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# Metamorphic Studies Group Research in Progress meeting

University of Oxford  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023



*Hosted by the Department of Earth Sciences, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3AN,  
and St Anne's College, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6HS*

*On-site organisers: Assoc. Prof. Richard Palin and Mr Lot Koopmans*

## Key information

### Locations, dates, and times

#### *Pre-meeting icebreaker (April 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

An icebreaker/wine and cheese reception will be held on the evening before the RiP meeting in the Department of Earth Sciences, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3AN from 18:00 onwards on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. This will be a private event held in the rooftop Researcher's Common Room (RCR), which provides stunning views across the city.

The cost of all food and drink for this event is included in the registration fee. Please contact Richard ([richard.palin@earth.ox.ac.uk](mailto:richard.palin@earth.ox.ac.uk)) in advance with any dietary requirements. There will also be non-alcoholic drinks available.



#### *Research in Progress (RiP) meeting (April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)*

All presentations for the RiP will take place in the Tsuzuki lecture theatre at St Anne's College, 56 Woodstock Road Oxford, OX2 6HS on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The lecture theatre is marked at position F on the map shown below and is best accessed from Woodstock Road.

Registration will take place at 09:00–09:30 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Presentations will begin at 09:30 (first day) and 09:00 (second day) and end at 17:00. There will be two tea/coffee breaks each day at 11:00–11:20 and 15:00–15:20, alongside a catered sandwich lunch.

The cost of all food and drink for both days is included in the registration fee.



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- A - Seminar Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
  - B - Conference & Events Office
  - C - Seminar Room 6
  - D - Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre
  - E - Lower & Upper Common Rooms
  - F - Seminar Rooms 7, 8 & 9, & Tsuzuki Lecture Theatre
  - G - Seminar Rooms 10 & 11
  - H - STACS
  - J - College Bar
  - K - Accommodation Office & Domestic Bursar
  - L - Welfare Room
  - ⓘ - WC
  - 🚒 - Fire Assembly Point
  - ♻️ - Recycling Point
  - 🚭 - Smoking Area



Posters can be displayed in the dining area adjacent to the lecture theatre and there will be a dedicated poster viewing session and award ceremony in the latter half of the second day. Free wireless internet access is also available throughout St Anne's College.

## **Programme and abstract volume**

A complete programme and abstract volume will be provided in an electronic format (PDF) after all submissions have been accepted and collated. To save on unnecessary usage of paper, hard copies of the abstract volume will not be provided, although printed copies of the programme will be provided at registration.

## **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The MSG AGM will take place during lunchtime on the second day of talks (April 5<sup>th</sup>). The following topics will be discussed and all RiP meeting attendees are welcome to participate:

- Thanks to committee members stepping down
- Nominations for new committee members
- Discussion of ideas for MSG RiP 2024
- Upcoming conferences and field trips
- Student bursaries

## **Optional conference dinner**

A conference dinner will be organised for the evening of April 4<sup>th</sup>. This is optional for RiP attendees and the cost of attendance will not be covered by the registration fee. Further details will be advertised nearer to the time.



*The rooftop RCR at the Department of Earth Sciences*

## Travel to Oxford

This information was adapted from: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/visiting-oxford/how-get-oxford>

Oxford is not a campus university, and colleges, halls, departments, libraries, and museums are distributed across the city. Nonetheless, the **Department of Earth Sciences** and **St Anne's College**, where different components of the RiP meeting will take place, are situated just ~10 minutes' walk from each other. Oxford is *not* a car-friendly city; the best way to get around when here is on foot, by bicycle, or by using public transport.

### **By plane (landing at London airports)**

From **London Heathrow** and **Gatwick** airports, it is quickest and cheapest to take **The Airline** (<https://www.theairlineoxford.co.uk/>) coach service, which runs 24 hours a day. You can also reach Oxford by train (<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>) from Heathrow via London, and from Gatwick via Reading.

From **London Stansted** airport, take the Stansted Express train service (<https://www.stanstedexpress.com/>) to London Liverpool Street and then take the tube to either Paddington or Marylebone for direct trains to Oxford. Alternatively there is a National Express 737 coach service (<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/airports/stansted>), although tickets for all National Express services must be booked and paid for in advance – you cannot purchase them from the driver.

### **By train**

Direct services run from **London Paddington** (serving Oxford station) and **London Marylebone** (serving Oxford and Oxford Parkway stations). Other services operate from the north of England via **Birmingham New Street**; from the south via **Reading**; and from the west via **Didcot** or **Reading**. For details, see National Rail Enquiries. Oxford Railway Station is a 10-minute walk from the centre of Oxford.

### **By coach**

The Oxford Tube (<https://www.oxfordtube.com/>) offers a direct service between Oxford and London, running a frequent timetable on a virtually 24-hour basis, Monday to Sunday. For information on coaches from other major cities and airports, contact the National Express. The coach station in Oxford is at Gloucester Green in the city centre, which is just a 5-minute walk from the Department of Earth Sciences.

