DEPARTMENT LEADS GEAR UP FOR THE YEAR AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

By Misty Hammond, PSA Events Manager

Over 30 heads of department from across the UK gathered in Camden on Thursday 12 September to share experiences and get up to speed with the issues facing the discipline as part of the 2019 Department Leadership Conference.

After being welcomed by PSA Chief Executive Michelle Doyle Wildman and Chair Professor Angelia Wilson, delegates heard from a series of guest speakers. Professor Alison Park addressed issues of research funding and positioning the discipline. Dr Zoe Pflaeger Young reported her research findings on ECRs experiences of post-maternity/paternity leave support and on the composition of women in the UK profession. Professor Kimberly Hutchings provided an update on ‘REF: Next Steps and Future Planning’.

A panel session ‘The State of the Discipline’ with Professor Roger Awan-Scully, Professor Michelle Cini, Professor Andrew Hindmoor, and Professor Cheryl-Schonhardt-Bailey also prompted much engagement from attendees.

A big thanks from the PSA to all the presenters and to the delegates for their insightful contributions. We look forward to welcoming departmental leaders again this time next year!

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... maintaining the status quo. Nevertheless, that is the job of experts and leaders to consider those possible futures, plan ahead for each, and then hope for the best.

PSA Trustees, as professional experts and dedicated volunteers, are doing just that. With the recent announcement of UKRI’s ideological commitment to Plan S, the future of learned societies who are financially dependent on journal income is increasingly uncertain. Alongside learned societies, the publishing industry, universities, libraries, journal editors, academic authors and reviewers will all be creating, and reacting to, these new market conditions and financial models. As I have mentioned in these pages previously, the PSA is working hard towards income diversification. We will need your help in growing our academic membership as well as other categories of members.

While our financial planning is important, so is our commitment to providing excellent membership benefits and good operational membership services. The PSA has a strong commitment to equality and diversity, particularly in the launching of the PSA Diverse Voices Doctoral Scholarships. Please keep an eye out for more information, in these pages and in the months ahead, about membership benefits, new operating procedures and, importantly, how you can help grow the Diverse Voices fund.

The PSA strategy for the future remains on track and we are dedicated to realizing those strategic goals. As you will see in this issue, Feargal Cochrane, PSA Vice Chair, and I will be coming to the end of our term at the PSA Annual Conference in Edinburgh. Those of you who believe in the strategic vision of the PSA, have experience to captain a team of dedicated trustee volunteers should think seriously about stepping forward. If anyone would like to chat with us informally about these posts, please do get in touch.

As Feargal reflects here, the opportunity to serve the discipline in this way has been amazing. The past couple of years have been very busy as the PSA has adapted to the financial and professional climate in order to prepare for the future. But the next few years should be about settling into that new climate and growth. This time has been rewarding beyond anything I could have imagined. Getting to know my colleagues across the country – their fascinating research, their commitment to excellence in teaching and their dedication to this profession – has been inspiring. Leadership is never straightforward or easy but it is an absolute privilege to work alongside community-minded trustees to shape the future of the discipline. In particular, I have been honored to be the third woman to serve as PSA Chair, and I highly encourage others to consider stepping into this leadership role to bring more diverse voices to the fore in our profession.

Just to be clear, Feargal and I ain’t quite done yet! The PSA has some great plans for the upcoming academic year! So while we may not have a crystal ball for politics, we have clear vision about the year ahead and look forward to seeing you all at the PSA conferences, lectures, training events, celebrations of politics and political expertise!

Angelia Wilson,
PSA Chair

All the team at PSA HQ hope you had a restful but productive summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year. Thank you for your continued membership of the PSA. Whether that’s attending our Edinburgh conference next April, getting involved in the Early Careers or Teaching & Learning networks, one of our 60 specialist groups or our brilliant journals, I hope you will make the most of it!

Take a look at our ‘Association News’ section for some thrilling opportunities to get involved over the coming months. It’s great to see how much buzz there already is among our specialist groups in putting together conference papers and panels (page 14-17). There was also lots of energy and engagement with some great speakers at our recent Department Leadership Conference (page 1). Many articles in this issue bring home how extraordinary our politics are right now, especially UKICE’s take on a possible deal Brexit (page 13).

There has never been a more important time, both professionally and personally, to have an association like ours in existence, and I hope you feel able to be an ambassador for the PSA by encouraging your peers, team and students to join us and enjoy the benefits – for more details on this see the back cover.

by Michelle Doyle Wildman, PSA CEO
CALL FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE PSA

Much has been achieved under the current Chair Professor Angelia Wilson and Vice-Chair Professor Feargal Cochrane whose terms come to an end in 2020. The Trustees are now keen to receive applications from senior colleagues within the discipline who are willing to lead the PSA forward as Chair or Vice-Chair. Both positions will run for three years from 1 June 2020. We would particularly welcome joint applications for these roles but would also encourage individual applications.

