On 8 January 2018, Journalist and Author, David Goodhart, visited Warwick and delivered a guest lecture to 120 students as part of our regular guest series lecture entitled ‘Anywheres and Somewheres: The New Tribes Shaping British Politics’.

David’s talk focussed on ideas from his latest book The Road to Somewhere: The New Tribes Shaping British Politics which became the Sunday Times Top Ten Bestseller in 2017 and was listed for the Orwell Prize 2018. The book has been described (The Guardian) as a robust and timely investigation into the political and moral values that are sharply dividing Brexit Britain and how a new settlement can be found.
TWO FINAL YEAR STUDENTS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN 17TH ANNUAL CARROLL ROUND

Research in Applied Economics is a final module in which students undertake an independent piece of research. Two Research in Applied Economics (RAE) students have been invited to participate in the 17th Annual Carroll Round, the undergraduate international economics conference to be held at Georgetown University, from April 19 to April 22, 2018.

Since 2007, final year Economics students have been remarkably successful in having their papers accepted for presentation at Georgetown University’s prestigious Carroll Round (26 acceptances), an annual conference which attracts students from top undergraduate programmes, including the universities of Chicago, Columbia, Duke, Harvard, MIT, LSE, Oxford, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Stanford, and Yale. Acceptance at the conference demonstrates the quality of work shown by students, and contributes to the existing international profile of Warwick’s programmes. Since 2007, 26 of our students have been accepted at the Carroll Round.

Tristan Byrne is conducting a quantitative analysis on ‘Gentrification and Displacement’ with a focus on London and Stephan will present his paper on ‘Disappearing Jobs and Displaced Workers: Does Education Matter?’ using U.S. data. Tristan commented on his dissertation paper and being selected to participate in this year’s Carroll Round: “I feel incredibly privileged to be presenting my dissertation to prominent members of the academic community at the Carroll Round conference. I am grateful to all my professors, especially Ali Moghaddasi Kolshorni and Gianna Boero for their encouragement and support in the RAE module.”

Stephan Hobler also commented on his selection: “I am absolutely delighted at the opportunity to participate at this year’s Carroll Round. It is a uniquely fascinating platform to engage in economic discussion at the highest level and to be able to actively contribute to some of the most pressing issues in economics today. To do this representing Warwick fills me with great pride.”

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SPOTLIGHT ON
Professor Vera Troeger

What research projects are you currently involved with?
I’m looking into questions of how work-life balance policies, particularly maternity and parental leave policies, affect the career paths of women.

In the UK, statutory maternity provisions are very low compared to the EU standard, but because this is the case, we find a big variation in occupational and contractual maternity benefits. I can exploit this variation to do my research.

My main project is looking at the higher education sector in the UK where we have a large variation in maternity benefits across universities. We undertook a large-scale survey of all female academics in the country to understand why maternity leave differs across universities. It’s not the case that richer universities have more generous leave policies – it really depends on how research-intensive these universities are, their size, the staff costs, the staff-student ratio, but also the bargaining processes that are going on between the staff and the leadership.

For undergraduates, we offer an advanced, internationally-focused education in Economics that is both intellectually demanding and professionally relevant. Teaching in the department is strongly research-led, which means you’ll be learning from some of the best-known and most original academics in the UK.

What impact do you hope this research will have on society?
In general I want to do research that has relevance for public policy-making. I’ve already been contacted by many Athena SWAN representatives from other universities who want to use these findings to lobby their own universities to increase the generosity of maternity provisions and in general to look into work-life balance policies.

In my own career I have observed a gender imbalance on the academic side. As soon as women have children, they slow down. They don’t have to - they are still equally bright and have good ideas, they just have a little bit less time, I feel like there has to be a cultural change, and my research, because it is rigorous and rooted in actual data, could help to inform evidence-based policy change.

Why did you decide to become an economist?
I’m very interested in the political decision making mechanisms behind economic policies. I consider myself an applied political economist - my background is in both economics and political science.

What has been your most memorable experience during your time in the department?
A student of mine last year did a very political science-orientated topic in his final year thesis - he went to the Carroll Round conference - we worked very closely together and he did a great, great job and went on to Oxford. I met him every week for a year and had a lot of input in his work, and he was very receptive to my comments – that was absolutely great.

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Endless opportunities and options

“I love how broad and varied it can be and I noticed when I was applying to universities just how unique the Economics course at Warwick is. The department offers students a great opportunity to personalise the course; in my case I was able to continue studying History as an optional module after A-Level. I have been able to touch many aspects of Economics and spend time studying other topics which interest me, allowing me to study material I am really passionate about and hone skills I wish to develop.”

