

Planning for our 2022 programme is under way.

President Kevin would like interested members to meet with him briefly after the lecture on 2 August to share ideas about series topics or specific speakers for 2022.

Alternatively, if you'd like to help plan a series working alongside a committee member, or have suggestions for series topics or speakers, please contact a committee member or send an email to u3atimaru@gmail.com

U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures – to do so would be unfair to those on the membership waiting list.

2 Aug **The Taxation of Charities and Hospitals** *Michael Gousmett PhD*

Dr Gousmett's Doctoral Thesis explored the origins of the charitable purposes exemption from income tax. In his presentation he will briefly discuss this history, and question how is that commercial trading operations undertaken by entities with charitable status are exempt from income tax. Dr Gousmett will also discuss the taxation of our DHB's net assets in the form of the capital charge, asking the question - why?

9 Aug **Rapid Response to an Emergent Virus.** *Prof Miguel Quinones*

SARS-CoV-2 first emerged in Hubei province, China, in December 2019. In mid-January 2020, several District Health Boards across New Zealand started planning the implementation of rapid diagnostic testing for this emerging virus. Around that time, our group decided that we should be also be ready in case this new virus made it to our shores. Here I would describe our initial work to develop local COVID-19 diagnostic capabilities as well as leading the effort for the first isolation of SARS-CoV-2 in New Zealand. I would also discuss different ongoing studies related to PPE disinfection, anti-SARS-CoV-2 strategies and vaccine initiatives.

16 Aug **Behavioural Finance and Investment Performance** *Prof Jędrzej Biłkowski*

Behavioural finance is the area of academic finance on the influence of psychology on the behaviour of investors, financial analysts, and other market participants. It also includes the subsequent effects on the markets. It focuses on the fact that investors are not always rational, have limits to their self-control, and are influenced by their own biases. My presentation will introduce audience to the concept of behavioural finance and discuss its impact of performance of investments.

2021 PROGRAMME DATES: **SERIES 7:** Sep 6, 13, 20 **SERIES 8:** Oct 4, 11, 18 **SERIES 9:** Nov 1, 8, 15

Meetings

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.
Lectures commence at 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.
Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

Please ...

Be seated by 1.20 pm Wear your name tag
Turn your cell phone off No talking during lectures
Wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions
Stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone

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*The Canterbury Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand
invites U3A members to the following lectures at the TDC Council Chamber
Access from Barnard St carpark, Time: 7.00pm, Admission: free*

Thursday 12th August: **Just how on Earth can we tell what Mars is made of?**

Associate Professor James Scott, in Geology at the University of Otago

Did you know that only one planet in the Solar System has been invaded by robot geologists? He will outline some of the details surrounding the latest missions, and bring some Martian meteorites that people are welcome to hold.

James Scott is an Associate Professor in Geology at the University of Otago. He is currently President of the Geoscience Society of New Zealand and led the Otago Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand from 2017-2019.

Thursday 2nd September: **House Churches in the First Century**

Professor Paul Trebilco, Theology Programme, University of Otago

In this talk, we will consider what we know about these house churches. Matters discussed will include what sort of homes they met in, who would have led house churches, what their services were like, how open they were to outsiders, and what challenges they faced.

Paul Trebilco is Professor of New Testament Studies in the Theology Programme, University of Otago. His primary research interests are Early Christianity in Asia Minor, Diaspora Judaism and the Johannine Epistles. Paul has written extensively on the New Testament and its background.

Friday 15th October: **The amazing spiders of New Zealand.**

Senior Lecturer Cor Vink, Lincoln University

Arachnologist Cor Vink is a Senior Lecturer in Entomology at the Department of Pest-management and Conservation at Lincoln University.

After the talk come to the Otipua Wetlands for a Night at the Wetlands looking for spiders

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Regards

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