



café controversial

AUTUMN – WINTER 2010

Exploring **topical** issues around **science** and **living**

Events begin at 7pm in Satrosphere's Tramsheds Coffee House on the dates listed and are **FREE** to attend.

SEP

Mon 20th

Cannabis: Menace or Medicine?

Professor Ruth Ross, Institute of Medical Sciences, University of Aberdeen: Cannabis is the most widely used illegal drug in the UK, yet cannabis-based medicines are approved for a range of conditions. So how do the medical benefits square up with the drug's status as a banned substance?



OCT

Mon 11th

Nuclear Scotland

Dr Euan Mearns, Editor, The Oil Drum Blog and Honorary Research Fellow, University of Aberdeen: No one wants to have a nuclear power station on their door step. But can we keep the lights on without nuclear power? We face difficult decisions in the years ahead.



NOV

Mon 15th

Flat Earths, Moving Suns and Creationism

Professor William Naphy, Department of History, University of Aberdeen: Literal readings of the Bible place the earth at the centre of the Universe. Meanwhile flat earth theories have rippled through history. Professor Naphy discusses the history of these beliefs where scientific evidence meets satirical mischief making.



DEC

Mon 13th

Boy or Girl – You Choose?

Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital. Chaired by Professor Neva Haites, Head of College, Life Sciences and Medicine, University of Aberdeen: Genetic biology has advanced so that a child's gender can be preselected in the test tube. What has made this possible and can we reconcile the ethics with what some parents consider an invaluable right to choose?

