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Re-imagining Business: Shaping the next phase of corporate responsibility	MacArthur, Ellen (speaker, female)	Kranendijk, Stef (speaker, male)											2011.10.12	RSA, London	01:28'55"	Contents, description of the event	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7549
Connected Minds: Loneliness, Social Brains and the Need for Community	Cacioppo, John (speaker, male)												2009.09.08	RSA, London		Professor John Cacioppo, author of the bestselling book 'Loneliness and the Social Neuroscience', outlines the vital importance of altruistic behaviour, social connection, and inclusive communities.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7550
RSA Thursday - Freedom for Sale: How we made money and lost our liberty	Kampfner, John (speaker, male)	Goodhart, David (speaker, male; chair)											2009.09.10	RSA, London		John Kampfner, the acclaimed author of 'Barr's Wars' and chief executive of the Index on Censorship, visits the RSA to reveal the truth about global wealth and its assault on international democracy and civic freedoms. Why, Kampfner asks, do so many intelligent and engaged citizens around the world choose to sacrifice their essential freedoms in order to attain security or wealth? What is a legitimate sacrifice to make when it comes to personal or national security? What is at stake when we ask this question?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7551
The Economic Consequences of Mr Brown	Ringen, Stein (speaker, male)	Toynbee, Polly (speaker, female)	Lord Plant, Raymond (speaker, male)										2009.09.14	RSA, London		Stein Ringen and an expert panel at the RSA assess the real outcomes of the past decade of a government which was strongly in power, had a clear mandate and was benefitting from steady economic growth.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7552
RSA Thursday - Class, Poverty and the Media: The Uses of Literacy today	Hanley, Lynsey (speaker, female)	Taylor, DJ (speaker, male)	Taylor, Laurie (speaker, male; chair)										2009.09.17	RSA, London		Richard Hoggart's 'The Uses of Literacy', a sensitive and influential investigation of class, poverty, mass literacy and the media in Britain, raises questions as relevant today as they were at the time of the book's publication over 50 years ago. Improvements in education, wealth and welfare should have ensured the dissolution of social divisions, but Hoggart observed some of the troubling consequences of mass literacy and education for society at large, and the working-classes in particular. The media, that supposedly 'classes' best, wields the power to expand and illuminate minds, but does it instead merely seek to replicate and reflect mass preferences and dogmas, resulting in a society as polarised and intractable as always? Has the advent of mass literacy and education merely prepared us for homogenous pop-culture and a glut of thoughtless, superficial content? Does an increasing affluent society necessarily entail a loss of community values and cultural diversity?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7553
Cities and Citizenship: Surviving the 21st Century	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Lord Mawson, Andrew (speaker, male)	Professor Prix, Wolf D (speaker, male)	Minton, Anna (speaker, female)	Professor Burdett, Ricky (speaker, male; chair)								2009.09.21	RSA, London		What does it mean to be a citizen in the 21st century? What is the relationship between the way we design our city and our perception and experience of citizenship? Is it time to redefine Londoners' obligations, responsibilities and rights to improve the liveability of our city? Are we equipped to tackle the environmental and economic challenges we face? These questions and more will be tackled in a debate on Cities and Citizenship which kicks off the London Development Agency's New Urban Agenda Debates in association with RSA Design and Society.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7554
The Internet in Society: Empowering or censoring citizens?	Morozov, Evgeny (speaker, male)												2009.09.22	RSA, London		Could the internet actually inhibit rather than empower civil society? Evgeny Morozov outlines the dramatically different ways in which the internet's potential can be utilised by citizens and regimes.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7555
RSA/Soil Association event - Food in a world without oil	Melchett, Peter (speaker, male)	Professor Lang, Tim (speaker, male)	Professor Halford, Nigel (speaker, male)	Harrabin, Roger (speaker, male; chair)									2009.09.23	RSA, London		Discussion on the provision of food for all in an oil-free world	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7556

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RSA Thursday - Party conferences: who needs them?	Dale, Iain (speaker, male)	Pound MP, Stephen (speaker, male)	White, Michael (speaker, male; chair)									2009.09.24	RSA, London		The annual party conferences attract hordes of the party faithful and mark the start of the political calendar for the Whitehall establishment. The news teams and cameras will be there poised to cover events. But what impact do the party conferences really have in Britain, or indeed the wider world? Can we foresee a time when the party conferences will die out? And if the conferences don't make any discernible impact on our country's democracy, what should take their place?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7557
New Perspectives on Faith and Development: Faith in the Marketplace?	Costa, Ken (speaker, male)	Ramadan, Tariq (speaker, male)	Chalke, Steve (speaker, male)	Reverend Fraser, Giles (speaker, male)	Reynolds, John (speaker, male)							2009.09.30	RSA, London		Recent months have caused us to reflect on our global economic system. Has our economic system, or our financial markets, suffered from a lack of values? Can the solution to reforming these be found not just with economists but within the teachings of faith traditions? And as we focus on righting the problems of the West, what are the long-term impacts of our financial crisis on international development? Can - and should - faith communities be putting the world's poorest and most vulnerable back on the agenda?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7558
RSA Thursday - Saving Kyoto: Copenhagen and Beyond	Professor Chichilnisky, Graciela (speaker, female)	Lynas, Mark (speaker, male; chair)										2009.10.01	RSA, London		Professor Graciela Chichilnisky visits the RSA to explain why it is imperative that the Kyoto Protocol is extended beyond 2012, and to suggest two modest improvements that could resolve the current impasse between China and the US, not only halt, but begin to reverse global warming, and even start to close the economic gap between rich and poor nations. But will these proposals be adopted in Copenhagen? What issues currently stand in their way, and what are the chances of success? Join one of the world's leading architects of the Kyoto Protocol as she outlines how the carbon market can help to close the global income divide whilst resolving the climate crisis.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7559
New Perspectives on Faith and Development: Poverty and Conflict - Faith as a solution or cause?	Baroness Chalker, Lynda (speaker, female)	dela Torre, Edicio (speaker, male)	Vallely, Paul (male, speaker; chair)	Marshall, Katherine (speaker, female)	ter Haar, Gerrie (speaker, female)	Cooking, Jane (speaker, female)	Mohammed, Makki (speaker, male)					2009.10.06	RSA, London		If faith is so often used as a tool to provoke conflict and fragmentation, how can it be a force for positive social change? Can faith groups overcome their differences to work together in development? Do faith communities pose a threat to the state or can they be partners?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7560
Chairman's Inaugural Lecture - The Importance of Invention	Luke, Johnson (speaker, male)	Hoberman, Brent (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)									2009.10.07	RSA, London		RSA Chairman, Luke Johnson gives this year's inaugural lecture. The promotion of innovation was the founding spirit of the RSA, Luke suggests that we should renew our commitment to industrial and social pioneers who can provide solutions to the challenges that lie ahead.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7561
