

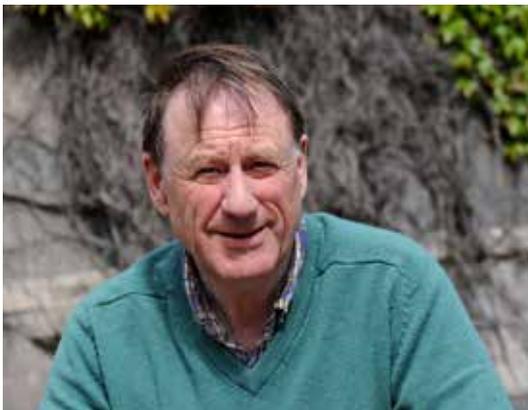
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Professor Tim Ingold On building a university for the common good



ABSTRACT

Around the world, universities have been converted into agents of globalisation, competing for business in the markets of the knowledge economy. To an ever-increasing extent, they are managed like corporations. The result has been a massive betrayal of the underlying principles of higher education. In both teaching and research, universities have reneged on their founding commitment to the pursuit of truth, and to the service of the common good. With their combination of overpaid managers, staff in precarious employment and indebted students, they are manifestly unsustainable. Rather than waiting for them to collapse, however, we need to start now to build the universities of the future, and to restore their civic purpose as necessary components of the constitution of a democratic society. This lecture will set out the four principles – of freedom, trust, education and community – on which any university must be built, if it is to meet the challenges of our time.

BIOGRAPHY

Tim Ingold is Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Aberdeen, and a Fellow of the British Academy and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. After 25 years at the University of Manchester, Ingold moved in 1999 to Aberdeen, where he established Scotland's newest Department of Anthropology. His current research explores the interface between anthropology, art and architecture.

LINKS

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/people/profiles/tim.ingold>

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

Non-members welcome

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.

Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.