



FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL LECTURES

Date	Lecturer	Title of Lecture
1928	Sir Joseph John Thomson (1856-1940) OM PRS, Fellow, Trinity College Cambridge, Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics, Nobel Prize for Physics (1906)	Beyond the Electron
1932	Professor Sir D'Arcy Wentworth Thomson (1860-1948) CB FRS FRSE, Professor of Natural History, University of St Andrews	A Chapter of Ancient Science
1933	Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington (1882-1944) OM FRS, Fellow Trinity College Cambridge	The Present Outlook in Physics
1937	Dr C D (Charlie Dunbar) Broad (1887-1971), Fellow Trinity College Cambridge	Some Data for Psychical Research
1939	Fritz Saxl (1890-1948) Director of the Warburg Institute	"The Garden of Delights" of a medieval nunnery
1943	Sir Henry Dale (1875-1968) OM GBE PRS, Chairman, Welcome Trust, Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1936)	Science and Education
1944	Sir Kenneth Clark (1903-83) OM CH KCB FBA, Director, National Gallery, author, broadcaster, and art historian.	Leon Battista Alberti
1945	Dr A D Lindsay (1879-1952) Baron Lindsay of Birker, political philosopher and former Master of Balliol College and VC of the University of Oxford	The Good and the Clever
1946	Professor Patrick Maynard Stuart Blackett (1897-1974) OM, CG, FRS, Langworthy Professor at the Victoria University of Manchester, Nobel Prize for Physics (1948)	Cosmic Rays
1948	Theodora Bosanquet (1880-1961) Secretary to the International Federation of University Women, literary editor, Time and Tide, amanuensis to Henry James	The Return of Henry James
1949	Professor John Desmond Bernal (1901-1971) FRS, pioneer of x-ray crystallography, Professor of Physics, Birkbeck College London	Conditions of Survival
1950	Miss Ninette De Valois (1898-2001) OM CH DBE, ballet dancer, choreographer, and director of classical ballet	The English Ballet
1951	Charles McMoran Wilson, First Baron Moran (1882-1977) MC PRCP, private physician to Sir Winston Churchill	The Doctor's Dilemma

1952	Sir Ellis Kirkham Waterhouse (1905-1985), Director, National Galleries of Scotland, Barber Professor of Fine Art, and Director of the Barber Institute, University of Birmingham	British painting in the 18 th century and France up to the Revolution
1953	Sir Edward James Salisbury (1886-1978) CBE FRS, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew	Springtime in the Garden
1954	Sir Arthur Rederic Brownlow fforde (1900-1985) GBE, Headteacher at Rugby School and later Chairman, BBC	Man's Disobedience
1955	Patrick Alfred Buxton (1892-1955) CMG FRS FLS, Entomologist (and nephew of Katherine Jex-Blake, 8 th Mistress of Girton)	The Natural History of a Tropical Disease
1956	Helen Cam (1885-1968) CBE FBA FRHistR, Zemurray Radcliffe Professor of History, Harvard University (Fellow of Girton College, 1921-48)	Law as it appears to the historian
1957	Sir Richard van der Reit Woolley (1906-1986) OBE FRS, 11 th Astronomer Royal	The Place of Astronomy in Scientific Thought
1958	Professor Eleanor Shipley Duckett (1880-1976) Ottolie Hancock Research Fellow at Girton (1926-8); John Greene Foundation Professor (later Emeritus) of Classics and Literature, Smith College	Women Letter Writers of the Early Middle Ages
1959	Sir Charles Robert Harington (1897-1972) KBE FRS FRSE Hon FRCP, Director, National Institute for Medical Research	The Profession of Scientific Research
1960	Miss Kathleen Raine (1908-2003) Poet, critic, scholar and Girton alumna	Blake and England
1961	Hubert Lister Parker, Baron Parker of Waddington (1900-1972) PC, The Lord Chief Justice	The Magistracy
1962	Professor Dorothy Hodgkin (1910-1994) Wolfson Research Professor (Royal Society) and Fellow of Wolfson College Oxford	Molecular Geometry
1963	Monsieur Henri Fluchère (1898-1987), Directeur de la Maison Francais, Oxford	A Frenchman Looks at Shakespeare
1964	Professor John E Harris (1910-1968) CBE FRS, Maritime Historian, Professor of Zoology, Bristol University	Living Tides
1965	Professor Allan Nevins (1890-1971), Harmsworth Professor of American History, Oxford	A Half Century of Civil Rights – Or Wrongs ¹
1966	Sir Edward Bullard (1907-1980) FRS, Professor of Geodesy and Geophysics, University of Cambridge	The History of an Ocean