Applications should be sent to the Chair of the Search Committee, Honorary Membership Secretary Professor Fiona Mackay at f.s.mackay@ed.ac.uk by 6 November 2019. Interviews will be held on 24 January 2020. For more information, head to our website: https://psa.ac.uk/call-for-chair-2020

THE VIEW FROM THE VICE-CHAIR FEARGAL COCHRANE

Being Vice Chair of the PSA has been one of the most rewarding periods of my academic career. It has allowed me to participate in a whole raft of issues and activities that wouldn’t have come my way in the normal academic day job. From standing in a building site with a Hi-Vis jacket and hard hat trying to have ‘the vision thing’ while looking at the hole in the ground that would become our new HQ offices, to listening to web developers explain the technicalities of the back-end of website construction, to seeing the annual conference from the inside; it has been a rollicking ride. The three years have flashed past and I have learned a huge amount and have met some wonderful people along the way. Angie has provided fantastic leadership as Chair, and the EC have delivered critical support and expertise throughout. The staff team and our new CEO Michelle are a dedicated and talented group and have been wonderful to work with.

The PSA has played a huge part in my academic career over the last 25 years and while I have changed institutions and picked up different job titles along the way, the PSA has provided a continuity across my personal academic journey that makes it very dear to my heart. I am proud of the leadership it has provided on teaching and research in our disciplinary area of political studies, the commitment it has shown towards equality and diversity, and the way that it has tried to represent the interests of its members and mobilise their research and expertise to help interpret the turbulent political times we live in.

There is plenty more to do of course – so do consider applying for the role - I can guarantee it won’t be boring.
ASSOCIATION NEWS

PSA TEAM NEWS

We have welcomed two new members to the team. Miriam Fox is our new Finance Officer. Prior to joining the PSA, Miriam worked in investment banking as Trader Support in the 1990s. Then, after a career break to raise children, she worked at her Local London Borough managing budgets and providing financial advice for various Service Areas including Planning, Housing, Cleansing and Children’s Services. Miriam has a BSc (Hons) Degree in Finance from City University.

Misty Hammond is our new Interim Events Manager. Misty has overseen over 60 events at another membership association prior to joining the PSA. We’re excited to have her on board for planning our upcoming Annual Awards and our International Annual Conference next year in Edinburgh.

This also means, of course, that we have said farewell to our former Finance Officer Perri Mahmood and Events Manager Avnish Patel. Perri is embarking on a semi-retirement adventure to become a certified yoga teacher, and Avnish has recently joined the events team at the British Academy. We wish them all well in their new endeavours.

MEETING ROOMS

The PSA has meeting rooms available to hire with discount rates for members.

Further details on what is available, room rates and how to book are available in our Terms & Conditions document.

Please contact the PSA office directly to make a booking and arrange payment by emailing info@psa.ac.uk.
The successful PSA Pushing the Boundaries scheme continues its mission to support innovation across the association’s network of Specialist Groups. The funding competition saw its second round of the year take place in June, drawing in an array of exciting proposals from Specialist Group convenors and members alike.

Applicants were encouraged to consider how their proposals would appeal to a wider audience than those who might normally engage with the PSA or their Specialist Group and rose to the challenge with a selection of events appealing to audiences such as policymakers, schoolchildren, activists, and cross-discipline colleagues.

Since committing to double the amount available to Specialist Groups under the scheme, the PSA has been able to support more events than ever before this year. We are delighted to announce the following proposals were successfully funded in this round:

- **American Politics** – Masterclass on President Trump and the End of Democracy? by Professor Lawrence Jacobs, APG Colloquium, British Library, London, November 2019
- **Anarchist Studies Network** – The Warzone Dialectogram Exhibition: anarchist punk resistance to gentrification in Belfast, RADAR Arts Centre, Loughborough University, October 2019
- **British and Comparative Political Economy** – British housing affordability crisis workshop, University of Cambridge, December 2019
- **German Politics** – The Future of Party Politics: Insights from Germany workshop, University of Birmingham, December 2019
- **Modern Liberty SG and British Idealism SG** – 200 Years of Modern Liberty: Bicentenary Celebration of Benjamin Constant’s Lecture on Ancient and Modern Liberty workshop, Durham University, December 2019
- **Political Psychology** – Political Psychology SG 2nd Annual Conference, University of Birmingham, December 2019
- **Young People’s Politics** – The Youth Citizenship Commission Ten Years On event, Westminster, November 2019

Congratulations to all our successful applicants – we can’t wait to see the results of your hard work!

If you are interested in any of the above events, please do get in touch with the convenors of the relevant Specialist Groups – all contact information is available on the SG pages on the PSA website.
Each year the PSA awards a large number of grants to members to support the presentation of research at overseas national PSA conferences. 2019 International Conference Grant recipient John Kenny explains how he used his grant to present at this year’s APSA annual meeting in Washington, DC.

At the ‘Primaries and Candidates’ panel, I presented research investigating the trait of candidate authenticity which had been jointly carried out with Dieter Stiers (KU Leuven), Jac Larner (University of Cardiff), Sofia Breitenstein (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Florence Vallée-Dubois (University of Montreal) and Michael S. Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa).

While authenticity has been invoked a lot in popular discourse in recent years to describe various politicians and there has been much speculation in the media on the role that it has played in elections, very little work exists within the discipline that empirically examines it. In this paper, we thus tested an original authenticity battery in surveys carried out in Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Spain and the US. We show that authenticity is a measurable trait that is separable and distinct from the more established candidate traits and that being perceived as authentic has beneficial electoral effects.

