



## The Winds of Change: New Challenges and Opportunities for Teaching Politics and IR

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual PSA/BISA Learning and Teaching Conference

**Date:** 13-14 September 2016

**Location:** Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne

**Conference conveners:** Dr Michael Barr, Dr James Bilsland, Dr Valentina Feklyunina (all at Newcastle University)

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** is hosted by the Learning and Teaching Working Groups of BISA and the PSA. It will focus on new challenges and opportunities for students and teachers of Politics and IR. We are particularly keen to explore the impact of and our responses to three types of changes:

- (i) The major political and geopolitical changes that we are witnessing at the UK, European and global levels;
- (ii) Technological changes;
- (iii) Changes in the institutional environment of Higher Education (including the proposed TEF in the UK as well as the implications of changes to the politics A-level syllabus).

The conference will explore the ways in which we can engage with these changes at the levels of curriculum design, skills acquisition, student engagement and participation, innovative pedagogic techniques and broader questions of the purpose of university education in the changing world. We invite contributions that address any of these issues.

We equally welcome contributions that explore any other pedagogic issues or showcase examples of innovative teaching practices.

**Call for papers:** We welcome proposals of individual papers, panels and round tables. Please email your proposals to [valentina.feklyunina@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:valentina.feklyunina@ncl.ac.uk) by the **deadline of 6 May 2016**.

Individual papers: please provide the title of the paper, an abstract (no more than 200 words) and the author's affiliation and contact details.

Panels: please provide the title of the panel, a panel abstract (no more than 200 words), and the titles and abstracts for at least three papers. We expect that panel proposals will include participants from at least two different institutions.

Round tables: please provide the title of the round table, an abstract (no more than 200 words) and the affiliation and contact details of at least three participants. We expect that round table proposals will include participants from at least two different institutions.

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