

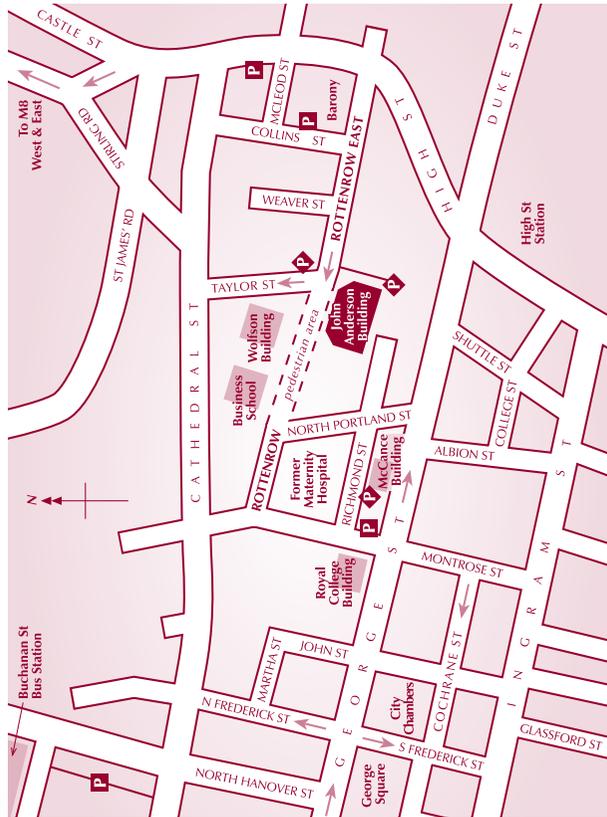
## ACCESS

Meetings take place in the John Anderson Building of Strathclyde University at G4 0NG

**By FOOT OR CYCLE:** if starting in the pedestrian area off Rottenrow, with Strathclyde Business School on left, follow signed paths to the John Anderson Building ahead to your right. The foyer has glass entrances on both sides and the lecture theatre is down one level at level 3.

**DISABLED ACCESS:** is by lift from inside the east entrance.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** the venue is 10-15 min. walk from:  
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Buchanan St. subway station  
Buchanan bus station  
Bus stops: Two on Cathedral St. and two on George St.



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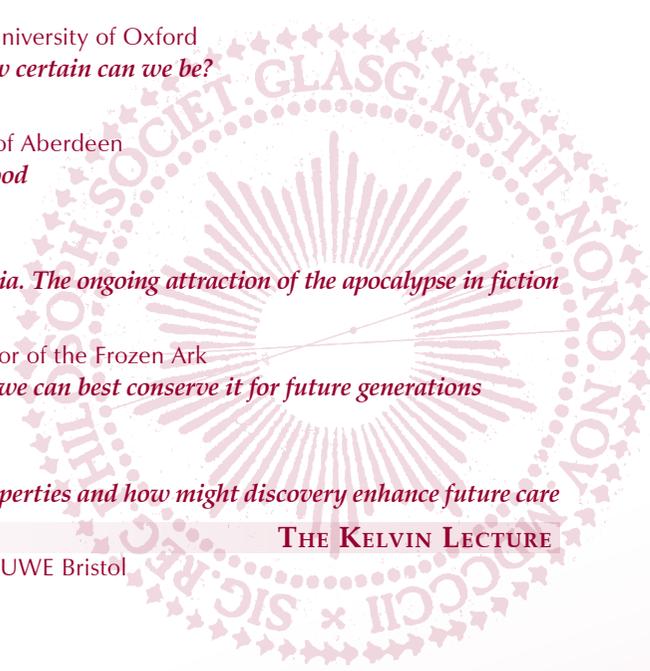
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 Director of Global Health, University of Strathclyde  
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 Professor Emeritus, College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences, University of Glasgow  
*‘A downright, thorough-going catastrophe’ the loss in the Arctic of the 1845 ‘Franklin Expedition’*
- 14 NOVEMBER** **PROF TIM PALMER**  
 Royal Society Research Professor in Climate Physics, University of Oxford  
*Predicting Earth’s weather and climate: how certain can we be?*
- 28 NOVEMBER** **PROF TIM INGOLD**  
 Professor Emeritus of Social Anthropology, University of Aberdeen  
*On building a university for the common good*
- 12 DECEMBER** **PROF LOUISE WELSH**  
 Professor of Creative Writing, University of Glasgow  
*Not the end of the world, dystopia as nostalgia. The ongoing attraction of the apocalypse in fiction*
- 9 JANUARY** **PROF MIKE BRUFORD**  
 Professor of Biodiversity, Cardiff University and Director of the Frozen Ark  
*Why genetic biodiversity matters and how we can best conserve it for future generations*
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 Professor of Psychiatric Genetics, Cardiff University  
*Genes and mental illness: what are their properties and how might discovery enhance future care*
- 6 FEBRUARY** **PROF ALAN WINFIELD** **THE KELVIN LECTURE**  
 Professor of Robot Ethics, Bristol Robotics Laboratory, UWE Bristol  
*The thinking robot*
- 20 FEBRUARY** **PROF PHILIPPE SANDS**  
 University College London and Matrix Chambers  
*‘East West Street’: on the origins of genocide and crimes against humanity, on the individual and the group*
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 UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts, University of Glasgow  
*Between a border and a breath: refugee integration through languages and the arts*
- 20 MARCH** **FERGAL KEANE**  
 BBC News Correspondent, Author  
*Africa changing – beyond the narratives of despair and division*
- 3 APRIL** **LIZ DAVIDSON**  
 Senior Project Manager, Mackintosh Building Restoration  
*Restoring the Mack*  
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