The conference was the perfect occasion to showcase and get feedback on the work. It also offered me the opportunity to attend a range of interesting panels and to meet and exchange ideas with other political scientists who are working in the same areas as I am.

I am very thankful to the PSA for providing the financial support through the International Conference Grant that enabled me to attend the conference.

To learn more about our grants, head over to https://www.psa.ac.uk/our-grants

RECOGNISING LEADERSHIP IN A TIME OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY: PSA ANNUAL AWARDS 2019

by Misty Hammond, PSA Events Manager

The jury have met, the invitations are out, the trophies are being ordered, and the menu is being tasted. Yes, it’s time to look ahead to the PSA’s annual awards ceremony – which will take place this year at Church House, Westminster on 12 November.

It’s been a remarkable and challenging year in politics and these awards (now in their 19th year), will recognise those who, in the opinion of the PSA, have shown leadership, courage and skill. We received over 120 nominations from PSA members – thank you for taking part. We are looking forward to hosting a room full of accomplished politicians, policy-makers, academics, campaigners, journalists and photographers and will tell you all about the winners in the next edition of PSA News.
The PSA’s Early Career Network Committee members are already hard at work. Handover complete, these early-career researchers have some exciting events coming your way! Who’s who on the new Early Career Network Committee?

Heather Alberro, Nottingham Trent University (Chair)
I am currently a final-year PhD candidate at Nottingham Trent University’s Department of Politics and International Relations, part of the ‘Ethics, Ecology, Identity’ research group. My thesis centres around an ecocritical examination of radical environmental activists (REA’s) as contemporary ecotopian manifestations amid the socio-ecological perturbations of the Anthropocene.

I volunteered for the position of PSA ECN Chair because of the incredible opportunity the position offers for being centrally involved in helping to organise such a fantastic network of early career scholars. I hope to serve in my position with the utmost care and unbridled enthusiasm.

One of my particular aims while serving as Chair of the PSA ECN is to promote inclusivity and diversity therein, ensuring that researchers of all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and gendered backgrounds are sufficiently represented and included.

Lawrence Mckay, University of Manchester (Treasurer)
I’m a final-year PhD student in Politics at the University of Manchester. I research why people don’t feel their local communities are well represented in British politics, crossing specialist groups like EPOP and PSA Parliaments.

I have always appreciated the fact that the ECN has balanced giving practical advice – on researching, publishing, the job market – and being a space for critical thought and reflection on being an early career academic. Most of all, though, I have found a community which replaces the transient connections of annual conferences with something genuinely nurturing.

I wanted to be a committee member to help this still-young institution find its feet and become even better. I only hope I can help fill the big boots left behind by the outgoing committee members, and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year.

MEET YOUR NEW EARLY CAREER NETWORK COMMITTEE!

By Jamie Roberts, PSA Development Officer
Members of the PSA, APSA, BISA and ECPR met in Brighton from 17 to 19 June for the first ever conference jointly organised by the four associations.

The conference focused on the theme of ‘Teaching Politics in an Age of Populism’. Participants engaged in three days of panels, workshops and debates to explore a range of issues relating to this topic.

Session highlights
Panels and sessions addressed a wide variety of topics, including the challenges of teaching in a ‘post-truth’ classroom, decolonising the curriculum, and teaching controversial and contested areas such as Brexit and the Trump Presidency.

Participants also discussed a range of pedagogical responses to help students develop their understanding of different and diverse political perspectives and standpoints. Strategies included supporting students’ development as critical and engaged learners and the use of simulations, civic engagement and experiential learning tools.

The keynote was delivered by Alison Millet McCartney (Towson University), who emphasised the importance of political scientists collaborating across boundaries in a period of increasing nationalism and isolationism.

Organising committee
Professor John Craig (Leeds Beckett) and Dr Stuart Wilks-Heeg (University of Liverpool) represented the PSA on the organising committee, while BISA, ECPR and APSA were represented by Dr Nick Robinson (University of Leeds), Professor Oddbjørn Knutsen (University of Oslo), and Dr Amanda Rosen (Webster University) and Dr Tanya Schwarz (APSA) respectively. Jamie Roberts (PSA) led the organisation of the event with the support of colleagues in the PSA office.
Call for Papers

200 YEARS OF MODERN LIBERTY: BICENTENARY CELEBRATION OF BENJAMIN CONSTANT’S LECTURE ON ANCIENT AND MODERN LIBERTY

Workshop, Durham University, 4-5 December 2019

This workshop will celebrate the bicentenary of Benjamin Constant’s famous lecture, ‘The liberty of the ancients compared to that of the moderns’, which he gave in Paris on 2 December 1819. This lecture was a seminal moment in political theory, and Constant’s ideas have reverberated down the generations ever since. Behind the scenes, Constant’s powerful distinction between ancient and modern liberty continues to influence the political thinking of today’s democrats, dictators and demagogues – whether they realise it or not.

