

**British Ecological Society (BES) and
Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE)**

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“Considering the Future of Conservation”

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**University of Kent
Canterbury**

Delegates’ Pre-symposium Information Pack



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This information pack has been put together by the conference organisers (Zoe Davies, Freya St. John and Bob Smith) and three DICE PhD students: Janine, Jamie and Janna (right). Please do come and introduce yourself to us at the symposium. We are all happy to answer any queries you might have about the event or provide local information. Canterbury is a historic and vibrant city in a beautiful part of England, so we hope you get to make the most of your stay.....



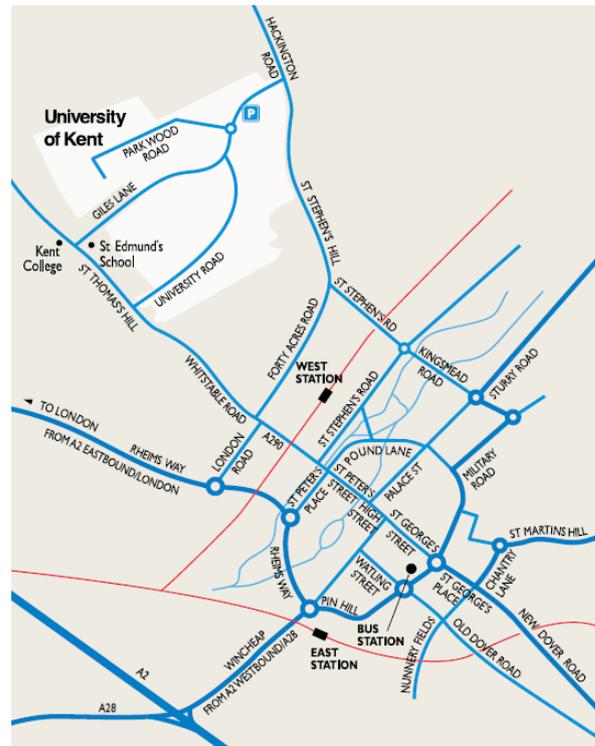
Travelling within Canterbury

Canterbury is a very small city, so it is easy to get around on foot, by cab or public transport.

Public Transport

The University is easily accessible from the two Canterbury train stations and the Canterbury bus station. The University is about a 45 minute walk from Canterbury East railway station (see map) or 25-30 minutes from Canterbury West Railway station. Alternatively, there are regular bus services in and around Canterbury:

- From Canterbury East train station: Turn right straight outside the station (do not cross the bridge opposite the station) and follow the road to the bus stop.
- From Canterbury West train station: Turn right out of the station entrance and walk along Station Road West. Turn left into St Dunstan's Street and cross to the bus stop on the opposite side of the road.



Look out for the distinctive Stagecoach 'Unibus', which makes frequent trips (approximately every 15 minutes during the daytime) between the campus, train stations and the city centre. You can purchase pay-as-you-go "ride all day" tickets for £2.50 or weekly tickets for £7.50 from the driver. The Stagecoach 'Canterbury Triangle service' numbers 4X and 6X also service the University of Kent, via the Keynes College bus stop. A route map can be found on the following page. To find information on bus times, please visit the following website:



<http://www.stagecoachbus.com/getTimetable.aspx?code=XFAUNI0&dir=OUTBOUND&date=12%2f06%2f2014>



On-Campus Parking

Visitor parking on campus is available within Pay and Display car parks (please see the accompanying campus map). Parking elsewhere is restricted and for permit holders only. Delegates with restricted mobility can reserve a parking bay by contacting parking@kent.ac.uk or +44 (0)1227 823609.

Canterbury Taxi Companies

- Longley's Private Hire (01227 710777, <http://www.longleysprivatehire.co.uk>)
- Wilkinson Taxis Ltd. (01227 450450, <http://www.wilkinsontaxisltd.com>)
- Canterbury Galaxy Taxis (01227 450150, <http://www.galaxytaxi.co.uk>)
- Z Cars Global (01227 444444, <http://www.zcarsglobal.com>)

There may also be taxis for pick-up parked in the taxi stand by The Venue nightclub on campus (particularly in the evening). In town, taxi ranks are situated by Canterbury West and Canterbury East railway stations, the bus station (outside Boots the Chemist, St George's Lane) and outside Superdrug (Canterbury Lane). For more information, please refer to the 'Canterbury Campus Guide' available at: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/directions/pdf/canterbury-campus-guide-2013.pdf>, or, for directions to/from University of Kent: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/directions/>.

