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Theoretical astrophysics

Dr Stefan Kraus
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High-angular resolution studies on star and planet formation

Dr Mathew Owens
Department of Meteorology, University of Reading
Solar and heliospheric physics

Dr Mark Swinbank
Department of Physics and Astronomy, Durham University
Galaxy formation and evolution, gravitational lensing, star formation

Dr John (Southworth) Taylor
School of Physical and Geographical Sciences, University of Keele
Extrasolar planets

ECONOMICS

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Applied microeconomics, social economics, education policy, policy evaluation

ENGINEERING

Dr Haider Butt
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Electrical engineering: nanotechnology

Professor Bharathram Ganapathisubramani
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Fluid mechanics

Dr Eileen Gentleman
Department of Craniofacial Development and Stem Cell Biology, King’s College London
Tissue engineering and regenerative medicine

Dr Aline Miller
Department of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science, University of Manchester
Engineering the self-assembly of biomolecules for regenerative medicine

Dr Ferdinando Rodriguez y Baena
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Mechatronics in medicine

GEOGRAPHY

Dr Ben Anderson
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Cultural and political geography

Dr Dabo Guan
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Climate change mitigation and adaptation

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Environment, health, development, China

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Historical and political geography

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Environmental change and sustainable development in drylands

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Dr Kathryn Banks
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French literature, especially French renaissance and the specifics of literary ‘thinking’

Dr Andrew Counter
Department of French, King’s College London
Nineteenth-century French literature and culture

Professor Sally Faulkner
Department of Modern Languages, University of Exeter
Spanish cinema

Dr Lara Feigel
Department of English, King’s College London
Late modernist literature and culture with a focus on the period 1930–1949

Dr David James
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Twentieth-century English literary and cultural history

Dr Hannah Sullivan
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Modern British and American literature, modernism, genetic criticism, poetry

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Mr Martin Callanan
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Electronic, online and networked art

Dr Nadia Davids
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Performance as a means of animating memory, historiography and archive

Dr James Moran
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Twentieth-century theatre and performance

Dr Tim Smith
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Film perception, eyetracking and real–world visual cognition