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Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2014 Political Studies Association Awards Ceremony.

The Political Studies Association exists to promote the study of politics. It continues to flourish. The Association has been at the forefront for over sixty years in thinking about - and challenging - how we govern ourselves. It has almost 2,000 members, from the UK and beyond, from postgraduate students to founder members who joined in the 1950s. It runs a growing range of research groups, conferences and events, and publications - including the magazine Political Insight which brings quality politics research to a broader audience.

Among our priorities in the coming years is to ensure the study of politics remains strong in the UK. We have developed a new and lively school teachers’ section to make sure politics remains a popular and lively A-Level choice, and we work hard with our colleagues across the UK to develop the skill and innovation with which politics is taught at university, ensuring it equips graduates with the skills that make them among the most sought after graduates by employers.

We also focus strongly on our research. Politics does better than most other social sciences in winning competitive research funding, and delivers more findings rated as ‘outstanding’ than most other social sciences. Politics departments are awaiting the results of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework which will assess not just the academic quality of our research, but also its impact on politics and society in the UK and beyond. We know those non-academic impacts are highly significant and underline the value of our work in challenging and shaping the policies our governments pursue, in contributing to public debates which hold those governments to account, and in these ways bringing real benefit to society in the UK.

This is the thirteenth Awards Ceremony to be held by the Association. Each year the Ceremony provides an opportunity to recognise academics, journalists, campaigners and politicians who have made an exceptional contribution to the study and the practice of politics. And now we also offer prizes that showcase the exciting ways that students go about the study of politics. Thanks to all our award winners for their outstanding work in studying, analysing and practising politics.

Many thanks too to those who made this evening possible: our awards jury; our Master of Ceremonies Jon Snow; Danielle Bailey, Helena Djurkovic and Sandra McDonagh for organising the evening; and our sponsors Wiley-Blackwell, Routledge, SAGE, Elsevier, YouGov and the Higher Education Academy.

None of the award decisions were easy ones; the competition in each category was strong, so many congratulations to all our winners. We hope they, and you, have a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Professor Matthew Flinders
Chair, Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom
**Award Winners 2014**

**Politician of the Year**

**THERESA MAY**

Theresa May is the current UK Home Secretary and the Member of Parliament for Maidenhead. May had a varied education spanning both the state and private sectors, attending both grammar and comprehensive schools. After reading Geography at St Hugh’s College, Oxford University she began her career at the Bank of England and went on to hold posts at the Association for Payment Clearing Services (APACS) as Head of the European Affairs Unit and Senior Adviser on International Affairs.

Theresa May has been involved in politics at all levels for many years. She served as a councillor in the London Borough of Merton from 1986 to 1994, during which time she was Chairman of Education (1988-1990) and Deputy Group Leader and Housing Spokesman (1992-1994). She was first elected MP for Maidenhead in May 1997 and is an active local campaigner. Her local activity has included campaigns to improve the local train service, bring a minor injuries unit to St Marks Hospital, and improve Maidenhead town centre.

She has held several positions within Parliament since being elected. She was a member of the Shadow Cabinet from 1999 to 2010, working as Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and Shadow Leader of the House of Commons. From 2002 to 2003 she was the first female Chairman of the Conservative Party. She was also Minister for Women & Equalities from 2010 to 2012.

May was appointed Home Secretary in May 2010. In this role she has been responsible for undertaking a radical reform of the police, making major changes to police recruitment, cutting central government funding and bringing in a new skills-based pay structure. May has made moves to overturn a number of policies such as the controversial ID card system. She is also proposing to review the usage of CCTV cameras as well as the retention of criminals’ DNA samples.

**Why she won:**

As one of the longest serving Home Secretaries, Theresa May has dealt exceptionally well with many crises over the last four years, and has become a formidable and effective force in politics. The judges commended May on ‘her tenacity and willingness to take on seemingly intractable problems as well as her continuing commitment to issues of equality and diversity.’
Parliamentarian of the Year

NICOLA STURGEON

Nicola Sturgeon is the leader of the Scottish National Party and the First Minister of Scotland. Born in the North Ayrshire town of Irvine in 1970, Sturgeon first joined the SNP at the age of 16. After studying law at Glasgow University and working as a solicitor at the city’s Drumchapel Law Centre, her entry into full-time politics came in 1999, at the age of 29, when she was elected to the new Holyrood parliament as a Glasgow regional MSP. She was re-elected as a Glasgow MSP in 2003 before becoming Deputy Leader of the SNP under Alex Salmond in 2004. As Salmond was still a Westminster MP at that time, Sturgeon led the SNP in the Scottish Parliament until the 2007 elections.