RSA Thursday - Drugs, Communities and Citizenship: The new 'recovery' models for users	Bamber, Stephen (speaker, male)	Saville, Sebastian (speaker, male)	Hayes, Paul (speaker, male)	Howard, Roger (speaker, male; chair)								2009.10.08	RSA, London		A panel of experts and practitioners assess the possibilities for rehabilitation, integration, and participatory citizenship at the heart of the new 'recovery models' for substance-users	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7562
Justice: What's the right thing to do?	Sandel, Michael (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2009.10.13	RSA, London		Michael Sandel considers the role of justice in our society and our lives, revealing how an understanding of philosophy can help to make sense of politics, religion, morality - and our own convictions. Showing how the biggest questions in our civic life can be broken down and illuminated through reasoned debate, Professor Sandel argues for a new commitment to citizenship and the common good.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7563

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Hacking Design: Folly, theft or a new democratic dawn?	von Busch, Otto (speaker, male)	McDowell, Colin (speaker, male)	Thompson, Paul (speaker, male)	Godber, David (speaker, male)	Burnham, Scott (speaker, male; chair)							2009.10.14	RSA, London		Hacking' originally denoted audacious and illegal breaches of closed systems of electronic communication, but increasingly invokes a broader range of stunts and sabotages of security and convention. It has also entered the language of design criticism. The stereotypical designer – passionate, unbending and always in black – is newly vulnerable to the interference of amateurs. And the hard-won tryst between designer, manufacturer and intellectual property rights has few defenses against the open-source culture and an ungovernable internet. Is design-hacking merely another post-modern phase in the history of design, or does it reveal a civic ingenuity and resourcefulness that a century and a half of industrially-led consumerism has masked?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7564
The Condition and Future of Primary Education	Professor Alexander, Robin (speaker, male)	Brookes, Mick (speaker, male)	Professor James, Mary (speaker, female)	Luxton, Roger (speaker, male)	Sheerman MP, Barry (speaker, male)	Dame Pugh, Gillian (speaker, female)						2009.10.19	RSA, London		An RSA, Cambridge Primary Review and Esme Fairbairn Foundation event to launch the debate about the final report of the Cambridge Primary Review. A panel of expert commentators discuss the implications of the report for teachers, schools, local authorities, national policy, children and childhood.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7565
New Perspectives on Faith and Development: Health and Education Where faith fits?	Alexander, Douglas (speaker, male)	Frost, Matthew (speaker, male)	Dowden, Richard (speaker, male)	Linden, Ian (speaker, male; chair)								2009.10.20	RSA, London		How does faith shape personal and group identities, and what does this mean for the realisation of fundamental social, economic and political rights, especially in such areas as health and education? In faith groups are providing aid, how extensive is the risk of them pushing forward their moral framework on unwilling recipients? And do religious leaders and faith communities in the developing world have the capacity to contribute effectively to national development plans? Are they only interested in the welfare of their own constituencies so that funding them would be divisive? Or are there ways in which groups of different faiths can work effectively together?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7566
Making Local the Answer	Denham, John (speaker, male)	Sir Richard, Michael (speaker, male)	Broome, Steve (speaker, male; chair)									2009.10.21	RSA, London		John Denham sets out his vision for the future of local government, with councils at the centre of their communities.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7567
RSA Thursday - The Promise, Power and Danger of a New Nuclear Age	Aczel, Amir (speaker, male)	Professor Al-Khalili, Jim (speaker, male; chair)										2009.10.22	RSA, London		61 years after scientists first unleashed its devastating power, uranium is once again shaping global politics, energy solutions and cultural concerns in a new age of nuclear power. Better public understanding of uranium's fearsome history and awesome promise has never been more important. Internationally acclaimed science writer Amir Aczel discusses his work Uranium Wars, which traces the dramatic race towards the scientific discovery of nuclear power and reveals fascinating new details of the process.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7568
Trust: how we lost it and how we can get it back	Professor Seldon, Anthony (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2009.10.22	RSA, London		Professor Anthony Seldon lays out a blueprint for rebuilding trust in our society, our communities - and in ourselves.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7569
Lost Generation? Recession and the young	Professor Blanchflower, David (speaker, male)	Timms MP, Stephen (speaker, male)	Willits MP, David (speaker, male)	Ryall, Terry (speaker, male)	Streeting, Wes (speaker, male)	Templeman, Miles (speaker, male)	Grimston, Jack (spaker, male; chair)					2009.10.26	RSA, London		Professor David Blanchflower, the leading labour economist and recent member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee from June 2006-May 2009, discussing how the recession is affecting young people and their future prospects.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7570

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RSA Thursday - Breakfast with Socrates: the philosophy of everyday life	Rowland Smith, Robert (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2009.10.29	RSA, London		Robert Rowland Smith grounds abstract ideas in the concrete experience of daily living, applying big thoughts to life's little challenges. From waking up (What does it really mean to be awake? What is consciousness? How do we know we exist?) to pounding the treadmill at the gym (a sign of virtue or vice, of healthy exertion or unhealthy narcissism?) to shopping (Freudian therapy or, as Marx would have it, capitalist plot to enslave the masses?) Robert Rowland Smith takes us for an eye-opening and mind-expanding journey through the day, in the company of some of the greatest figures in the history of ideas, from Descartes to Derrida.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7571	
Left Brain, Right Brain: Human nature and political value	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Harford, Tim (speaker, male)	Russell, Jenni (speaker, female; chair)									2009.10.29	RSA, London		Building on the theme of neurological reflexivity outlined in his speech in 2008 and on the work of the RSA's Social Brain Project, Matthew Taylor explores how brain and behaviour research is increasingly being incorporated into political and policy debate in Britain, forcing both left and right to re-examine old assumptions.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7572	
Security in the 21st Century: Global, National, Local	Johnson MP, Alan (speaker, male)	Clarke, Michael (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)									2009.11.02	RSA, London		The role of the state in protecting the public is often wrongly condensed into a series of false choices - between liberty and security, between local needs and global priorities. In a wide-ranging speech, the Home Secretary, Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP will talk about the issues that affect people's safety and security in 21st century - from antisocial behaviour to foreign policy.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7573	
