

Annual Postgraduate Research Conference 2026

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE | SIBSON BUILDING

Time	Activity	Location(s)
09.30 – 10.00	Arrival, Registration and Poster Viewing	Sibson Atrium
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome from the Director of the Graduate and Researcher College	Sibson Lecture Theatre 1
10.15 – 11.30	Research Talks (Part 1) (see overleaf for details)	Sibson Lecture Theatre 1
11.30 – 11.45	Morning Break	Sibson Atrium
11.45 – 13.00	Research Talks (Part 2) (see overleaf for details)	Sibson Lecture Theatre 1
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch and poster viewing	Sibson Atrium
14.00 – 14.45	Parallel sessions (Round 1) (see overleaf for details)	Please turn over to see locations
14:45 – 14:55	Break	Sibson Atrium
14:55 - 15:55	Parallel sessions (Round 2) (see overleaf for details)	Please turn over to see locations
16.00 – 16.45	Awards Ceremony Drinks Reception	Sibson Lecture Theatre 1 Sibson Foyer

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RESEARCH TALKS – PART 1 10:15-11:30

School	Speaker name	Talk Title
School of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics	Tianxiang Luan	Optical Reservoir Computing and All-Optical Readout System
Kent Business School	Yafei Sun	How awe affects humble leadership: The role of self-awareness and self-transcendence
School of Humanities	Josh Bouchard	Nuisances East Of London: A Collective Case Study Of Localities and the “Reactivism” That Occurred Within Them Against Pollution in The River Thames, 1850-1900
Medway School of Pharmacy	Lorna Brown	The biology of time: How ageing affects circadian rhythms
Kent Law School	Dick Onuzuruike	How the WTO members’ engagement in the SPS and TBT committees through the raising of specific trade concerns (STCs), prevents trade disputes from escalating into formal litigation: a constructivist lens
School of Natural Sciences	Jake Hudson	New antifungals from Pseudomonas aeruginosa

RESEARCH TALKS – PART 2 11:45-13:00

School	Speaker name	Talk Title
School of Arts and Architecture	Joe Payne	The writer is not the author - collaborative storytelling in TTRPG Podcasts
School of Computing	Max Peeperkorn	Can Large Language Models perform creative tasks?
School of Psychology	Laura Walker	The psychology of feeling fulfilled with work
School of Social Sciences	Katherine Buckeridge	Development of a parent-reported communication outcome measure for non-speaking children with neurodisability
Language Centre	Amy Bergman	Literary harvest: Georges Perec and writing the real
School of Economics and Politics & International Relations	Hicham El Kaissi	Systemic Risk Under Network Uncertainty: A Continuous-Limit Approach to Banking Contagion

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PARALLEL SESSIONS – ROUND 1 14:00-14:45

Session	Location	Audience	Delivered by
Coaching for PhDs...is it for me? Tools and peer-to-peer coaching that makes a difference	Sibson SR2	Open to all	Medway School of Pharmacy & School of Psychology
Computing PGR Showcase	Sibson SR3	Open to all	School of Computing
Interdisciplinary Economics and Politics panel (by EPIR PGRs)	Sibson SR5	Open to all	Economics, Politics & International Relations
Research Salon Round Table: Themes in Arts and Humanities Research	Sibson LT2	Open to all	School of Humanities
Research Talks (by SSS PGRs)	Sibson SR4	Open to all	School of Social Sciences
What Type of Postgraduate Student Are You? (And Why It Matters for Your Wellbeing)	Sibson SR6	Open to all	School of Natural Sciences

PARALLEL SESSIONS – ROUND 2 14:55-15:55

Session	Location	Audience	Delivered by
AI for Academic Writing & Skills Development: <i>Postgraduate Perspective</i>	Sibson PC2	Open to all	School of Natural Sciences
Computing PGR Showcase	Sibson SR3	Open to all	School of Computing
Humanities Viva Experience: Q&A with alumni from the SoH	Sibson LT2	Open to all	School of Humanities
Quantum at EMP	Sibson SR6	Open to all	Engineering, Mathematics & Physics
Research Reimagined: Crafting your PhD	Sibson SR2	Open to all	Graduate and Researcher College
Round table: The Role of Creativity in Society and Higher Education	Sibson SR5	Open to all	School of Arts and Architecture
Routes into Academia and Writing a Research Grant	Sibson SR4	Open to all	Research & Innovation