After the SNP’s victory at the 2007 Scottish Parliament Election, in which Nicola Sturgeon won the Glasgow Govan constituency from Labour, she was appointed as the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing. Acting in her capacity as Scottish Health Secretary, she had a key role reporting the Scottish Government’s response to the 2009 swine flu outbreak and also abolished prescription and hospital car park charges.

After the Cabinet reshuffle of 2012 she became responsible for overseeing the Scottish Independence Referendum of 2014. As leader of the referendum campaign, Nicola Sturgeon argued that independence would allow Scotland to build a stronger and more competitive country and would change spending priorities to address ‘the scandal of soaring poverty in a country as rich as Scotland’. After the defeat of the referendum by a majority ‘No’ vote, Sturgeon said that further devolution is the route to independence and that Scottish independence is a matter of ‘when, not if’.

Following Alex Salmond’s resignation as First Minister of Scotland and Leader of the SNP, Nicola was confirmed as the only candidate to replace him as head of the SNP. This month, she officially became leader of the party and replaces Salmond as the First Minister of Scotland due to the SNP’s majority in the Scottish Parliament. She is the first female First Minister of Scotland.

Why she won:

The judges said, ‘Nicola Sturgeon has emerged as a real political heavyweight in Scottish politics suggesting that in the SNP, there may be life beyond Alex.’ Having led the SNP in the Scottish Parliament while Alex Salmond was not an MSP and then acting as Deputy First Minister, the judging panel agreed that ‘she is a calm, rational and powerful political actor in Scottish politics and has had great success at reaching a wide audience with integrity.’
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Lifetime Achievement in Politics

DAVID BLUNKETT

David Blunkett is Labour MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough. He has been one of Labour’s most recognisable figures for over thirty years, as a leader at both a local and national level. Born in 1947, David Blunkett was educated at schools for the blind in Sheffield and Shrewsbury before winning a place at the University of Sheffield where he achieved a BA honours degree in Political Theory and Institutions under the tutelage of Sir Bernard Crick.

David Blunkett entered local politics at the age of 22, becoming the youngest-ever councillor on Sheffield City Council and in Britain. He served on Sheffield City Council from 1970 to 1988, becoming Leader from 1980 to 1987, and on South Yorkshire County Council from 1973 to 1977. Blunkett was first elected to Parliament as a Labour MP in 1987 for Sheffield Brightside. After serving on the Shadow Cabinet, he became Education and Employment Secretary in 1997, Home Secretary in 2001, and Work and Pensions Secretary in 2005. As Education and Employment Secretary, Blunkett led a massive expansion in higher education by providing large-scale investment in universities. He also launched the Learning & Skills Councils, created Job Centre Plus and had responsibility for the Equal Opportunities Commission, as well as establishing the Disability Rights Commission. As Home Secretary, he was responsible for ground-breaking anti-terrorism policies after the 9/11 terror attacks in the United States in 2001.

Since leaving government, in addition to completing his diaries, *The Blunkett Tapes*, David Blunkett has undertaken a series of major pieces of work on issues including, anti-poverty, affordable credit and social mobility. He completed a review of the future role of the community and voluntary sector; chaired a major review of dedicated school transport; and undertook a review of police accountability for the Home Office which helped shape a subsequent Government White Paper. He also served on the Speaker’s Conference, which recommended substantial changes to improve representation in the House of Commons.

As a Visiting Professor in Politics at the University of Sheffield Blunkett has been instrumental in launching the Sir Bernard Crick Centre for the Public Understanding of Politics.

In June 2014, he announced his intention to stand down as a Labour MP at the next general election.

Why he won:

David Blunkett’s achievements in life have been astonishing. Commenting on his career, the judges said ‘Blunkett has been an effective if controversial minister who did much to help Labour’s rise to power and dominance from 1997 through to 2010. There are few people who know just how hard active politics is as a profession and few who have worked so tirelessly to deliver positive social change. He continues to promote political literacy via advocacy of improved citizenship education in schools and active political engagement more generally.’
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Campaigner of the Year

SIMON DANCZUK

Simon Danczuk is Labour MP for Rochdale. His working life started at 16 in a factory making gas fires. He later studied at night school and went on to gain a place at Lancaster University, where he studied economic sociology and politics as a mature student. He has been involved in the Labour movement for many years having joined the Labour Party through the GMB trade union in the late 1980s.

