

**Inaugural Lectures
in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law
March 2011
All take place at 6pm in the Wills Memorial Building**

Wednesday 2nd March

[Professor Mike Jones](#), Professor of Financial Reporting and Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance

"Creative Accounting, Impression Management and Fraud"

Accounting numbers and the presentation of accounting information using graphs and narratives can both be subject to bias and distortion. Sometimes this manipulation is within the regulatory framework and is deemed creative accounting or impression management. Where fraud is detected this gives rise to accounting scandals.

The lecture is followed by a drinks reception. Contact [Nicola Fry](#) for further information.

Thursday 3rd March

[Professor Tim Bond](#), Head of School, Graduate School of Education

"Research ethics: one size fits all?"

What are the challenges of extending research ethics from clinical and laboratory experiments to undertaking social sciences in other contexts or for other purposes? This lecture will reflect on Professor Bond's experience as a research ethics officer for social sciences in the University of Bristol.

The lecture is followed by a drinks reception. Please contact [Joanna Trotter](#) if you would like to attend.

Thursday 17th March

[Professor Jo-Anne Baird](#), Graduate School of Education

"Shaping examinations policy: how many hands can make heavy work"

From any perspective, policy is a murky process and it is difficult to untangle how decisions were made and by whom. In this lecture, Professor Baird will look at the role that policy-makers, test developers, researchers and schools have in shaping assessment policy.

The lecture is followed by a drinks reception so please contact [Joanna Trotter](#) if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 23rd March

[Professor Achilles Skordas](#), International Law, School of Law

"The end of just war"

The lecture discusses the transformation of the semantics of war. As the clarity of the distinction between legal and illegal wars is collapsing, 'just war' doctrines have become the battlegrounds of a new ideological confrontation. The question is, whether international law is still a factor to reckon with.

The lecture is followed by a drinks reception. Contact [Nicola.Fry](#) for further information.