New Perspectives on Faith and Development: Towards a Sustainable Environment - What can faith teach us?	Kumar, Satish (speaker, male)	Professor Sir Houghton, John (speaker, male)	Atkins, Andy (speaker, male)	Dowd, Mark (speaker, male)	Edwards, Joel (speaker, male; chair)							2009.11.04	RSA, London		Do faith traditions have a relevant voice on climate change and environmental degradation? Can they provide us with the energy and focus to overcome inaction? Is there a role that faith groups can play alongside governments in contributing to sustainable policies on climate change?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7574	
RSA Thursday - The Fall of the Berlin Wall: 20 years on	Sarotte, Mary Elise (speaker, female)	Millar, Peter (speaker, male)	Kielinger, Thomas (speaker, male)	Robbins, James (speaker, male; chair)								2009.11.05	RSA, London		9 November 2009 marks the 20th anniversary since the fall of the Berlin Wall and 'freedom celebrations' will take place in Germany and around the world. But where are we now, 20 years on from the fall of the Wall, the collapse of the Soviet empire and German reunification? Has Germany ever really recovered from the ramifications of the Second World War and Soviet occupation, and why are there still those in Berlin who wish the Wall had never fallen? Did the United States profit unduly from the collapse, and does Russian resentment at the 'loss' of the Cold	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7575	
Sustainability As A Matter of Survival: 10 Years of Architecture for Humanity	Sinclair, Cameron (speaker, male)											2009.11.09	RSA, London		Cameron Sinclair, co-founder of Architecture for Humanity explains how social, cultural and humanitarian design can offer innovative and sustainable solutions to the challenges faced by disadvantaged and devastated communities worldwide. Architecture for Humanity seeks architectural solutions to humanitarian crises and brings design services to communities in need - projects range from health centers in Sub-Saharan Africa and community centers in Southeast Asia, to low-income housing on the Gulf Coast of the United States. Cameron Sinclair and Kate Stohr, co-founders of Architecture for Humanity are jointly awarded the 2009 RSA Bicentenary Medal for increasing people's	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7576	
Creating a High-Value Economy	Sir Rose, John (speaker, male)	Johnson, Luke (speaker, male; chair)										2009.11.10	RSA, London		Sir John Rose has long argued that high-value manufacturing should be the cornerstone of a balanced economy. In the course of his talk, Sir John will develop his arguments a stage further, illustrating his thesis with examples of high-value activity from Rolls-Royce and describing how such activity can be promoted in the UK and elsewhere.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7577	

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RSA Thursday - Banking in the Wake of the Crisis: how will confidence be restored?	Kay, John (speaker, male)	Dr McGregor, Heather (speaker, female)	Conway, Edmund (speaker, male)									2009.11.12	RSA, London		A panel of experts gather at the RSA to assess the current state of the UK banking sector and address a range of key questions: Can the public fully regain trust in bankers? How soon will confidence be restored and banks be solvent enough to resume lending? How will the taxpayers' stake in the banks shape decision-making in the coming months? Can the financial sector respond to Lord Turner's call to fulfil a more socially useful function? Will the banks be able to emerge from the crisis as more prudent, well capitalised, better balanced institutions?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7578
New Perspectives on Faith and Development: Closing keynote address	Dr Williams, Rowan (speaker, male)	Rabbi Rosen, David (speaker, male; chair)										2009.11.12	RSA, London		Have we ignored the teachings of faith groups in our treatment of the natural environment? Do faith traditions have a relevant voice on climate change and environmental degradation? Can they provide us with the energy and focus to overcome inaction? Do they add anything new to this debate?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7579
RSA Screens with Channel 4 - The Family: How has the portrayal of South Asians in the media changed in recent years?	Ur-Rehman, Shazia (speaker, female)	Ur-Rehman, Sadia (speaker, female)	Rafaele, Aysa (speaker, female)	Vir, Parminder (speaker, female)	King, Oona (speaker, female; chair)							2009.11.17	RSA, London		The BAFTA nominated series 'The Family' returns this year with the Grewal family from Windsor. Filmed over a period of 8 weeks, with 28 cameras following them round the clock, this unique observational series documents the universal themes of family life. A special preview screening of an episode of 'The Family' and the chance to see shorts by Asian filmmakers.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7580
RSA Design & Society - Playing the City	Slavin, Kevin (speaker, male)											2009.11.18	RSA, London		Kevin Slavin, urban consultant and co-founder of New York computer games studio Area/Code presents a powerful argument for games as social systems with people at the centre; for the "software" of cities as what runs on the "hardware" of buildings and streets; for an "urban sport" that can educate behaviour by leaking from computers into the social world; and above all, for designers today to build the systems that will propagate and feed us, not the things we will consume	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7581
RSA Thursday - Delete: the virtue of forgetting in the digital age	Mayer-Schonberger, Viktor (speaker, male)	Anderson, Kevin (speaker, male; chair)										2009.11.19	RSA, London		Viktor Mayer-Schonberger, director of the information and innovation policy research centre at the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, explains why current information rights and privacy fixes can't help us, and proposes a simple solution - expiration dates for information.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7582
Evasive Rightness in Design	Levien, Robin (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2009.11.19	RSA, London		Inaugural RDI Address given by the incoming Master of the Faculty, Robin Levien. Through a number of case studies and personal experiences Robin Levien RDI illuminates how designers try to capture that 'something extra' that 'it' factor that will elevate their work from the ordinary. He will explore a variety of themes, including drawing and the notion that there are universal triggers that human beings recognise as <i>Aschby</i>	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7583
First as Tragedy, Then as Farce: the economic crisis and the end of global	Žižek, Slavoj (speaker, male)	Warburton, Nigel (speaker, male; chair)										2009.11.24	RSA, London		Slavoj Žižek asks the question that is on everyone's lips: if we can pour billions of dollars into the global banking system in a frantic attempt at financial stabilization, why has it not been possible to bring the same forces to bear in addressing world poverty and environmental crisis?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7584
RSA Thursday - Putting Relationships at the Heart of School Organisation and Design	Wetz, James (speaker, male)	Dr Geddes, Heather (speaker, female)	Wolf, Rachel (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)								2009.11.26	RSA, London		Following his investigation for Channel 4's Dispatches programme, 'The Children Left Behind', former head teacher James Wetz asks: how can we organise our secondary schools so that all young people are encouraged to learn and gain a stake in society?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7585
Is the UK Making Disability a Death Sentence?	Masefield, Paddy (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2009.11.26	RSA, London		Paddy Masefield OBE FRSA argues that the gathering popular movement towards legalising assisted suicide makes ever more invisible the positive achievements and realities of living long term as a disabled person.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7586