Before becoming an MP, Simon Danczuk served as a councillor and worked for various socially-focused organisations, including The Big Issue. He helped found a public affairs consultancy and worked as a campaign strategist for the Labour Party - leading former MP Janet Anderson’s 2005 election campaign.

Winning the Rochdale seat for Labour in the 2010 General Election, Danczuk has since been a highly active and high profile MP. He sits on the Communities and Local Government Select Committee and currently serves as Private Parliamentary Secretary to Chuka Umunna in his role as Shadow Business Secretary. Danczuk is also Co-Treasurer of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Kashmir and Vice-Chair of the APPGs on Pakistan and Markets.

He is best known for his work to expose the extent of child abuse perpetrated by former Liberal MP Cyril Smith in his book published this year, Smile for the Camera: The Double Life of Cyril Smith, with researcher and campaigner Matthew Baker.

He has also recently written in his local press expressing his fears about voter apathy, where he suggested that measures, such as establishing a turnout threshold, should be put in place to justify the election of an MP, Councillor or Police and Crime Commissioner.

Why he won:

Simon Danczuk was chosen by the judges as the winner of this award for leading the campaign to investigate historic child abuse. They commended him for ‘taking on extremely difficult and sensitive issues and dragging them into the light, and particularly with his book, co-authored with Matthew Baker, for exposing the sordid case of Cyril Smith and the shocking cover-ups which went on.’
Norman Lamb was chosen by the judges for this award for his outstanding work on mental health and social care. In particular, the judges commended Lamb for his launch of Positive and Safe, a two-year programme to end the deliberate use of face-down restraint in all health and care settings. The judges also mentioned his work with the Royal College of Nursing, Skills for Health and Skills for Care to develop new guidance for professionals as well as workforce training guidelines.
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**Journalist of the Year**

**MICHAEL CRICK**

Michael Crick has had a distinguished career in the political media industry as a journalist, biographer and broadcaster and is currently Political Correspondent for Channel 4 News.

Born in 1958 in Northampton, Crick was educated at Manchester Grammar School and New College, Oxford, where he was President of the Oxford Union, edited Cherwell (Oxford’s independent student newspaper) and founded the Oxford Handbook. After two years as a trainee journalist with ITN, he was a founding member of Channel 4 News in 1982, and later served as the programme’s Washington Correspondent. He joined the BBC in 1990, first as a reporter on Panorama, and then from 1992, on Newsnight. Crick then returned to Channel 4 News, as Political Correspondent in 2011. He won his first Royal Television Society award in 1989, and his second in 2002 for his Panorama special on Jeffrey Archer. His most recent RTS award came in 2014 when he was chosen as Specialist Journalist of the Year.

Michael Crick is the author of several books, including biographies of Arthur Scargill, Jeffrey Archer, Alex Ferguson, Michael Howard and Michael Heseltine, many of which were bestsellers. Since 2012 Crick has been a lay member of the board of governors of the University of Manchester, and he also sits on the board of Manchester University Press.

**Why he won:**

The judges chose Michael Crick for this year’s Journalist of the Year award as ‘he has doggedly spoken truth to power for over thirty years. He is persistent, some might even say relentless, in the pursuit of the truth of a story. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of British politics which allows him to set his analysis in historical perspective. For some politicians who get themselves into trouble he is the itch that just won’t go away, and by causing such irritation he does a great service to democracy.’
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Special International Award

BRIDGET KENDALL

Bridget Kendall is Diplomatic Correspondent at the BBC covering major international developments, with a particular interest in Russia. She is widely respected for her serious and well-informed interviews, and her own powerful analyses of developments in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere. Appointed Diplomatic Correspondent in 1998, Kendall has covered countless top-level international meetings and has interviewed many of the major world leaders. She has interviewed Mikhail Gorbachev and Vladimir Putin on numerous occasions - and in Russian, a language she speaks fluently. Her outstanding expertise on the former Soviet Union has meant that she has played a particularly important role in 2014 in contributing to public understanding of the Ukrainian crisis, not least in interpreting Russian thinking and actions, often speaking directly from Moscow. She is also host of The Forum, the flagship ideas programme for the BBC World Service.

