Thursday 23 November
Investigative film journalism and the real world
Rob Lernkh, documentary director
The multi-award-winning 2009 documentary film on the Cambodian Killing Fields, Enemies of the People, has been used by both sides, prosecution and defence, and highlights the gulf between the judiciary and journalism in truth-seeking. The director of the documentary recounts the film’s story, its use in the UN’s trial of the Khmer Rouge leaders, and draws lessons about the role of independent investigative journalism in today’s media and political landscape.

Tuesday 28 November
A camp ‘full of once and future very important persons’: Fred Uhlman and Kurt Schwitters in wartime internment
Charmian Brinson, Emeritus Professor of German, Imperial College London
In 1940, thousands of enemy aliens were interned in camps around Britain, most on the Isle of Man. One of the largest was the so-called artists’ camp, Hutchinson Camp in Douglas. Inmates included painters such as Fred Uhlman and Kurt Schwitters, composers, musicians, writers, academics and architects. This talk will consider the internment process and life in a camp comprised of intellectuals.

Wednesday 29 November Note: 5.30–7.00pm
Celebrating Student Research Scholarships and Expeditions 2017
Presentations by students showcasing the achievements of their diverse summer research scholarships and expeditions. These challenging projects reflect the broad range of academic interests across all three Newcastle University faculties.
Accompanying posters will be on display in the Lindisfarne Room, Hadrian Building, from 4.30pm.

Thursday 30 November
New voices on science, agriculture and engineering
Hear from three early-career researchers from the Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering at Newcastle University, who explore new ideas through their research.

Thursday 5 December
Lord Patten Lecture on Social Renewal
The Rise and Fall of Urban Economies: relationships and leadership in economic development
Michael Storper, Distinguished Professor of Regional and International Development, UCLA, USA
In 1970, Los Angeles and San Francisco had almost identical income levels per resident; by 2010, San Francisco was almost a third richer. This divergence is largely due to the different capacities for organisational change in their firms and networks of people and leaders. This lecture draws on economics, sociology, political science and geography to challenge conventional notions about development in general and in urban regions around the world.

Thursday 7 December
In the footsteps of Thomas Tallis
Kerry McCarthy, Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor, Newcastle University
Thomas Tallis, one of the most performed and researched composers of Tudor England, died in November 1585 aged 80. He had survived, and helped create, more radical shifts in musical practice than any composer before him. This talk is a guided tour through his long career: the places he made music, the people he knew, and the changing cultures surrounding him in Renaissance England.

Newcastle University welcomes you to its Autumn 2017 Insights programme. Given by public figures and eminent scholars, the lectures cover a wide range of topics, are free and open to all. All seats are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Unless otherwise stated, lectures begin at 5.30pm, last about an hour plus time for questions, and are held in the Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building.

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Thursday 5 October
Democracy in crisis? The majority vote and populism
Olivier Christin, Professor of Modern History, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
The reasons why the majority vote is chosen in western democracies over many alternatives owes more to medieval practices than to Greek antecedents. Formerly an adviser to President François Hollande, Olivier Christin will explore the current crisis in politics, the uneasiness with Trump, and with President François Hollande, Olivier Christin will explore the practices than to Greek antecedents. Formerly an adviser to democracy over many alternatives owes more to medieval democracies than to Greek antecedents. Formerly an adviser to President Francois Hollande, Olivier Christin will explore the current crisis in politics, the uneasiness with Trump, and with President Francois Hollande, Olivier Christin will explore the practices than to Greek antecedents. Formerly an adviser to

Thursday 3 October
Flicking Lecture on Developments in Children’s Literature
Facing adversity with a smile
Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE, working peer, children’s campaigner, author and actor
Floella speaks about her childhood journey from sunny Trinidad to chilly Britain as a 10-year-old, which is the subject of her best-selling book, Coming to England, an account of coping in different cultures and embracing differences. Her story is both funny and thought-provoking, full of inspirational messages and uplifting anecdotes. In order to survive in her new home she had to work twice as hard and be twice as good; but survive – and thrive – she did.

Thursday 12 October
The dismantling of our NHS and why we need an NHS bill to reinstate it
Professor Allyson Pollock, Director, Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University
The NHS was built on the principles of universal care for all on the basis of need, and services free at the point of delivery. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 legislates for the abolition of universal healthcare, break up and privatisation of the NHS, and devolution of healthcare functions. Transformation plans impose cuts, hospital and service closures, withdrawal of entitlement to care, and a shift to US-style accountable care organisations. The NHS Reinstatement Bill is a response.

Tuesday 17 October
How to launch and run a school network in Africa – an inspiring tale of repeated failure
John Rendel, Founder and Chief Executive, Promoting Equality in African Schools (PEAS)
A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived
Dr Adam Rutherford, geneticist, author and broadcaster
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Wednesday 25 October Note 6pm start
Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne Lecture
People’s history in historical pageants in Britain, 1905-2016
Alexandra Hutton, Research Associate, King’s College London
There were thousands of historical pageants in 20th-century Britain. The mid-1920s saw pageants become concerned with more recent episodes from the Industrial Revolution. During the 1930s and ‘40s organisations held pageants depicting working-class history: blending entertainment and remembrance with political agitation and propaganda. Pageants have always provoked debate; a particular example being the London 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony, which had a global impact.

Tuesday 31 October
In association with the Northumberland and Newcastle Society of Antiquaries
Open-air landscape – the secular cathedrals of our time?
Charles Jencks, landscape designer, Architectural historian, and co-founder of the Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres
In a sceptical age, when pluralist cultures compete for attention, public art has failed to address the larger picture: what do we have in common; what lasts; what is worth symbolising? Charles Jencks has been involved in two projects in the Northumberland that force these basic issues to the fore: cosmic landscapes and Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres. He argues that the museum may not be the only secular cathedral of our time.

Tuesday 7 November
Whatever happened to our shipbuilding industry?
Dr Paul Stott, naval architect and shipbuilder and senior lecturer, School of Engineering, Newcastle University
The names of Armstrong, Swan Hunter, Palmers and others still resound on Tyneside: legacy of an illustrious shipbuilding past. The 20th century was marked by a steady decline in the industry, which is now just a memory. How did it happen? Could the decline have been avoided? Should we feel responsible? The answers are far from obvious and research has developed a new perspective that puts the industry, and its potential future, into perspective.

Thursday 16 November
People and the land: understanding the family farm
Sally Shortall, Duke of Northumberland Professor of Rural Economy, Newcastle University
When we think about farming, we tend to think of the mechanics of agriculture, yet it is people who farm, and in most of Europe it is families. This lecture highlights the need for a social science perspective to consider how family dynamics shape farming practices. It considers how the land and farm interact, with examples of ageing farmers, new entrants, and gender inequalities. An understanding of the social dimensions of farming is key to a successful industry.

RIDDELL MEMORIAL LECTURES
A Catholic composer’s perspective on musical and extra-musical considerations in the modern world
Sir James MacMillan, composer and conductor

Tuesday 21 November
Music, modernity and the search for the sacred
Wednesday 22 November
A composer’s personal reflections on the impact of religious, social and aesthetic influences on music
This is a time when artists are told that, to be at the cutting edge of culture, they have to reject the burdens of tradition, especially religion. Music has offered a stubborn resistance to this command, and it is clear that many of the great composers of the last century were either profoundly religious men and women or reflected deeply on the wider possibilities of the sacred in their work. James MacMillan explores this phenomenon in a musico-historical context and subjective reflection.

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