

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Beginning in France in the mid seventies the U3A movement has now spread to most countries and has many hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly, retirement.

The third age is seen to provide the greatest opportunities for learning and understanding because it is during this period of retirement that the idea of a university as a community of those who seek greater understanding through learning can be put into practice.

The unique characteristics of U3A

- Learning topics are selected by the members
- In depth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitators are usually members of the groups
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly
- There are no examinations
- There are no compulsory activities
- Courses take place during daylight hours
- Costs are minimal and within reach of everybody

The U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust has recently entered into a partnership with the University of Otago which will enhance their shared community of interest by continuing to provide a programme of non-credit educational courses while further utilising the expertise and resources of the University.

ADMINISTRATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN?

Dates: 9 March to 27 April

Time: 10 00 am to 12 noon

Fee: \$30

Tea and coffee provided

Enrolments -- limited to 50

You are able to enrol in more than one programme (subject to numbers). If you wish to enrol for more than one programme, you *must indicate your choice* on the Enrolment Form.

For this course, preference will be given to people who applied and were unsuccessful when it was offered in June - August 2005

To be received on or before **mid-day Wednesday 15 February**. After the draw those who were unsuccessful will be notified by 24 February.

Venue

All sessions are held in the Lecture Room, Salmond hall, Knox Street, NE Valley.

Course Organiser

Donald Feist (476 3268)

Assistant

Jenny Laws (467 9890)

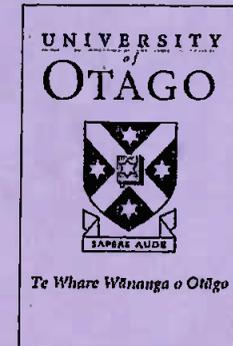
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Rodgers & Associates
Law Practice

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1st choice ___ 2nd choice ___ 3rd choice ___
Please tick appropriate spaces.

First Name for Name Tag: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

Course Fee: \$30

Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

Please complete and return to:

U3A

Rodgers and Associates

151-155 Princes Street

PO Box 6200

Dunedin

on or before noon

Wednesday, 15 February 2006

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**This is a repeat of the programme offered
in June-August 2005**

The programme

We humans are, without question, animals -- mammals and members of the family of great apes, to be precise. Our bodies are made and function in the same way as those of other mammals, but our brains are better developed. Indeed, it seems we are the only animals that know that one day we must die.

To say we are "featherless bipeds" may set some boundaries, but somehow we feel there is more to us than that. We all of us have a life-time's experience of being human, and yet many of us ask -- and fail to find any easy answer to -- the question: What **DOES** it mean to be human?

In this lecture and discussion series experts from a variety of disciplines will address this question, a topic which has fascinated thinkers at least since the time of the ancient Greeks. Has the explosion of knowledge brought us closer to an answer?

Precise answers may be elusive, but grappling with the question promises to be both fascinating and rewarding.

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LECTURE PROGRAMME 2006

Thursdays 10.00 am - noon

Venue: Lecture Room, Salmond Hall

9 March **An Anthropologist's Answer**
Speaker: Prof. Helen Leach

16 March **The Answer of Molecular Genetics**
Speaker: Emeritus Prof. George Petersen

23 March **A Psychologist's Answer**
Speaker: Assoc. Prof. David Bilkey

30 March **A Philosopher's Answer**
Speaker: Dr Charles Pigden

6 April **The Answer of the Christian Tradition**
Speaker: Rev. Robin Shallcross

13 April **The Answer of the Arts**
Speaker: Emeritus Prof. Colin Gibson

20 April **A Chinese Perspective**
Speaker: Dr Brian Moloughney

27 April **A Bio-Ethicist's Answer**
Speaker: Prof. Donald Evans

**RETAIN THIS PORTION -- remember
your 1st choice**