Bridget Kendall joined the BBC in 1983 as a radio production trainee for BBC World Service. The following year she spent six months in television as a producer and presenter with BBC Two’s Newsnight. Returning to BBC World Service she worked as a producer and then editor and presenter on current affairs programmes 24 Hours, File On 4 and Newsnight; before moving to Moscow in 1989. She was in Moscow to witness the power struggles in the Soviet Communist party as Mikhail Gorbachev tried to introduce reform, and reported on the break-up of the Soviet Union and the subsequent internal conflicts in Chechnya, Georgia and Tajikistan. She sent eyewitness reports of the dramatic coup in August 1991 and later covered Boris Yeltsin’s rise to power.

In 1992 Kendall was the first woman to win the coveted James Cameron Award for distinguished journalism for her reports on events in the former Soviet Union. Later that year, she won a Bronze Sony Radio Award for Reporter of the Year and was made an MBE in the 1994 New Year’s Honours list.

Why she won:

Bridget Kendall is an outstanding journalist who has made a huge contribution to public understanding of international politics over a period of more than 30 years at the BBC.

The judges chose her as the winner of this Special International Award as ‘both on radio and television Bridget Kendall’s broadcasts are notable for the clarity of her exposition, the strength of her analysis and the deep background knowledge which underlies her contributions’. The judges felt that the high quality of her political analysis should be honoured by the Political Studies Association - in 2014 in particular - as she has been in huge demand from every news and current affairs programme on the BBC this year, to which she has responded with characteristic skill and consummate professionalism.
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Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies

PROFESSOR SUSAN J. CARROLL

Susan J. Carroll is Professor of Political Science and Women’s and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, as well as Senior Scholar at Rutgers Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. She has authored numerous books on women’s political participation, including: *Women as Candidates in American Politics* (Second Edition, Indiana University Press 1994); *Gender and Elections: Shaping the Future of American Politics* (Third Edition, Cambridge University Press 2014, with Richard L. Fox) and *Women and American Politics: New Questions, New Directions* (Oxford University Press 2003).

Her latest book, *More Women Can Run: Gender and Pathways to the State Legislature* (Oxford University Press 2013, with Kira Sanbonmatsu), which uses an impressive data span to argue convincingly that women’s pathways to elected office are varied and sometimes unique, was the topic of discussion at the 2014 PSA Annual Lecture.

Carroll was instrumental in developing the pioneering graduate programme in women and politics within the political science department at Rutgers University and is a founder and former president of the Organized Section for Women and Politics Research of the American Political Science Association. She currently co-edits the CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics, a book series published by the University of Michigan Press. In 2006 she received the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award from the Women’s Caucus of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Susan J. Carroll has a long history of involvement with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), having served as a member of the board of trustees of the ACLU-NJ for 15 years. She received the Mary Philbrook Award for achievements and contributions to advancing women’s equality from the Women’s Political Caucus of New Jersey and the Georgina Smith Award for Creative and Distinguished Leadership from the Rutgers University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

**Why she won:**

The judges chose Susan J. Carroll as winner of the Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies, commenting that ‘there will be few UK gender and politics scholars who have not benefited from the pioneering work on women and US politics written by Sue Carroll. Her advising and mentoring of junior scholars is one of her most important legacies that has also led to increased numbers of gender and politics scholars.’
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Special Recognition Award

PROFESSOR IAIN MCLEAN

Born in Edinburgh in 1946, Iain McLean is Professor of Politics at Oxford University and Official Fellow in Politics, Nuffield College, Oxford. He came to England for the first time as a student at Oxford where he obtained his MA, M.Phil and D.Phil. He has worked at the Universities of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Warwick and Oxford and has held visiting professorships at Washington & Lee, Stanford, Yale, and the Australian National University. He started the Department of Politics and International Relations Public Policy Unit at Oxford University in 2005. He has been an elected councillor on Tyne & Wear County Council (committee chair) and Oxford City Council (group leader).

Iain McLean’s primary research interests and work have been on UK public policy, constitutional reform and disestablishment of the Church. He also works on the properties of electoral systems and appropriate measures of proportionality. McLean helped the Cabinet Office draft the electoral provisions of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2010 and of the House of Lords Reform Bill 2011. He has been a frequent expert witness at parliamentary boundary inquiries and was cited by both front benches during the Commons debate on the 4th Review. In 2010 he co-authored a report for the British Academy on Choosing an Electoral System. His other major project has been a successful campaign for the return of £150,000 to the Aberfan disaster funds by the Secretary of State for Wales.

