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The Malta Federation for Professional Associations (MFPA), in collaboration with the University of Malta's Centre for the Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), is organising the last two public talks on 14th July.

These talks give a taster of the University's new flagship Programme in the Liberal Arts and Sciences (PLAS). Starting this October, PLAS will be offering an excellent opportunity for personal growth and professional development. The talks will be delivered by lecturers who will be teaching units within PLAS. For more information visit www.um.edu.mt/clas or EMAIL: clas@um.edu.mt

Talk	Speaker	Date
Preserving our Treasures The Environment: Issues and Challenges	Mr James Licari Dr Alan Deidun	Monday 14 th July

The talks will be held between 19:00 and 20:00 at the The Professional Centre, Sliema Road, Gzira.

The talks are free of charge.

Bookings are on a first come first served basis.

For reservations please send email to info@mfpa.org.mt or call on 21 312 888 / 99471287

TALK - Monday 14 July

THE ENVIRONMENT: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Dr Alan Deidun

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ALAN DEIDUN is a Senior Lecturer within the International Ocean Institute (IOI-MOC) at the University of Malta. He has published numerous works on different aspects of coastal and marine ecology and is also deeply involved in environmental advocacy, having penned a newspaper column for the past 12 years which in turn twice received the local Environmental Journalism Award.

Description of LAS1011 - The Environment: Issues and Challenges

<http://www.um.edu.mt/clas/studyunit/las1011>

Participants will be presented with Malta's unique socio-economic setting focusing on land as a limited resource. The unit will include an analysis of terrestrial issues, such as the construction industry and land development, land degradation practices and pressures including trapping, hunting, land reclamation for agricultural purposes and at sea, and off-roading. Participants will also be given the opportunity to explore possible solutions to environmental issues tackled and to explore future scenarios through proposals to amend existing environmental legislation (such as the proposed ODZ policy changes). The role of civil society and NGOs will be examined. The unit will introduce participants to the need to conserve land resources in accordance to the ecological, landscape, agricultural, recreational or cultural value it carries as well as instruments and policies adopted for the protection of such sites, eg. Natura 2000 sites and Special Areas of Conservation.

Furthermore, the unit will address issues that deal with the management of marine and coastal environments, as well as the public's right to access public land and the right to access of environmental information. Overall, through this unit, students will be able to contextualize land issues within the fundamental principles of sustainable development. The study-unit material will be delivered in such a way that it is accessible and comprehensible to participants hailing from different academic backgrounds and will involve two field visits which are tailored so as to complement and show-case perfectly some of the theoretical material covered in class.

TALK – Monday 14 July

PRESERVING OUR TREASURES

James Licari

Bionote

JAMES LICARI graduated in Conservation and Restoration Studies and specialised in the field of conservation-restoration of metals, ceramics, glass, stone and composite materials. He is currently a full-time conservator-restorer/lecturer at the Institute for Conservation and Management of Cultural Heritage (ICMCH), within the conservation-restoration division of Heritage Malta. His work concerns the preservation of the national collections as well as providing academic and empirical support for any educational programs. Before joining Heritage Malta, Mr Licari was the founding president of the conservation and restoration co-operative society, registered under the name of 'ReCoop' (operating since 2003). He resigned from ReCoop in May 2006 and later founded a new Conservation and Restoration Company, 'Heritage-ResCo'. He has been one of the initiators and founding committee members of 'MAPCo-Re: The Malta Association of Professional Conservator-Restorers'. He is also a committee of management member of 'ICOM-Malta' and 'ICOMOS-Malta'. He also carries out freelance work and volunteers with NGOs.

Description of LAS1012 – Preserving our Treasures

<http://www.um.edu.mt/clas/studyunit/las1012>

This Unit, which will include formal lectures and study visits, will give basic theoretical and practical information on how best to take care – and hence preserve – cherished and possibly valuable items of significance to the owner. These will include items such as paintings, furniture, textiles (such as clothes, lace, carpets), books and works of art on paper, photographs and ceramics.