

# Psychology conference

## Star speaker: Professor David Buss

This conference offers a unique opportunity to hear internationally renowned speakers.

**Dates** Tuesday 22 March, 2010 and  
Wednesday 23 March, 2010

**Time** 11.0 am – 4.30 pm

**Cost** £20 (inc VAT) per student plus 1 free teacher place for every 10 students

**Venue** The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW (see map on right and <http://www.emmanuelcentre.com/>, risk assessment details can be sent to you if required)

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Note that no deposits will be taken.

**Payment in full required by February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER David M. Buss, Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas.**

Professor Buss is probably best known for his cross-cultural study of mating strategies. He has published more than 200 scientific publications, and is among the most cited psychologists in the world. In addition to research publications he has also written a range of books including *The Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology* (Wiley, 2005), for which he served as editor; *Why Women Have Sex* (2009) (co-authored with Cindy Meston).

**Professor Buss will talk on the Strategies of Human Mating**

Humans have a menu of mating strategies. These include long-term committed mating, casual sex, extra-pair copulation, mate poaching, and serial mating. The key to understanding mating strategies centres on identifying what women and men want in different mating relationships. This talk highlights the results of several dozen studies of human mating strategies. Cultures differ greatly in their mating desires for some qualities (e.g., physical appearance, virginity), yet show striking similarity in their mate preferences for other qualities (e.g., kindness). Knowledge of these shared and divergent mate preferences across cultures provides insight into many aspects of human mating—tactics of mate attraction, tactics of mate retention, love, romantic harmony, sexual jealousy, and sexual conflict. The talk presents a unified theory of human mating that includes universal, sex-differentiated, and context-dependent sexual strategies.

On **Tuesday 22 March** the programme will include **Lord Robert Winston**, Professor of Science and Society and Emeritus Professor of Fertility Studies at Imperial College. He has around 300 scientific publications and is well known for his extensive science broadcasting work, such as the award-winning *The Human Body*.

DETAILS OF TALK TO FOLLOW

On **Wednesday 23 March** the programme will include **Claudia Hammond**, broadcaster, writer and psychologist. Claudia is the presenter of *All in the Mind*, the BBC Radio 4 programme on psychology and mental health, and *Mind Changers*, the series on landmark experiments in the history of psychology. She lectures in psychology and health at Boston University's UK base in London. Her first book *Emotional Rollercoaster – a Journey Through the Science of Feelings* has been translated into six languages.

**EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER – ARE WE AT THE MERCY OF OUR EMOTIONS?** What do ear lobes have to do with jealousy? Why do we feel better after a good cry? And why are penguins so useful to the psychologist studying emotions? Broadcaster and psychologist Claudia Hammond takes us through the full emotional spectrum from disgust to joy to explore the science of emotions. With the latest findings from neuroscience and the social sciences she shows us that emotions are not just responses to particular situations; they are complex mechanisms which we couldn't do without.

In addition to the above talks the programme includes three leading Psychology speakers who will address topics of general interest to all students.

☆ **Phil Banyard**, former Chief examiner OCR, senior lecturer at Nottingham Trent University.

**THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE** The psychology we read about in our textbooks sometimes seems very remote from our everyday behaviour but it doesn't have to be that way. Psychology is the personal science that looks at who we are and why we behave in the ways that we do. This talk will look at how simple events like holding a door open for someone are full of psychological decisions and meaning.

☆ **Cara Flanagan**, widely published author and experienced senior examiner.

**FREUD AND THE MOVIES** If ever there was a proof of Freud's theories this is it. The images and sounds in a film speak directly to your unconscious, performing a similar function to dreams in dealing with repressed emotions. Sit back and enjoy!

☆ **Mike Cardwell**, former Chief examiner AQA A, senior lecturer at Bath Spa University.

**NICE GUYS FINISH LAST... OR DO THEY** Popular discourse suggests that people who are 'nice', or selfless in their dealings with others inevitably end up being less successful than those who show a more selfish streak in their behaviour. In this talk, Mike Cardwell challenges this popular myth and discusses the advantages of 'niceness'

No notes will be provided for this conference.

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**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FOYER** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>THOSE AT RISK</b> People who are likely to be exposed to hazard	<b>LEVEL OF DANGER</b> Low - Medium - High Likelihood of the harm realised	<b>CONTROL</b> Actions to be taken to eliminate, reduce or control the risk
Slippery Floor space when wet	Hirers, staff, church members	Low – medium	Warning sign, non-slip mat by entry doors, floor to be mopped with dry cloth
No fire exits notices for 3 doors	Hirers, staff, church members	Medium	Customers should provide stewards to direct their visitors out of the three foyer doors.
Locked gates	Hirers, staff, church members	High	Gates should be unlocked when halls are being used

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SNACKBAR** \_\_\_\_\_

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Slippery floor surface when wet	Hirers, staff, church members	Low – medium	Centre staff should be alerted if the floor is wet. Staff should use a warning sign and the floor should be mopped. Non-slip strips should have been taped onto the steps and there are handrails to grab onto.

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Poor Lighting	Hirers, staff, church members	Low	Lights were upgraded in 2002
Electric shock from PA Equipment	Hirers, staff, church members	High	The PA Equipment will be looked after by a qualified technician. The equipment will be locked if he departs from this station to prevent anyone tampering with it. The equipment has been PAT tested for electrical safety.
Unsecure LCD projector on stand (if used)	Hirers, staff, church members	Medium	Restrict access to LCD stand by taping off pew access & strapped down
Confusion in the event of fire alarm sounding	Hirers, staff, church members	High	Centre staff will be present to coordinate the evacuation. The client will provide 6-8 stewards to work with the centre staff in directing people out of the building. The stewards will check the toilets foyer and snackbar to ensure that no one is left behind. The centre staff will secure vacant rooms to ensure that no one is left behind The centre staff will contact the fire brigade, if required.