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RSA Thursday - Scroogenomics: why reindeer jumpers, singing fish and novelty clocks shouldn't be under our Christmas trees	Professor Waldfoegel, Joel (speaker, male)	Birtles, Jasmine (speaker, female; chair)											2009.12.03	RSA, London		Joel Waldfoegel argues that every pound we spend on ourselves produces at least a pound in satisfaction. But gift giving is different. Choices are less-informed leaving recipients less than satisfied. Our festive spending generates £50billion of economic waste each winter. It is time, says Joel, to stop the shopping madness and think twice before we buy these gifts.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7587
The Hidden Cost of White-Collar Crime	Sir MacDonald, Ken (speaker, male)	Professor Slapper, Gary (speaker, male)	Aitken, Jonathan (speaker, male)	Taylor, Laurie (speaker, male; chair)									2009.12.03	RSA, London		In the wake of the financial crisis and the scandal of MPs expenses, as the recession continues and assumptions of middle-class honesty falter, will we see a shift in public, corporate, police and judicial attitudes to white-collar crime? As times grow ever more harsh and the public purse is squeezed, can crimes which deplete pension funds and rob the public of tax revenues really be seen as 'victimless'? Can we afford to continue to ignore the true social cost and significance of white-collar crime?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7588
In Defence of the Enlightenment	Todorov, Tzvetan (speaker, male)												2009.12.07	RSA, London		Internationally renowned thinker Tzvetan Todorov visits the RSA to defend the role of the Enlightenment as the philosophical cornerstone of the modern world, and to argue that the wisdom of the Enlightenment thinkers is as relevant and necessary today as it was in the eighteenth century.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7589
RSA Bossom Lecture - Form Matters	Chipperfield, David (speaker, male)	Baillieu, Amanda (speaker, female; chair)											2009.12.08	RSA, London		After 25 years building up a body of work, David Chipperfield considers form, language, materiality and architectural composition, to create buildings that connect to context and function and give a sense of permanence and place to the environment. The end user is included in the design process dialogue, resulting in spaces that become part of the life of the city.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7590
RSA Thursday - Ben Schott 'Re-Views' the Year: 2009	Schott, Ben (speaker, male)												2009.12.10	RSA, London		We welcome back Ben Schott, author of the phenomenally popular Schott's Miscellanies and Almanacs, to offer a witty review of 2009. As well as looking back at the major news stories that defined the year, Ben will also be sharing some of his more obscure discoveries, and making predictions for the year ahead, in inimitable Schott style.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7591
Smile or Die	Ehrenreich, Barbara (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)											2010.01.11	RSA, London		Barbara Ehrenreich, the renowned political activist, journalist, and author of the bestselling exposé Nickel and Dimed, visits the RSA to explore the tyranny of positive thinking and its role in any number of our current social and political ailments.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7592
Living by Giving: Donation and the benefits of altruism	Rudge, Chris (speaker, male)	Professor Neuberger, James (speaker, male)	Professor Grayling, A C (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)									2010.01.12	RSA, London		Hosted by the RSA's Social Brain project, this discussion explore's the nature of undertaking altruistic acts, in particular, organ donation. Does true altruism exist or do we give in the knowledge that someday, we might need to receive? What are the barriers and triggers to organ donation, and how can donation be 'normalised' to make signing up to the NHS Organ Donor Register the default choice for the majority of the UK population?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7593
Fun Inc.: Why games are the 21st century's most serious business	Chatfield, Tom (speaker, male)	Vaizer MP, Ed (speaker, male)	Callan-Jones, Rory (speaker, male; chair)										2010.01.13	RSA, London		Journalist and author Tom Chatfield visits the RSA to examine the ways in which virtual game worlds can function as unprecedented laboratories for exploring human motivations, and for evaluating economic theories that it has never been possible before to test experimentally. He argues that games are becoming one of the most powerful tools available for raising awareness of political, ethical and environmental issues, and promoting action across an extraordinary range of fields and disciplines - from medicine to warfare to, perhaps most importantly, education.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7594

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RSA Thursday - The Future of Work	Donkin, Richard (speaker, male)	Shankleman, Martin (speaker, male; chair)										2010.01.14	RSA, London		Richard Donkin, one of the UK's leading thinkers on employment, visits the RSA to examine the forces and themes that are influencing what amounts to a silent revolution in social behaviour. Donkin argues that this change is creating a watershed in working lives as significant as that of the factory system that heralded the Industrial Revolution. Unless we understand these forces, he warns, policies may be poorly fitted to meet the challenges ahead posed by environmental change and shrinking oil reserves	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7595
Whole Earth Discipline	Brand, Stewart (speaker, male)											2010.01.19	RSA, London		Iconoclastic ecologist and futurist Stewart Brand has been rethinking his position on climate change, urbanisation and biotechnology, and now exhorts the green movement to embrace tools and disciplines that it has traditionally mistrusted. By countering a number of environmental myths and presenting a bold and creative set of solutions for producing a more sustainable society, Brand shows how we might reframe the crisis as an opportunity for the renewal of civilisation.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7596
RSA Thursday - Is the Bright Side the Right Side?	Shorter, Lawrence (speaker, male)	Leve, Ariel (speaker, female)	Mangan, Lucy (speaker, female)									2010.01.21	RSA, London		Is a strongly optimistic outlook the key to a resilient, productive society? Or do we need a pinch of pessimism to stir us into action when real catastrophe looms?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7597
The Anatomy of an Action: self and responsibility after neuroscience	Professor Haggard, Patrick (speaker, male)	Professor Grayling, A C (speaker, male)	Professor Smith, Barry (speaker, male)	Seth, Anil (speaker, male; chair)								2010.01.25	RSA, London		In a special event at the RSA, a version of the Libet experiment is explained by neuroscientist Patrick Haggard. Philosophers A.C. Grayling and Barry Smith, give their views on what the experiment might imply, before discussion is opened up to the audience.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7598
A National Victims' Service	Straw MP, Jack (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.01.27	RSA, London		Justice Secretary Jack Straw will set out the next stages of reform in the criminal justice system, building on recent improvements to the support and assistance offered to victims of crime, by responding to Victims' Champion Sara Payne's report - "Redefining Justice" - and officially launching the first ever National Victims' Service.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7599
Drive: The surprising truth about what motivates us	Pink, Daniel H (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.01.27	RSA, London		We've been conditioned to think that the best way to motivate ourselves and others is either through fear of punishment or through external rewards such as money and fame. Daniel H Pink visits the RSA to expose this common mistake and describe how people and corporations can embrace his innovative approach to the science of motivation.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7600
