

INTREPID EXPLORERS

All seminars run on **Thursdays, 13:00 – 14:00** (unless otherwise stated) in the **Pyramid Room** (K4U.04, 4th floor, King's building, Strand Campus)

An informal seminar series for geographers and friends to share their photos, videos, souvenirs and tales from travelling. Open to all. Bring your mug, we'll provide the coffee and biscuits!

Autumn 2015

Thursday 1st October □ Nicholas Burgess and Beniamino Still

“[Mystical Morocco: Saharan sand, prolific peaks and raging rivers](#)”

As part of an independent geological study, 3rd year students Nick (BSc) and Ben (BA) travelled through Morocco, with field sites winding from the Atlantic Coast, High Atlas and the edge of the Sahara. From sweltering days in the field, a month of embracing Ramadan, 8 hours of camel riding to being held hostage in the desert, this talk will touch upon a truly memorable trip.

Thursday 15th October □ Rebecca Farnum

“[To veil or not to veil... Is that really the question?](#)”

Over the last 7 years, Rebecca has spent a total of 6 months trotting between Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Kuwait, Jordan and Turkey. Her visits have included international pickup games of football on the streets of the west bank, scuba diving in the Gulf, and three-hour security interviews at borders. This talk will consider the challenges – and joys – of spending time in cultures generally misunderstood and overly stereotyped in Western media and research.

Thursday 29th October □ Justin Sharpe

“[Travels through tectonically active lands](#)”

Justin has been interested in tectonic hazards for many years but also fascinated by the landscapes that they create. This talk will take you on a journey through tectonically active lands in the USA, Italy, Taiwan and Japan via film, photography and observations in order to look at the flip side of hazard Geography; the beauty of the landscapes that are created and lived in.

Thursday 12th November □ Phoebe Cornes

“[Phoebe's East Coast Australian Adventure](#)”

In February 2015, Phoebe travelled to Cairns where she began her trip down the East Coast of Australia. This talk will revisit her experiences as she stopped off at 13 different locations such as the Daintree Rainforest, Fraser Island, Sydney and Melbourne. Phoebe will share scuba diving pictures from the Great Barrier Reef, hostel horror stories, and her experiences of the epic Great Ocean Road.

Thursday 26th November □ Emma Tebbs

“[Adventures in the East African Rift](#)”

Emma's PhD research took her to remote soda lakes in the East African Rift Valley, Kenya and Tanzania, where she collected 'ground-truth' measurements for validating satellite imagery. These soda lakes often support large flocks of Lesser Flamingos that can number up to 1 million birds. This talk will describe close encounters with wildlife, logistical challenges, building relationships with local communities and developing sustainability projects.

[Jurassic Coast Microadventure](#)

When? 16th-18th October 2015 (including 2 nights stay at YHA Portland)

Where? Portland, Dorset

What? Intrepid Explorers will be embarking on an exciting weekend trip to the Jurassic Coast, Portland. This trip follows the National Coast path, exploring various themes surrounding geology, palaeontology, human modified land and local history around Portland. The trip will finish up with dinner and drinks at the Cove House Inn, Portland.