

Wadham Symposium 2025

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MARGINS

A cross-college, cross-disciplinary day of debate
Saturday, 8 February, seminar rooms 4 & 5

PROGRAMME

10.00 – Welcome and coffee/tea

10.30–12.00: Session 1: The Politics of Margins

William Parry, "Palestine – [Reframing the Narrative]"

Christyn Refuerzo, "Margins as Framed by an English Student: Resistance through Discourse"

Edmund Herzig, "Margins and Centres: Locating Armenians in Early Modern Iran"

12.00 – Lunch

1.00–2.30 pm: Session 2: Inhabiting the Margins

Jacob Bird, TBD

Alessandra Alosi, "Margins of the Mind: Neglected Theories on the Cusp of the Modern"

Ewemiz Insigne, "Centering the South: Shifting towards Perspectives from the Global South in Critical Technology Studies"

2.30 – Tea/coffee

3.00-4.45: Session 3: Margins as Method

Stephan Rauschenbach, "The Thermodynamics behind Orwell's 'Road to Wigan Pier'"

Sydney Robinson, "'Science': Denaturalizing Progress Narratives by Studying the Non- and Pseudoscientific"

Fabrizio Caola, "Physics on the Edge: From the Margins to the Centre, and Back"

Yevhen Yashchuk, "Provincializing the Centralized Margins: How to Approach the Past of Recent Nation-States?"

4.45 – Break

5.00 – Drinks

6.00 – Dinner in Hall

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On Saturday 8 February, Wadham will hold its annual symposium on the theme of MARGINS. This annual interdisciplinary symposium invites exploration of boundaries—intellectual, social, and cultural—and the potential found at the edges. Participants will consider how marginalized voices challenge norms, how margins function as spaces of resistance, and how the boundaries between center and periphery are negotiated. Presentations from undergraduates, postgraduates, professors, and fellows will spark diverse and stimulating conversations, both in formal sessions and informal exchanges over coffee, lunch, and dinner. The event, generously subsidized by the College and the SU, will foster a vibrant intellectual community, offering a chance to engage deeply with ideas and colleagues. A modest contribution (£15) will cover the cost of refreshments, including lunch and a special 3-course dinner with wine. It promises to be a highlight of the academic year, full of lively dialogue and intellectual exploration.

Please contact Norman Aselmeyer (norman.aselmeyer@wadham.ox.ac.uk) asap to register, and at the same time please make sure to indicate any dietary requirements/preferences.