

The Herbert Spencer Lectures 2009 (University of Oxford)

On the theme of

“Modifying Human Behaviour”

Lectures will be given on Thursdays (with the exception of the second lecture in the series) in Hilary Term 2009 in the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre (MSTC is in the main Science Area of the University), at 5:15 p.m.. The MSTC is off South Parks Road behind the Dunn School of Pathology: map at <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/images/mstc-map/view>

Date	Topic	Speaker / Affiliation	Title of Lecture
Thursday, 5 February 2009	Health	Justice Edwin Cameron Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa	<i>“Rethinking Rights and Responsibilities in the AIDS Epidemic”</i>
Monday, 9 February 2009	Evolution of modifiable behaviour	Professor Anthony Dickinson FRS Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Cambridge	<i>“Beast machines or cognitive creatures?”</i>
Thursday, 19 February 2009	Philosophy	Professor Jon Elster Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, U.S.A.	<i>“How constitutions shape and change behaviour”</i>
Thursday, 26 February 2009	Environment	Professor David Macdonald Department of Zoology, University of Oxford	<i>“People and Nature: conservation, conflict and compromise”</i>
Thursday, 5 March 2009	Psychology	Professor Uta Frith FRS UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London	<i>“How our social brain modifies our behaviour”</i>
Thursday, 12 March 2009	Economics	Professor Juliet B. Schor Department of Sociology, Boston College, Massachusetts, U.S.A.	<i>“The Social Consumer and the Sustainability Challenge – Consumer Behavior, Ecological Challenge, and the new “Social Science”</i>

Herbert Spencer (1820 – 1903) was an English philosopher, political theorist and sociological theorist of the Victorian era. He is best known for coining the phrase “survival of the fittest”, which he did in *Principles of Biology* (1864), after reading Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species*.