¹ Title edited

1967	Professor (Charles) Martin Robertson (1911-2004), Lincoln Professor of Classical Archaeology and Art, Oxford	Polygnotus at Delphi
1968	Sir Frederick Bawden (1908-1972) FRS, Plant Virologist, Rothamsted Experimental Station	The Development of Ideas on Viruses
1969	Professor Lord Llewelyn-Davies (1912-1981), Professor of Architecture and Head of School, The Bartlett, University College London	Milton Keynes: A City for the Year 2000
1970	Dame Honor Fell (1900-1986) DBE FRS, Research Worker in Division of Immunology, Department of Pathology, University of Cambridge	What is an Individual
1971	Mrs Shirley Williams, Baroness Williams of Crosby (1930-2021) MP, Shadow Home Secretary (Honorary Fellow of Somerville College, Oxford)	The Decline of Liberal Confidence
1972	Dr W. Grey Walter (1910-1977), pioneer in the field of cybernetics	Time and Chance In The Brain
1973	Dr Germaine Greer (1939-), writer and public intellectual	Poet, Poetaster, Poetess
1974	Dr Antoinette Pirie (1905-1991), conducted laboratory work on vitamin A deficiency in rats in Cambridge, and Editor and Secretary, Xerophthalmia Bulletin	Indian Adventures of A Biochemist
1975	Professor Archibald Cox (1912-2004), Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge	The American Presidency: The effects of Watergate
1976	Dr D W Sciama (1926-1999), Senior Research Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford	The Early Stages of The Universe
1977	Mrs Acton (Judith Todd) (1943-), political activist	After The Breakdown...
1978	Claire Tomalin (1933-), journalist and biographer	Katherine Mansfield and The New Age
1979	Sir Derek Ezra (1919-2015) MBE, Chairman, National Coal Board	Energy and The Economy
1980	Professor. W J Whelan (1924-2021) DSc FRS, Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Miami	Genetic Experimentation With Molecules
1982	Professor Laurence Martin (1928-2022), Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University	National Security in a Nuclear Age
1984	Professor Ralf Dahrendorf (1929-2009) FBA, Director of the London School of Economics	(cancelled owing to illness)
1985	Emma Kirkby (1949-), Early music specialist / Anthony Rooley (1944-), Lutenist	Lecture recital on 'Seventeenth Century Music'

1987	Dame Jennifer Jenkins (1921-2017) DBE, Chairman of the National Trust, and Girton alumna	Conservation
1989	Diane Abbott (1953-) MP	
1991	Professor Kay-Tee Khaw (1950-), Professor of Clinical Gerontology in Cambridge and Girton alumna	Can we prevent adverse consequences of Ageing?
1995	Sir Leon Brittan (1939-2015), European Commissioner for External Affairs	Towards A Europe For The Individual
1997	Professor Marilyn Strathern (1941-), Professorial Fellow at Girton (1993-8) and Girton alumna	From Improvement to Enhancement: An Anthropological Comment on the Audit Culture
2000	Cherie Booth (1954-) QC, recorder in the County Court and Crown Court; founding member of Matrix Chambers	The Human Rights Act 1998 – Avalanche or Opportunity
2003	Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (1942-), Unilever Advisory Director	Africa's Challenges
2006	Lord May of Oxford (1936-2020)	Parasites, People and Policy: Infectious Diseases and Millennium Development Goals
2009	Professor Henrietta L Moore (1957-), William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge	What is culture for? Some thoughts on hopes, desires and satisfactions
2011	Baroness Helena Kennedy, QC (1950-), Barrister; Queen's Council; Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford	Power and Democracy in a Globalised World
2013	Dame Anne Owers (1947-), Chair of the Independent Police Complaints; non-executive director of the Criminal Cases Review Commission	Guarding the Guards: the role of Independent Regulation
2015	Sir Paul Nurse (1949-), President of the Royal Society and Director of the Francis Crick Institute in London	Science as Revolution
2018	Hisham Matar (1970-), author.	Life and Work
2019	During this year, the Founders Memorial Lecture was one of five lectures celebrating the 150 th anniversary of the Foundation of the College	
	Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado of Japan (1953-), Honorary Fellow (The Founders' Memorial Lecture)	Netsuke and Their Role in Introducing Japan to the West.
	Professor Dame Pratibha Gai FRS, JEOL, Honorary Fellow; Founding Professor and Yorkshire Forward Chair of Electron Microscopy, York University (The Founders' Science Lecture)	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN! Atoms in Action for Energy, Environment and Healthcare.
	The Rt Hon Baroness Hale of Richmond (1945-), Visitor (The Visitor's Lecture)	100 Years of Women in Law
	Herman Narula (1988-), CEO of Improbable Worlds Ltd (The Founders' Enterprise Lecture)	Virtual Worlds: The Next Great Wilderness.

	Dame Karen Pierce (1959-), DCMG, Honorary Fellow, UK Permanent Representative to the UN in New York (The Girton150 Festival Lecture)	The UN today: Parliament of Man or Parliament of Futility?
2022	Sandi Toksvig (1958-), Honorary Fellow, Writer, Presenter, Broadcaster, Comedian	Writing Wrongs: Why I Write
2024	Professor Olivette Otele, historian	Europe and America Engaging with Transatlantic Enslavement: Memories, Legacies and Restorative Justice