University of Kent Accommodation

BES will have confirmed your accommodation booking before you arrive (primarily Tyler Court, with some student rooms in Rutherford College). Delegates will be able to check-in from 2.00pm at Tyler Court reception (please see the accompanying campus map, which has all key buildings highlighted for delegates). If you arrive after 8.00pm, the reception will be closed, so please call Campus Watch who will let you in and show you to your room. There is an internal phone outside reception along with the Campus Watch phone number for out-of-hours check-in. WiFi internet access is available in all rooms and across the campus (login details will be provided at registration and/or check-in). In addition, a bank of computers will be accessible within Tyler Court for those without laptops or tablets.



Check-out is at 10.00am. Please note there will be a luggage store within the symposium venue on Friday 27th (Grimond Seminar Room 1) until 2.00pm.

A self-service breakfast will be available in Rutherford College Dining Hall between 8.00 and 9.00am each morning. Kitchen areas are also accessible to those staying in Tyler Court, should you wish bring/prepare your own food.

Off Campus Accommodation

There are numerous hotels and B&Bs in and around Canterbury, and something to suit all budgets. A few examples are listed below:

- Abode (High Street, 01227 766266, www.abodecanterbury.co.uk, from £80). A stylish boutique hotel within city walls, minutes away from the cathedral.
- The Falstaff Hotel (8-10 St Dunstan's Street, 01227 462138, www.thefalstaffincanterbury.com, from £80). A 15th century coaching inn just outside of city walls in a convenient location for travelling up to campus.
- House of Agnes (71 St Dunstan's Street, 01227 472185, www.houseofagnes.co.uk, from £89). A 15th century building with large walled garden, also just outside of city walls in a convenient location for travelling up to campus.
- Yorke Lodge (50 London Road, 01227 451243, www.yorkelodge.com, from £60). A friendly B&B just north east of the city in convenient location for travelling up to campus.
- Kipps Hostel (40 Nunnery Fields, 01227 786121, www.kipps-hostel.com, from £16.50). A hostel in 100 year old townhouse.

University of Kent Restaurants and Cafés

Delegates will receive food and refreshments as indicated on the symposium programme. If you would like to purchase food/drink at other times, various options will be available, depending on the time of day/evening (please see the accompanying campus map, which has all relevant buildings highlighted for delegates):

- Create café (10.00am – 3.00pm, located in the foyer of the Marlowe building, <http://www.kent.ac.uk/catering/where-to-eat/Create.html>). Freshly made sweet and savoury pancakes, pasties, paninis, jacket potatoes, hot/cold drinks and ice creams.



- Dolche Vita (open 8.00am – 4.00pm, meals served for lunch 12.00 – 2.30pm, located at the back of Keynes College, <http://www.kent.ac.uk/catering/where-to-eat/keynes.html>). Good quality cooked dishes from around the world, sandwiches, savoury snacks and hot/cold drinks.
- Rutherford College Dining Hall (lunch served 12.00 – 1.45pm and dinner served 5.30 – 7.30pm, located within Rutherford College). A traditional cafeteria-style outlet offering a wide range of lunch and evening meals, with a new menu every day including vegetarian dishes and an extensive salad bar.
- Gulbenkian Café (open 8.30am – 10.00pm, hot meal orders taken until 8.30pm on Tues or 8.00pm Weds to Fri, located next to the Gulbenkian Theatre, <http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk/eat-and-drink/index.html>). Serves a range of hot meals and light bites, hot drinks, snacks, cakes and alcoholic beverages.
- Essentials shop (open early until late, the ground floor of the Locke building). Stocks a wide range of products from freshly made sandwiches and bakery products, through to ready meals, drinks, meats, dairy products, store cupboard items, fresh fruit and vegetables, cakes and oriental foods. In addition, it sells household sundries, health and beauty products, gift cards, daily newspapers and magazines.

