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WORLD POLITICAL SCIENTISTS CONVENE IN BATH

Wyn Grant, President, Political Studies Association

The executive committee of the International Political Science Association will hold its next executive committee meeting concurrently with the Political Studies Association conference in Bath.

This will bring some leading world political scientists to the conference. The IPSA Executive will have a busy agenda, including firming up plans for the next IPSA congress in Santiago, Chile in 2009. A key part of IPSA's role is reaching out to political scientists in the Global South and helping the subject's development there. The congress in Santiago should give a boost to political science in Latin America which suffered from the years of military dictatorship in many countries there and the consequent exile of social scientists overseas. The IPSA executive will also be organising the

first interim conference scheduled to be held in Montreal in 2008 which will provide a new focus for the organisation's Research Committees.

The current IPSA president, Professor Lourdes Sola, is from Brazil and she will be presenting the prizes at the Political Studies Association annual dinner.

She is professor of political science at the University of Sao Paulo. She obtained her PhD in political science at Oxford University in 1982 and has served two terms as president of the Brazilian Political Science Association. Her research has been focused on comparative politics and democratisation and her books in English include *The State, Economic Reform and Democratization*.

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From top left to right:
Helen Milner, Executive Committee, IPSA;
Professor Hideo Otake, Executive Committee,
IPSA; Professor Lourdes Sola, President, IPSA;
Professor Max Kaasa, Executive Committee,
IPSA

Politics Undergraduate Numbers Rise Again

UCAS figures show that applications to study Politics at UK universities have risen sharply again – the sixth consecutive increase. By 15 January 2007, 23,693 students had applied to study Politics, a very healthy increase of 8.4% (above the average discipline increase of 6%) on the previous year's total. The number of applicants now makes Politics the 37th most popular (of 82 recorded disciplines) subject for university applications. See June edition of Newsletter for full report.

Political Studies Association Agrees New Publishing Contract

David Denver, Chair, Publications Sub-Committee

All of the Political Studies Association journals (*Political Studies*, *Political Studies Review*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* and *Politics*) are currently published on behalf of the Association by Blackwell. This contract comes to an end at the start of 2008, however, and during 2006 the Publications sub-committee invited publishers to bid for the new contract to run from 2008-13.

Competition was gratifyingly fierce and three publishers were short-listed for intensive

interview (by a panel that included Jon Tonge, Martin Smith and Jack Arthurs in addition to pub-sub members). Following lengthy negotiations and much discussion it was finally decided to recommend to the Executive that the bid from Blackwell be accepted and this was agreed.

I am grateful to the members of the Association panel for their involvement in making this important (and, as it proved, difficult) decision and also to the short-listed publishers for their patience and the quality of the bids that they made. Although it was a matter over which we agonised a good deal, I am



David Denver

confident that the Association will continue to have an effective and profitable relationship with Blackwell over the lifetime of the new contract.

News from the Department of International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth



Professor Nicolas Wheeler and Professor Ken Booth (foreground).

The Future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime and the Implications for Trident

On 2nd December 2006 the David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies based at the Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth, co-hosted a conference entitled 'Multilateral approaches to nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament' at the Temple of Peace in Cardiff. This timely event (the British government will announce its decision over the future of Trident in the very near future) addressed the following broad themes: 'The state of the nuclear non-proliferation regime', 'Strengthening oversight and enforcement', and 'A more secure world? nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security'. The conference was introduced by Stephen Thomas (Director, Welsh Centre of International Affairs) and Professor Nicholas Wheeler. The speakers were Sir Michael Quinlan (former Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence), Professor Frank Barnaby (nuclear consultant, Oxford Research Group), Tariq Rauf (Head of Verification and Security Policy Coordination, International Atomic Energy Agency), Professor John Simpson (Director, Mountbatten Centre of International Studies, University of Southampton), Dr Rebecca Johnson (ACRONYM Institute for Disarmament Policy), and Patrick Lamb (formerly of the Department for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations).

The Certainty of Uncertainty'

On the occasion of the Government's White Paper on Trident renewal, Professor Ken Booth delivered a paper entitled 'The Certainty



Left to right: Frank Barnaby, Lord Hannay, Sir Michael Quinlan and Professor Nicholas Wheeler.

of Uncertainty' at a conference organised by Greenpeace/The WMD Awareness Project, chaired by Baroness Shirley Williams, called 'Trident: the Tipping Point?' in the House of Commons, December 2006.

Choices for Western Intelligence: The Security Challenges of the Twenty-First Century

The Centre for Intelligence and International Security Studies based at the Department of International Politics, Aberystwyth is hosting a conference at the University of Wales Conference Centre, at Gregynog, 28-30 April 2007 entitled 'Choices for Western Intelligence: The Security Challenges of the Twenty-First Century'

A Special Issue of the Journal Intelligence and National Security based on proceedings of the conference is intended follow in due course. For information on the conference, please e-mail: intelligence@aber.ac.uk.

Performance and Politics

A new interdisciplinary research grouping, led by Professor Jenny Edkins, has been established in the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth. The 'Performance and Politics' group will look at the intersection of politics and performance studies and a series of mini-symposia is planned to pursue this theme. The Performance and Politics research grouping looks forward to hosting a series of events that will attract a range of staff and postgraduate interest across the disciplines politics, geography and performance studies and beyond.



Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Awards, Fellowships and Prizes

Professor David Anderson (University Lecturer in African Studies, St Antony's College) has received a major research award from the AHRC's programme on 'Environment and Landscape', to be conducted in collaboration with Dr David Turton. The project, entitled 'Landscape, People and Parks: Environmental Change in the Lower Omo Valley, southwestern Ethiopia', commences in June 2007 and will run for three years.

Dr Nigel Bowles (CUF University Lecturer in Politics and Honor Balfour Fellow in Politics, St Anne's College) has been awarded the Richard E Neustadt Prize for his book, *Nixon's Business* (Texas A&M University Press, 2005).

Megan Bradley, a graduate student in International Relations, was one of 12 graduate students from around the world to receive top marks at the 9th CDAI-CDFAI Annual Graduate Student Symposium, held at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario,

Canada.

Professor Richard Caplan (Professor of International Relations, University Lecturer, Official Fellow, Linacre College) has been awarded funding from the Oxford John Fell OUP Research Fund and the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden for his project, 'Exit Strategies and the Consolidation of Peace'.

Professor Giovanni Capoccia (Professor of Comparative Politics, CUF University Lecturer, Fellow, Corpus Christi College) has been awarded the Oxford John Fell OUP Research Fund: Small Award Scheme, for his project 'Measuring Political Repression in Advanced Democracies: A Study of Western Europe'.

Dr Thomas Davies (Junior Research Fellow, Project 'Civil Resistance and Power Politics, St Antony's College) was awarded the British International History Group Thesis Prize of the British International Studies Association for his thesis, 'Transnational Activism and its Limits: The Campaign for Disarmament between the Two World Wars'.

Dr Colin Farrelly (Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Social Justice) was awarded funding from the Wellcome Trust for the conference entitled 'Genetics and Justice'. The conference will be held on 2-3 July 2007.

Dr Sudhir Hazareesingh (Fellow of the British Academy, CUF Lecturer in Politics, University and Tutorial Fellow in Politics, Balliol College) has been awarded the Second Empire Prize from the Fondation Napoléon for his book, *La Légende de Napoléon*, published in Paris by the Editions Tallandier earlier this year.

Dr Andrew Hurrell (University Lecturer in International Relations, Faculty Fellow, Nuffield College) was awarded an Oxford Social Sciences Showcase Programme grant for his project 'Governing the Globe: Designing Global Institutions for the 21st Century'.

Dr Hartmut Mayer (Supernumerary Fellow and Lecturer in Politics, St Peter's College) won a Research Fellowship from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science. From 1 December 2006 he will spend 10 months in the Department of Political Science at Waseda University in Tokyo working on EU-Japanese Cooperation.

Dr Kalypsa Nicolaidis (University Lecturer in International Relations, Director of the European Studies Centre, Faculty Fellow, St Antony's College) has been awarded the Oxford John Fell OUP Research Fund: Small Award Scheme, for the project 'Europe in a non-European World'. The project is a co-operation between the Centre for International Studies in the Department and the European Studies Centre (St Antony's College) and will run from January to June 2007.

The University of Oxford has been awarded a Leverhulme Trust Research Project Grant for the project, 'William Godwin's Diary: reconstructing a social and political culture 1788-1836', to be directed by Dr Mark Philp (CUF University Lecturer in Politics, Tutorial Fellow, Oriel College) working in close cooperation with the Bodleian Library and the Oxford Text Archive.

The project *Civil Resistance and Power Politics*, based in the Centre for International Studies and managed by Professor Sir Adam Roberts (Montague Burton Professor of International Relations and Fellow, Balliol College) and Professor Timothy Garton Ash (Professor of European Studies, St Antony's College, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University), has recently been awarded grants from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; the Human Security Program of the Canadian Foreign Ministry; the British Academy; the British Foreign and Commonwealth

Office.

Mr Oisín Tansey was awarded an ESRC Post-doctoral Fellowship for his project entitled, 'Democratic Transition in the Context of International Administration'.

Dr Ngaire Woods (University Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, Director of Global Economic Governance Programme, University College) was awarded funding from the Oxford John Fell OUP Research Fund for a project entitled, 'Rolling Out Affordable Health Solutions for the World's Poorest', which she is pursuing jointly with Oxford's Department of Public Health and the Tropical Medicine Network.

The Department of Politics and International Relations was awarded the Astor Visiting Lectureship to bring Stephen Walt (Belfer Professor of International Relations and Academic Dean, 2002-06, John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University) to Oxford. Professor Walt will visit the Department in Michaelmas Term 2007.

The Centre for Research Methods in the Social Sciences (ReMiSS) held a successful workshop on 'Experimenting in the Social Sciences', organised by Ray Duch on 20 November 2006. The Centre plans to organise more events this summer and next year. Details will be posted on the Centre website, <http://remiss.politics.ox.ac.uk>.

The Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism had an extremely successful Launch Event on 20 November 2006. The Chancellor, Lord Patten of Barnes, delivered the inauguration speech for the opening of Reuters Institute. The keynote address was given by Washington Post Executive Editor Leonard Downie on 'Journalism after Iraq'. It was followed by a panel discussion involving eminent journalists – Director General of Al Jazeera Wadah Khanfar, BBC Head of News Helen Boaden and Professor Timothy Garton Ash, Professor of European Studies, St Antony's College.

The Oxford Leverhulme Programme on the Changing Character of War, in partnership with the International Institute of Strategic Studies and in association with the Institute for National Strategic Studies of the US National Defense University, hosted a conference on 'Challenging Deterrence: Strategic Stability in the 21st Century' at All Souls College on 14 - 16 December 2006. Delegates discussed how the concept of deterrence is affected today, both in theory and in practice, in the face of state and non-traditional challenges, and what national and international measures might be taken to increase global security and enhance the effectiveness of deterrence.

New Staff in Academic Year 2006/2007

- Professor Simon Caney, University Lecturer in Political Theory
- Dr Tom Snijders, Professor of Statistics in the Social Sciences
- Professor Joel Aberbach, John G. Winant Visiting Professor of American Government
- Dr Sarmila Bose, Director of Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism
- Dr Joe Foweraker, University Lecturer and Professor of Latin American Politics
- Dr Sara Hobolt, University Lecturer in Comparative European Politics and Tutorial Fellow in Politics
- Professor Nancy Bermeo, Nuffield Professor of Comparative Politics
- Dr Gwen Sasse, Reader in Central and East European Politics
- Dr Indridi Indridason, Career Development Fellow in Formal Analysis, Oriel College



- Mr Antonis Ellinas, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism Research Fellow
- Dr Henrik Örnebring, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism Axess Research

New Post-doctoral Fellows:

- Mr David Armstrong, Quantitative Research Methods
- Mr Ryan Bakker, Quantitative Research Methods
- Dr Chris Brooke, Political Theory
- Dr Colin Farrelly, Centre for the Study of Social Justice
- Dr Markus Kornprobst, International Relations
- Dr Harmut Lenz, Comparative Government
- Dr Eric Morier-Genoud, ORENGA (Oxford Research Network on Governance in Africa)
- Dr Johannes Lindvall, Research Fellow in Comparative Politics
- Dr Christina Schneider, International Relations
- Dr Philip Roessler, Andrew Mellon Post-doctoral Fellow in Comparative Government
- Mr Oisín Tansey, ESRC Post-doctoral Fellow
- Dr Katherine Eddy, British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow

Nottingham launches a new Four Year Undergraduate Masters Degree

The School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham has launched an exciting new four year undergraduate degree entitled: ‘MSci in International Relations and Global Issues’. The first students will begin their studies in September 2007.

