

# AS Psychology Conference

December 10, 2009 in Central London (C406)

Conference starts at 11.00am and ends no later than 4:30pm

This important conference focuses on the specific demands of AS, and is tailored to the skills and abilities of the first year psychology student. In each of the talks, experts in the field will introduce a different part of the specification and review new research and important issues pertaining to that topic area. This gives students a chance to go beyond the information provided in textbooks and therefore should be an invaluable way of pushing understanding and critical appreciation that little bit further.

Programme \*

## Key topics for AS

### Why can memory, in general, and eyewitness testimony, in particular, be so unreliable?

Professor Graham Davies, University of Leicester

- Factors affecting the accuracy of memory
- Do they work?
- What are the major strategies for memory improvement?
- How can memory be improved?

### Attachment, privation and the effects of institutionalisation

Professor Jacqueline Barnes, University of London

- How important is attachment to the child?
- What are the effects of failure to form attachment?
- What have psychologists discovered about the effects of institutionalisation?

### Stress and stress management

Dr Simon Green, Chief Examiner, University of London

- The nature of stress
- Psychological and physiological methods of stress management
- Lowering exam stress

### Social influence and social change

Mike Cardwell, Author, former Chief Examiner, Bath Spa University

- Why do we obey and disobey?
- Challenging the status quo – the role of minority influence
- Social change in real life, lessons we can learn from history

### Treatments for abnormality - drugs and ECT

Dr. Martin Humphreys, Broadmoor High Security Hospital

*Martin Humphreys examines abnormality talking from his experience as a psychiatrist at Broadmoor Hospital, which houses patients who suffer severe mental illness, many of whom have committed the most serious crimes.*

- How are drugs used in the treatment of psychopathology?
- The role of psychoanalysis
- ECT and issues surrounding its use
- Strengths and limitations of biological treatments

### How psychology is 'done': Answering questions on research methods

Hugh Coolican, Author, Coventry University

- the main research methods, concepts and issues involved.
- tips and tricks for recognising, remembering and applying the various research method terms
- suggestions for ideal answers to different types of examination questions.

### Top Tips for AS success

Dr Simon Green, Chief Examiner, University of London

*This session gives you the opportunity to hear essential advice from one of the most experienced senior examiners in a Level Psychology.*

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November 16, 2009  
in Central London

- **Is there really more crime today?** Professor Jock Young, University of Kent
- **The challenge of dealing with research,** Dr Steve Taylor, LSE
- **What's happening to families?** Professor Ros Edwards, London South Bank University
- **Important changes happening in education today?** Sophie Moullin
- **The state of religion 2009,** Dr Kristin Aune, University of Derby,
- **Gender/women,** Dr Alison Phipps, University of Sussex
- **Class and stratification – the record in the UK!** James Turner, The Sutton Trust
- **How to achieve your best in Sociology,** Jonathan Blundell, Senior Examiner

### AS LAW (C400)

December 14, 2009  
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- **Sentencing – do judges really deliver?** Imran Khan, Lawyer
- **Precedent,** Jacque Martin, former Chief Examiner and author
- **Statutory Interpretation,** Chris Turner, Chief Examiner and author
- **Legislation and delegated legislation,** Jennifer Currer, former Senior Examiner and author
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution,** Baria Ahmed, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution
- **Tips for success from the Chief Examiner,** Chris Turner, Chief Examiner and author
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