

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

CULTURAL GEOGRAPHIES

Thursday, 9th May 2013
9.30am – 12.00 noon

VENUE: Students' House

The Department of Geography at the Faculty of Arts will be hosting three foreign lecturers through the coming week. One particular event of interest to a range of disciplines includes an event to be held at the Students' House.

PROGRAMME:

PROFESSOR PETER ATKINS
Durham University, UK

Food Scares, Food Quality and Slow Food

DR ALMAR BARRY
St. Patrick's College, Ireland

Teenage geographies in Temple Bar in Dublin

DR LARS KELLER
University of Innsbruck, Austria

You can see it, but you can't see it. About Quality of Life in the Alps

For further information regarding this event and the week's lecturing programme kindly contact maria.v.attard@um.edu.mt or john.a.schembri@um.edu.mt

PROFESSOR PETER ATKINS is a Professorial Fellow at Durham University and has been there since 1980. His main research interests are the geographies of food and drink, with particular reference to the historical geography of food in Britain and Europe. In addition to this historical work, he has strong links with South Asia, especially Bangladesh. Research there has recently included work on problems of drinking water quality. Peter's most recent book is *Animal Cities*, published in 2012 by Ashgate, and the next is about animal diseases spread through food.

DR. ALMAR BARRY joined the Department of Geography, St. Patrick's College in 2007. She lectures modules in: An Introduction to Economic and Social Geography; Foundations in Geographic Literacy; Society, Space and Inequality; Children's Geographies and Skills for Exploring the Environment. Previously she has worked as a lecturer in geography in University College Dublin (2003-2007). Almar obtained her Ph.D. from Trinity College Dublin, and during her doctoral studies she was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. More recently, Almar has held visiting posts at the University of Cambridge, University of Gloucestershire and the University of Malta. Almar's publications and research interests are in: (1) globalisation, gender and employment; and (2) knowledge economy, university-industry links; regional innovation systems, high-tech indigenous SMEs and academic entrepreneurship. Her research focuses on analysing levels of interaction between universities and indigenous high-tech SMEs in Ireland and Scotland, through Research and Development (R&D), commercialisation, consultancy and teaching and training links. Concurrent with her research in economic and social geography, Almar also has research interests in teaching and learning in university education, with particular emphasis on active learning in large group teaching using Drama-In-Education.

DR. LARS KELLER is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Geography at the University of Innsbruck and a visiting researcher at the *Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille*, the *Institut de Géographie Alpine* at the *Université Joseph Fourier Grenoble*, and the *Mediterranean Institute* at the *University of Malta*. His academic qualifications are in Geography together with English and Italian Philology and he worked on the *Quality of Life in the Alpine Space* for his PhD. He is also co-editor of the Didactical Journal *GW-Unterricht*, Editor of the School Book Series *Geograffiti*, Deputy Head of the *Forum GW - Association for the Education in Geography and Economics*, Scientific Consultant for the *Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture*, and Project Leader of various Scientific Projects on Quality of Life, Climate Change, and Energy.