The idea behind this degree is that international relations is best taught globally. Students will spend their first year at Nottingham and then spend their second year with one of four Universitas 21 partner universities. These are Auckland, Hong Kong, Melbourne and UBC. In year two all students take an online capstone module in ‘Global Citizenship’ provided by UBC. Students return to Nottingham in their third year and move into the masters stream in their final year. Anticipated further developments in this degree include opportunities to study at Nottingham’s Ningbo campus close to Shanghai.

One of the challenges of the degree has been delivering more teaching online. A pool of online modules allows students to study at a host university in year two while also selecting additional modules from a third or fourth university online. Colleagues have found teaching students on a global basis both challenging and rewarding. Professor Richard J. Aldrich who helped to design the degree said sometimes you felt that what the School really needed was a clock that showed the time in all five partner universities.

Politics and IR at Nottingham has a strong interest in researching globalisation, signalled by the launch of a new Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice in 2006, directed by Professor Simon Tormey. A successful RCUK bid led by the Centre on the theme of ‘China, Globalisation and Resistance’ will see three new research fellows join the University in 2007.

Politics at Bath is a-changing...

The Politics section at the University of Bath is growing. After having appointed Professor Richard Whitman (formerly of Westminster University and Chatham House, London) in 2006 as Professor of Politics, it has now appointed Professor Adrian Hyde (formerly of Leicester University) as Professor of International Relations and Professor Antje Wiener (formerly of Queens, Belfast) as Professor of Politics and International Relations. A new lecturer in International relations will shortly also be appointed. These new appointments will coincide with the launching of a new BSc (Hons) in Politics with International Relations which will have its first intake in October 2007.

New MA at the University of Northampton

At the University of Northampton we have recently validated a new MA International Relations which will receive its first intake of students in October 2007. A single honours degree in Politics is also currently going through validation (also to start in October 2007) and will add to our existing Joint and Combined Honours provision in Politics at undergraduate level.

A key feature of the new BA Politics will be the availability of an internship scheme at the House of Commons in the students’ second year of study. This scheme was very successfully piloted last year.

For more information:

The admissions tutor for Politics undergraduate courses is Leslie Benson: leslie.benson@northampton.ac.uk. For the MA International Relations, the admissions tutor is Jon Gorry: jon.gorry@northampton.ac.uk. The web address is <http://www.northampton.ac.uk/departments/socialsciences/> and then follow the link to Politics. At the bottom of the Politics page is a link to the MAIR.

Northern PSA Graduate Conference 2007

University of Glasgow
Friday 25th May 2007

The 2007 Northern Political Studies Association Graduate Conference will take place at the Department of Politics, University of Glasgow, Scotland, on Friday 25th May 2007.

The Graduate conference is a conference organized by postgraduate students for postgraduates. It provides an ideal environment to discuss general issues regarding postgraduate study and is a useful way of establishing contacts with the postgraduate community in your region and in your specific field of study.

There is no registration fee for this conference. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The Department of Politics, the Faculty of Law, Business and Social Sciences, the Political Studies Association Graduate Network (PGN) and the Political Studies Association Journal Politics are sponsoring the conference.

Travel & Accommodation, if required, are at the attendee’s own expense. For accommodation see e.g. <http://www.scottishaccommodationindex.com/glasgow.php>

For updates on the conference go to: <http://www.lbss.gla.ac.uk/Politics/degreeprogrammes/postgradresearch>

‘African Borderlands and Frontiers’ Conference

Leuven, Belgium
22nd - 24th November 2007

From 22nd-24th November 2007 the Belgian Association of Africanists organizes an international conference on “Borderlands and Frontiers in Africa”. This conference will take place in Leuven, Belgium. It welcomes contributions from scholars across the humanities and social sciences working in and on Africa, and it especially welcomes contributions by African scholars.

This conference focuses on frontiers, borders, and boundaries in Africa, and especially on the many ways people throughout the continent deal with them. Boundaries are created, maintained and

unmade, but at the same time they also constitute a political, social, economic and historical reality. Moreover, despite the supposed rigidity of borders and boundaries, this reality is in continuous flux.

A full list of themes, together with conference details (such as venue, programme, a list of relevant literature, and so on) can be found at www.borderlands.be. Papers and abstracts will also be circulated on this website. Abstracts and proposals are expected before 1st September 2007. Finished papers are due before 1st November 2007. For more information please contact: Steven Van Wolputte at: steven.vanwolputte@soc.kuleuven.be Or alternatively visit the website: www.africaresearch.be

A Changing Cuba in a Changing World Conference

Call for Papers, Cuba Project, New York
12th - 14th March 2008

This international, inter-disciplinary forum will gather scholars and other specialists to probe changes currently underway in economics, politics and policy models, civil society, art and literature, race relations, national identity and culture, as well as Cuba’s role in world affairs.

The deadline for receipt of paper proposals or sessions is 16th October 2007. Early submissions and inquiries are encouraged. Deadline for final papers is 29th January 2008.

Send your proposals to Cuba Project, The Bildner Center, 365 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10016-4309 or via email to cubaproject@gc.cuny.edu

For more information please visit the website: <http://www.bildner.org>

9th Public Management Research Association Conference

University of Arizona, Tucson
25th - 27th October 2007

Public Management Research Association (PMRA) are now being accepted. The conference will be hosted by the School of Public Administration and Policy in the Eller College

of Management at the University of Arizona.

Since its first meeting in 1991, this research conference has been the foremost gathering of leading public management scholars. It is the official biennial conference of the PMRA, an organization that emphasizes the linkages between the study of public institutions and their management and the study of public policy. The organization supports the development of empirical and normative inquiry, theory building and systematic testing of theory consistent with the canons of social science, using the full range of quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

In keeping with past conferences, preference will be given to proposals that feature empirical research. These proposals will be evaluated based on the significance and quality of the research question, research design, methods, data, and findings. However, proposals for papers that feature well-crafted conceptual and theoretical contributions without empirical tests also will be considered. Specifically, the committee welcomes non-empirical pieces that develop a theory or theoretical framework that provides insight into a compelling research question or subject of study in public management. Strong conceptual papers should identify foundational assumptions and key concepts, develop an internally consistent logic or model of causation, and result in specific propositions or testable hypotheses.

Proposals will be accepted for individual papers, or for complete panels (consisting of no more than four papers). Each paper submitted as part of a panel will be evaluated separately by the program committee, which may drop or add papers to the proposed panel.

Proposals should be submitted to ina.k.cook@gmail.com as either a PDF or Word attachment no later than Friday 30th March 2007. Notifications of proposal acceptance or denial will be sent by 15th June 2007. If a proposal is accepted, the presenter must register for the conference in order to participate.

Requests to be panel chairs also may be submitted to ina.k.cook@gmail.com. Include information about your title, institutional affiliation, Ph.D. granted (date, field, and institution), and general research interests.

Any questions regarding the conference or proposal submission may be sent to either Carolyn Hill at carolyn.j.hill@gmail.com or Ina Katherine Cook at ina.k.cook@gmail.com.



Wales and South-West England Graduate Conference

Department of Politics, School of European Studies, Cardiff University
22nd - 24th November 2007

The fourth Wales and South-West England Postgraduate Conference in Politics will take place at the Graduate Centre, Students Union’s Building, hosted by School of European Studies, Graduate School in Humanities, and the Political Studies Association, on Saturday 28th April 2007. Papers are welcome on all aspects of politics, political philosophy, and international relations. Panel suggestions are encouraged also.

The Wales and South-West England Postgraduate Conference is organized by postgraduates for postgraduates. It provides an opportunity to present a paper or a ‘work in progress’ on politics in a relaxed atmosphere and to discuss your work among your peers. The Wales and South-West England Postgraduate Conference is the ideal setting to present embryonic ideas or fully polished papers ready for publication, and there is no requirement to circulate the paper you present beforehand. The conference also provides an ideal environment to discuss general issues regarding postgraduate study and is a useful way of establishing contacts with the postgraduate community.

Submission Deadlines

Submission deadline for paper proposals is Wednesday 28th March 2007. Please forward your contact details, proposal title, and abstract of no more than 300 words to Camilla Boisen: BoisenC1@cardiff.ac.uk (If you plan on using Powerpoint, please indicate.) Contact details should include name, whether or not you are a member of the Political Studies Association, university and programme of study, email address and tel./mobile number. If you wish to attend without presenting a paper, please send your contact details to the above email address.

To submit a paper proposal, suggest a panel theme or request further information, details or questions about the conference, please contact Kerstin Budde at: Buddek@cardiff.ac.uk

There is no registration fee for the Wales and South-West England Postgraduate Conference, and all conference events, including lunch and other refreshments are free of

charge. The Department of Politics, School of European Studies, and the Political Studies Association Graduate Network (PGN) are sponsoring the conference.

Travel and Accommodation

Travel and accommodation, if required, are at the attendees’ own expense. Information on traveling to Cardiff is available at: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/visitors/index.html> Accommodation information is at: <http://www.visitcardiff.com/>

‘Colonial and Post-Colonial Remembering and Forgetfulness’

A Special Session at the Empires and Identities Conference, Mexico City and Chalco
16th - 18th October 2007

Call for Papers

The organising committee for the conference cycle “Colonial and Post-Colonial Remembering and Forgetfulness” to be held for the second time in Mexico City between the 16th and 18th of October 2007 is seeking further panelists for a special session/ “sub-conference” dedicated to “Empires and Identities” that will take place during the conference.

We welcome submissions from all branches of the social sciences, humanities, as well as the arts. Graduate students are encouraged to participate. Papers will be considered on related themes and topics from a wide range of perspectives. Presenters are encouraged to interpret the themes of the conference broadly and may explore any historical period, with any geographic focus.

Papers will be considered on related themes and topics from a wide range of perspectives. 500 word abstracts should be submitted to the organising committee in English, Castilian, German or French by 1st May 2007. The conference languages will be English and Castilian. Interpretations of the conference theme ranging from the predictable to the surprising are encouraged.

More information about the conference and the different special sessions and sub-conferences during the event is available on the conference homepage: http://www.enkidumagazine.com/eventos/chimalpahin/intro_en.htm
Email: info@enkidumagazine.com

epsNet Annual Conference ‘Europe: Integration and/or Fragmentation’

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
22nd -23rd June 2007

The European Political Science Network (epsNet) is an organization dedicated to the promotion of political science in Europe. Its conferences provide a discussion forum on the discipline and teaching of political science. The 2007 general conference theme is Europe: Integration and/or Fragmentation? This is divided into three subthemes: Europe’s Citizens and Civil Society, Internal and External Security, Organizing and Governing the State

The conference also has a special section on Political Science and the Bologna Process, and provides an Intensive Seminar offering training for first-time university teachers in political science.

The Conference convenors are: Michelle Cini (University of Bristol), Miro Hacek (University of Ljubljana) and Bob Reinalda (Radboud University Nijmegen).

For more information please contact the conference coordinator: Cirila Toplak, Department of Political Science, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia: cirila.toplak@uni-mb.si EpsNet is a pan-European organization with a membership all over Europe. For more about epsNet please go to: www.epsnet.org.

ECPR Supported Summer Schools Mobility Fund

The ECPR’s mobility fund is available to graduate students from ECPR member institutions who have been accepted to participate in a ECPR supported summer school. Grants are limited to no more than one person per member institution. The ECPR’s budget for the summer schools mobility fund is 14500. Awards will be fixed at 300 for successful applicants attending one of the ECPR supported Standing Group Summer Schools and 500 for successful applicants attending either the ECPR Summer School, in Ljubljana or the Essex Summer School. Awards may be

used to cover travel and/or accommodation costs. Deadline for applications: Monday 2 April 2007

ECPR Scholarship Fund and Reduced Fee Places at the 2007 Essex Summer School

Up to three applicants per ECPR member institution can apply for a reduced fee place, which is £450 instead of the normal tuition fee of £680, and a scholarship fund award of £150, which is paid directly to the participant.