Nowadays in the UK, in the aftermath of the Brexit referendum, amidst resurgent populism and social media disinformation, we have to address again the tensions between representative and direct democracy, between the need to embrace pluralism but also to offer a robust protection of liberty and the values of toleration and inclusivity associated with it. Questions about the exact nature of liberty and in what fashion democracy generates legitimate political authority are again highly relevant. Constant’s lecture anticipated some of the most significant developments of liberal political thought in Britain and demonstrates the deep unity of the European values and ideas.

The workshop invites papers that engage with the key aspects of Constant’s lecture on ancient and modern liberties including: (1) Constant’s impact on the understanding and protection of liberty in modern times; (2) Constant’s contribution to the understanding and critique of modern political authorities, including democracy; (3) Constant’s exposure of the mechanism of political indoctrination; (4) Constant’s understanding of individuality, pluralism, religion and human flourishing; (5) Affinities between Constant’s understanding of liberty and human agency, on the one hand, and the moral and political philosophy of other modern thinkers, on the other.

The workshop will be spread over two days from 4-5 December, starting with an afternoon then a full day. The event will bring together local, national and international participants. There will be nine speakers: five invited speakers and four speakers via a call for papers, at least two of which will be PhD or early career researchers. Invited speakers include Alan Kahan, Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University, Jeremy Jennings, King’s College London, Colin Tyler, University of Hull and Maria Dimova-Cookson, Durham University.

If you are interested in presenting a paper at the workshop, please send a short bio and an abstract of max 1000 words to g.p.harris@durham.ac.uk by 15 October 2019. Registration is free but mandatory (also for attendance only). Successful applicants will be notified by 20 October.

The workshop is sponsored by the Centre for Political Thought, Durham University, the PSA Modern Liberty specialist group and the PSA British idealism specialist group.
GROWING SUCCESS OF UJPIR

The Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations (UJPIR) has continued to grow and earlier this year released its second issue. We’ve been really excited by the response to this journal, surfacing the best in undergraduate research, with the most read article accessed over 2500 times.

We are looking for academics to join our peer review network, supporting this worthwhile publication in its endeavor to surface excellent undergraduate research to a global audience. We have submissions in the system and would love you to help us take this forward.

Contact Professor Simon Lightfoot, Pro Dean for Student Education and Professor of Politics at the University of Leeds, to learn more about how you can support the next generation of scholars with their first publishing experience: s.j.lightfoot@leed.ac.uk

CONFERENCE IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR DAVID COATES (1946-2018)

To honour the memory and work of the political economist Professor David Coates (1946-2018; late Worrell Chair of Anglo-American Studies at Wake Forest University, USA), the Institute of Applied Ethics (IAE) and the Centre for Government (CfG), at the University of Hull, UK, will be holding a one-day conference at the Houses of Parliament in London on Monday 13 January 2020.

Titles and abstracts are invited for papers relating to any aspect of Professor Coates’ research. In your application, please include your name and any institutional affiliation. Abstracts must not exceed 500 words and should be appropriate for a presentation of no more than 30 minutes length.

Interested participants should sent materials directly to the conference organiser Professor Colin Tyler (Department of Politics, Hull University, UK) at c.tyler@hull.ac.uk by 31 October 2019 at the latest.

The selection of papers will be undertaken by myself and other members of the IAE and CfG as soon as possible after the deadline for the submission of papers.

If you have any queries, please contact Professor Colin Tyler directly at c.tyler@hull.ac.uk.
LAUNCH OF THE CENTRE FOR BRITAIN AND EUROPE (CBE)

By Amelia Hadfield

As the Head of the Department of Politics here at the University of Surrey, it is my pleasure to invite you to the launch of our brand-new Centre for Britain and Europe (CBE).

The purpose of the Centre for Britain and Europe is to provide high-quality, research-based analysis on the most salient issues affecting the UK and Europe. In this way, the Centre builds on the long-standing work teaching and researching on European issues undertaken by the Department, while expanding its role to take on the fast-paced challenges of our current times.

To that end, I’m delighted to invite you to join us on Thursday, the 24th of October, 2019, 6.30-9pm, at the British Academy, London (Carleton House Terrace), for the official launch of the Centre.

Entitled ‘Sunlit Uplands or Damage Limitation: Brexit’s Impact on Britain and Europe’, the evening includes a panel of cross-sectoral experts from higher education, defence, business and beyond, with voices from both Britain and the EU, all discussing the various roles that Brexit will play within their key sectors, now and in the future. Including both an interactive Q&A session as well as a networking reception, you’ll have the opportunity to meet our panellists, staff from the Centre for Britain and Europe, the Department of Politics and the University of Surrey.

Given the enormous upheavals regarding Brexit this past summer, and with more to follow throughout the autumn, I’m confident that our 24th October CBE Launch in London will provide an ideally timed opportunity for all attendees to learn more about what lies ahead. Registration to the event is free.

If you’d like to find out more about the Centre for Britain and Europe, do follow this link: https://www.surrey.ac.uk/centre-britain-and-europe

I look forward to welcoming you on the 24th.
NEW REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF NO DEAL BREXIT

By the team at UK in a Changing Europe (David Bailey, Catherine Barnard, Helena Farrand-Carrapico, Meredith Crowley, Sarah Hall, Katy Hayward, Tamara Hervey, Anand Menon, Steve Peers, Jonathan Portes and Thomas Sampson).

