

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS

Online Study Groups are 8 weeks, 2 hours, cost \$55, and have a maximum of 15 members.

Each member researches a topic related to the general subject and shares their findings with the class. For additional details and possible topics, please visit www.slrlondon.com.

NEW ZEALAND

Monday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 18 – March 15 (No class Feb 15, Family Day)

Course Leader: Jean Surry; Zoom Host TBA

New Zealand is one of the most gorgeous countries on earth, known for its stunning national parks, dynamic Māori culture, incredible hiking trails, world-class skiing and surfing, vineyards, and Lord of the Rings attractions. Frequent earthquakes and 'slips' do not deter eager tourists from exploring these volcanic islands. Let's discover all that New Zealand has to offer.

INVASIVE SPECIES

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 19 - March 9

Course Leader: Muriel Andreae; Zoom Host: TBA

Beetles that destroy complete forests; mussels that clog nuclear plant cooling water intakes; beautiful plants and grasses that choke all other native plants. Plants, animals, birds or insects have become invasive pests in many countries, causing extensive harm. Let's learn why invasive species continue to appear, and which ones should be controlled.

IT'S A MYSTERY

Tuesday 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

January 19 – March 9

Course Leader: Denise Ritchie; Zoom Host TBA

Tell us about your favourite mystery novel, novel series or author. What makes the novel or author special? Examine the many genres of the mystery novel: the traditional whodunit, police procedurals, espionage or psychological suspense. Is it the characters, setting or time period that fascinates you? If made into a movie, which version did you prefer? Choose from classics or contemporary works.

HISTORY OF SPACE EXPLORATION

Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

January 20 – March 10

Course Leader: Norm McCall; Zoom Host TBA

The celestial sky has fascinated humans since antiquity. The 16th century scientific study of planetary movements by Copernicus and Galileo has blossomed

in the 20th century to human space travel, moon landings, and missions to planets and asteroids. Today, modern telescopes and particle detectors reveal secrets of the universe to the beginning of time. What intrigues you about the history of space exploration and its future?

CANADA IN THE NEXT DECADE: FACING CHALLENGES AND RESPONDING TO OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 21 - March 11

Course Leader: Michael Johnson; Zoom Host: TBA

The next decade will bring both larger and smaller challenges and opportunities for Canada and Canadians. How can we, as individuals, communities, provinces and a nation, respond? What actions can we encourage our governments to take? Learning from the past, and experiencing the present, how might we face the future? Meet with other thoughtful people and present your point of view on one of these issues.

RENAISSANCE ART AND ARTISTS

Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 21 - March 11

Course Leader: Paul Webb; Zoom Host: Jeff Keenor

During the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries, European artists produced works and buildings of incredible beauty - such as Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper, Michelangelo's David and his paintings for the Sistine Chapel. How did styles change during this period? What are the stories behind the artists and patrons? Paint us a picture of the times, the artists, and their art.

SOCIAL IMPACT OF DISEASE IN HISTORY

Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

January 21 – March 11

Course Leader: Burton Moon; Zoom Host TBA

The current COVID crisis has changed most of our lives, and our leaders are judged on their responses. But this is far from the first such experience. Societies, back to ancient times, have suffered far worse infestations, and often millions died, social norms were shattered, and survivors were traumatized. Here's an opportunity to explore the role of disease in shaping history.

ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS Number of sessions varies

REALLY CURRENT EVENTS

Monday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

January 18 – March 15 (8 sessions; No class Feb 15, Family Day)

Course Leader: Edna Blomqvist; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 14 members

Start the year off with this stimulating discussion group. We will look at stories that have an immediate time frame: stories that have made the news within the past week. Each participant, in turn, brings three media stories for the whole group to discuss. Animated discussion is guaranteed.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

January 19 - March 9 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Deborah Roberts; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$55; Maximum 12 members

Creative writing is a form of artistic expression, drawing on imagination and open-minded thinking - the craft of making things up. Anyone can be a creative writer. In an encouraging and fun environment, we'll engage in varied writing exercises to stretch our mental muscles. From various forms – poetry, short stories, songs, plays, and stream-of-consciousness - we'll construct and share our compositions. Join us for an enjoyable experience.

THE RIGHT PLACE

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

January 19 - February 23 (6 sessions)

Course Leader: Phyllis Brady; Zoom Host: Kathleen Hazelwood

Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members

Join us as we explore housing alternatives that delve into our expectations of living into old age and investigate options to consider. Topics include decisions on aging in place, downsizing, retirement communities and co-housing, to name a few. Bring your questions and shared experiences so we can learn together.