There are 160 reduced fee places and scholarship awards available for participants from ECPR member institutions and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To apply for one of these places, the application (<http://www.essex.ac.uk/methods/ecprapplication07>) should be submitted direct to ECPR Central Services by 1st April, 2007. All queries about these reduced fee places and scholarship awards should be addressed to ECPR

EU and Political Literacy Teacher Conferences

The Hansard Society has been working with the UK Office of the European Parliament to deliver eight teacher conferences across England and Wales from December 2006 to June 2007. The UK Office has launched a series of new free teaching resources to support teaching about the European Union. Delegates will be offered the opportunity to participate in a series of new workshops that will enable them to deliver political literacy teaching confidently and in an innovative and engaging way.

The first three conferences have been both popular and successful and they continue their journey around the country stopping at Bristol (February), Cardiff (March), Birmingham (April), Cambridge (May) and finally York (June).

For further information click on the link below: http://www.hansardsociety.org.uk/Citizenship_Conferences
To register for any of the above events, email us at: hans_admin@hansard.lse.ac.uk.

Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies’ Conference

Quebec, Canada

Concern with issues of ethnic pluralism has come to the forefront of public debate in liberal democracies and newly democratizing states. Wide-ranging population movements around the globe, endorsement of cosmopolitanism, and the increasing importance of norms fuzzily labeled “civil rights”, have been widely regarded as positive trends. At the same time, there is little doubt that in many cases, ethnic heterogeneity has been characterized by mistrust, suspicion, alienation, and conflict. As many societies are undergoing demographic transformations, there is intense debate about how communal relations are best managed. At the forefront are issues such as the place of religious arbitration, dress codes in public schools, and the balance between freedom of speech, and the sensibilities of religious minorities, as demonstrated in the “cartoon affair” in Europe in the winter of 2006. Some

believe that illiberal norms are being injected into liberal societies and are contributing to the erosion of social cohesion. Others fear that multicultural ideals are being taken over by increasing intolerance toward immigrant and indigenous ethnic communities. Yet others still feel that multiculturalism and social cohesion are not inconsistent policy objectives. The aim of this conference is to explore empirical, normative, and policy-relevant questions relating to inter-group relations in multiethnic societies, both Western and non-Western, and from diverse disciplinary perspectives.

For further information about the conference including, the different thematic areas of the conference, registration and accommodation, please visit the EDG website at www.edg-gde.ca.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31st March 2007 and should be sent to cfp@edg-gde.com.

Moving Cultures, Shifting Identities: a conference about migration, connection, heritage and cultural memory

Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia
3rd - 5th December 2007

Call for Papers

This conference will examine issues of migration, transnational connection, displacement heritage, global space and cultural memory created by the movements of peoples between cultures in the modern world.

Papers are invited on the following:

- The demographics of people flow: who moves where? and why?
- Forced migration in the Asia Pacific
- Cultural, political and economic factors shaping migration. How are connections made?
- Bordering the nation: migration and national security
- Transnationalism, citizenship and sovereignty

- Gender and generational issues in the migration experience
- Linguistics, diaspora and migration
- Settling down, settlement patterns and return migration
- Can multi-cultures and multi-ethnicities produce one nation?
- Multiculturalism
- Language maintenance in the new culture
- Foodways
- Migration, place and situated identities
- Connections with the new place and (re)negotiating with the old
- Home and Away: What is transferred from the home culture to the new culture? What cannot fit in the baggage?
- Imaginary homelands: life-writing, creative writing and film responses to the migration experience
- Unsettlement: the idea of the settler colony
- Cultural memory: heritage and exchange
- Transplanted cultures as tourist attractions
- Fusion, ‘cultural hybridity’, cosmopolitanism ...

Proposals

Proposals for panel sessions will be considered as well as abstracts for individual papers.

Panel proposals should include a theme for the session, the names of all speakers, the titles of their papers, and a session summary of 250–300 words.

Abstracts of 250–300 words should be submitted for each paper, whether they are included in a panel session proposal or not. Where abstracts are intended for a proposed panel session, this should be indicated on the abstract.

Abstracts and session proposals should be sent to Nena Bierbaum, School of Humanities, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide, South Australian 5001, or by email to nena.bierbaum@flinders.edu.au by 31st March 2007. **All abstracts will be refereed.**

“From Europe to Latin America and Beyond: The Continuity of Genocidal Social Practices”

Tres de Febrero National University (UNTREF)
Buenos Aires, Argentina

3rd - 5th December 2007

Topics for Roundtables discussions:

- The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and its Debates: The Struggle against Impunity.
- Colonialism and Genocidal Social Practices.
- Genocidal Social Practices in the 20th Century.
- Preventing Genocide in the 21st Century: Major Risks and Early Warning Mechanisms.
- Political Mass Violence and Genocide in Latin America.
- Ways of “Symbolic Achievement” of Genocide: Genocidal Social Practices and Narration.
- Genocide and Structural/Institutional Violence
- Processes of Resistance to Genocidal Social Practices.
- Aftermath and Long-Term Repercussions of the Genocidal Social Practices.

Deadline for submission of abstracts:

30th April 2007

Deadline for submission of papers:

15th October 2007

Registration fee for foreign presenters and attendees: US\$150

(The foreign registration fee includes the Meeting’s materials, Conference meals, a CD with the expositions and papers, and the attendance certificate.)

For information and registration, send e-mail to congresogenocidio@untref.edu.ar . Visit the website at <http://www.inogs.com>

‘Becoming Plural: The Political Thought of William E. Connolly’

The Department of Politics and International Relations, Swansea University

May 11th and the 12th 2007

William E. Connolly is one of the leading political theorists in contemporary North America and perhaps the most significant to be working outside of an analytic or liberal paradigm. He has brought European post-structural concerns into the American and Anglo-American tradition, pushed the boundaries of political theory into areas as diverse as cinema, neurology and popular culture and advanced a radical theory of post-secular and post-national pluralism.

His work helps to elucidate the particular problems faced by plural and pluralised societies in the face of changes wrought by globalisation, immigration, and 9/11 and its aftermath. This conference will celebrate his work, critically interrogate it, and explore its practical political impact so as to bring his project to the attention of a wider UK and international audience.

For further details, registration information, or any questions please contact Dr. Samuel A. Chambers and Dr. Alan Finlayson by emailing connolly.conference@swanseapolitics.org.uk.

Council of European Studies Sixteenth International Conference

The Drake Hotel, Chicago

5th - 8th March 2008

Call for papers

The Council’s International Conference brings together scholars and experts for debate, discussion, and interdisciplinary

exchange. At the 2008 conference, the Council welcomes panels, roundtables, workshops, book discussions, and individual papers, on the study of Europe at its most broadly defined, and encourages proposals on the widest range of disciplines and interdisciplinary fields.

Proposal forms must be received electronically at ces@columbia.edu by 1st June 2007.

Participants will be notified of the Committee’s decisions by 5th November 2007.

Please note: The Committee will accept only 2 submissions per person. Members may also participate in a maximum of two sessions, and no exceptions will be made. For further information regarding the 2008 conference, including the proposal forms, please go to: www.councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conf/conf.htm

‘Politics beyond the mainstream’

The First Annual International Conference on Minor Parties, Independent Politicians, Voter Associations and Political Associations in Politics, University of Birmingham

November 29th to the 1st December 2007

The aim of the conference is to explore all facets of the activities, organisation and impact of political organisations that are outside of the mainstream parties, set within any governmental level or context.

For the purpose of the conference minor parties will be defined in their own national setting. That is, whilst a party may be part of a governing coalition or administration nationally, its membership, votes and resources clearly define its ‘minor party’ status. Alternatively, a party may be a major player in a region or locality, but it maintains minor party status on the national stage. Proposals covering any level of political activity or any level of governmental and representative body will be considered.

Proposals can also focus on the organisation and activity of independent politicians and voter and political associations. The latter refers to any organisation or grouping of citizens, whether broad-platform or single-issue based, that seek to organise and conduct political activity at any level, but with the defining characteristic of entering, successfully or

otherwise, the electoral fray and standing candidates for political office.

Call for papers

The paper proposal should set out the definition of minor party employed for the purpose of the paper (which can reflect the specific political contexts and factors that exist in different countries) and whether the paper examines all minor parties in a particular setting, a collection of parties or a single party, and give the rationale for that choice.

Outlines for papers covering the following aspects of minor parties, independent politicians, voter associations and political associations, at all levels of politics are welcome:

- international comparisons
- single nation studies
- empirical studies
- theoretical and comparative papers
- historical explorations
- case studies

Outlines for paper proposals are to be sent to Dr Colin Copus: c.m.copus@bham.ac.uk by 14th April 2007 and should be no more than 600 words. There will be a small charge for attending the conference, which will be announced at a later date.

‘China in the 21st Century: Culture, Politics and Business’

International Conference
Irish Institute of Chinese Studies
University College Cork, Ireland

June 7th and 8th 2007

In order to promote research on China and its relationship with Ireland, Europe and the World community of nations, the Irish Institute of Chinese Studies at UCC will hold an international conference: ‘CHINA in the 21st Century: Culture, Politics and Business’ between June 7th and 9th 2007 at University College Cork, Ireland. We hope to draw experts from China, Europe and North America with a background in Chinese studies, economics, political science and sociology to provide an in-depth stock talking of the fascinating developments in the emerging superpower of the 21st century.

We would like to invite theoretical and empirical contributions with reference to the following areas of research:

- Chinese Economy and Enterprise: Review and Outlook including Outsourcing
- The Irish ‘Asian Strategy’ and its Progress
- Rural and Urban: Dual-Structure of

Chinese Society

- Changing Public-Private Relationships in China
- China and International Relations
- Law and the Development of Chinese Civil Society
- Art in Contemporary China
- Education in China: Opportunities and Challenges
- The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and its Impact

In addition, we welcome any piece of innovative and promising research on China. Please note the deadline for sending abstracts to the conference organisers is 5th April 2007. The abstract should contain an outline of the paper of not more than 200 words, a short CV of the person proposing the paper and his or her current institutional affiliation and contact details.

For further details please contact:

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Peter Riddell Accepts Honorary Fellowship from the Association



Peter Riddell

Peter Riddell, Political Editor of The Times, has accepted an Honorary Fellowship from the Political Studies Association.

The Fellowship was awarded for Peter’s contribution to bridging links between the academic study of politics and political journalism. Peter Riddell’s column



James Naughtie

in The Times regularly cites academic works in support of his arguments.

In recent years, Peter has played an important role in the ESRC Devolution and Constitutional Change programme; sat on the ESRC International Benchmarking of Politics steering committee; was involved in the Association’s Values of Britishness conference; was the guest speaker at the PSA EPOP Annual Conference and has been a member of the Association’s Awards Ceremony jury. The Political Studies Association is grateful for his continuing unstinting assistance.

The BBC’s James Naughtie was awarded an Honorary Fellowship last year.

Workshops in Political Theory Fourth Annual Conference Manchester Metropolitan University 3rd – 5th Sept 2007

Following the successful third annual series of Workshops held in Manchester, September 2006, at which approximately a hundred papers were given, another conference is being held this year.

These workshops are intended to reflect the diversity of research interests and idioms in political theory. They will also provide an opportunity to get in-depth feedback on work-in-progress as well as on finished papers in an informal setting.

There is a conference web-site <http://www.hlss.mmu.ac.uk/politicaltheory> where papers and conference details are posted.