RSA Thursday - Can Online Markets Tackle Poverty?	Rowan, Wingham (speaker, male)	Fishenden, Jerry (speaker, male)	Purnell MP, James (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)								2010.01.28	RSA, London		James Purnell MP joins Wingham Rowan to ask how can we use online markets more effectively to ensure we create value and opportunity for the low-paid and unemployed?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7601
The Art of Meditation	Ricard, Matthieu (speaker, male)	Layard, Richard (speaker, male; chair)										2010.02.01	RSA, London		Matthieu Ricard shows how contemplative practice can contribute to a better understanding of our mental processes, and can foster compassion, altruism and greater pro-social behaviour. Although meditation is a life-long process even for the wisest, Matthieu Ricard demonstrates that by practising it on a daily basis we can change our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7602
You Are Not A Gadget	Lanier, Jason (speaker, male)	Macdonald, Nico (speaker, male; chair)											RSA, London		Individual creativity has begun to go out of fashion. Machines, specifically computers, are no longer just tools to be used by the human mind - these days, we treat them as if they are altogether better than humans. Jason Lanier delivers a call to arms against digital collectivism and proposes richer, more productive ways in which technology might interact with our culture.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7603
The Pinch: How the baby boomers stole their children's future - and how they can give it back	Willetts MP, David (speaker, male)	Crabtree, James (speaker, male; chair)										2010.02.03	RSA, London		David Willetts argues that the baby boomer generation has attained this position at the expense of their children. Social, cultural and economic provision has been made for the reigning section of society, while the needs of the next generation have taken a back seat.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7604

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RSA Thursday - Whoops!	Lanchester, John (speaker, male)	Johnson, Luke (speaker, male; chair)										2010.02.04	RSA, London		After years of unprecedented success, in a global environment without a serious ideological competitor, free-market capitalism suddenly imploded. The entire planet was growing measurably richer, until suddenly it all came to an abrupt end. One of Britain's most admired writers John Lanchester visits the RSA to investigate a cast of characters - including reckless bankers, snoozing regulators, complacent politicians, predatory lenders, credit-drunk spendthrifts, and innocent bystanders - in order to understand deeply and genuinely what is happening and why we feel	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7605
The Importance of Inclusion to the London 2012 legacy	Archbishop Tutu, Desmond (speaker, male)											2010.02.04	RSA, London		Archbishop Desmond Tutu will give the Inaugural Diversity and Inclusion address. Organised with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Ltd.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7605
The Hidden Wealth of Nations	Dr Halpern, David (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)										2010.02.08	RSA, London		David Halpern and Matthew Taylor discuss what is happening in contemporary societies - from value change to the changing role of governments - and suggest what policymakers and citizens can do about it.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7607
Leadership and Trust in Business	Lord Browne of Madingley (speaker, male)	Johnson, Luke (speaker, male; chair)										2010.02.10	RSA, London		The President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Lord Browne, outlines the implications of the financial crisis for business leaders.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7606
Live at the RSA - Do we get the politics we deserve?	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Alibhai-Brown, Yasmin (speaker, female)	McElvoy, Anne (speaker, female)	Buck MP, Karen (speaker, female)	O'Brien, James (speaker, male; chair)							2010.02.10	RSA, London		A high-profile panel debates whether or not we get the politics we deserve.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7606
RSA Thursday - The Rule of Law	Lord Bingham, Tom (speaker, male)	Chakrabarti, Shami (speaker, female; chair)										2010.02.11	RSA, London		The Rule of Law' is a phrase much used but little examined. The idea of the rule of law as the foundation of modern states and civilisations has recently become even more talismanic than that of democracy, but what does it actually consist of? Lord Bingham, Britain's former senior law lord, and one of the world's most acute legal minds, examines what the idea actually means.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7510
RSA Thursday - How Many Friends Does One Person Need?	Professor Dunbar, Robin (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.02.18	RSA, London		We are the product of our evolutionary history, and that history colours our experience of everyday life - from the number of friends we have to how religious we are. Renowned evolutionary anthropologist Professor Robin Dunbar explains how the very distant past underpins all of our current behaviours, and how we can best utilise that knowledge.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7611
Is Prosperity Without Growth Possible?	Professor Jackson, Tim (speaker, male)	Professor Offer, Avner (speaker, male)	Ormerod, Paul (speaker, male)	Kamm, Oliver (speaker, male)	Ward, Halina (speaker, female; chair)							2010.02.24	RSA, London		Professor Tim Jackson, Professor Avner Offer and Paul Ormerod debate whether we should consider shifting from strongly growth-focused economic norms to a new and broader definition of prosperity and progress.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7612
The 21 Hour Society	Simms, Andrew (speaker, male)	Coote, Anna (speaker, female)	Philpott, John (speaker, male)	Littlewood, Mark (speaker, male)	Thompson, Julian (speaker, male; chair)							2010.02.25	RSA, London		A panel of experts ask: will a 21 hour working week solve all of society's ills?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7614
Connected: The amazing power of social networks and how they shape our lives	Christakis, Nicholas A (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.02.25	RSA, London		Social scientist Nicholas A. Christakis visits the RSA to explain how our social networks influence our ideas, emotions, health, relationships, behaviour, politics, and so much more. In showing how we are all unavoidably and inextricably connected, Christakis presents a picture of an unknowingly collaborative society, and what we can do to best utilise the power of these networks.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7514
RSA Thursday - Visions of the Good Society	Runciman, W G (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.03.04	RSA, London		Plato's Republic, Hobbes' Leviathan, and Marx's Communist Manifesto are universally acknowledged classics of Western political thought. But how strong are the core arguments on which they base their visions of the good society that they want to bring into being? One of Britain's most eminent sociologists, W.G. Runciman argues that all three were irredeemably naive in their assumptions about how human societies function and evolve, and how human behaviour could be changed.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7615

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Reason, Fiction and Faith: Are any of the arguments for the existence of God any good?	Newberger Goldstein, Rebecca (speaker, female)	Pinker, Steven (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)									2010.03.05	RSA, London		Rebecca Goldstein and her husband, cognitive theorist Steven Pinker address a fascinating array of topics at the interface of literature, science, religion and philosophy, including the dynamic between reason and emotion, the role of fiction in intellectual life and the mystery of consciousness.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7616