No deal will not "get Brexit done" rather, it will usher in a period of prolonged uncertainty for citizens, workers and businesses, which is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon, a new report by academic think tank The UK in a Changing Europe reveals.

The report – No deal Brexit: issues, impacts and implications – shows that once the UK is outside the Article 50 framework it will be far harder, and take far longer, to get a deal with the EU. All member states’ national (and some sub-national) parliaments would need to ratify any deal.

The EU is unlikely to start negotiating a future relationship with the UK until the major issues in the Withdrawal Agreement – citizens’ rights, the divorce bill and the backstop – have been resolved. And the EU could withdraw or allow to expire any of the unilateral mitigations it has put in place, such as on road and air transport.

While the UK’s priority will be the continued flow of goods – even if this results in loss of tax revenue – the EU has emphasised it will implement existing rules, rather than prioritise the maintenance of trade flows.

The imposition of tariff and non-tariff barriers between the UK and its largest trading partner will be a major shock to the UK economy. Beyond that, the fall in the pound – most if not all of which will be priced in well before October 31 – will push up inflation, as after the referendum, reducing real wages.

However, disruption on day one may not be as immediate and visible as earlier reports have predicted. Businesses, and government, have put in place contingency plans to mitigate against the worst effects. Therefore, the financial system will not collapse, the stock market will not crash and interest rates won’t skyrocket.

But much is unknown: how consumers might behave, how business will react, and the policy response both here and in the EU. A recession is highly probable – but its depth and severity are uncertain.

The UK economy will, however, eventually adjust to the new realities of life outside the EU. Our earlier research, which analysed the long-run effects of trading with the EU on World Trade Organisation (WTO) terms, found that, after 10 years, a WTO Brexit would reduce the UK’s income per capita by between 3.5% and 8.7%.

Other report highlights include:

- **Security**: the UK will immediately lose access to EU databases and other forms of co-operation including the European Arrest Warrant, the Schengen Information System and Europol. This will hinder policing and security operations in a world where data is key to solving crime.

- **Northern Ireland**: the economic damage no deal would inflict on Northern Ireland would be felt from day one. Checks would be required on goods moving from Northern Ireland (NI) to Ireland, particularly animals and food products, which form a third of NI exports to Ireland. Businesses in the food sector in Northern Ireland would, in many cases, face tariffs, reducing their competitiveness overnight and potentially making them unviable.

- **Goods and manufacturing**: the immediate impact of no deal would be keenly felt by manufacturing sectors across the UK which operate ‘just-in-time’ production systems across Europe, such as Airbus, Toyota and Jaguar Land Rover. Even minor delays at the border will have large knock-on effects that put at risk the viability of these systems.

- **Financial services**: the medium and longer-term impacts of a no-deal Brexit on the financial services sector are harder to predict and potentially more severe. Under a no deal Brexit, it is unlikely that the UK’s financial services sector would return to its pre-2007/08 levels in terms of employment, output and tax revenue.

- **Healthcare**: the co-ordination of social security, on which cross-border healthcare rests, will immediately cease, which means planned treatment in other member states will be disrupted. The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for emergency treatment will no longer function.

Professor Anand Menon said: “Clearly it is difficult to make hard and fast predictions about what the implications of no deal will be. Equally, its immediate impact might not be as severe as some people are claiming.

“What our report makes clear is that leaving without a deal will have significant negative consequences for the UK economy. Nor will it mark the end of Brexit, merely herald in the start of negotiations that promise to be significantly more difficult than those we have witnessed to date.”

To read the entire 34-page report, go to: https://ukandeu.ac.uk
REVAMPING THE POPULISM SPECIALIST GROUP

By Giorgos Venizelos and Scuola Normale Superiore

Year 2018-2019 has been important for the Populism Specialist Group. We saw our membership growing bigger and bigger. Participation also increased for our workshop held at the University of Loughborough as well as in our numerous panels at the PSA General Conference, which took place in Nottingham on April 2019. These events this year rendered evident the outstanding quality of research produced by both junior and senior scholars.

In Nottingham we elected our new committee. The new group Co-Convenors are Emmy Eklundh, Giorgos Katsambekis, and Marina Prentoulis; our Treasurer is Andy Knott; our two Social Media and Communications Officers are Giorgos Venizelos and Alen Toplišek.

Being one of the biggest specialist groups of the PSA, we decided collectively with our members to create more inclusive structures and to collaborate more with our members as well as other specialist groups in organising our workshops and conferences.

We will also launch a newsletter series where we will inform our members and those who are interested in the study of populism about relevant news. Our first newsletter will be out in October 2019. Expect to find reports from our past events, publications alert and calls for papers for upcoming events in 2020.

You can also find us on social media! Follow us on Facebook (Populism Specialist Group) and Twitter (@populismPSA) for updates.

THE PSA SPECIALIST GROUP ON ANTI-POLITICS IS SET TO PUSH INTER-DISCIPLINARY LINES!

The Specialist Group on Anti-Politics is pleased to announce the appointment of an inter-disciplinary advisory board. Our new convener, Dr Gergana Dimova (University of Winchester) gratefully thanks Matt Wood (University of Sheffield) for founding and developing a specialist group to study public apathy, political protests and technocratic governance.