The workshops and convenors are as follows:

- 1

Derrida and the Political
(Joanna Hodge, Manchester Metropolitan University, j.hodge@mmu.ac.uk)
- 2

Hume and the Problem of Sociability
(Martin Bell, Manchester Metropolitan University, j.m.bell@mmu.ac.uk)
- 3

Property and Political Theory:
Historical and Contemporary Understandings
(Robert Lamb, Exeter University, R.Lamb@exeter.ac.uk and Rowan Cruft, University of Stirling, Rowan. cruft@stir.ac.uk)
- 4

Anarchist Thought:
Classical and Contemporary
(Ruth Kinna, Loughborough University, R.E.Kinna@lboro.ac.uk)
- 5

Political Theory and Science Fiction
(Tony Burns, Nottingham University, Tony.Burns@nottingham.ac.uk)
- 6

Truth, Power, and Politics:
Reflections on the Logic of Politics
(Javier Franze, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, javier.franze@cps.ucm.es)
- 7

Religion and political philosophy
(Alexandre Christoyannopoulos,

University of Kent,
A.J.M.E.Christoyannopoulos@kent.ac.uk)

- 8

The Contemporary Relevance of the Political Theory of Hannah Arendt
(Mary Walsh, University of Canberra, MaryWalsh@canberra.edu.au)

- 9

A global politics of recognition?
(Simon Thompson, University of the West of England, Simon.Thompson@uwe.ac.uk)

- 10

Marxism
(Mark Cowling, University of Teesside, c.m.cowling@tees.ac.uk)

- 11

Group rights and group representation
(Peter Jones, Newcastle University, p.n.jones@ncl.ac.uk and Ian O'Flynn, Newcastle University, i.j.o'flynn@ncl.ac.uk)

- 12

Language and Politics
(Paul Graham, Glasgow University, p.graham@socsci.gla.ac.uk)

- 13

Green Political Theory
(Simon Hailwood, Liverpool University, hailwood@liverpool.ac.uk)

- 14

Theories of Violence
(Vivienne Boon, Liverpool University, vivboon@liverpool.ac.uk)

- 15

International Relations Theory
(David Boucher, Cardiff University, boucherde@cardiff.ac.uk)

- 16

The 'Theory' of 'the State' today?
(Noel Parker, University of Copenhagen, NP@ifs.ku.dk and Andrew Vincent, Andrew.Vincent@sheffield.ac.uk)

- 17

Rethinking Borders
(Chris Rumford, Royal Holloway, London, Chris.Rumford@rhul.ac.uk)

- 18

Normative Political Theory and Public Policy
(Phil Parvin, Cambridge University, pjp38@cam.ac.uk)

- 19

Hobbes Studies
(Noel Boulting, nobossneb@clara.co.uk)

- 20

British Idealism: Philosophy, Society and Politics
(Stamatoula Panagakou, University of Durham, sp117@york.ac.uk)

- 21

Anti-democratic Thought
(Erich Kofmel, erichkofmel@googlemail.com)

- 22

Ethics, Work and Emancipation
(Keith Breen, Queens University of Belfast, k.breen@Queens-Belfast.ac.uk)

If you are interested in giving a paper, please contact the appropriate workshop convenor as indicated above.

The organisers are:

- **Professor Joe Femia**
(School of Politics and Communication Studies, University of Liverpool, femia@liv.ac.uk)
- **Professor Jules Townshend**
(Department of Politics and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University, j.townshend@mmu.ac.uk)

Conference Registration:

- Helen Dodd, h.dodd@mmu.ac.uk
Tel: 0161 247 3396
Fax: 0161 247 6887

Registrations after 6th July 2007 will be subject to a late fee of £10 (please include this with your payment). Registrations will not be accepted after 10th August 2007

Politics at Newcastle University

Politics at Newcastle has a long and successful history on which a new generation of scholars are building for the future. In 2005, Newcastle Politics celebrated its 50th anniversary with a major reunion event for former (and current) staff and students.

The keynote speaker was Emeritus Professor Hugh Berrington, who guided the Department through more than thirty years from the 1960s to the mid-1990s. In that time, Politics at Newcastle grew from 'a man and a boy' to over fifteen staff. Since Professor Berrington's (official) retirement Newcastle Politics has undergone significant change. (Professor Berrington presented his current research at our regular lunchtime staff seminar in October last year!)

In 2002, we became part of the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology in a University re-organisation. The new structure – combined with several retirements and departures – presented interesting challenges and an opportunity for renewal. We have seen a significant number of new appointments and Politics at Newcastle has begun to grow again. We will have twenty-two staff by October 2007. Of those, eleven members of staff have been appointed since 2003 and eleven are under forty years of age. Thirteen staff will be entered for the RAE for the first time in 2008. We are a young department with a long history and an exciting future.

Newcastle Politics has three main research clusters: political philosophy; international politics; and national and supranational systems. We have made exciting appointments in all three clusters in recent years.

Political Philosophy

The political philosophy group – under the continuing leadership of Professor Peter Jones – has seen three new appointments since 2004. Dr. Thom Brooks' research interests include both history of political thought and contemporary political philosophy. He is currently working on books on Hegel's Political Philosophy and An Idealist Theory of Punishment during his AHRC-funded research leave. Dr. Ian O'Flynn works on democracy and is particularly interested in the potential role of deliberative democracy in divided societies.

His first book, *Deliberative Democracy*



From top to bottom:
Professor Hartmut Behr;
Kyle Grayson, Lecturer in
International Politics and
Dr. Thom Brooks, Lecturer in
Political Thought.



Pictures above and to the
right: PSA CANE Conference
- Newcastle January 2007.



and *Divided Societies*, was published by Edinburgh University Press in 2006. He is currently working with Professor James Fishkin (Stanford University) on a 'deliberative poll' in Northern Ireland on the subject of integrated education. Finally, Dr Graham Long will join the department as a lecturer in October 2007 having recently completed a three year British Academy post-doctoral fellowship at Newcastle. Dr. Long's research is on the political philosophy of international relations. His *Relativism and the Foundations of Liberalism* (Imprint Academic, 2004) is based on his prize-winning PhD thesis.

International Politics

The international politics cluster has also enjoyed a substantial renewal. Professor Hartmut Behr was appointed to lead the international politics group in September 2005. Professor Behr – like Graham Long – provides a bridge between international relations theory and political philosophy. He is currently working on a monograph, *The Loss of Ethics: War and Peace in International Political Thought* to be published by Palgrave.

Dr. Kyle Grayson joined Newcastle Politics from York University, Toronto. Dr. Grayson's first book, *Chasing Dragons: Security, Identity*

and *Illicit Drugs in Canada* (University of Toronto Press) will be published in 2007. Dr. Matt Davies also came to Newcastle from North America in 2006. He works on poverty in the global political economy and he is currently writing a monograph on everyday life in the global political economy.

National and Supranational Systems

The third and largest research cluster – national and supranational systems – has also benefited from new arrivals. Professor William Maloney was appointed in 2005. He is currently leading EU-funded work on 'The new role of active citizenship and NGOs' and organising an ESRC seminar series on 'Organized Interests'. His new book (co-edited with Professor Grant Jordan), *Democracy and Interest Groups*, will be published by Palgrave this year. Dr. Jocelyn Mawdsley joined Newcastle Politics from the University of Manchester in 2005.

Her research interests include European security and defence policy, German security policy and the international political economy of security. Finally, Dr. Roman David will join the department in September 2007. Dr. David's research is on transitional justice, especially in Central and Eastern Europe.



Seminars and Events

The new staff have generated a vibrant research environment with a regular lunch-time seminar series for staff to present work in progress and specialist reading groups for staff and postgraduate students in each research cluster. We have a specialist Political Philosophy Seminar Series, which runs weekly throughout term-time. Recent speakers have included Richard Bellamy, David Boucher, Simon Caney, Iain Hampsher-Monk, Jonathan Wolff and Leif Wenar. Speakers in Spring 2007 will include Gerry Cohen and Joseph Raz. We have had two fascinating 'Author meets Critics' events with Martha Nussbaum and Thomas Pogge. Our International

Politics group has also taken the lead in developing 'North-Net', a Northern Regional network for scholars in critical global studies. North-Net is the beginning of exciting developments in the International Politics field, including an annual 'North-Net' postgraduate conference, regular visiting speakers in a 'New Voices' seminar series and a

major international conference in April 2007, 'From Dissidence to Defiance: Resisting the Disciplines of Global Politics and the War on Terror'.

Postgraduate Research Students

In Newcastle Politics we have a thriving group of almost 50 PhD students. Since 2001, we have secured around 25 ESRC and AHRC studentships, including a small number of CASE awards. In recent years, students from Newcastle Politics have won the annual Political Studies Association (PSA) Prize for Best Dissertation in Political Theory on three occasions. In January 2007, our PhD students – led by James Pattison – organised the Political Studies Association Central and Northern England (CANE) Graduate Conference. The event was a great success with over 60 papers on political philosophy, international relations and British politics.

Postgraduate MA Programmes

Newcastle Politics has long enjoyed a good reputation as a leading provider of high quality Masters programmes. We had a significant increase in numbers for 2006-7 and we currently have 50 students on our four MA programmes: Politics (Research), International

Studies, International Political Economy and European Union Studies. We will introduce a new suite of three programmes in 2008-9, which build on new strengths provided by our recent appointments. The new programmes are: International Politics (Global Justice and Ethics); International Politics (Globalization, Poverty and Development); and International Politics (Critical Geo-Politics).

Undergraduate Programmes

We currently have around 500 students take five undergraduate degrees (Politics, Government and European Studies, Politics and Economics, Politics and Sociology, Politics and History). We have just completed a major review of our undergraduate degrees, introducing a new structure and an improved range of modules for 2006-7. We have a good record on teaching quality – being ranked in the top half of UK Politics units in the National Student Surveys of 2005 and 2006.

The Future

Newcastle Politics has recruited an exciting group of young academics committed to research and teaching. The legacy of the 'Berrington generation' is in good hands!!

The School of Politics and Communication Studies at the University of Liverpool



Politics at Liverpool

Politics at Liverpool goes from strength to strength, with strategic new appointments bolstering research clusters in UK Politics and Governance; European Politics and Policy and Public Communication. The arrivals of Dr Nicholas Khoo (from Columbia University); Dr Amanda Sives (from Nottingham University) and Dr Ekaterina Balabanova (from Leicester University) have added to research specialisms and further internationalized the focus of the

School's research. New research degrees were launched last year and a new MA in International Relations and Security will begin this Autumn.

In UK Politics, there has been eight dedicated research monographs produced during the current RAE cycle by a team comprising Dr David Dolowitz, Dr Neil Gavin; Dr Kevin Hickson and Professor Jon Tonge. Dr Dolowitz continues to undertake pioneering research on policy transfer (funded by the ESRC) and the politics of the internet, leading to several books and major articles in, for example, the Journal of Political Ideologies. Dr Gavin's work on media influence upon politics has led to a major book this year, plus recent articles in Electoral Studies and Parliamentary Affairs. Appointed in 2006, Kevin Hickson has co-edited three major texts on the political ideologies

of the Conservative and Labour parties; co-authored a book on major British political thinkers and produced a monograph on the IMF crisis of the 1970s. Jon Tonge's work on Northern Ireland has led to two recent monographs, plus a co-authored work on Sinn Féin and the SDLP, four ESRC research grants and a Leverhulme Trust award. He has recently published articles in leading journals such as Political Psychology, Political Studies, Electoral Studies, Party Politics and Terrorism and Political Violence. Professor Tonge, Chair of the Political Studies Association and a proleptic appointment to replace Professor Dennis Kavanagh, also co-edits an election book series with former Liverpool Professor Andrew Geddes (now Sheffield). Dennis Kavanagh may have officially retired but he has hardly disappeared, being contracted to co-author another major general election study, with Phil Cowley replacing David Butler as his

colleague on the project. The UK Politics cluster is to host a major international conference on UK Political Ideologies in June this year.

In European Politics and Policy, the School's Europe in the World Centre (EWC) is a Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, awarded a Jean Monnet Chair. Under the leaderships of Professors Richard Gillespie (also Head of School) and Lee Miles, the EWC has organized nearly fifty research events during the last five years. Professor Gillespie, editor of Mediterranean Politics, has produced a series of publications from his ESRC-funded project on Spain and Morocco, while co-directing a major British Council project on 'Researching the Mediterranean'. Professor Miles continues to produce pioneering work on the Nordic states and fusion theory. His recent publications include a 2005 monograph, *Fusing with Europe?* Sweden in the European Union, which received EU funding. Professor Miles has also launched an EU-funded FUSE-EUROPA research programme, bringing

together researchers in Cologne, Karlstad and Liverpool to explain the utility of fusion theory. Dr Erika Harris has attracted ESRC and British Academy funding to assist her production of two well-received single-authored books, *Nationalism and Democratisation: Politics of Slovakia and Slovenia* and *Nationalism: Theories and Cases* and her co-authored (with Christopher Lord) book, *Democracy in the New Europe*

The Public Communication and Media Institutions research cluster is about to be bolstered by a new Chair, a proleptic appointment to replace Professor John Corner, who will retire after serving on the RAE panel in this field. The cluster most commonly brings together Professor Corner, Dr Kay Richardson, Dr Julia Hallam, Peter Goddard, Adrian Quinn, Dr Neil Gavin and, from this semester, Dr Ekeratina Balabanova. The group has attracted ESRC funding for projects on news performance and news management in coverage of the Iraq War (where an AHRC PhD studentship has also been awarded), on the history and regulation of Independent Television, on the reporting of the EU and the economy and on the

internet and public health scares. The work of Goddard Corner and Richardson on television has recently produced a political and social history of the current –affairs programme *World in Action* while Hallam's historical research with the School of Architecture, on Liverpool and the moving image, received a major AHRC award. Hallam has also published extensively on policy and production in the television industry and Richardson has completed a book on her research into internet use. Corner was a member of an ESF team working with colleagues in Turkey, the Czech Republic and Poland on comparative media regulation and, with a colleague in Amsterdam, he edited an international collection on shifts in media-political relations which has been widely cited in the literature.