The Robin Hood Tax: Turning a crisis for the banks into an opportunity for the world	Professor Sachs, Jeffrey (speaker, male)	Major Telfer, Ivor (speaker, male)	Dr Melamed, Claire (speaker, female)	Beattie, Alan (speaker, male; chair)	Nighy, Bill (speaker, male)	Curtis, Richard (speaker, male)						2010.03.09	RSA, London		Professor Jeffrey Sachs is joined by an expert panel to discuss how the Robin Hood Tax can help us strengthen public services in the UK and reduce poverty overseas	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7617
RSA Thursday - The Equality Gap	Banyard, Kat (speaker, female)	Dr Power, Nina (speaker, female)	Leary, Deb (speaker, female)	Katwala, Sunder (speaker, male)	Goddard, Ceri (speaker, female; chair)							2010.03.11	RSA, London		Kate Banyard, Deb Leary OBE and Dr Nina Power as they discuss one of the most pressing social justice issues in the UK today	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7618
The Empathic Civilisation	Rifkin, Jeremy (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.03.15	RSA, London		Rifkin challenges us to address what may be the most important question facing humanity today: Can we achieve global empathy in time to avoid the collapse of civilization and save the planet?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7619
RSA Thursday - Back from the Brink	Snowden, Peter (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.03.18	RSA, London		Lifting the lid on the most compelling story in British politics today, political journalist Peter Snowden charts the Conservative Party's remarkable journey from the political wilderness to the threshold of power	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7620
The Future for the Arts?	Bradshaw MP, Ben (speaker, male)	Hunt MP, Jeremy (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)									2010.03.22	RSA, London		Culture policy leaders Ben Bradshaw MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and Jeremy Hunt MP, Shadow Secretary discuss the key issues which will shape the arts and arts policy over the next decade.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7621
What Should Everyone Know?	Sir MacDonald, Ken (speaker, male)	Haynes, Natalie (speaker, female)	Bell, Matt (speaker, male)	Mottershead, Chris (speaker, male)	Wilson, Tom (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)						2010.03.22	RSA, London		A panel of individuals from outside the normal realms of academic education discourse will gather to share their thoughts on the role of different kinds of knowledge in the world, and what they feel entitlement to knowledge should entail in 21st century Britain.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7622
Obliquity: Why our goals are best achieved indirectly	Kay, John (speaker, male)	Dilnot, Andrew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.03.24	RSA, London		Pre-eminent economist John Kay applies his provocative, universal theory of obliquity to everything from international business to town planning and from football to managing forest fires. He shows why the most profitable companies are not always the most profit-oriented; why the richest men and women are not the most materialistic; and, why the happiest people are not necessarily those who focus on happiness.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7623
RSA Thursday - The Secret Powers of Time	Professor Zimbardo, Philip (speaker, male)											2010.03.25	RSA, London		Philip Zimbardo discusses how: the way we perceive time is as unique as our fingerprints; our time zones interact to create national cultures and economies; many mental illnesses have, at their root, a distorted way of perceiving time; our time perspective can dictate our success at school and work, our health and wellbeing and even our finances; where you live in the world, your religion and your schooling can all influence the way you perceive time.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7624
Doing Good is Good Business? From rhetoric to reality	Lambert, Richard (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.03.30	RSA, London		Richard Lambert explores the potential for business to act as a driving force in the development of a more sustainable future, and what the role of regulation might be within this - to support and enable - to control and enforce	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7625
RSA Thursday - Red Tory: The future of progressive Conservatism?	Blond, Philip (speaker, male)	Aaronovitch, David (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.01	RSA, London		Renowned author and political thinker Philip Blond visits the RSA to argue that only a radical new political settlement can tackle the problems we face. Blond's 'Red Toryism' combines economic egalitarianism with social conservatism, calling for an end to the monopolisation of society and the private sphere by the state and the market.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7626
RSA Thursday - Storytelling: How narratives shape our reality, ideas and behaviour	Salmon, Christian (speaker, male)	Pool, Stephen (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.08	RSA, London		Christian Salmon unveils the mechanics of a 'storytelling machine' which dominates the discourses of consumption, citizenship, and society at large	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7627
RSA Thursday - Secrets, Surveillance and the State of British Democracy	Brooke, Heather (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.15	RSA, London		Heather Brooke discusses secrecy, surveillance, propaganda and the expenses affair that fatally undermined our political system.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7628

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Religion, Demography and Politics in the 21st Century	Kaufmann, Eric (speaker, male)	Lawson, Dominic (speaker, male)	Taylor, Laurie (speaker, male; chair)									2010.04.15	RSA, London		Drawing on extensive demographic research, and considering questions of multiculturalism, nationalism and terrorism, political analyst Eric Kaufmann examines the implications of the decline in liberal secularism as religious conservatism rises - and to ask: what will this mean for the future of western modernity?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7629
The Tyranny of Guilt	Bruckner, Pascal (speaker, male)	Cohen, Nick (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.19	RSA, London		One of France's leading writers Pascal Bruckner presents a searing analysis of the bad politics that arise from excessive bad conscience.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7630
RSA Thursday - The Selfish Society	Gerhardt, Sue (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.22	RSA, London		Psychotherapist and bestselling author Sue Gerhardt argues that selfishness and disregard for others in public life has its roots in poor care in early childhood. She draws on developmental psychology and neuroscience to show how, when babies are not treated with personal care, the values of empathy and responsibility are undermined. By focussing our attention on these crucial developmental stages in a child's life, Gerhardt insists we can begin to create a better and more other-regarding world.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7631
Why Social Inequality Persists	Professor Dorling, Danny (speaker, male)	Professor Pickett, Kate (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)									2010.04.22	RSA, London		Few would dispute that we live in an unequal and unjust world, but what causes this inequality to persist? Danny Dorling, Professor of Human Geography at the University of Sheffield, claims that, as the five social evils identified by Beveridge are gradually being eradicated, they are being replaced by five new tenets of injustice - elitism, exclusion, prejudice, greed and despair. Who is most harmed by these injustices and why, and what happens to those who most benefit? How can we muster the collective will to eradicate these damaging beliefs and behaviours and achieve a happier, more just society?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7632