Outside of his academic work, Iain McLean has been a volunteer on one of the Welsh narrow-gauge steam railways, the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway, where he has done most jobs including locomotive driver. He has held various posts within the Witney Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Why he won:

The judges selected Professor Iain McLean for this special award for his ‘powerful works on constitutional reform, the disestablishment of the Church and Scottish independence – to name just a few of his areas of expertise.’ They commented that ‘McLean is an exceptional academic. Relentlessly demanding in terms of high standards, he has applied rational choice to real world politics and political history very effectively.’
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Special Recognition Award

PROFESSOR ROD RHODES

R.A.W Rhodes is Professor of Government (Research) at the University of Southampton, and at Griffith University Brisbane, Australia, as well as Emeritus Professor of Politics at the University of Newcastle. He is life Vice-President and former Chair and President of the Political Studies Association, a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences UK. He was also the editor of the leading academic journal *Public Administration* from 1986 to 2011, and Treasurer of the Australian Political Studies Association from 1994 to 2011.

Born in 1944 in Bradford, Rhodes was educated at a Moravian Church School before working as a clerk. After studying at night school, he took a bachelor’s degree at Bradford University. He also holds a postgraduate BLitt from Oxford University and a doctorate from Essex University. His main research interests include British government, public administration and public policy, Australian government, public administration, and public policy, policy networks, governance, interpretive political theory, comparative executive government and political leadership.

He is the author or editor of more than 30 books including most recently: *The Gatekeepers. Lessons from Prime Ministers’ Chief of Staff*, (Melbourne University Press, 2014), and *Lessons in Governing: A Profile of Prime Ministers’ Chiefs of Staff* (Melbourne University Press, 2014), both with Anne Tiernan.

Why he won:

Professor Rod Rhodes receives the Special Recognition award due to his 'colossal contribution to political studies over a period of more than thirty years. His seminal work on how governments work and the epistemological questions he raises about how we should study politics have provoked intense and productive debate. His authoritative accounts of the inner workings of government remain among the most impressive tracts of British political studies.'
Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies

BARONESS ONORA O’NEILL

An eminent political philosopher who has written widely on ethics, international justice and bioethics, Onora O’Neill has a distinguished record of public engagement. A cross-bench peer since 1999, she was President of the British Academy from 1988 to 1989 and chaired the Nuffield Foundation between 1997 and 2010.

Baroness O’Neill was Principal of Newnham College, at the University of Cambridge, from 1992 to 2006. In early 2013 she was confirmed as the new Chair of England’s Equality and Human Rights Commission, and was appointed a Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour (CH) in the 2014 New Year Honours for services to philosophy and public policy.


Why she won:

The judges said:

‘Onora O’Neill has been astonishingly prolific in her professional life and her brilliant reinterpretation of the works of Immanuel Kant reasserted the centrality of reason and personal autonomy as key principles in the definition of ethical codes. She is a rare case of a philosopher who has been active in public life, applying theory to real world practice. As Principal of Newnham College, her dedication to teaching knew no bounds despite a raised profile in the media due to her activities in the public service. She is a quietly commanding orator with an impeccable sense of timing - knowing when to speak, and when to maintain silence. Her lectures on the theme of Trust were delivered with a special wisdom and her analysis continues to illuminate the moral shortcomings of our era. Her work on stem-cell research has undoubtedly been key to the creation of an enabling environment for this promising area of study in the UK.’
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Political Studies Communicator

DR MATTHEW GOODWIN AND DR ROBERT FORD

Goodwin and Ford’s book *Revolt on the Right: Explaining Public Support for the Radical Right in Britain* on the origins of UKIP’s rise was published in March 2014 and described by *The Spectator* as ‘one of the most important books on British politics for years’. Since then, they have become the UK’s leading commentators on UKIP.

Dr Matthew Goodwin (@GoodwinMJ) is Associate Professor of Politics at the University of Nottingham and also Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House. Goodwin’s main area of research is political behaviour in Britain and Europe, with a particular interest in political parties, electoral behaviour, Euroscepticism and immigration. He has published widely in these areas, including three books, over twenty articles and numerous reports for domestic and foreign government departments and think-tanks. In 2014 Matthew Goodwin was awarded the Richard Rose Prize by the Political Studies Association for his contribution to research.