With a 133 per cent growth in PhD student numbers during the last year, buoyant undergraduate recruitment and excellent performance in student satisfaction surveys, Politics and Communication Studies at Liverpool is an ideal place for research and study.

Durham University: School of Government and International Affairs



The School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University has experienced dynamic growth in recent years. Headed by Professor Anoushiravan Ehteshami, the School brings together the Department of Politics at Durham with the politics section of the Institute for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. From 2007, SGIA will number 22 full-time staff.

Recent appointments

Recent lectureship appointments include Mehmet Asutay in Middle Eastern political economy, Christopher Davidson in Middle Eastern politics and Christian Schweiger (German and European Union politics). Three new professors have joined the School since September 2006. They are Gerald Chan (East Asian politics, new director of the School's Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies), John Dumbrell (US politics and foreign policy), and Anthony Forster

(International Relations, and Executive Dean for Social Sciences and Health at Durham). Anthony Forster is author of *Armed Forces and Society in Europe* (2005). 2007 will also see the appointment of a new Sharjah Chair in Islamic Law/Thought and Steffen Hertog also in Middle Eastern political economy. A Research Councils UK fellow (Francisco Klauser) will join the School in 2007, researching current trends of surveillance and management of social risks.

Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World

Durham is to be part of a new centre of excellence for the advanced study of the Arab world, in association with Edinburgh and Manchester universities. This initiative is supported by key UK funding bodies. The new consortium brings together world-class scholars from each of the participant universities. As part of this programme, Durham is offering a fully-funded MSc

programme in Arab World Studies, with progression into a PhD programme. Durham's role in CASAW consolidates the School's position as a leading international focus for the study of the politics of the Middle East.

Research Centres, Clusters and Conferences

The School hosts the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, the Centre for Iranian Studies and the Centre for the History of Political Thought. Each centre has a programme of research seminars, occasional publications and international outreach. Research in the School is organised by research clusters in Government, Political Theory and Culture, and International Relations and International Political Economy. Recent and forthcoming conferences include: 'Made in China vs. Made by Chinese: Global Identities of Chinese Business' (19-20 March, 2007); 'Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict' (21-23 March, 2007); 'Media and Image Change of the Middle East post-9/11'

(20-21 September, 2007): 'US Foreign Policy, East Asia and 21st Century Security Challenges' (16-17 November, 2007), part of the ESRC 'New Security Challenges' programme); and a forthcoming event on 'The Dynamics of Memory in the New Europe'.

Recent Publications

Some recent highlights include: Gordon Cheung, China Factors: Political Perspectives and Economic Interactions; Gidon Cohen (co-author), Communists and British Society, 1920-1991; Christopher Davidson, The United Arab Emirates: A Study in Survival; Maria Dimova-Cookson, T.H. Green's Moral and Political Philosophy: A Phenomenological Perspective; R.W. Dyson, St Augustine of Hippo and the Christian Transformation of Political Philosophy; Anoushiravan Ehteshami, Globalisation and Geopolitics in the Middle East: Old Games, New Rules; Christian Schweiger, Britain, Germany and the Future of the European Union; Julia Stapleton,

Sir Arthur Bryant and National History in Twentieth-Century Britain; Peter Stirk, Twentieth-Century German Political Thought; John Williams, The Ethics of Territorial Borders; Rodney Wilson (co-author), Islamic Economics: A Short History; and Anoushiravan Ehteshami and Mahjoob Zweiri, Iran and the Rise of the Neoconservatives: The Politics of Tehran's Silent Revolution. Gordon Chan, author of China's Compliance in Global Affairs (2006), was co-recipient of the Toshiba International Foundation prize for an article he co-authored in 2005 in Japan Forum on the politics of Japanese whaling. John Dumbrell was awarded the 2005 Richard E. Neustadt prize for his book, President Lyndon Johnson and Soviet Communism, and has co-edited Iraq in Vietnam: Tactics, Lessons, Legacies and Ghosts (2007).

Postgraduate provision

The School has recently introduced a taught MA in Politics (with Political Theory and

Comparative Government routes), alongside its existing MA provision in International relations, International Studies and the ESRC-funded MA programme in Research Methods. The Durham Islamic Finance Programme offers postgraduate degrees in Islamic finance, management and economics, together with a summer school on Islamic finance. PhD supervision is offered across the range of the School's expertise.



School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

Space Available in Centennial Centre Summer and Autumn 2007

APSA Headquarters and Centennial Centre building, The Centennial Centre for Political Science and Public Affairs can be an invaluable resource to political and social scientists. Housed in the APSA headquarters near Dupont Circle, the Centre provides a great base of operations for scholars researching in Washington, DC. It offers Visiting Scholars furnished work space, telephone, fax, computers, Internet access, conference space, a reference

library, and access to George Washington University's Gelman Library.

Visiting Scholar stays range from a few days to 12 months. Space is limited to APSA members and available to faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students from the U.S. and abroad. Scholars are expected to cover their own expenses and a modest facilities fee for the use of the Centre. There are also a limited number of

funding opportunities available to support Visiting Scholars. Prospective visiting scholars may apply at any time. Positions are awarded on a space-available basis. Full details on the Centre and the Visiting Scholars Program, including an application form, can be found online at www.apsanet.org/centennialcenter. You may also contact Brian Daniels at APSA: 001-202-483-2512; bdaniels@apsanet.org

News from the ECPR 2006: Year of the 'Triple First'



Martin Bull, Academic Director, ECPR

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The ECPR Joint Sessions in Nicosia in April 2006 were exciting for their beautiful location, the cut and thrust of exciting workshop debates (including one devoted to the Cyprus Question) and the ever presence of the 'Green Line' separating the two halves of the island (a UN lookout station was clearly visible from the university meeting rooms). For the British, who were, as ever, very well represented at an ECPR event, Nicosia was a bit like a trip down memory lane. While there

are traces of various cultures in Cyprus, those left by the British are still very evident: British post boxes, old British cars and number plates; even the pound notes made you nostalgic for the old days back home, to say nothing of the education and legal systems... The sessions were extremely well organised and the hospitality of the Cypriots exceptional.

But if these Joint Sessions were politically and atmospherically hot, it was not just because they were held in Cyprus, but also because it was the three yearly meeting of Council, and therefore time for the election of a new Executive Committee (or, more

accurately, half of the committee, the other half serving for a further three year period).

There were no British candidates standing this year, since the two British members of the committee (Mick Cox and Martin Bull) still had three more years to serve. The following candidates were elected: Luciano Bardi (Pisa), Vello Pettai (Tartu), Klaus Armingeon (Bern), Jacob Torfing (Roskilde), Carlos Alba (Madrid) (re-elected, since he had come onto the committee originally as a reserve to someone who had stood down prematurely), and Eileen Connolly (Dublin). These joined Martin Bull (Salford), Mick Cox (LSE), Erik Neveu (Renne), Hanne-Marthe Narud (Oslo), Ursula Hoffmann-Lange (Bamberg) and Maurizio Ferrera (Milan).

The new committee had two tasks to complete in Nicosia before the break-up of the Joint Sessions: to elect a new Chair to replace the outgoing Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and to appoint a new Academic Director to replace the outgoing Richard Bellamy. Mick Cox was elected to the Chair and Martin Bull appointed to the directorship. The latter's appointment meant that he had to resign from the Executive Committee (the two positions are incompatible) and the 7th placed candidate in the voting – Joachim Molins (Barcelona) - was brought on to the committee. This means that British membership of the committee is, for the coming three year period, one fewer than usual, but it could be said that this is offset by the fact that the sole British member of the committee now holds the Chair.

These changes represent a 'triple first' in the history of the ECPR: the first time that a British member of the Executive Committee

has been elected to the Chair (overcoming a long-standing informal veto on Brits holding this position); the first time that an International Relations specialist has been elected to be Chair (finally recognising the significant contribution that IR makes to the ECPR); and the first time that the Academic Directorship has been held by someone who is not from the University of Essex (recognising the relationship of mutual benefit between the two organisations – ECPR Central Services remains at Essex - but also their independence from each other). The significance of this 'triple first' will probably be interpreted in different ways, but the new Executive Committee sees it as a sign of strength and pluralism in the way in which the ECPR operates. From the perspective of readers of this news magazine, it perhaps reflects the tremendous ongoing input of British political scientists, so many of whom are Political Studies Association members, to the activities of ECPR. And long may that continue!

The Summer of 2006 saw the first ECPR Methods Summer School at Ljubljana, which proved to be immensely popular, and the School will run again next year. Autumn of 2006 saw the ECPR 'come home' (to Essex of course) as it launched a further initiative: the biannual Graduate Conference. With over 450 participants, this proved to be a huge success, and is now firmly marked in the calendar to alternate with the General Conference. This brings to fruition the ECPR's strategic objective of hosting two major conference events every year, one in the Spring and one in the Autumn. In addition, it serves the further aim, with the new Summer School, of

increasing its provision of opportunities for young upcoming members of the profession. The response from graduates suggests that these innovations have tapped into a pool of latent demand. Like the General Conference and the Joint Sessions, the Graduate Conference will move around Europe according to the willingness and capability of institutions to host them through the ECPR.

In May of this year the ECPR moves north to Helsinki for the Joint Sessions and then south in the Autumn to Pisa for the General Conference, with the Ljubljana Summer School sitting between the two. To participate in these events please consult the new look ECPR web-site (<http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr>). If you have questions or queries about the ECPR do not hesitate to contact either the Chair (m.e.cox@lse.ac.uk) or the Academic Director (m.j.bull@salford.ac.uk). But most important of all, please join us in one of our European locations this year!



Political Studies Association sponsors Swansea Conference panel on Thai coup and constitution

Professor Terrell Carver, Chair of the Association's External Relations Sub-committee, is helping to organise a panel on the recent Thai coup and current constitutional process. The scholars chosen (with due attention to gender balance) will present papers from a variety of disciplinary, methodological and political viewpoints, and will represent international authorities on these issues as well as junior scholars. It is expected that the new constitution will be in place by the time of the Swansea conference, 31st March – 3rd April 2008, so

that an integrated assessment can take place. The papers and panel will be of interest to researchers in comparative politics, regional security, international ethics, political theory, public administration and other specialisms in Political Science and International Relations. Carver is working with professors Soravis Jayanama (pictured left) and Surat Horachaikul (pictured centre), both of the Faculty of Political Science, Department of International Relations, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. The panel will be drawn from specialists representing a variety of

institutions within Thailand, and possibly from the broader region, as appropriate.



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Duncan McDonnell
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Ethical Norms, Political Agency and the State

Political Studies Workshop held at the University of Sheffield, 10th November 2006



The first workshop to be hosted by the editors of *Political Studies* in Sheffield brought together scholars from political theory and international relations to examine the role of the state in an era of transnational political problems and ethical norms. The aim of the seminars was to examine the nature of political organisations in responding to ethical and political problems posed by globalisation, international trade, aid and development, the environment, migration, and security. The seminar was explicitly designed to break down the barriers between disciplines and sub-disciplines in understanding changes to the polity as a consequence

of changes in the global economy, polity and society. The day of discussion, attended by over 40 people, examined how politics could be organised and legitimacy developed beyond the nation state, and to what extent the state could respond to the new challenges created by rapid change in international organisation.

