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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

A fresh look into grasslands as carbon sinks. [Read more ...](#)

The most damaging farm products? Organic, pasture-fed beef and lamb. You may be amazed by that answer, but the area of land used for grazing is vast compared with the meat and milk produced.

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Pakistan tree plantation drive amid rising temperatures. Dozens of state and private planting initiatives launched for more forest cover to counterbalance rapid urbanisation. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Marshall Islands, Once Nearly Covid-Free, Confront an Outbreak. The Pacific nation was one of the last places on the planet to see its first Covid-19 cases. Now the virus is spreading rapidly. [Read ...](#)

Israel closes Palestinian rights groups it labeled terrorist. Israel has raided the offices of several Palestinian advocacy groups it had previously designated as terrorist organizations. [Read more ...](#)

Families on the Windrush: There were many family groups on the ship, what follows offers just a few examples that barely scratch the surface of the full story. [Read more ...](#)

Russian speakers in Latvia told to pick sides in test of patriotism. [Read more ...](#)

Drama, disappointment in Nairobi as Ruto wins Kenyan election. There was drama and disagreement across parts of the Kenyan capital after Deputy President Ruto was declared president-elect.

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Local News ...

Innovative Exeter Student start-up set to shape the future of Artificial Intelligence. [Read more ...](#)

It used to be called the 'rag trade'. But the countries with which the UK 'traded' its waste textiles no longer want them – understandably enough [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Wildlife and Conservation at the University of Exeter (Cornwall). [Watch ...](#)

Who is John Blanke? Tudors: Passion Power and Politics. [Watch ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Salman Rushdie has championed the notion that artists must be free to speak – and to mock. The author has lived with the threat of real violence in response to his words, yet he still upholds the right of artists to be as cutting as they like, whatever the cost. [Read more ...](#)

'She asked me, will they kill you if they discover you?': Afghan girls defy education ban at secret schools. [Read more ...](#)

WHO asks public for help with monkeypox name change. The United Nations health agency says it wants to find a new, less stigmatising name for the rapidly-spreading disease. [Read more ...](#)

Yellow crazy ants cause chaos in India villages. Hundreds of people who live in seven villages in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu say they are reeling from an infestation of yellow crazy ants. [Read more ...](#)

'If you see me, cry': Drought reveals 'hunger stones' in River Elbe historically used to forecast famine. Past societies left us a warning about the outcomes of extreme weather. [Read more ...](#)

London museum to return 72 Benin treasures to Nigeria. Horniman museum is first government-funded institution to hand back artefacts looted by British forces in 1897. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Global Justice Now: While Covid-19 still rages, the world is facing another public health emergency – monkeypox. Tell Bavarian Nordic to share the vaccine. [Petition ...](#)

Palestine Solidarity Campaign: Tell the UK Government: support Palestinian NGOs under renewed attack. [Details ...](#)

Detention Action: Families for Justice have written to the CEO's of the private airlines Hi Fly, Privilege Style and Iberojet, inviting them to meet face-to-face with some of the British families torn apart by their mass deportation flights. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Medical Aid for Palestinians: Gaza's health system on the brink of collapse yet again. [Read more ...](#)

Websites ...

Amnesty International firmly believe that no one – including any government – has the right to take away someone else's life. They oppose the use of the death penalty in every single case. No matter what the crime, who the alleged criminal is, or the method proposed to execute them – they will always stand against it.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/issues/Death-penalty>

Durham University: Decolonising History - important information about their decolonisation initiatives and resources that contribute to this endeavour.

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/academic/history/about-us/diversity/decolonising-history/>