

WINTER TALKS

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Tuesday 3rd November 16.30 -17.30 Log on from 16.00	Sheila Kanani: The Fate of the Universe From the Big Bang to the end of the universe. Where are we in the universe? How can we work out where it all started ? How is it all going to end? Click here to register
Monday 16th November 17.00 -18.00 Log on from 16.30	Carolyn Steel: Sitopia: How Food Can Save the World The way we produce, trade, consume and waste food influences everything from our bodies, habits, politics and economies to our cities, landscapes and climate. We live in a world shaped by food – a place I call 'sitopia' (from the Greek <i>sitos</i> , food + <i>topos</i> , place). By failing to value food, we have created a way of life that threatens us and our planet. Climate change, deforestation, soil erosion, water depletion, pollution, mass extinction, diet- related disease and the current pandemic are some of the side-effects of the way we eat. Yet, by restoring food's true value and harnessing its power to shape our lives, we can reverse these ills. Click here to register
Monday 30th November 17.00 -18.00 Log on from 16.30	<i>Alan Freeland:</i> Art and Architecture of The Silk Roads This talk will highlight some of the art, design, artefacts, and architectural motifs that travelled along the Silk Roads. The focus is more a magic carpet ride from China to the Caucuses looking for attractive artefacts, entertainment, and fascination, rather than a merchant's camel caravan looking for knowledge and profit. This talk will rely heavily on images so ideally join via a PC or large tablet rather than a smart phone. Click here to register
Monday December 14th 17.00 -18.00 Log on from 16.30	QUIZ Surprise! Save the date/time. Further details to follow. Click here to register

SPEAKERS

Dr. Sheila Kanani

Sheila is a planetary physicist, broadcaster, comedian, author, and teacher. She studied Physics with Astrophysics at the University of Manchester, with placements in Australia searching for exoplanets, and at Jodrell Bank Observatory using pulsar astronomy. In 2012 she earned her PhD working with the Cassini spacecraft, analysing Saturn's magnetosphere. Since 2014, Sheila has been the Education, Outreach and Diversity Officer of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS), where she has transformed the public engagement activity of the Society, delivering a comprehensive programme across the UK, concentrating on areas of socioeconomic deprivation and cultural diversity, as well as improving the representation of girls and women in physics. She is the winner of the 2020 Europlanet Prize for Public Engagement with Planetary Science. A regular face in the national discussion of science, she has hosted television programmes for the BBC and has also written five non-fiction books for children.

Carolyn Steel MA (Cantab) RIBA

Carolyn is a leading thinker on food and cities. A London-based architect and academic, she is the author of *Hungry City: How Food Shapes Our Lives* (2008) and *Sitopia: How Food Can Save the World* (2020). Her concept of sitopia, or food-place (Greek *sitos*, food + *topos*, place), has gained international recognition across a broad range of fields in design, ecology, academia and the arts. A director of Kilburn Nightingale Architects, Carolyn studied at Cambridge University and has taught at several universities including Cambridge, Wageningen and the London School of Economics. Carolyn is in international demand as a speaker and her 2009 TED talk has received more than one million views. In August 2020, she was featured as the 'PM of Sitopia' in a special edition of BBC Radio 4's *The Food Programme*

Alan Freeland

Alan has recently retired from a career in the IT Industry where he specialised in communicating the business benefits of complex IT technologies to Business Managers. Since retirement he has become enthused by art and history and has travelled The Silk Road from Xian in China to Khiva in Uzbekistan. Alan is an active member of the Farnham U3A History Group and runs the Farnham U3A Silk Roads Group and the Farnham U3A Art and Science of Communication Group.