Take Away Food

There are a lot of take away food options within Canterbury, some of which offer a delivery service, such as:

- Ancient Raj (25-26 North Lane, 01227 455882, www.ancient-raj.com). Great Indian cuisine.
- Marino Fish Bar (70 St Dunstan's St, 01227 452828, http://www.marino-fishbar.com/shop_canterbury.php). A typical British fish and chip shop.

For links to other takeaway menus in Canterbury try www.fivegeeks.net or www.just-eat.com.

Canterbury Restaurants and Cafés

Canterbury has a fantastic selection of independent restaurants, serving food from around the world. There are too many to mention here, but a few of our favourites are listed below. You will find many more if you take a stroll through town.

- Ancient Raj (25-26 North Lane, 01227 455882, www.ancient-raj.com). Great Indian cuisine.
- Deeson's British Restaurant (25-27 Sun Street in town, 01227 767854, www.deesonsrestaurant.co.uk). A British restaurant that specialises in traditional and modern dishes using locally sourced produce, some of which grown and reared on the restaurant's out-of-town smallholding.
- La Trappiste (1-2 Sun Street in town, 01227 479111, www.latrappiste.com, mains £8-£22). A Belgian restaurant in heart of town serving wide range of dishes including sandwiches, burgers, fish and mussel pots.
- Chapman's Seafood Bar and Brasserie (89-90 St Dunstan's Street, 01227 780749, www.chapmanscanterbury.co.uk). Fresh local and sustainably sourced fish dishes.
- Café Mauresque (8 Butchery Lane in town, 01227 464300, www.cafemauresque.co.uk). Spanish tapas and Moroccan – fantastic tagines!
- Cafes des Amis (95 St Dunstons Street, 01227 464390, www.cafedez.com). Mexican restaurant just outside city walls – 25% off food and drinks for students!
- Café do Soleil (4-5 Pound Lane, 01227 479999, www.cafedusoleil.co.uk). French/Italian cuisine with a twist, situated in 18th century former wool store on river Stour. Owned by the same people as Café des Amis – students get 25% off!
- Veg box café (1-2 Jewry Lane in town, 01227 456654, www.thevegboxcafe.co.uk). Family run vegetarian/vegan café situated above Wholefoods store just off High street. Open until 6pm.



- The Goods Shed (Station Rd, 01227 459153, www.thegoodsshed.co.uk). Farmers market, café, restaurant selling quality local organic produce (market open until 7.00pm, restaurant open until late).
- The Chocolate Café (1 Guildhall Street in town, 01227 464164). Serves a lot of chocolate and some of the best hot chocolate in town, but also serves light bites, teas/coffees, wine, olives and other snacks. Open in the evening too.

Canterbury Pubs and Bars

There is no shortage of great pubs and bars in Canterbury, but it is worth trying some of the following:

- The Unicorn Inn (61 St Dunstan's St, www.unicorninn.com). Friendly DICE local featuring billiards table and decent beer (in the Good Beer Guide 2014).
- The Dolphin (17 St Radigunds St, www.thedolphincanterbury.co.uk). Generous portions of tasty food and large beer garden. Another DICE favourite (also in the Good Beer Guide 2014 – you see the theme here...).
- Ye Olde Beverlie (St Stephens Green, <http://www.yeoldebeverlie.com/>). Close to campus, a short walk down the hill from Tyler Court!
- The Parrot (1-9 Church Lane, www.theparrotonline.com). The oldest pub in Canterbury.
- The Bishops Finger (St Dunstan's Street).
- The Millers Arms (2 Mill Lane). Built in 1826 to serve local mill workers.
- The Thomas Beckett (21 Best Lane). Lovely pub adorned with dried hops.
- Alberrys Bistro Bar (38 St Margaret's St www.alberrys.co.uk). Wine bar, cocktails, bistro restaurant.
- The Cuban (High street, www.thecubancanterbury.com). Tapas, cocktails and late night dancing.

University of Kent Facilities

IT Provision

Delegates will have access to WiFi internet throughout the meeting and across the University of Kent campus. Individuals staying in accommodation on campus will be able to use a bank of computers situated within Tyler Court. Log-in details will be provided upon registration and/or accommodation check-in.

