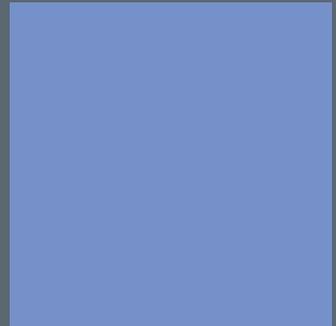


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Monday 20 May : 5pm, AB1.15 Abercrombie building, Headington Campus Delivering a genuinely sustainable built environment - the challenges and opportunities

Professor David Strong BSc(Hons), DPhil(Oxon), CEng FCIBSE, FEI

This talk will examine the profound implications associated with the built environment on climate change and the measures which can be taken to mitigate the impacts. The main policy drivers and initiatives will be reviewed, together with the challenges and opportunities. Consideration will be given to the requirements for a genuinely sustainable building. The performance in-use of a number of high profile iconic "green" buildings will be considered and the consequences of relying on technology to deliver low carbon buildings examined.

<http://oisdlectureseries1.eventbrite.co.uk/>



Tuesday 11 June : 5pm, AB1.15 Abercrombie building, Headington Campus Adaptation to X: The journey from vulnerability to readiness

Thomas E Downing, CEO, Global Climate Adaptation Partnership

Adaptation to climate change is a journey, of social and institutional learning over time scales that span the next twenty years and beyond. The journey is also an intellectual transition from the static baseline of vulnerability to anticipating readiness to act. Against this actor-oriented framework, the implications for adaptation strategies and actions in urban planning are highlighted.

<http://oisdlectureseries2.eventbrite.co.uk/>



Thursday 11 July : 5pm, AB1.15 Abercrombie building, Headington Campus Opportunities for Research and Innovation in the Built Environment: A view from Public and Private Sectors

**Professor Jeremy Watson FEng FIET FICE, Director, Global Research at Arup
Ex-Chief Scientific Advisor at the Department for Communities and Local
Government**

For the built environment, the challenges presented to central government and local authorities are stronger than ever, with financial restrictions pulling against environmental, demographic and other social drivers. These present opportunities for the academic and business sectors, which are well placed to address emerging knowledge and service markets.

Each year, government invests around £10 billion in scientific R&D to support the activities of Departments, the Research Councils and HEFCE. The breadth of issues is extensive: from facing environmental issues, through improving health and wellbeing to preventing and reducing crime.

Knowledge- and resource-sharing are important factors in delivering policy options and outcomes for society. A number of innovative approaches are emerging, such as working with local universities to create networks of expert advisers and university research being made freely accessible by citizens.

The talk will focus on the ways science and technology are being brought to bear on issues in the built environment, and will highlight some high priority challenges.

<http://oisdlectureseries3.eventbrite.co.uk/>



We expect these seminars to be extremely popular, and places will be on a first come first served basis. Registration is essential using Eventbrite (links for each seminar are given above).

All seminars are in **AB1.15, Abercrombie building, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, Oxford OX3 0BP**, will start promptly at 5pm followed by drinks at 6.15pm and the opportunity to network

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