Connect Workplace Survey is now live for the Departments of Chemistry, Physics, the School of Engineering and Research Technology Platforms staff, whose Departmental homes will be in the Science and Engineering Precinct. The aim of the survey is to gather vital feedback on workplace and workspace to help inform the significant investment that will transform our STEM spaces over three phases:

Phase One: Building over 25,000 sqm of new teaching and research space.

Phase Two: Repurposing over 12,000 sqm of existing buildings, including new workspaces with improvements based on feedback.

Phase Three: 6,000 sqm of Engineering spaces (including workspace).

The survey will be live until Friday 5 July and will help identify challenges and opportunities for current and future workplace needs and play an important role in informing the design of workplace in our Science and Engineering Precinct. Should you have any queries please contact [STEM Connect](#).

Call for Ideas: IDG's XR, VR, MR and AR Training

From IDG: Since the launch of our digital strategy and in response to recurring requests for a more standardised approach to XR (Extended Reality), it has become abundantly clear that there is a need for a standardised offering from IDG for VR (Virtual Reality), MR (Mixed Reality), and AR (Augmented Reality). We are reaching out to seek your assistance in this initiative. Your expertise and insights will be invaluable in developing a cohesive and comprehensive XR framework that meets the diverse needs of our communities. Please use [this link](#) to access the form. Thank you in advance for your support and collaboration.

Temporary PG Coordinator (Maths) closing 30 June

Maths are seeking a temporary PG Coordinator until November 2024. Please see the [job advert](#) for more details.

Student Communications - week 9 student newsletter links

From Student Communications: Please find our roundup of student communications for this week below:

- Thursday, 20 June: [PGR](#) (Doctoral College, in conjunction with the Student Communications team)
- Friday, 21 June: [UG non-final years](#), [UG final years](#), [PGT](#)

You can view our previous newsletters via our [newsletter archive](#).

Online Participants Sought: Contexts on Face Perception

Researchers at the University of Bath are looking for participants for an online psychological study exploring the effects of context on face perception. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 60. Those who participate will be entered in a draw to win one of four £25. If you are interested in taking part in this research, please sign up using [this link](#). If you know of anyone who would be interested in taking part, please share this message and the advertisement with them. Please email [Isobel Sutherland](#) to ask any questions.

Best wishes,

The Faculty Team

Warwick-branded for plots in R, presentations, and workshop sites

Hi all,

Ella Kaye from the Department of Statistics has developed a few resources that may be useful to you:

- Warwick colour palette for plots in R using ggplot2: <https://github.com/Warwick-Stats-Resources/warwickplots>
- Warwick branded template for Presentations using Quarto reveals: <https://github.com/Warwick-Stats-Resources/warwickpres>
- A template to create Warwick branded sites on Github for workshops: <https://github.com/Warwick-Stats-Resources/warwickcourse>

Best wishes,
Sara

Sara Morales-Izquierdo

Embargoed: For release 00:01 BST Wednesday 26 June

They like to move it move it! Lemur communication shows how humans evolved to create music

A type of lemur which communicates in rhythmic song shows how humans have evolved to create music, according to researchers at The University of Warwick.

Indris, known as a ‘singing lemurs’ live in small family groups in the Madagascan rainforest and communicate using songs, similar to birds and humans. They also use rhythmic vocalisations like alarm calls to alert family members of predators.

Researchers found that Indris have ‘isochrony’ in their communication, which is where the time between sounds or notes are equal, creating a steady occurrence of events at regular intervals, resulting in a consistent rhythm or beat – much like in music. For example, in an isochronous pattern, each note or beat would be evenly spaced apart, like the ticking of a clock.

In the study, published in journal *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, the team based at the Universities of Warwick and Turin, recorded both Indris’ songs and alarm calls (emitted in the presence of a predator) across various forest patches in Madagascar, following free-ranging animals from 2005 to 2020. Lead author Dr Chiara De Gregorio, Department of Psychology, University of Warwick, said: “By isolating the notes and intervals between notes in 820 songs from 51 lemurs, we calculated the rhythmic ratios for each pair of consecutive intervals. A ratio of 0.5 signifies isochrony.”

The analysis revealed that isochrony is present in all the songs and alarm calls, establishing it as a fundamental aspect of indri communication. Moreover, one song type exhibited three distinct vocal rhythms. Dr De Gregorio continued: “This discovery positions indris as animals with the highest number of vocal rhythms shared with the human musical repertoire – surpassing songbirds and other mammals.”

These results suggest that elements of human musical attributes evolved early in the primate lineage. Given that alarm calls probably existed before more complex vocalisations like songs, isochrony might be an ancestral rhythm from which other rhythmic patterns evolved.