ATM Cash Points

Cash points can be found:

- Next to the Essentials shop (ground floor of the Locke building)
- At the campus Natwest bank (next to Grimond building)
- At the campus Santander bank (next to Grimond building)

Fitness

For those keen up their fitness regimes, we have an excellent and recently redeveloped fitness centre. Details and costs can be found at: www.kent.ac.uk/sports/index.html.

Shops

There are a few shops on campus, all situated in the same building:

- Essentials Shop (open early until late, the ground floor of the Locke building). Stocks a wide range of products from freshly made sandwiches and bakery products, through to ready meals, drinks, meats, dairy products, store cupboard items, fresh fruit and vegetables, cakes and oriental foods. In addition, it sells household sundries, health and beauty products, gift cards, daily newspapers and magazines.
- Blackwell's Bookshop.

Attractions at University of Kent

The Gulbenkian is the arts hub at University of Kent, housing a theatre, concert hall and cinema. The following events are on between 24th and 27th June:

- Tues 24th: 'Manon Lescaut', live from the Royal Opera House, London. Starts at 6.30pm. A much anticipated new production, featuring Jonathan Kent's vision of a young girl who faces temptation in the big city.
- Thur 26th: 'Ghosts' by Henrik Ibsen (West End Theatre Series – recorded performance). Starts at 7.30pm.
- Thur 26th and Fri 27th: 'Hay Fever' performed live by The Canterbury Players. Starts 7.30pm. Noel Coward's riotous country house comedy is brought to life by The Canterbury Players.
- Fri 27th: Malcolm Binns – piano. Starts 7.30pm. Malcolm Binns has had a distinguished career as a solo pianist, both in the UK and internationally.

For further information, please see: <http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk/>.

Attractions in/around Canterbury

Canterbury is an historic cathedral city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. In is also very picturesque and worth exploring.

Canterbury Cathedral (Cathedral House, 11 The Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EH, www.canterbury-cathedral.org, Adults £10.50, Concessions £ 9.50). The must-see sight of Canterbury.

Marlowe Theatre (The Friars, Canterbury, CT1 2AS, www.marlowetheatre.com, prices for performances vary). Named after the Canterbury playwright Christopher Marlowe, the Marlowe theatre plays host to major west end musicals, stand-up comedy, music, orchestras and ballet.

The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge (18 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RA, www.thebeaney.co.uk, free entry). Set in a beautiful Grade II listed building, the Beaney is the central museum and library of Canterbury, housing artworks and special exhibitions.

St Augustine's Abbey (Longport, Canterbury, CT1 1PF, www.english-heritage.org.uk/staugustinesabbey, Adults £5.20, free if you are an English Heritage member). The Abbey, now a ruin, was a Benedictine monastery founded in AD 597.

River Stour tours. A number of companies, such as Westgate Punts, offer relaxing tours of the river Stour in small or large groups (prices vary). The tour starting from the High Street includes a history of Canterbury.





Shopping. Despite being small, Canterbury provides excellent shopping and caters for all tastes, from the mainstream chain shops along Canterbury High Street and in Whitefriar's shopping centre, to the more independent offerings of the Kings Mile.



Blean Ancient Woodland (Blean, www.theblean.co.uk, free entry). Explore the heritage and wildlife in one of Britain's largest and most beautiful ancient woodlands, within walking distance of the University of Kent campus.

Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve (adjacent to the A28, midway between Canterbury and Margate www.naturalengland.org.uk, free entry). A picturesque nature reserve with an internationally-important mixture of reed beds, fens, ditches, wet grassland and open water.

Wildwood Trust (Herne Common, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 7LQ, www.wildwoodtrust.org, Adults £9.95). Run by a DICE alumni and with 200 native British animals set in 40 acres of ancient woodland.

Quex Park & Powell-Cotton Museum (Quex Park, Birchington, CT7 0BH, www.quexpark.co.uk). The historic Quex estate is well worth a visit. The Powell-Cotton Museum houses a world-class natural history collection, and has recently been voted the 'most inspiring museum' in the Museum and Heritage 2014 Awards.



