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Focus areas - May 2026

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Below is a list of the areas where engagement remains lowest, along with additional topics where we're seeking more academic interest.

Environment & Energy

- "How to" guides that show readers how to tackle household issues in environmentally friendly ways

Contact: [Rachael Jolley](#)

- Stories that compare responses to an energy/environmental problem and how it is tackled differently in two countries, eg recycling in Sweden and UK
- Reviewers for upcoming climate/nature-related books/films
- Unusual research expeditions with a strong climate hook and a captivating first-person narrative
- Ideas linked to our climate poetry award that might inspire people to enter

Contact: [Anna Turns](#)

Education & Young People

- Expert tips on common parenting challenges

Contact: [Grace Allen](#)

Science & Technology

- Ancient DNA
- Palaeontology
- Chemistry
- Genetics
- Aspects of astronaut life

Contact: [Mike Herd](#)

Health & Medicine

- Dermatology, dentistry and longevity (gerontology)

Contact: [Clint Witchalls](#)

Business & Economy

- Specific countries and the interesting/unusual economic choices they're making or challenges they're tackling

Contact: [Luke Salkeld](#)

Arts & Culture

- Philosophers and visual arts experts, especially those keen to get out to review exhibitions

Contact: [Anna Walker](#)

International Affairs

- Experts in military strategy and technology to help broaden our coverage of the war in Iran and Ukraine
- Seeking US politics experts for the upcoming midterms, with a focus on constitutional law and voting trends
- Experts on conditions in the West Bank and Gaza, and Israeli politics ahead of this year's elections

Contact: [Jonty Este](#)

Politics & Society

- Experts on immigration's effect on the economy and society

Contact: [Avery Anapol](#)

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