SHIFTING VALUES ACROSS GENERATIONS

Wednesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

January 20 – February 24 (6 sessions)

Course Leader: Richard Waring; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members

The SLR generation, for the most part, grew up and matured during the 50's, 60's and 70's. Now in our senior years, we have children and grandchildren whose attitudes, beliefs and behaviours are often different from ours. How do our differences manifest themselves? How do we respond, and is our response appropriate?

LONDON HERITAGE ISSUES

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

January 20 – February 24 (6 sessions)

Course Leader: Eleanor Rath; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$40; Maximum 12 members

Does a growing, expanding community need to retain elements of its past? Are local museums and historical plaques the best way to preserve this heritage? Should old buildings be saved or demolished to make way for new development? If your property is protected, who should pay the added costs of upkeep? Let's talk about what's happening here in London and elsewhere concerning heritage conservation.

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

Friday 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 22 – March 26 (10 sessions)

Course Leaders/Zoom Hosts: Susan Booth and Jackie Dix

Fee: \$65; Maximum 12 members

Death is the one great certainty in life and a personal journey each of us approaches in our own way. Let's consider our own unique path with death, dying and grieving by exploring this important though uncomfortable topic. Together we will be posing vitally important questions, sharing experiences, and offering thoughtful observations that may profoundly change the way we live and die.

CANADA'S NATIONAL FILM BOARD

Friday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

January 22 - March 12 (8 sessions)

Course Leader: Diana Lloyd; Zoom Host: Jean Surry

Fee: \$55; Maximum 12 members

Since 1939, our taxes have supported talented filmmakers who have produced over 3000 films and won 5000 awards that interpret Canada to Canadians and other nations. How much do you know about this national treasure? Together we will choose a weekly theme, and then select a few short, relevant documentaries to watch independently, prior to class, to be ready for group discussion.

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Got Questions?
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ONLINE DISCUSSION AND ACTIVITY GROUPS continued

KAIROS TEACHING AND SHARING CIRCLE: SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE COURT SYSTEM

Tuesday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

February 9 (1 Session)

Course Leader: Alison Greenhill; Zoom Host TBA

Fee: \$25; Maximum 25 members

This Sharing Circle begins with a presentation by Tina Stevens, an Algonquin-Ojibwe woman who has been employed in the court system for 30 years, and then invites participant involvement. She will explore the legacy of racism and discrimination toward Indigenous peoples, how Indigenous laws were overlooked, and how steps towards Reconciliation may re-shape the injustices in the system.

INTEREST GROUPS & SOCIAL EVENTS

NOTE:

Due to COVID-19, all interest Groups except the Photography Club (full) and all Social Events have been cancelled.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Online Classes Begin week of January 18th.

Family Day Holiday: February 15th, no classes.

Spring 2021 Brochure: TBA

Note: For additional details on all our groups, please visit our website at www.slrlondon.ca

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

All Courses Will Be Online for the Winter Term:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic SLR will not have a Program Preview or Open House for the Winter program.

You can register for courses online by going to www.slrlondon.com or in person at the Coach House on dates TBA or via mail. If unsure how to register online, go to the Zoom tab on the website to get the easy step-by-step instructions.

Registration opens on Monday, November 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Membership Fee:

If you are new to SLR or starting in the Winter, term please remember to pay your annual membership fee of **\$15** (prorated for the Winter term). Just select the Membership "product" on the website and add it to your cart in addition to your course selection(s) before checking out. If filling out a paper registration, then check the membership fee in the appropriate column and add it to your course fee(s). If you have already paid for your membership in the Fall, then do not pay again.

Waiting Lists:

If a course you want is FULL, you can add your name to a **Waiting List**. Sometimes openings become available in the first week. To join the waiting list just click on the link below to send us an Email. Be sure to tell us the **name of the course you want**.

Payment Options:

The website accepts credit and debit cards. As soon as you pay by credit card or debit card you will get an automatic email notification.

You can also pay by cheque by selecting the **CHEQUE** button on the checkout page once you have selected your courses, added your Membership Fee (if relevant) and checked out.

In the case of a cheque payment, you will NOT get an automatic email as the order gets put on 'Hold' until the payment is received. As soon as possible, fill out your cheque, making it payable to **SLR London**, and mail it to the address below or drop it off in the Grosvenor Lodge Coach House at the times specified in a mass email. Once we have received your cheque, you will be notified.

Note 1: Registration is complete only when full payment has been received by SLR; cheques must be received before classes begin.

Note 2: We are unable to process post-dated cheques. Please do not send cash through the mail.

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REFUND POLICY

No refunds are issued for Annual Membership Fees.

If SLR cancels a program, a full refund is issued.

A full refund of fees, less a nominal administration fee, will be issued up to the second session of a course. Members who withdraw after the second week of term normally will not receive a refund.

Exceptions will be considered for medical or compassionate reasons.

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