The workshop included five papers:

- Global Distributive Justice and the State (Simon Caney, University of Birmingham)
- Globalisation and Transnational Constitutionalism (Neil Walker, EU, Florence)



- National Politics and Global Ideologies: Political Mobilisation beyond the State (Fiona Adamson, UCL)
- Hybrid States: Globalisation and the Politics of State Capacity (Mark Robinson, IDS, University of Sussex)
- What's So Special about States? Liberal Legitimacy in a Globalising World (Terry Macdonald, University of Oxford)

These papers will be published in a future volume of *Political Studies*. The intention is to run further workshops and the Editors would be very pleased to receive suggestions for future events.



Professor John Benyon, Treasurer, Political Studies Association with Dr. Patrick Bishop, visiting Lecturer at the University of Lancaster on an exchange from the School of Politics and Public Policy at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, both attending the Heads of Department conference on the 8th of December



RAE Panels members, Professor Tony Payne, University of Sheffield, and Professor Michael Moran, Manchester University speaking at the Heads of Department Conference on the 8th December 2006



Professor Jon Tonge, Chair, Political Studies Association, speaking at the Heads of Department Conference in December

The Political Studies Association Postgraduate Network (PGN)

The PGN recently sponsored the Central and North England Conference (CANE) at Newcastle University's School of Politics, Geography, and Sociology. We extend our thanks to the University and, in particular, James Pattison, Amy Steward, Andres Perezalonso, Pojanath Bhatanacharoen, and Sarah Lieberman for what was a very successful conference. Dr William Maloney provided a keynote address on interest groups in democratic politics and altogether 95 participants presented papers on a wide variety of topics including corruption and money laundering in Europe, policy and decision-making, environmentalism, and the welfare state.

We will sponsor four additional postgraduate conferences this year: a Northern Regional Conference, at the University of Glasgow on 25 May; a South-West England and Wales Regional Conference at Cardiff University

on 28 April; and one in Northern Ireland at the University of Ulster in June. In addition, we are actively investigating the possibility of sponsoring a conference in South-East England – for further information please contact our conference organiser Robert Mauro (robert.m.mauro@gmail.com). We encourage all postgraduates to come along to these conferences – they provide excellent opportunities to network and receive feedback on work-in-progress in a less stressful environment than may be the case on other occasions.

We continue to seek to expand our membership and activities, plus the services that we can provide for our postgraduate colleagues. With this aim in mind, we are organising four specialist panels at the Annual Conference. The panels will deal with important issues including 'Preparing external research grant proposals,' 'Employability,'

'How to get published,' and 'Teaching techniques.' We invite everybody to come along to what promise to be fascinating discussions. As part of our on-going efforts to provide practical advice to our members, we recently published an 'Employability Pack' and aim to bring out a 'Teaching Pack' shortly. For details of how to join the PGN, our conferences, publications, or panels at Bath, please feel free to contact our Chair, Lyndsey Harris (L.Harris@ulster.ac.uk); alternatively, visit our website (www.psa.ac.uk/graduate). Our annual general meeting is scheduled for the Annual Conference, at which, courtesy of Blackwells, we will also be holding a 'brunch.' We encourage all postgrads to come along to these events to meet the new committee or to bring your own ideas as to how we can best move forward together.

Political Studies Association Executive Committee Vacancies 2007

The positions of Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary are open to election in 2007.

The appointments are for three years and commence in July 2007. The current office-holders, Professor John Benyon and Professor Paul Carmichael, seek re-election.

In addition, one ordinary member vacancy exists for one year on the Executive Committee, commencing in July 2007.

Postal or e-mailed nominations, proposed and seconded by Association members, should be received by the Returning

Officer, Professor Paul Carmichael, at the address below, by Thursday 5th April 2007 at 12 noon:

Professor Paul Carmichael
Honorary Secretary
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Nominations may also be handed in person to the Returning Officer at the

start of the Political Studies Association Annual General Meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday 11th April 2007 at the University Hall Lecture Theatre, University of Bath. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of places, an election by postal ballot of the whole membership will be held.

Annual General Meeting 2007

The Political Studies Association's 2007 AGM is on Wednesday 11th April 2007 at 5.30pm at the University Hall Lecture Theatre, University of Bath.

Mekong Scholars Blaze a Trail to Bath

The Political Studies Association Annual Conference in Bath (11-13 April 2007) will be hosting a unique panel involving senior scholars and practitioners from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar (Burma). The panel, entitled 'Rethinking Participation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region', explores diverse modes of citizen participation in political, economic and social life in one-party or dominant-party contexts. In so doing, the panel avoids the tendency –

commonplace in the West – to view political change solely through a liberal democratic lens. The venture is being organised for the Political Studies Association by Dr Martin Gainsborough, Lecturer in Development Politics at the University of Bristol and director of the Bristol-Mekong Project.

The panel has been made possible by the generous support of the Political Studies Association under its External Relations programme and by co-funding from the Bristol-

Mekong Project.

Dr Gainsborough will introduce the occasion with a short paper setting out the panel's theoretical context. He will be followed by Professor Hoang Chi Bao, senior scholar at the Ho Chi Minh Political Academy in Hanoi, the Vietnamese Communist Party's leading theoretical institute. Professor Bao will speak on Vietnamese experiences with 'grassroots democracy', one of the ways that country is realising democracy whilst retaining the



Communist Party's monopoly on power. Dr Wah Wah Maung, from the Institute of Economics in Yangon (Rangoon), and Mr Khampha Keomanichanh, who runs a not-for-profit organisation in Laos, will explore different ways in which civil society is able to organise in restricted political climates. The panel will thus consider diverse ways of understanding civil society, particularly where its relationship with the state is viewed

in non-confrontational terms. One of the questions, which will no doubt occupy the panel, is the extent to which such ways of thinking and acting represent a real alternative to liberal democracy or are simply a sop to authoritarianism. The final speaker will be Mr Sadera Kim from the Cambodia Development Resource Institute in Phnom Penh. In his paper 'Democracy in Action', Mr Sadera will be looking at the realities of

decentralisation in post-conflict Cambodia. Professor Terry King from the University of Leeds will also present a paper exploring the utility of the term 'middle class' when thinking about political change in South East Asia. Dr Caroline Hughes, from the University of Birmingham, and Ms Dang Huong Giang, from an environmental NGO in Vietnam, will be discussants.

Political Studies Association Local Politics Specialist Group

Aims and objectives

The aim of the group is to foster interdisciplinary and critical research into local politics and participation. The group will foster work that examines the multiple linkages between politics at different levels of locality (i.e. community, municipal, constituency, and regional (or state)) and how these feed into national and international debates about politics and political action within communities.

The objectives of the Local Politics specialist group are to:

- Promote and disseminate research, teaching and knowledge about local politics and participation;
- Facilitate exchanges between researchers interested in different conceptions of 'locality';
- Build international research networks with colleagues in North America, Europe and elsewhere;
- Hold events such as bi-annual conferences and themed workshops (held in alternating years) while also facilitating panels at PSA and other specialist group and international conferences.
- Explore and explain factors that are specific to the conduct of local politics
- Provide a setting in which the linkages between local and national politics can be explored.

Planned events and outputs

The group intends running a number of events and demonstrating a number of potential outputs. These include:

- Panels on aspects of Local Politics at PSA Conferences
- Running an ESRC Seminar Series
- Holding bi-annual conferences and themed workshops
- Building and participating in International Networks
- Facilitate co-operation between colleagues interested in working together on a) research funding bids and b) publication activities
- Bi-Annual PhD Workshop
- Circulating a regular newsletter
- Hosting a website which will act as a resource for members

Forthcoming events

The group will be running three panels at the 2007 Political Studies Association Annual Conference: Structuring Local Politics & Government; Local Electoral Politics in Britain and the USA; and 'Local Politics as a 'Proving Ground' in Britain and Europe: Adapting to New Challenges in Local Government' For further information, contact Alistair Clark on a.j.clark@qub.ac.uk

ESRC Seminar Series – The Future of Political Parties in Local Government

Members of the group are currently involved in running an ESRC supported Seminar Series on 'The Future of Political Parties in Local Government'. The series involves a number of partner bodies: INLOGOV, University of Birmingham; Local Government Research Unit, De Montfort University, the Electoral Reform Society; Demos; and the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU). The first seminar: Mapping Local Government Futures for Political Parties, was held on 18th January 2007.

Themes for future seminars are:

- New Local Voting Methods: Impact and Lessons for Political Parties
- Local Representative Democracy: The Party and the People
- The Local Politician: Roles, Responsibilities and Patterns of Political Recruitment
- Local Party Politics: An Agenda for Change?

Members of the specialist groups are very welcome to attend these seminars. For further information, contact Colin Copus on C.M.Copus@bham.ac.uk or Alistair Clark on a.j.clark@qub.ac.uk The seminar series website can be found at: <http://www.inlogov.bham.ac.uk/research/esrc%20sem%20series.htm>

Group Membership

If you are interested in joining the group, please feel free to contact Alistair Clark on a.j.clark@qub.ac.uk or Colin Copus on C.M.Copus@bham.ac.uk Initial membership is free for the year 2007-8. Thereafter, it is intended to charge a nominal sum of £5 to cover costs incurred in running the group. Membership is free for all graduate students.

Group Convenor

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Political Studies Association Awards Ceremony 2007

The Political Studies Association's annual awards lunch is to be staged on 27th November 2007, to recognise the achievements of academics, journalists and other contributors to the study and conduct of politics. The 2006 ceremony, held at the Institute of Directors, was attended by a host of distinguished journalists and academics as well as members of the Association. Winners present at the ceremony included John Hume and David Trimble (Lifetime Achievement in Politics), Richard Bacon (Parliamentarian of the Year), Professor Gerry Stoker, whose *Why Politics Matters: Making Democracy Work* won book of the year, Armando Iannucci for *The Thick of It* (Best Political Satire), and

a host of other important figures from the fields of political science, political journalism and parliamentary politics. The ceremony received widespread coverage for the PSA in both the national and local media.

A jury of senior academics, accompanied by journalists and politicians, is being assembled to deliberate on this year's prizes. To assist these deliberations, nominations are invited for each of the award categories listed below. Your nominations for any or all categories need to be submitted by email to the jury secretary, Jack Arthurs at jack.arthurs@ncl.ac.uk by Friday 27th April 2007. All entries received will be entered in a draw for a free place at the

awards ceremony. Nominations are requested for the following categories:

1. Politician of the Year
 2. Lifetime Achievement in Politics
 3. Parliamentarian of the Year
 4. Political Journalist of the Year
 5. Political Broadcaster/programme of the Year
 6. Politics Book of the Year
 7. Political Publication of the Year
 8. Political Studies Communication Award
 9. Best Political Satire
 10. Setting the Political Agenda Award
 11. Special Recogniti on Award (to the discipline of Politics)
- The Jury will meet in June/July 2007.

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Since 1998 she has been one of the five members of the Committee of Ethics for high public service in Brazil created by President Cardoso and was one of the co-authors of the Code of Ethics for the Brazilian administration launched in 2000.

Immediate president Max Kaase remains a powerful presence on the executive committee. Since 2000 he has been Vice President and Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the International University Bremen. He was professor of political science from 1980 to 1993 at the University of Mannheim and from 1993 until 2000 research professor at the Berlin Social Science Research Centre (WZB). He has been a member of the German Science Council from 1987 until 1992 and from 1992 until 1998 a member of the senate and of the executive committee of the German Research Council. He has published widely in the fields of comparative politics, political sociology and mass communication. His many book publications include *Beliefs in Government* written with Kenneth Newton. With Hans-Dieter Klingemann he has co-edited seven volumes in the series Elections and Voters covering all German national general elections from 1976 to 1998.

First vice-president Leonardo Molino is expected to be one of the participants in the round table on the state of world political science to be provided by IPSA at the Bath conference. He is Professor of Political Science at the University of Florence (Italy) and director of the Research Centre on Southern Europe. He was visiting professor or fellow at Stanford University (USA), Nuffield College (Oxford, UK), Institute d'études politiques (Paris, France) and Yale University (USA) among other institutions. His publications include more than one hundred articles in Italian, French, English, Spanish, and German mainly on authoritarianism and democratic theory. He is also the author of several books including *Democracy Between Consolidation and Crisis: Parties, Groups, and Citizens in Southern Europe* (OUP, 1988).

