

**3<sup>rd</sup> International Summer School and Symposium  
on  
Humour and Laughter: Theory, Research and Applications**  
**University of Edinburgh, Scotland**  
**15th - 20th September 2003**

Following on from the highly successful summer schools in 2001 and 2002 at Queen's University, Belfast, the International Summer School on Humour and Laughter will this year be held in Edinburgh, in the School of Informatics at the University of Edinburgh.

### **Outline of the school**

Interest in both research on humour and practical applications of humour has increased sharply in the past decade. For new research students just beginning their research careers or those already-trained researchers considering a first research project on humour, this course will ensure that they enter the field with a strong foundation in existing theoretical and methodological issues, and are well versed in the pitfalls confronting the scientific study of humour. For those interested in practical applications of humour in a variety of applied settings, the course will introduce them to the kinds of approaches that are being used around the world to put humour to work and to deliver the benefits of humour and laughter.

There will be sessions from Monday morning to Saturday afternoon inclusive, with one afternoon free for relaxation, sight-seeing, etc., and about half a day during the week for the Symposium. For the rest of the time, classes will be presented by a number of lecturers.

The Symposium part of the summer school will take place on Thursday. This is where participants may present their planned or finished research or ideas on how to implement and use humour in applied settings, in any form they like.

### **Teaching faculty**

Dr Lydia Amir (College of Management, Tel Aviv), Professor Christie Davies (University of Reading), Dr Rüdiger Hasenoeuhl (University of Hertfordshire), Dr Graeme Ritchie (University of Edinburgh), Professor Willibald Ruch (University of Zurich), & further guest teachers.

### **More information**

The Summer School Web Site: <http://www.iccs.informatics.ed.ac.uk/iss03/>.

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