

## **Sophia Lecture**

The Sophia Lecture was established in 1977 by members of the Bosanquet family and friends in memory of Ellen Sophia Bosanquet, daughter of Dr Thomas Hodgkin, DCL, Honorary Treasurer of Armstrong College, and mother of the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The purpose of the gift is to enable the University, in every alternate year, to invite a person of high distinction, preferably a woman, to give a public lecture on any appropriate subject.

*First Sophia Lecture, 19 January 1978*

Dame Veronica Wedgwood, DBE, CM

***The English Civil War in Perspective***

*Second Sophia Lecture, 10 March 1980*

Dame Josephine Barnes, DBE FR CP FR CS FROOG

***Twentieth Century Gynaecologist***

*Third Sophia Lecture, 22 October 1981*

Professor Dorothy M Hodgkin, OM FRS Nobel Laureate

***On Making Peace Possible***

*Fourth Sophia Lecture, 10 November 1983*

Jean Floud, CBE BSc (Econ) MA HonLittD HonDLitt

***Dangerousness and the Law: Risk, Uncertainty and the Protection of the Public***

*Fifth Sophia Lecture, 17 November 1985*

Baroness Platt of Writtle

***Making Equal Opportunities a Reality***

*Sixth Sophia Lecture, 20 March 1990*

Mrs Mary Midgley

***Why the Environment Matters***

*Seventh Sophia Lecture, 20 October 1993*

Dr Sheila Cassidy

***Living with Fear***

*Eighth Sophia Lecture, 19 October 1995*

Bridget Kendall MBE

***Russia and America: a Correspondent's View***

*Ninth Sophia Lecture, 27 November 1997*

Ann Paludan

***Reading Chinese Sculpture: A New Look at a Great Sculptural Tradition***

*Tenth Sophia Lecture, 14 October 1999*

Professor Dame Jessica Rawson

***Ancestral Spirits and Extraordinary Deities: Religious Change in Ancient China***

*Eleventh Sophia Lecture, 2 May 2002*

Libby Purves

***A free woman?***

*Twelfth Sophia Lecture, 2 March 2004*

Rabbi Julia Neuberger DBE

***The Moral State We're In***

*Thirteenth Sophia Lecture, 21 November 2006*

Jane Glover

***Mozart's Women***

*Fourteenth Sophia Lecture, 30 October 2008*

Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell

***A Female Astronomer Reflects***

*Fifteenth Sophia Lecture, 17 May 2011*

Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty

***Common values, common politics: human rights in a new era of British Government***

*Sixteenth Sophia Lecture, 24 October 2013*

Camila Batmanghelidjh, Founder and Chief Executive of Kids Company

***Scaffolding and care***

*Seventeenth Sophia Lecture, 9 December 2014*

Uta Frith, Emeritus Professor of Cognitive Development, University College London

***A little bit autistic?***

*Eighteenth Sophia Lecture, 8 May 2018*

Nicola LeFanu, Composer

***A composer's half-century***