The Crises of Capitalism	Professor Harvey, David (speaker, male)	Taylor, Laurie (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.26	RSA, London		Radical sociologist David Harvey asks: is it time to look beyond capitalism towards a new social order that would allow us to live within a system that really could be responsible, just, and humane?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7633
RSA Thursday - Adventures in Numberland	Bellos, Alex (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.04.29	RSA, London		Alex Bellos talks about the beauty of mathematical patterns in nature, the peculiar predictability of random behaviour, how to win at the casino, the deep connections between maths, religion and philosophy, and why the best Scrabble players are mathematicians.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7634
RSA President's Lecture 2010: Tackling Global Warming and Doing Good: today's failed solutions and smarter ways forward	Dr Lomborg, Bjorn (speaker, male)	HRH Duke of Edinburgh KT (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.05	RSA, London		Political scientist and author Professor Bjorn Lomborg will detail how global warming is real, important and manmade, but how the information has been presented in a one-sided and alarmist manner. This has led to panic and poor policy decisions. Professor Lomborg explains how we need to reassess the best ways of tackling global warming, and perhaps surprisingly, discover much cheaper, better and more realistic options.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7635
RSA Thursday - The Placemaker's Guide to Building Community	Professor Hamdi, Nabeel (speaker, male)	Campbell, Emily (speaker, female; chair)										2010.05.06	RSA, London		Professor Nabeel Hamdi offers fresh insight into the complexities faced by architects, engineers and urban planners when working to improve the communities, lives and livelihoods of people the world over.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7636
The Plundered Planet	Professor Collier, Paul (speaker, male)	Shukman, David (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.12	RSA, London		Professor Paul Collier presents a bold set of solutions to reconciling the immediate needs of the world's burgeoning population with a sustainable environmental future.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7637
Facing up to Climate Change	Professor Hamilton, Clive (speaker, male)	Shaw, Will (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.12	RSA, London		Clive Hamilton, Professor of Public Ethics at the Australian National University, discusses his new book Requiem for a Species - a book which asks why we have ignored the warnings, so that now it is too late?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7638
RSA Thursday -The Carbon Footprint of Everything	Berners-Lee, Mike (speaker, male)	Goodall, Chris (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.13	RSA, London		Environmental expert Mike Berners-Lee provides the facts we need to make more carbon-conscious purchases and lifestyle decisions.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bli.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7639

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General Election 2010 - Action Replay	Finn, Mindy (speaker, female)	Trippi, Joe (speaker, male)	Painter, Anthony (speaker, male)	Pack, Mark (speaker, male)	Creasey, Stella (speaker, female)	Hanson, Mark (speaker, male)	Elder, Craig (speaker, male)	Cole, Harry (speaker, male)	Crabtree, James (speaker, male)	Nardelli, Alberto (speaker, male)	Beckett, Charlie (speaker, male; chair)	2010.05.13	RSA, London		A formal review of the election with top speakers from the digital leadership of all three parties, key media commentators, and two of the most sought after US political strategists from the United States.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7660	
Appetite for Change? Post-Election Analysis	Greenberg, Stan (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.17	RSA, London		Leading US pollster and political strategist Stan Greenberg presents exclusive post-election poll findings, revealing new insights into why voters voted as they did on Thursday and their hopes for the future and for Britain.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7641	
The Evolution of Comedy	Mandabach, Caryn (speaker, female)	Armstrong, Jessie (speaker, male)	Bain, Sam (speaker, male)	Nye, Simon (speaker, male)	Simon, Ralph (speaker, male; chair)							2010.05.18	RSA, London		Cutting-edge comedy writers and producers Sam Bain, Jesse Armstrong, Simon Nye and Caryn Mandabach explore the evolving role of comedy in 'serious culture'.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7667	
Power and Love: A theory and practice of social change	Kahane, Adam (speaker, male)	Dr Rowsan, Jonathan (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.19	RSA, London		Adam Kahane discusses how to negotiate some of the toughest challenges facing both local communities and society at large	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7663	
The Company of Strangers	Professor Seabright, Paul (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.20	RSA, London		Economist Paul Seabright shows how an awareness of the fragility of our social institutions and their roots in our evolutionary past can help us deal with the challenges of today's globally networked world	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7644	
Six Easy Steps to Avert the Collapse of Civilisation	Eagleman, David (speaker, male)	Wright, Martin (speaker, male)										2010.05.24	RSA, London		Civilisations always think they're immortal, David Eagleman notes, but they nearly always perish, leaving "nothing but ruins and scattered genetics." It takes luck and new technology to survive. We may be particularly lucky to have Internet technology to help manage the six requirements of a durable civilization. David Eagleman explains how we must harness human ingenuity, social capital and new technology to ensure a sustainable future for humanity.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7645	
The Unforeseen Cost of Human Civilisation	Dr Wells, Spencer (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.24	RSA, London		Dr Wells traces man's cultural inheritance from the moment ten thousand years ago, when our species made a radical shift in its way of life: when we became farmers rather than hunter-gatherers, setting in motion a momentous chain of events that could not have been foreseen at the time	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7646	
Building Social Business: The kind of capitalism that serves humanity's most pressing needs	Yunus, Muhammad (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.26	RSA, London		Nobel Peace Prize-winner Muhammad Yunus shows how the social business model can harness the entrepreneurial spirit to address global problems	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7647	
Religion, Democracy and "Enlightenment Values"	Professor Buruma, Ian (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.05.26	RSA, London		Leading journalist and academic Ian Buruma asks: is the rule of law enough to hold societies together or do we need common values, ethics and norms?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7648	
The Spirit of Innovation	Evans, Harold (speaker, male)	Simon, Ralph (speaker, male; chair)										2010.06.02	RSA, London		Legendary journalist, author, editor and publisher Sir Harold Evans asks: what is really required for successful innovation?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7649	
RSA Thursday - Fanaticism: On the uses of an idea	Toscano, Alberto (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.06.03	RSA, London		Alberto Toscano presents a radically alternative account of fanaticism, faith and democracy.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7650	