### **Parking in Oxford**

Many Oxford streets are closed to traffic and parking is severely limited. If driving to the RiP meeting, you are strongly encouraged to use one of the five Park and Ride bus services that serve the city. **Unfortunately, there is no parking available at St Anne's or the Department of Earth Sciences.** Please

refer to Oxfordshire County Council's up-to-date traffic information for details of all local road works and any disruptions likely to delay your journey.

### *Park and Ride*

There are five Park and Ride sites that serve Oxford City Centre.

- **Oxford Parkway** (north). For satnav, use OX2 8HA. Take the Stagecoach 7 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Pear Tree** (north). For satnav, use OX2 8JZ. Take the 300 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Redbridge** (south). For satnav, use OX1 4XG. Take the 300 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Thornhill** (east). For satnav, use OX3 8DP. Take the 400 bus to and from the city centre.
- **Seacourt** (west). For satnav, use OX2 0HP. Take the 400 bus to and from the city centre.

Please note that Thornhill and Seacourt are often full, particularly during holidays when tourists visit the city. We recommend that drivers coming from the east (including London), the south and the west use the Redbridge Park and Ride, while drivers arriving from the north can choose between Pear Tree and Oxford Parkway.

The Oxford Bus Company has information on the timetables for the Park and Ride services 300 and 400 (<https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/parkride>). Oxford City Council has further information on all Park and Ride sites (<https://www.oxford.gov.uk/parkandridesites>).

### **Parking in Oxford city centre**

Parking in Oxford city centre is limited and can be expensive. For information on car parks, on-street parking and costs of parking, see Oxfordshire County Council's website (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking>). For information on parking in Oxford for people with disabilities, please see Oxford City Council's Blue Badge scheme (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/where-park/blue-badge-parking-permits>).

### **Taxis**

There are taxi ranks at Oxford Railway Station, Gloucester Green Coach Station and St Giles' in the city centre.

## Accommodation

There are several accommodation options for visitors to Oxford. While the University itself does not offer rooms in any of its buildings, many of the individual Colleges do (see below), and there are several bed-and-breakfast (B&B) and low-cost hotels in and around the city itself.



### **Discounted accommodation in St Anne's College**

St Anne's College, which will host the MSG RiP, has offered attendees discounted rates for its on-site accommodation. Please enquire here for more information: <https://conference-oxford.com/venues/st-annes-college>

### **Self-catering or B&B rooms in other Colleges**

Many Oxford Colleges can offer self-catering or bed-and-breakfast accommodation on an individual basis during the vacation periods, and occasionally during term. You can check availability and book on-line using the facility provided here: <https://conference-oxford.com//bb-self-catering>.

For groups of ten or more please enquire at the following link: <https://customsr.co.uk/make-an-enquiry>.

### **Independent hotel chains and B&Bs**

The following websites can be used to search for accommodation within and around Oxfordshire at hotels and B&Bs that are not affiliated with the University or any of the Colleges:

- <https://www.experienceoxfordshire.org/places-to-stay/>
- [https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/HotelsNear-g186361-d188766-University\\_of\\_Oxford-Oxford\\_Oxfordshire\\_England.html](https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/HotelsNear-g186361-d188766-University_of_Oxford-Oxford_Oxfordshire_England.html)
- <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/>
- <https://www.centralbackpackers.co.uk/>

## Tourist activities

This information was adapted from: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/visiting-oxford>

Oxford is a beautiful city of stunning architecture, history and culture. You'll find ancient and modern colleges, fascinating museums and galleries, and plenty of parks, gardens and green spaces in which to relax. Plus, the city centre is small enough to cover on foot, and only a few minutes' walk from the main rail and coach stations.



### Things to see and do at the University

Oxford is not a campus university, so it is not all located on one site. It is made up of many different buildings, including academic departments, colleges and halls, located around the centre of Oxford. Many University buildings, such as gardens, libraries and museums, as well as many of the colleges, are open to visitors during the day, although please note that they may have varying opening hours, fees and rules for groups. You can find more information, including opening times and fees, at the links below:

- Visiting the Colleges
  - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/visiting-oxford/visiting-the-colleges>
- Visiting Museums, Libraries and Places of Interest
  - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/visiting-oxford/visiting-museums-libraries-places>
- What's on at the University
  - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/events-list>
- Shopping at the University
  - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/visiting-oxford/university-shops>

### Tours of the University

The University does not organise tours, but a city walking tour is offered by the Bodleian Libraries in association with the Oxford Guild of Tour Guides. The tours, all operated by Blue and Green Badge Guides, begin at the beautiful modern Weston Library before heading through the historic and famous streets of the city. Tours take around two hours and can be booked through the Bodleian Libraries at the following website: <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>.



A number of independent operators also offer guided tours of Oxford. A range of general and themed tours are available, as are tours by cycle, rickshaw and bus. For a list of tour companies, please visit the Daily Information website; however, please note that all operators are independent of the University. Details are provided here for information only.