Other vice-presidents include Hideo Otake from the University of Kyoto who has worked on the political economy of Japan in a comparative perspective and the relationship between the traditional left and new socialist movements in France and Japan. Bertrand Badie holds advanced graduate degrees in political science and twentieth-century history from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris (IEP). He is professor at the IEP, director

of publications at the Presses de Sciences Po (university press) as well as the Sciences Po graduate program in International Relations, and since February 2002 has directed the Rotary Foundation Centre for International Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution

The United States is represented on the committee by Helen Milner who is B.C. Forbes Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton, director of its Centre for Globalization and Governance and also chair of the Department of Politics. She has written extensively on issues relating to international trade, the connections between domestic politics and foreign policy, globalization and regionalism, and the relationship between democracy and trade policy. She is currently working on issues relating to globalization and development such as the political economy of foreign aid, the 'digital divide' and the global diffusion of the internet, and the relationship between globalization and environmental policy. Marian Sawer from the Australian National University in Canberra is leader of the innovative Australian Research Council funded Democratic Audit of Australia. This conducts audits of Australia's strengths and weaknesses as a democratic society around such themes as political equality,

human rights and civil rights, popular control of government and inclusive public debates. Together with colleagues in Canada, she has been convening a four country comparative project published in 2006 as *Representing Women in Parliament: a Comparative Study*.

The executive committee also contains younger political scientists who are rising stars in their countries. Irminda Matonyte from Lithuania is still in her mid thirties, but is the equivalent of deputy vice-chancellor of a university as well as serving as president

of the national political science association (see report on their annual conference on page 24 of this issue). The presence of these distinguished international political scientists in Bath should enliven the conference, particularly through the round table they will contribute as part of the programme.

The Media and Politics Specialist Group

With around 150 members, the Media and Politics Group (the MPG) is a large and well established special interest group. The group has a guiding philosophy that is unashamedly inclusive, and it has sought to be instrumental in bringing together scholars from such diverse disciplines as political science, media studies and sociology. The aim has always been to transform academics into colleagues, around a shared concern with the relationship between political theory and practice on the one hand and the activities of media production, interpretation and consumption on the other; and always to do this in a way that preserves the integrity of individual disciplines and approaches. The members like to think that the range of opinions represented

in the group guarantees lively discussion and constructive disagreement. However, in order that these deliberations need not be curtailed by time, hunger or thirst, the MPG also believes strongly in the restorative value of convivial après-debate refreshments. The MPG engages in a number of regular activities. The group runs a newsletter, listing relevant conferences and CFPs, as well as providing updates on members' research. In keeping with its size, the group always makes a significant contribution to the Political Studies Association Annual Conference – running around nine panels this year, for example. In common with many other groups, the MPG also runs its own annual themed conferences, which have so far been held at the

Universities of Loughborough, Oxford, East Anglia, and Sunderland, and will be held later this year at the Staffordshire University. See Page ????????? for a report on the Sunderland Conference, held at the end of 2006. The group is presently convened by Dr Heather Savigny (UEA), Dr Michael Higgins (Sunderland) and Professor Mick Temple (Staffs). They took up office last year from founder members Dr Mark Wheeler (London Met) and Dr Dominic Wring (Loughborough). Professor Jay G. Blumler is Honorary President of the group. Further information on the group and its activities is available from any of the current convenors.

Political Communications at the Seaside: the Media and Politics Group Conference



Left to Right: Professor Justin Lewis (Cardiff), Professor John Street (East Anglia), Dr Michael Higgins (Sunderland), Professor John Storey (Sunderland).

On 17th and 18th November 2006, 50 delegates from the media and politics specialist group gathered on the seafront at Sunderland for the group's 2006 annual conference. The event, hosted by the University's Centre for Research in Media and Cultural Studies, featured 22 papers and

included 3 keynote addresses from Professors John Street, Justin Lewis and Ruth Wodak. As in past meetings, scholarship cut across disciplines, and this variety extended to the panels, which ranged from political issues in popular television, through communications policy, to the coverage of international

conflict and the role of the media in fostering citizenship and identity. The delegates also attended a wine reception, sponsored by Blackwell's publishing, at which Sunderland South MP Chris Mullin gave an impassioned talk on the democratic responsibilities of the media. Organiser and senior lecturer at the centre Dr Michael Higgins said "the success of the event has been a reflection both of the efforts of Sunderland in the academic study of the media and of the dedication of the MPG membership towards maintaining the highest quality debate in political communications". Full details of the conference can be found on the Centre's website: <http://myblogs.sunderland.ac.uk/blogs/mediaandpolitics/>. The group has announced that the 2007 group conference is to be held at Staffordshire University.

Architecture award given to Political Scientist for Research on Conflict in Jerusalem



Dr. Mick Dumper

Research by a Political Scientist at the University of Exeter has been given an architectural award. Dr Mick Dumper's work on Jerusalem has won one of the inaugural Royal Institute of British Architects President's Research Awards. The project "Conflict in Cities: Architecture and Urban order in Divided Jerusalem" was voted Outstanding

University-led Research by RIBA. Dr Dumper's research concerns urban development and the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians in Jerusalem – a divided city under Israeli occupation. It focuses on the separation wall that cuts through part of the city, and the main road that runs towards the historic entrance to the old city of Jerusalem - the Damascus gate. Research was carried out by two teams of Israeli and Palestinian students who interviewed local people and analysed photographs and maps. The study argues that architecture and the use of public spaces have played a key role in the conflict in Jerusalem. More details can be found on website www.conflictincities.org.uk

The study is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Dr Wendy Pullan of the University of Cambridge is joint leader on the project. The judges' citation says: "The project is a highly significant piece of work that demonstrates the relevance of academic research and architectural interventions to social and cultural interactions within a geo-political framework". Dr Mick Dumper is Associate Professor in Middle East politics at the University of Exeter. He is involved in research into the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Middle East peace process, and Palestinian refugees.

'Doing Gender: Methods and Methodologies for Researching Gender and Political Institutions' Conference Report: Political Studies Association's Women and Politics Annual Conference, Feb 2007, Birkbeck College

Sarah Childs, University of Bristol

Amidst concern that some members would be snowbound, the Woman and Politics Group held a hugely enjoyable and lively methods workshop in London. This was not just for 'methods nerds' - some thirty women and a few men spent the day debating how best we might study gender and politics. It was particularly nice to see so many new faces, especially PhD students, some of whom made their first academic presentations, as well as the 'usual suspects'. We were also really pleased to award the cheque, in person, to the winner of our 2005/6 undergraduate essay prize, Catherine McDonald (University of Edinburgh, pictured). It was even more rewarding, that having spent the day with us she said she might consider post-graduate study; Chrissi Eason, our 2003/4 winner was also present having been awarded an ESRC 1+3 quota award at the University of Manchester.

Judith Squires' (Bristol) paper, in which she celebrated feminist political science's 'methodological eclecticism', set the tone of the workshop. There was widespread agreement that there is no single feminist method



Catherine MacDonald from Edinburgh receiving her £150 undergraduate essay prize.

- what brings us together as gender and politics scholars is the kind of questions we ask. There might not be much UK feminist rational choice as yet, but it can speak to feminist research questions and Rainbow Murray (Birkbeck College) made clear that it is on its way. That feminist political scientists had much to learn from ethnography was also made evident, not least by Amanda Wittman (Edinburgh) who is currently engaged in participant observation in the Scottish Executive. Some questions were raised, however, about the potential transformatory effects of mainstream political science methods, and we wondered how the apparent research methods hierarchy (and the realities of the RAE) might sometimes constrain our choice of

method. Issues of ethics and the relationship between the researcher and the researched were also addressed in a number of papers. Marina Prieto-Carro's (Bristol) paper discussed action research and we compared this approach to mainstream elite studies. We were reminded of Vicky Randall's concern that feminist research should aim to both 'let women be heard' and to be of use to women. The final session chaired by Nicki Charles and Khursheed Wadia (Warwick) brought the conference to a close with an even more lively discussion on, inter alia, whether gender and politics scholars had to study men, in order to study gender and politics. At which point, we decided to pose a challenge to the mainstream political science community: if feminist political scientists are studying women, gender and politics, where is empirical political science informed by masculinities studies? Finally, many thanks to Rosie Campbell for organising and hosting the workshop at Birkbeck College, University of London. The 2008 conference will be hosted Roberta Guerrina at the University of Surrey. Details about this and the 2007 undergraduate essay prize to follow.

British Liberal Political Studies Group Liberal Democrats’ past, present and future position discussed at Birmingham University



British Liberal Studies Group



British Liberal Studies

The British Liberal Political Studies Group held its second annual conference at INLOGOV at Birmingham University from 19th – 21st January.

Some 24 delegates attended the weekend from both universities in every country in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland plus a number from European institutions. It was the largest ever gathering of historians, political scientists and politicians, from across the UK and Europe, who study the Liberal Democrat Party in the UK.

The conference was organised by Dr Colin Copus, INLOGOV, and Dr Russell Deacon, reader in Welsh governance and history at the

University of Wales Institute, Cardiff (UWIC). The Saturday evening dinner was addressed by John Hemming MP (Birmingham Yardley) who spoke on the topic of ‘How to deal with issues of constitutional law and the privileges of parliament’.

The current situation regarding the Party’s leadership, just one year on from Charles Kennedy’s departure, was amongst one of the many topics discussed. Other conference topics included the Liberal Democrats tax policies, the Liberal Democrats and the state of the party in 2007; The Liberal Democrats, campaigning, gender and candidate selection; The European Liberals; The Liberal

Democrats – in the forthcoming Scottish and Welsh government elections and Prime Ministers, leaders and other important Liberal figures.

Conference organiser Dr Russell Deacon said: “This gathering of UK and European experts came at an interesting time for the Liberal Democrat Party. In the light of recent developments within the party and the forthcoming devolved government and council elections the papers presented proved to be very timely. In the view of the delegates the conference could not have occurred at a more opportune time.”

The Politics of Climate Change Project

The Politics of Climate Change Project is designed to encourage colleagues to systematically apply the theories and methods of political science to the task of identifying politically viable long-term state strategies for mitigating climate change that would be effective enough to prevent catastrophic climate change.

The rationale for this is that the chief obstacles to effective action on climate change are political, but politicians have not done very well in surmounting these. The time has come to see if political scientists can do better. Electoral considerations clearly play a big role

in the politics of climate change, so it is vital that specialists in elections contribute to the Project.

Planned activities include putting together an edited volume on current thinking relating to political strategies to combat climate change, organising a panel at the ECPR conference in Pisa in 2007, applying to run a Workshop at the 2008 ECPR Joint Sessions in Rennes with the intention of putting together a second and more advanced edited volume, and applying for grants to fund meetings and research time from sources such as the EU and national research councils. It is also hoped to convene or attend

meetings in North America in due course. Further information on the Project is expected to be available shortly on the website of the ECPR Standing Group on Green Politics at www.greenpolitics-ecpr.org/

If you are interested in the possibility of being involved, or have any comments or suggestions, please get in touch with the Convenor, Hugh Compston, Reader, Department of Politics, School of European Studies, Cardiff University
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International Encyclopedia of Political Science

The International Encyclopedia of Political Science is one of the most ambitious projects in political science undertaken with the support and imprimatur of the American Political Science Association. Begun in 2005 with CQ Press as publisher, it is planned for publication in 2008 in five volumes with over 1,800 bylined entries by contributors drawn from over 60 countries. An online edition is planned beginning 2010. As editor in chief, I am writing to seek your support and collaboration as well as those of your

colleagues in this massive endeavour.

We are making every effort to ensure that IEPS represents the best of political science scholarship in the early 21st century. I shall therefore appreciate your goodwill in circulating this call among your colleagues and other PS scholars whom we may invite as contributors. I shall personally welcome your participation and look forward to the privilege of working with you.

The lead-time for delivery of entries will be based on the total word count of the contributions but will not exceed eight months.

Compensation will be at the rate of \$0.10 per word and will be paid by CQ Press on approval.