Food Rules for Healthy People and Planet	Pollan, Michael (speaker, male)	Shaw, Will (speaker, male; chair)										2010.06.07	RSA, London		Award-winning food writer Michael Pollan shows how we can become more mindful of what we eat, and how we can make food choices that are better for ourselves and our environment	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7651	
RSA Thursday - Do we still need enlightenment values?	Warburton, Nigel (speaker, male)	Rowland Smith, Robert (speaker, male)	Keane, John (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)								2010.06.10	RSA, London		John Keane, Nigel Warburton, Robert Rowland Smith and Matthew Taylor argue for their ideal enlightenment values for the 21st century	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7652	
Consumers: Can they, should they be nudged?	Darroch, Jeremy (speaker, male)	Sir Sorrell, Martin (speaker, male)	Dr Wood, Andy (speaker, male)	Dr Uinen, Sally (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)							2010.06.10	RSA, London		A panel of business leaders, including Jeremy Darroch of Sky and Sir Martin Sorrell of WPP, debate the role that business should play in influencing behaviour change and the wider social good	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7653	

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RSA Thursday - Aftershock	Legrain, Philippe (speaker, male)	Mann, Harinder (speaker, male; chair)										2010.06.17	RSA, London		Economist Philippe Legrain asks: did we really learn the lessons of the crisis? Are we ready to craft a fairer, safer, greener world? Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7654	
21st century enlightenment	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Bunting, Madeleine (speaker, female; chair)										2010.06.17	RSA, London		In his annual lecture, Matthew Taylor explores what we mean by 21st century enlightenment, how the idea might help us meet the challenges we face today, and the role that can be played by institutions such as the RSA. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7655	
Texts and Tweets: myths and realities	Professor Crystal, David (speaker, male)	Hitchings, Harry (speaker, male; chair)										2010.06.24	RSA, London		Professor David Crystal, one of the world's leading linguistic experts, challenges the myth that new communication technologies are destroying language. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7656	
Good Value: Building a Better Life in Business	Green, Stephen (speaker, male)	Boulton, Adam (speaker, male; chair)										2010.06.28	RSA, London		HSBC Chairman Stephen Green talks to Sky's Adam Boulton about money, morality and an uncertain world. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7657	
Cognitive Surplus	Shirky, Clay (speaker, male)											2010.06.29	RSA, London		Clay Shirky charts the effects a surfeit of intellect, energy and time will have on society. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7658	
Should the Nurture of Children be Everybody's Business?	Professor Sir Aynsley-Green, Al (speaker, male)	Riddell, Mary (speaker, female; chair)										2010.06.30	RSA, London		Sir Al Aynsley-Green makes the case for a new, more collective approach to securing the best prospects for all children in Britain today. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7659	
Climate Change Justice	Weisbach, David (speaker, male)	Professor Ekins, Paul (speaker, male; chair)										2010.07.01	RSA, London		Chicago Law professor David Weisbach makes the provocative argument that the only way to get an effective treaty on climate is to exclude measures designed to redistribute wealth or right historical wrongs. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7660	
The Uses of Pessimism and the Danger of False Hope	Scruton, Roger (speaker, male)	Vernon, Mark (speaker, male; chair)										2010.07.05	RSA, London		Philosopher Roger Scruton argues for a culture of reason, responsibility and irony in the place of the dangerous fallacies that derive from false optimism. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7661	
What did the baby-boomers ever do for us?	Beckett, Francis (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.07.05	RSA, London		Journalist and contemporary historian Francis Beckett explains why he believes the children of the sixties lived the dream and failed the future. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7662	
Talking to a Brick Wall - Why We Need a New Politics	Mattinson, Deborah (speaker, female)	Toynbee, Polly (speaker, female)	Jowell MP, Tessa (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)								2010.07.06	RSA, London		Leading political pollster Deborah Mattinson discusses democratic renewal and citizen engagement with Polly Toynbee and Tessa Jowell MP. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7663	
Reducing Global Injustice	Professor Sen, Amartya (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Lord Wright of Richmond GCMG (speaker, male; chair)									2010.07.07	RSA, London		Nobel prize-winning economist Amartya Sen considers what makes societies unjust and asks: how can this be overcome? Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7664	
The Paradox of Choice	Professor Saléci, Renata (speaker, female)	Dr Rowson, Jonathan (speaker, male; chair)										2010.07.08	RSA, London		Using sociology, psychoanalysis and philosophy, Professor Renata Saléci shows that individual choice is rarely based on a simple rational decision with a predictable outcome. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7665	
Destino: A Contemporary Dance Story	Jamal Sendi, Junaid (speaker, male)	Davey, Alan (speaker, male)	Herbert, Tara-Jane (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Dr Jenkins, Tiffany (speaker, female; chair)							2010.07.12	RSA, London		Alan Davey, Chief Executive of the Arts Council joins a panel to discuss a unique artistic project - DESTINO - and how its lessons can inform and challenge future arts policy. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7666	
The Woolwich Model - How citizens can tackle anti-social behaviour	Herbert MP, Nick (speaker, male)	Rogers, Ben (speaker, male)	Hanstock, Adrian (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)								2010.07.13	RSA, London		The RSA launches a new report which argues that engaging citizens in 'co-producing' local social order is more important today than ever before. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7667	
RSA Thursday - The End Of The Free Market	Bremmer, Ian (speaker, male)	Mann, Harinder (speaker, male; chair)										2010.07.15	RSA, London		Leading economic and political analyst Ian Bremmer explores the rise of state capitalism and its long-term threat to the global economy. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7668	
RSA/LBC Debate - Stand By - Or Take a Stand?	Livingstone, Ken (speaker, male)	Ross, Nick (speaker, male)	Hebbron, Marilyn (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male)	Rogers, Ben (speaker, male)	O'Brien, James (speaker, male; chair)						2010.07.19	RSA, London		Ken Livingstone and Nick Ross join a panel to debate why we find it all too easy to ignore anti-social behaviour and simply walk on by. Email: drama@bbl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7669	

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Putting the victim at the heart of the criminal justice system: practical goal or benign deception?	Casey, Louise (speaker, female)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)										2010.07.20	RSA, London		Louise Casey, Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses will look at the extent to which victims are 'at the heart of the criminal justice system'.	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7670
RSA Debates The Spirit Level	Pickett, Kate (speaker, female)	Wilkinson, Richard (speaker, male)	Saunders, Peter (speaker, male)	Snowden, Christopher (speaker, male)	Taylor, Matthew (speaker, male; chair)							2010.07.22	RSA, London		Kate Pickett, Richard Wilkinson, Peter Saunders and Christopher Snowden debate the influential book The Spirit Level and ask whether the benefits of egalitarianism can be statistically proven?	Yes. Please contact the British Library's Drama and Literature Recordings section. Email: drama@bl.uk Telephone: (0)20 7412 7671