Hambrook Marshes. An area of natural marshland, near the centre of Canterbury. Walk from Westgate Gardens in Canterbury and follow the River Stour west.

Whitstable. A seaside town a short bus journey north of Canterbury, renowned for its oysters and arts community. Visit <http://www.seewhitstable.com/> for details.

For a larger selection of attractions and things to do in Canterbury and the nearby seaside towns of Whitstable and Herne Bay, visit the official Canterbury tourist website: www.canterbury.co.uk. Further afield you can also find attractions such as the **Turner Contemporary** in Margate and **Dover Castle**. The surrounding region is renowned for its calcareous grassland, wetlands and coastline. Particular highlights include the **RSPB reserve at Dungeness**, **Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory** and **The White Cliffs of Dover**.

Medical and Emergency Information

Nearest Medical Surgery

- University Medical Centre, Giles Lane, University of Kent campus (01227 469333)
- For any medical queries/concerns, please call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 in the first instance. This is a free UK helpline service which is open 24 hours a day, where fully trained medical staff can provide health advice and information, assess your condition and advise on the best course of action.

Nearest Pharmacies

- Cheadles Chemist, Giles Lane, University of Kent campus
- Sainsburys Pharmacy, J Sainsbury Store, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury
- Boots, Unit Msu2, Whitefriars Shopping Centre, 12 Gravel Walk, Canterbury

Hospital Accident and Emergency Department

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury.

Emergencies Services and Procedures

Off campus, the UK emergency phone number is 999. In the case of an emergency on campus, please contact Campus Watch Security (see below). If you require an ambulance, the police or fire service, please also dial Campus Watch Security, as an emergency vehicle can be directed to your exact location on campus much more quickly than if you dial 999 from campus.

In the event of an emergency evacuation during the symposium, please follow volunteers/staff calmly out of the building upon hearing the alarm, where you will be led to the evacuation assembly point and await further instructions. For those staying in University of Kent accommodation, please familiarise yourself with the emergency procedure, an exit route and the assembly point.

Campus Watch Security

Campus Watch security staff are on duty 24 hours per day, 365 days per year:

- Control room: 01227 823300
- Supervisor: 01227 823060
- Emergencies only: 01227 823333

Additional Important Information

Personal Property

The University does not accept responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, personal property. Delegates are advised to keep their bedrooms locked at all times and look after their personal property when on campus.

No Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside University of Kent buildings.

Conference Venue, Registration and General Information

The symposium will be held in its entirety within the Grimond building, University of Kent Canterbury campus (please see the accompanying campus map, which has all key buildings highlighted for delegates). Registration will open between 6.00 and 8.00pm on Tues 24th, within the main entrance to the Grimond. Delegates are then encouraged to meet in the Gulbenkian Café (please note that hot meal orders are taken until 8.30pm and the bar will close at 10.00pm).

For those arriving on the morning of Weds 25th, registration will be open from 8.00am. The main symposium content will run from 9.00am to 5.30pm on Weds 25th and Thur 26th, and 9.00am to 2.00pm on Fri 27th. The poster session, sponsored by the RSPB Centre for Conservation Science, is on Weds 25th 5.30 to 7.30pm. If you are presenting a poster, please note that they should be displayed for the duration of the symposium. A prize will be awarded to the best student poster, comprising £100, a bottle of RSPB Black Grouse Whisky and a framed certificate. **We would like all delegates to vote for their top three student posters during the poster session. There is no excuse not to do this, as the ballot box will be conveniently located next to the drinks, and there is an incentive of a free bottle of wine to the first voting slip randomly pulled out of the ballot box!** A shortlist will be compiled after the vote, from which a judging panel will determine the final winner.

On the evening of Thurs 26th, we will be having a symposium social event in Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, which will be a buffet and barn dance. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event for £25 (covering a welcome drink, food and dancing). A bar will be open throughout the evening, but

please bring cash to pay. Canterbury Cathedral Lodge is situated within the Cathedral Grounds (please see map below), which are a 30 minute walk from University of Kent campus. Alternatively, delegates can take a bus or taxi to the venue. Please enter via Christ Church Gate (please see accompanying map of Canterbury City Centre). More information will be available at registration.