Neha Shamdas, Third Year Economics

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Why Warwick Economics?
We’re really proud of our consistently high rankings, but we know that as a top student all of your university choices will be world renowned. So what else can Warwick offer you?

Research in Applied Economics
One of the biggest attractions to studying Economics at Warwick is our third year dissertation project - Research in Applied Economics. This innovative project gives you the chance to apply the basic ideas of economics to the study of a particular question that interests you, as well as the opportunity to conduct your own original research.

Here are some recent project titles:
- Primary school completion in India: an education in inequality?
- What is the effect of conflict on entrepreneurship in developing countries?
- An Investigation into Black Market and Official Exchange Rates in Developing Countries

The Inheritance of Immobility: A study on Intergenerational Occupational Mobility in the United Kingdom

Banking Stability: A Comparison between Islamic and Conventional Banks

Enhancing your education – The Personal Development Module
This skills module will help you address areas for development identified by employers and our students. There’s a focus on developing academic skills, employability and to broaden your education in Economics. With compulsory elements such as the Economics Briefings Project, and optional elements such as IT training courses and careers events, you can develop the skills relevant to you.

A TRULY SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

“Lectures are very engaging and staff at the economics department are supportive in terms of academic assistance. Throughout my time at Warwick I appreciated the additional pastoral support I received on top of my studies”.

Udeme Umoh
Third Year Economics

Throughout the year the Department of Economics provides academic and pastoral support to each student.

This support comes in a variety of ways, aimed at targeting different aspects of your academic studies, including support with module content and preparation for assessments. These range from Maths drop in sessions, advice and feedback hours, revision sessions and library support amongst other support activities. Each member of the academic team in the Department offers advice and feedback hours, and there is always someone on hand to help!

“In the department of Economics we have a team of staff engaged in providing academic and pastoral support to our students. I direct this team and I enjoy the additional student contact, helping students with their problems and talking to them in general. Students come and see us about various matters; it could be problems such as how to manage their time or sometimes they present with more severe problems which require high level support. We offer daily drop-in hours for students to visit academic stuff during term time. We are here to ensure a better student experience for everyone.”

Dr Christian Soegaard
Director of Academic and Pastoral Support
Our students go on to successful careers in many different fields, not just finance and banking. Our graduates typically progress to successful UK and international careers in the private and public sectors, or continue on to postgraduate study.

Recent graduates have taken up roles as accountants, economists, investment bankers, analysts, lecturers and teachers, and work for some of the biggest employers in the world including Bloomberg, Deloitte, Bank of England, JP Morgan, UK Civil Service and Aston Martin to name just a few. Your degree will equip you with key skills, transferable to a wide array of professions. Your degree can open doors to careers and postgraduate options you may never have thought about before. Find out much more on our careers webpages.

“My time at Warwick has made me want to continue to use Economics in the workplace and I am looking to go into Economics Consulting in either the Government Economic Service or the private sector after I finish studying. The department really encourages you to think ahead and the guest lectures are great ways to picture what you could be doing. My final year at Warwick also made me want to continue to study Economics for one more year due to the in-depth research and work you do in your third year which has been enjoyable as you can apply all the skills you learnt from first and second year. I am currently looking into studying a masters in economics.”

Daniel Lewis
Third Year Economics

360 GUEST LECTURE SERIES
Our guest lecture series provides an excellent opportunity for you to engage with policy makers, practitioners and decision makers. This academic year, we have welcomed speakers including David Goodhart, Margaret Gilmore, Vinay Gupta, Andy Haldane and Angus Armstrong.

SOCIAL EVENTS
We encourage our students to socialise throughout the year and arrange events such as evening dinners, sport events and socials. There are various ways for students to collaborate out of study time including over 200 societies on campus, the Students’ Union, Sports and much more.

The largest academic society on Warwick’s campus, the Warwick Economics Society organises frequent and high quality events year-round to provide its members with real world insights and valuable support.

The Society offers members a platform to meet, socialise and build their network through hosting a wide range of popular social events every term. Throughout the year, unique talks, debates and discussions enhance the academic experience of its members, attracting world renowned speakers. The department aims to further support the Economics Society in its delivery of guest lecture speakers and events in the future. For more information, visit the Warwick Economics Society website and watch this video!
Remember

If you have received decisions from all your UCAS choices by 31 March, then you must decide on your Firm and Insurance choices by 2 May 2018.

If, however, you receive all of your decisions by 3 May, then you will need to select your Firm and Insurance choices by 7 June 2018.

For these and other key dates, please see the UCAS website.

If you have any queries about studying at the University of Warwick, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

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