The revamped leadership of the group will build on this foundation by taking the group in a truly inter-disciplinary direction. With the appointment of five advisory board members, the group will study anti-politics through forging links between the perspectives of economics (Bruno Bonizzi, University of Hertfordshire), media (Eva Polonska-Kimunguyi, LSE), populism (Daniele Albertazzi, University of Birmingham), West European politics (Jim Buller, University of York) and East European politics (Sean Hanley, UCL).

If you’re interested in joining the Specialist Group on Anti-Politics, or want to receive updates on our events or be on our mailing list, contact Gergana Dimova at Gergana.Dimova@winchester.ac.uk. All are welcome!
BRITISH IDEALISM SPECIALIST GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

by Colin Tyler (Hull University) and David Boucher (Cardiff University)

The 2019 British idealist conference will be held at Gregynog Hall, Powys, on 12-14 December.

We are inviting proposals on any aspect of British idealism or New Liberalism for 20-minute papers. Please send:
Your name, your institutional affiliation (if you have one), paper title, paper abstract (200 to 500 words – please keep to the limit), to Professor Colin Tyler (c.tyler@hull.ac.uk), where you can also send any queries about the suitability of possible papers.

Please send your proposals at your earliest convenience, but no later than 31 October 2019.

The conference is organised jointly by the UK PSA British Idealism Specialist Group and the British idealism/Collingwood centres at Cardiff and Hull.

NEW CONVENEROR FOR THE POLITICS AND HISTORY SPECIALIST GROUP

Convenership of the Politics and History Specialist Group has been handed over to Dr David Jeffery (University of Liverpool), with a new focus on collaboration.

The Politics and History Specialist Group aims to work with other specialist groups, societies and organisations to co-host conferences, panels, roundtables and any other type of event which takes a historical approach to political events.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Politics and History Specialist Group, or have any ideas for collaboration, please email David at djeffery@liverpool.ac.uk. We especially welcome doctoral students, ECRs and scholars from underrepresented groups.

Finally, please give us a follow on Twitter: @PSAPolHist.

ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN POLITICS AT EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

Edge Hill University’s summer residential school for young people interested in politics took a practical turn this year. Along with sessions on Political Leadership, New Parties and Scottish Independence, the sixth formers spent time researching and writing Submissions to two House of Commons Select Committee Inquiries. These were one on Reality TV (DCMS) and one on Young Drivers (Transport). The group carried out surveys, looked into statistics and scoured documents to come up with evidence containing both facts and recommendations. Both pieces of work have since been published on the Committee websites.

Says politics programme leader Paula Keaveney, "We were keen that the summer school project work resulted in something very real- world that would give students something to show as well as help them understand more about the process. This was a very short residential so the research time was limited, but the way this worked has convinced us to do more of this with our undergraduates in the coming academic year. Young people obviously have a lot to say about some topics, and if this is backed up by some research, they can put together good evidence for the committees."
The 46th annual conference of the American Politics Group of the UK Political Studies Association will be hosted by the University of Kent in the United Kingdom from 3 - 5 January 2020.

The APG invites proposals on any aspect of American politics. Papers or panel proposals examining contemporary US political institutions or processes, foreign policy issues or political history are welcome. The conference organizers would also welcome papers addressing comparative themes or relevant theoretical or methodological issues.

Past conferences have had a strong postgraduate presence and we especially encourage young scholars to present their work.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send a title and abstract to Dr Andrew Wroe at a.j.wroe@kent.ac.uk by 1 November 2019. Proposals should be around 150 words for single papers and 300 words for panels.

We will shortly announce the conference cost and open up a site for colleagues to register.

While the University of Kent is hosting the conference, the conference venue and accommodation is in Canterbury Cathedral Lodge in the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the heart of this ancient city.

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The APG is the leading scholarly association for the study of US politics in the UK and also has members in continental Europe and the USA.

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On 13 September 2019, the Network for the Interface of Classics and Politics (based at the University of Liverpool) held its first annual conference.

The conference was organised by Dr Andrew S. Crines, Dr David Jeffery, and Prof Bruce Gibson in collaboration with the PSA Politics and History Specialist Group. Over the course of the day, papers examined the importance of ancient rhetoric in how modern political actors communicate.

The papers looked at the ‘self-defence’ rhetoric of Jeremy Corbyn and antisemitism by Tim Heppell (Leeds); the uses of ethos, pathos, and Kairos in the political language of Margaret Thatcher by Emily Stacey (Oxford Brookes); the rhetorical styles of Boris Johnson and Nigel Farage in relation to Brexit by Chris Kirkland and Mirko Demasi (York St John); how ancient conceptions of gender inform modern attitudes by Pölcz Ádám (Eötvös Loránd University); rhetoric and the practice of common law by Kirk W. Junker (Cologne); visions of risk in ancient Greece and modern society by Catherine Van Offelen (Brussels); American ethnic nationalism and white voter choice in the 2016 US election from Jack Thompson (Nottingham Trent); and the rhetorical value of memes in Enthymematic arguments by Elaine Sanderson (Liverpool). Papers and a Roundtable discussion were given by the Network directors.