Dr De Gregorio added: “Our study expands on previous work that identified two rhythms shared with human music. In this new research, we isolated a third rhythm and extended our analysis beyond songs to include other calls.

Dr. Daria Valente, Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology, University of Turin, and co-author of the study, added: “The findings highlight the evolutionary roots of musical rhythm, demonstrating that the foundational elements of human music can be traced back to early primate communication systems.”

Notes to Editors

Images



Credit: F. Carugati



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Link to a video of indris singing:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxVYsAodZ6U&ab_channel=maidenshark

Additional video available to download on request

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Hi Professional Services Excellence Network,

The Student Experience Division are pleased to announce that following a significant research and consultation project, the proposal to standardise **most** full time PGT course start dates to the Monday of Welcome Week has now been approved. This will come into effect from **September 2025**.

Read our [factsheet](#) with **full details** about the change (including courses that are out of scope), how it has come about and what happens next. [Register to attend our staff briefing session](#) (in person and online) on Thursday 11th July from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Teaching Grid, Library.

Hello All,

The Warwick Administrator's Network has two exciting sessions next week on Tuesday 2nd July as part of our Summer Meeting. The agenda is below:

12:00

1. Welcome and Introductions

12:05 – 12:30

2. Introduction to Residential Community Life Team

Mita Nathwani, Residential Community Co-Ordinator, will be providing an overview of services provided by the Residential Community Team and all the exciting initiatives they are involved in. They also hold lots of events and there are plenty of opportunities for staff to get involved in, both from a volunteering and social perspective.

12:30 – 13:15

3. Importance of Networking and Introduction to the PA Forum

Daniel Skermer, founder of the [PA Forum](#), will be leading this session. Dan is a pro when it comes to networking and will be able to provide some top tips. As part of the session Dan will also provide an overview of the PA Forum and some of the opportunities available for people to get involved in. The forum holds several training sessions, networking events, venue visits etc. that are relevant to staff in all administrative roles.

13:15 – 13:20

4. Updates from Co-Chairs

- Learning & Development Conference
- Website
- Plans for Next 12 Months

5. **AOB/FYI:**

Next Meeting Dates: *(Invites to follow)*

- WAN Autumn Meeting – 16/10/2024
- WAN Winter Meeting – 05/02/2025
- WAN Spring Meeting – 21/04/2025
- WAN Summer Meeting – 03/07/2025

13:20 - 14:00

6. Networking Event

Picnic in the sun (wet weather option will be available). Bring your lunch with you! If the weather is nice, we are hoping to hold this at the Red Square behind the Rootes building so you can also see where the Residential Community Team Hub is based. 😊

If you are interested to attend, please email Hannah at hannah.o.austin@warwick.ac.uk

Kind Regards,

Chris and the Network Team.

Hi Staff & PGR Green Champions,

Warwick Crop Centre are hosting an open day this summer on Wed 10th July to celebrate 75 years of horticultural research - please join us and find out more about crop research at our Innovation Campus, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wellesbourne. More details and registration form in link:<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/lifesci/wcc/events/open-day-2024>

Hi Professional Services Excellence Network,

As you may know, as part of the [International PGT Student Experience enhancement project](#), we are organising a [Your Futures Roadshow](#) for current PGT students. Below is an overview and event leaflets. If you work with PGT students in your department, please can you share this with your students via your newsletter/ social media channels? I will be away on AL until 9 July but any questions, Carroll, Kieron and Pammi, Pranav will be able to help. Thank you!

Your Futures Roadshow for PGT students (15 July – 19 July)

Based on student feedback, we are hosting the very first Your Futures Roadshow for current PGT students – a week-long programme of activities to:

- **Share your best memory** now that the taught part of your course has (nearly) ended - get involved and enter the [Photo and Video competition](#)
- **Stressed is just Desserts spelled backwards** - meet peers outside your department at PG Tip (Tue), Board Games & Chat (Wed) and De-stress Craft (Fri), where drinks, biscuits and/or desserts will be served!
- **Gain practical support** as you prepare for the next chapter of your life, get expert support on UK career, global career, part time work, visa transition, off-campus accommodation and much more!
- **Join us at the Drinks Reception** (Thur) - put on your best outfit and gain alumni insights, network with high tea, cake and finger food – limited place available.

[Discover the full programme and sign up](#) today!

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).

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location https://warwick.ac.uk/services/healthsafetywellbeing/guidance/first_aid/defibrilators/.

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(a) Report incident to [Linda Wilson](#) 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 \(sheasure.net\)](#)

Kind Regards,
Hannah.

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Or chat with me on Teams!

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