Dr Robert Ford (@robfordmanc) is Lecturer in Politics in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Manchester. Ford’s research mainly focuses on public opinion and electoral choice, in Britain and elsewhere. He is currently involved in projects examining the impact of diversity and austerity on support for the welfare state, looking at the political impact of anti-prejudice social norms and developing new experimental survey measures to improve understanding of attitudes towards immigrants and Muslims in Europe. His doctoral research focused on evolving British attitudes towards immigrants and ethnic minorities, and their political effects past and present. Ford regularly discusses his research with the media; he has written for the Guardian, the Times, the New Statesman and the Financial Times, among others, and regularly comments on politics on TV and radio.

Why they won:

Robert Ford and Matthew Goodwin have played a central role in our public and political debate over the rise of the UK Independence Party. The judges praised both authors for ‘their incredible work in bringing the challenge of UKIP to a wide audience which has misread the party’s base for so long. In particular their use of briefings to all parties, journalists and public meetings is the exemplar of a pathway to impact.’

They added that ‘Ford and Goodwin’s approach to promoting the book has been a textbook example of how to shape and inform debate. Their efforts have ensured that politicians, journalists, commentators, and many in the general public, now have a much better understanding of the dynamics of support of this recent phenomenon in British politics’.
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Innovation in Teaching Politics

DR HELEN WILLIAMS

Helen Williams is Assistant Professor of Politics at the University of Nottingham. She holds a BA in International Economics and Cultural Affairs from Valparaiso University, an MA in Russian and East European Studies and a PhD in German and British citizenship and naturalisation policy from the University of Birmingham. She has also spent time at the University of Tübingen and Moscow State University. She is fluent in English and German and academically fluent in French.

Helen Williams’ main research interests are theories of institutional change, migration studies, and higher education pedagogy. Her current research explores comparative changes to policies regulating access to and deprivation of nationality in Germany and the UK, developing a theoretical framework to explain incremental institutional changes. She is also looking at the change in elite discourse surrounding citizenship and immigration in these two countries.

Williams is enthusiastic about good teaching and learning practice. She is keen to implement innovative and evidence-based teaching improvements. She uses a variety of technology and teaching structures to encourage deeper engagement with sometimes difficult and/or unpopular material.

She has won awards for her teaching and is an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. From June 2013 through December 2014, she has been running a Higher Education Academy-funded Teaching Development Grant to improve the communication of assessment feedback to students.

Why she won:

The judges said: ‘Dr Williams took a profoundly unpopular compulsory second-year module on research design and made it an instant student favourite. She did this by transforming the delivery of the course, making it a highly-interactive programme which involved plenty of hands-on experience with local third sector organisations. Attendance and performance have increased, and the change in student engagement has been remarkable. It is an exemplary case of teaching innovation making a real difference to the student experience.’
W.J.M. Mackenzie Book Prize

PROFESSOR SIR LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

Sir Lawrence Freedman has been Professor of War Studies at King’s College London since 1982. He became head of the School of Social Science and Public Policy at King’s in 2000 and was appointed Vice-Principal in 2003. He was educated at Whitley Bay Grammar School and the Universities of Manchester, York and Oxford. Before joining King’s he held research appointments at Nuffield College Oxford, IISS and the Royal Institute of International Affairs. He was appointed Official Historian of the Falklands Campaign in 1997.


Sir Lawrence Freedman was awarded the KCMG (Knight Commander of St Michael and St George) in 2003 and was appointed in June 2009 to serve as a member of the official inquiry into Britain and the 2003 Iraq War chaired by Sir John Cilcott.

Why he won:

The winner of this year’s W.J.M. Mackenzie book prize is Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman’s *Strategy: A History*. The book was the unanimous choice of a jury of distinguished academics, who commented:

“The sheer breadth of scholarship that Freedman brings to bear is breathtaking. From the earliest hominids to biblical events and ancient Greeks, through the Renaissance, and on to the modern management techniques of governments, militaries and corporations, *Strategy: A History* weaves together fields as diverse as evolutionary biology, rational choice, counterinsurgency theory, game theory, corporate strategy, behavioural economics, and the New Left, to name a few. It analyses a huge array of historical events and social, political and economic phenomena – some obvious, others much less so – as strategy, breaking them down to their essential elements in order to understand why some succeed and others fail and all with an engaging clarity and understated wit that drives the reader on. ‘Strategy’ is an intellectual tour de force and the fitting culmination to a lifetime of thinking and teaching in this field”.
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