The Network – based in the Department of Politics and the Department of Classics at the University of Liverpool – is a growing group of scholars from a wide range of national and international Universities with an ambitious plan for further activities. If you would like to be added to our mailing list then please contact Dr Crines at a.s.crines@liverpool.ac.uk
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunlit Uplands or Damage Limitation? Brexit’s Impact on Britain and Europe
24 October 2019, London
This event marks the official launch of the University of Surrey’s Centre for Britain and Europe (CBE). A group of high-level panellists have been invited to share their insights on the strategic areas impacted by Brexit.

Contemporary Radical Left Parties and Movements in Europe: Organization, Policies and Ideology
1 November 2019, London
The main objectives of the workshop are to assess the challenges and achievements of today’s radical left parties and labour, anti-austerity and pro-democracy movement organisations, and reflect on their approaches to socialist strategy or transformative social and political change, through the scrutinisation of their organisational profiles and mobilisation tactics, programmatic positions and ideological or identity considerations.

Parliaments: Coming of Age? - PSA Parliaments 2019 Conference
7 – 8 November, Cardiff
The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Parliaments: Coming of Age?’ – a timely and pertinent question for the National Assembly which marks its twentieth anniversary this year.

American Politics Colloquium
8 November 2019, London
This one-day colloquium is dedicated to reporting on and analysing the latest developments in US politics.

American Politics
PSA Annual International Conference 2020
6 – 8 April 2020, Edinburgh
As the PSA turns 70, politics faces multiple uncertainties. PSA’s 70th anniversary provides us with a double opportunity: to take stock of recent political transformations and in light of them to re-imagine both the study and practice of politics. Join us in 2020 in beautiful Edinburgh to ‘Re-imagine Politics’.

Annual Awards
12 November 2019, London
There is no doubt that the last twelve months have been a remarkable but challenging time in our politics. All the more reason to recognise those politicians, broadcasters, journalists and academics who have avoided hackneyed soundbites, engaged positively with the public, or articulated policies and arguments with substance and clarity.

The Political Mind: A Deeper Cut - With Michael Rustin
5 November - 10 December 2019, London
6 seminars at the Institute of Psychoanalysis. The purposes of the Political Mind programme of seminars is to give some attention to the tradition of social theory and criticism which has been influenced by psychoanalysis, even where it is not itself the work of psychoanalysts.

British Idealism Specialist Group Annual Conference
12 - 14 December 2019, Powys
We are inviting proposals on any aspect of British idealism or New Liberalism for 20-minute papers.

The 46th annual conference of the PSA American Politics Group
3 – 5 January 2020, Canterbury
The APG invites proposals on any aspect of American politics. Papers or panel proposals examining contemporary US political institutions or processes, foreign policy issues or political history are welcome.
PEOPLE, PROTEST AND CHANGE

CPD Day for Primary, Secondary and SEND Teachers

Saturday 9 November, People’s History Museum, Manchester.

Work with teachers to develop democracy teaching resources and ideas.

This autumn marked 200 years since the Peterloo Massacre in Manchester, a defining moment for Britain’s democracy. Work with teachers to develop resources and ideas for teaching people, power and protest as part of your citizenship and democracy education. Themes include –

- democracy and power
- equality and political rights
- equality and public services
- citizens organising and protesting

By the end of the conference, teachers will have new resources and ideas to try out in the classroom, and different approaches to teaching about power and protest.

All teachers will receive ACT CPD certification to take back to their school.

Register online: https://www.teachingcitizenship.org.uk/events-cpd-training.

MARKETING LIBERALISM IN AN AGE OF POPULISM

15 November 2019, Bournemouth

The Political Marketing Group of the Political Studies Association invites you to this year’s marketing related conference. After sessions on Corbyn and Labour and on Communication by Conservatives in previous years, in 2019 we are focussing on Liberals and Liberalism. Papers will focus on topics such as:

- the branding of the Lib Dems on social media
- marketing approaches in the recent Lib Dem leadership contest
- positioning the Lib Dems to challenge Labour
- fiscal policy as political marketing
- Liberalism in an illiberal country – 2018 Hungarian Election
- Political leaders in Greece

The key-note speaker is Dr Mark Pack, associate director at Teneo and former head of innovations for the Liberal Democrats. Dr Pack is also co-author of 101 Ways to Win an Election and co-editor, with Darren Lilleker, of Political Marketing and the 2015 General Election.

If there is a snap election either shortly before or due shortly after the conference, a session will be added in to look at the relevant marketing. The conference will be free to attend but we do need to know if you are coming.

Please email us at liberalmarketingconference@gmail.com to let us know. More details of the day’s programme and venue and the papers will be sent to those who plan to attend. Please note we plan to start late morning to allow people to travel.

Paula Keaveney, Convener
Political Marketing Group
Our annual Student Video Competition is open for entries! Please note that the competition deadline has been extended to Monday 4 November. We hope that this will give more students the opportunity to take part in this fantastic opportunity. Winners will receive an all expenses paid work experience placement at YouGov, the UK’s leading polling and data company. Last year’s winners from Wallace High School, Belfast, said their time in London was a week “[they] will never forget” and an opportunity like no one else has received.

This year we’re asking students to think about climate change. The competition serves as a platform for young people to share their views and ideas on one of the most topical subjects in global politics. Why not challenge your students to think creatively and as a team to try and tackle this project? What an excellent way for students to stand out on their UCAS statement or to potential employers?

The winning team will be invited to receive their award at Speakers’ House in December and a chance to present their videos and be interviewed by a panel of expert judges.

Last year’s winners have written a blog detailing their experience, check it out via psa.ac.uk/psa/news/Belfast-city-london-town-name-politics. Looking for inspiration? Take a look at the PSA’s Youtube channel for past year’s entries.

The deadline for the competition is 12:00 (noon) on Monday 4 November 2019.

For more information visit psa.ac.uk/student-video-competition

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THE FIRST FEMALE MP ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON – PSA SCHOOL GRANTS IN ACTION

By Jamie Roberts, PSA Development Officer

This year the PSA launched our School Grant. Available for PSA School members we want to try and support as many projects and events, led by teachers and students across the UK, as we can. Most recently we supported Portsmouth Grammar School and their event during the Portsmouth Festivities. Simon Lemieux told us how it went:

“As the oldest school in the city located in its physical heart, The Portsmouth Grammar School has always seen itself as having a wider city role beyond solely that of educating its own pupils. For a number of years, a citywide arts event Portsmouth Festivities, has been a central part of this broader role. The opportunity to celebrate and reflect on a century since the first female MP, Nancy Astor, took her seat in the Commons, was too important to pass up.

The format planned for the afternoon of Friday 21st June was a panel based discussion on ‘Empowering women in politics’. The all-female panel comprised three speakers all with different perspectives on women and politics. Dr Rose Holyoak is a politics lecturer from Winchester university, Helen Catt (a past pupil of the school) now a BBC political correspondent, and Gillian Keegan MP for Chichester. The vision was to have a wide ranging debate on the challenges still faced by women embarking on a career in politics, and indeed researching and reporting on it. The range of questions from the audience of school pupils and members of the general public, were wide ranging and thoughtful. They included topics such as what first got the panellists involved and engaged in politics, the impact of the #MeToo movement and the challenges that remain for women in politics including sexism, often more casual than overt in the UK nowadays. What was especially positive was the good natured and positive tone of the discussions despite those on the panel coming at the issues from different angles. The able chairing by Becky Clay, Head of Year 12 and a Politics teacher, and the introduction by the school’s first female Head, Dr Anne Cotton, reinforced the fact that for this event, it was rightly very much women centre stage.

The school and Portsmouth Festivities are extremely grateful to have been awarded a PSA School Grant to cover the costs of running the event, and help make politics that little bit more accessible and inclusive to an audience both young and old.

Simon Lemieux, Head of History and Politics at The Portsmouth Grammar School”

PSA School members can find out more about the grant available via psa.ac.uk/psa-schools/grant. Good luck! We look forward to receiving your application.
It’s the PSA’s first week as an official partner of UK Parliament Week (UKPW)! From having a mock-election, hosting a political debate or engaging with your local MP or Peer there’s no limit on the way that you or your students can get involved in UKPW this year!

In 2018 UKPW reached almost a million people across the UK and there are already over 5000 events planned across the UK. November will soon be upon us so don’t forget to sign up online to receive your free UKPW kit to use in your classes or activities. This year’s kit has got a new look and includes an activity booklet and a ballot box as well as items such as bunting and badges to really get in the spirit.

Sign up for your free UKPW kit via ukparliamentweek.org and while you’re there why not explore some of the extra resources they’ve got online?

Are you celebrating UKPW? We want to hear from you! Get in touch via email (jamie.roberts@psa.ac.uk) or join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #UKPW.

Don’t forget to tag us as well! We love seeing pictures and hear about what our members are doing so make sure you tag @PolStudiesAssoc (Twitter) or @politicalstudiesassociation (Facebook) and use the hashtag #PSASchools
I was surprised and delighted with my election as a trustee to PSA Executive Committee. I have been a PSA member for most of my academic career, and it is a great honour to represent and serve my fellow members. These are exciting but also challenging times for the PSA membership both professionally and politically.

As a trustee, I am interested in supporting our Early Career members and also developing the Diverse Voices initiative. As a scholar from a non-traditional background who came late to academia, I have always valued the support of the PSA in aiding my career. It is vital that the voices of all PSA members are heard and strongly influence our work.

I am keen to take forward the impressive outreach activities undertaken by the PSA engaging with teachers and young people. The rapid growth of the PSA Young People’s Politics specialist group highlights the potential to build our membership profile and also provide opportunities for researchers, politics and citizenship educators, policy-makers, and young politics students in school, colleges, and higher education.

I am particularly excited to have been invited to help lead on the PSA’s Research and Impact agenda to further augment its established reputation for hosting high-quality public and policy engagement, networking, and knowledge exchange events across the UK. I am keen to utilise my experience in developing opportunities for PSA members to engage with and influence political and public debate. I will be liaising with the PSA specialist groups over the next few months to gain an understanding of how we can further support their activities. I would ask that any members keen to discuss this important area of the PSA work to get in contact with me.

Questions about Research and Impact? You can reach Andy at a.j.mycock@hud.ac.uk
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