To provide you with more information on IEPS we have created a website which is located at: <http://s133221803.onlinehome.us/encypolisci>

To use the site, you will need to use the following log-in and password:

Log-in: Polisci

Password: encyclopedia

Third Call Specification NORFACE Seminar Series Competition

Background: NORFACE is a partnership between twelve national research councils to increase co-operation in research and research policy in Europe. The 12 partners involved are the research councils for the social sciences from Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and the United Kingdom. NORFACE is an ambitious programme of communication, enquiry, sharing of experience and action. Over the five project years, the partners will engage in a range of initiatives designed to deliver new levels of co-operative research policy and practice. One of these activities is the NORFACE seminar series competition. While NORFACE receives core funding from the European Commission’s 6th Framework Programme, under the ERA-NET scheme, the research activities in general and the seminar series competition in specific, is funded by the partners. This is the third call for applications for the seminar series competition. Information of the results of the first two rounds can be found on the NORFACE webpage.

The NORFACE seminar series competition

The competition is open for researchers from research institutions in the NORFACE partner countries, who are conducting social science research within the specified themes, cf. below.

Applications from both existing networks

in areas of excellence and the establishment of new networks in new areas are invited. In the seminars researchers are given the opportunity to meet regularly to exchange information and ideas with the aim of advancing research within their fields. The seminar series can also provide training and participation opportunities for postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers.

The Themes

Proposals are invited under two strategically selected themes. These have been identified by the NORFACE Network Board and are believed to display strength across five or more countries, and to be ambitious and multidisciplinary.

Politics and Evidence Based Knowledge Ranking, ratings, benchmarks and other evidence-based forms of policy advice have significantly gained importance. This development on the one hand helps to bring in evidence into the political process. On the other hand it privileges some forms of evidence-based knowledge over others or: to put it more bluntly could lead to a dominance of consultancy over science. The theme would support the initiation of research about the quality of evaluation, its role in the political process and its effect on the scientific subsystem.

Transforming Europe – the Consequences of Globalisation

It is asserted that globalisation is an acceler-

ating process. New technologies for communication and transport as well as economic development result in closer integration of the world’s societies and states economically, politically, and culturally. This process is pertinent in a European context. There is thus a need to support the initiation of research about the globalisation process.

The seminar activities are expected to begin September 2007.

Deadline and Submission Instructions

The deadline for submission of applications is 2nd April 2007. Applications received after 2 April 2007 and applications that do not meet the formal requirements set out in the specification and guidelines for applicants will not be accepted. An electronic copy of the application should be sent by email, to Eckard Kämper at eckard.kaemper@dfg.de for ‘Politics and Evidence Based Knowledge’ proposals and Winifred Ryan at wryan@irchss.ie for proposals under ‘Transforming Europe – the Consequences of Globalisation’. Any queries regarding the call for proposals should be directed in the same manner. The application should be sent as one document in either .pdf or .rtf format.

More detailed information on the NORFACE seminar series competition is available from the NORFACE webpage (www.norface.org) and the NORFACE-partners respective web pages.

Death of Distinguished Political Scientist Nelson Polsby

Jon Tonge, Chair,
Political Studies Association

The Political Studies Association was saddened to learn of the recent death, at the age of 72, of one of its distinguished Vice Presidents, Nelson Polsby. In a glittering academic career, Nelson Polsby made a huge contribution to political science via his own research and his wider contribution to the profession. His love of Britain and interest in British politics were always evident and reflected in his time at the LSE and as Olin Professor of Government at Oxford. He received honorary doctorates from Oxford and Liverpool.

Nelson Polsby's works remain prominent on many of our democracy and power reading lists. They included the seminal pluralist analysis arising from his Yale doctorate, *Community Power and Political Theory* (1963) *New Perspectives on the House of Representatives* (1963, with Nelson Peabody) *Presidential Elections* (1964, with Aaron Wildavsky, which



The late Nelson Polsby

reached its 11th edition by 2004); *Congress and the Presidency* (1965) *Congressional Behaviour* (1971) *Political Promises* (1975) *British Government and its Discontents* (1981, with Geoffrey Smith, political editor of *The Times*) and the pessimistic (in respect of the Democras at least) *Consequences of Party Reform* (1983) Professor Polsby continued to produce important works well past retirement age. His *How Congress Evolves* (2004) provided insights into the

growth of partisanship in Congress and the relative decline of the South within the institution, the latter theme having been explored earlier in his analysis of the House of Representatives.

From 1967 until his death, Nelson Polsby held a Chair at Berkeley, where he directed the Institute of Governmental Studies from 1988 until 1999. A dynamic and popular personality, he was an excellent editor of the *American Political Science Review* for six years during the 1970s. Nelson Polsby was not an academic who wished to write impenetrable pieces; in contrast, he wrote clearly and accessibly, believing it was the job of an academic to convey knowledge, opinion and argument to an audience beyond the professional community. As such, he was held in high esteem among many journalists in addition to his immediate colleagues.

The Political Studies Association expresses its condolences to Nelson Polsby's wife, Linda and his two daughters and son.

The Political Economy Group Book Prize 2006

The inaugural International Political Economy Group book prize for 2006 has been won by Graham Harrison: *The World Bank and Africa* (Routledge, 2004); the prize was presented at the annual British International Studies Association conference in December. The judges found Graham Harrison's book to be an excellent and accessible corrective to the often identified, but seldom rectified lack of analyses of African experiences in the IPE literature of recent years. The combination of theoretical and empirical analysis moved beyond a merely stylised view of development in Sub-Saharan Africa to present real insights into the relationship between various states on the continent and the World Bank, which will be a valuable foundation for further IPE research that links development issues to other abiding concerns of the discipline.

Harrison's book crosses boundaries from structures into ideas and back,

opening up the concept of governance and identifying the "governance manifesto" as an ideology and value judgment all too often applied to debtors to punish and reward them. Harrison's concept of "governance states" also forcefully brings the state back in, making the book a worthy recipient of the first annual IPEG book prize.

However, this was not an easy decision to reach as the short list was very strong, with each of the panel of judges bringing to the process their own well argued interests and evaluations to the deliberative process. However this also means that the winning entry was the book that most widely fulfilled the various qualities that the judges sought to identify and celebrate in an IPE monograph. The judges would also like to acknowledge the excellence and contribution of the four other books on the short list to the continuing development of IPE as an academic

discipline:
Jacqueline Best: *The Limits of Transparency* (Cornell UP, 2005);
Angus Cameron and Ronen Palan: *The Imagined Economies of Globalization* (Sage, 2004);
David Harvey: *A Brief History of Neo-Liberalism* (Oxford UP, 2005);
Timothy Sinclair: the New Masters of Capital (Cornell UP, 2005).

The Judges for the Annual IPEG Prize are:
Marieke deGoede, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
Randall Germain, Carleton University, Canada
Christopher May, Lancaster University, United Kingdom
Leonard Seabrooke, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Diana Tussie, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Argentina

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Correction!

'Association to sponsor panel at APSA, Chicago 2007', *PSA News Vol. 17, No. 4 (December 2006)*, p. 18. col. 2

Dr William Maloney (corrected spelling) is at Newcastle University (not Nottingham University, as stated), and is not the organiser of the Political Studies Association 'Related Group' Panel at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 30th August to 2nd September, 2007. In fact he is the organiser of a panel on 'Delivering Democracy in the UK', for which the Association is providing financial support. This event is scheduled for the British Politics 'Related Group' Conference to be held prior to the APSA Annual Meeting.

The Association's 'Related Group' panel at the 2007 APSA Annual Meeting in Chicago will be organised by Dr Jonathan Githens-Mazer of Exeter University, and will be on 'Islamic Extremism in Britain: Causes, Consequences and Solutions'.

Association members are urged to attend these excellent events.

What is a Doctorate?

By Emma Murphy, Durham

On the 18th January, the Independent ran a feature on *The changing face of the doctorate*. The article was prompted by a discussion document, authored by Chris Park, who chairs the Rugby Team, a sector working group established to evaluate skills development of early stage researchers. Chris Park's document neatly summarized the range of current challenges to what we may think of as conventional ideas of what a doctorate is, and what form it should take. The document is important because it brings to light a debate that we ought to be having nationally, within and between institutions, and perhaps more importantly within disciplines. There have been a range of government reports and policies, QAA initiatives, and sectoral developments in recent years which are profoundly altering the nature of the doctorate, of what it is and how it is done. The response thus far has largely been confined to efforts by HEIs as institutions to be seen to be meeting new requirements. In the process, the real meaning and impact of the accumulating changes are being lost. Park and his committee are absolutely right to be directing academics to reflect upon what is happening to the UK doctorate.

The starting point is undoubtedly the so-called "Skills agenda" which was advanced through the RCUK Joint Skills Statement, the Roberts Report and subsequent Roberts Funding. We have all become used by now to the notion of departmental, faculty or university training programmes, and the quality of such provision has undoubtedly vastly improved in most places. Admittedly, however, even the most pro-training of us may heave occasional sighs of despair at the interruption of our student's research activities with sessions dedicated to "designing your CV" or "personal empowerment". The very generic nature of many of the skills required can be alienating for supervisors, who are acutely conscious of the financial and time constraints which already impinge on our doctoral students' research.

But then, what is a doctorate, and what is it for? The 2003 Future of Higher Education Report was quite clear that Universities are to prepare individuals for useful employment in the global knowledge economy, a direct challenge to the notion that research has an intrinsic value in and of itself, or that enquiry is a valid civilisational activity regardless of

whether it contributes to a nation's economic growth. Some supervisors may not like this, but their students are increasingly being socialized into this perception of the doctorate, whatever their original motivations for doing research. The tension may become more intense as the Bologna Process of harmonizing European Higher Education systems to create a European Higher Education Area, begins to really dig its teeth into what is called the Third Cycle. We have already modularized our undergraduate and masters level programmes within national frameworks which are being shared across Europe. The process is now being extended to doctoral and other *early stage research*. This is based on the principle that a common system will make student mobility far easier, enhancing collaborative research and giving a qualitative boost to the European economy. The obvious problem is that doctorates in different countries are currently enormously different animals, as are examination procedures, supervisory or mentoring roles, and, lets not forget it, fee structures.

We may roll into this vision of change the impact of the QAA Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research Programmes and the inclusion of such programmes in the review process. The roles and responsibilities of supervisors are being formalized and codified in new ways. This can be particularly hard to swallow for experienced supervisors who have many successful "completions" under their belts and feel the call to accountability is another sign of heavy-handed intervention in what is ultimately and every time a fairly unique relationship. It can be argued, of course, that it is precisely the more mature and experienced supervisors whose approach needs to be up-dated and re-freshed. Either way, quality assurance in the supervisory relationship, as in all other aspects of doctoral programme provision, is clearly here to stay. The monitoring and publication by HEFCE of institutional completion and qualification rates adds an additional dimension: it may enhance performance through competition, or it may ultimately begin to feed into funding equations. It adds a further layer to the structures of accountability, but also additional pressure on institutions, supervisors and students to view doctorates as time-related commodities rather than intellectual adventures.

While UK students are becoming used

to staff burdened with paperwork mountains and conscious of PGR target numbers, training needs analyses, PDPs, completion times, annual reviews and the other details of the new academic regime, international research students – who account for a whopping 46% of research students in UK HEIs - are often confused by both the skills agenda and the increasingly formalistic approach towards doctoral study. That doesn't mean they don't want quality – in a tight international market their sponsors are becoming increasingly demanding in terms of getting what they are paying for. But time and thought needs to be given to ensuring that whatever changes we introduce to benefit a UK or EU knowledge economy, or to recruit ever larger numbers of premium fee-payers, do not come at the expense of an increasingly diverse graduate community. International research students are not just financial assets – they are a valid and enlivening part of research communities and their particular needs and interests need to be protected. This may mean training supervisors specifically for meeting the needs of international students. Whoops – there is another new dimension to the supervisory role. Let me add one more. The electronic age is upon us and supervisors are having to upgrade their IT skills to deal with the

electronic thesis, e-supervision, and plagiarism detection software (not to mention the legal issues surrounding the use of e-mails as evidence in complaints and appeals proceedings). It does not stop there of course. The growing popularity of Joint and Dual Awards and the European Doctorate engage supervisors in cross-institution supervision, often with colleagues overseas with very different pedagogical and institutional cultures. And then of course, there is the very recent suggestion that academic staff should act as spies, checking out their students for potential Islamic extremism or terrorist inclinations. What has happened to the cosy chats in the pub, long afternoons spent discussing the finer points of Hegel, the slow evolution of intellectual promise? Well, for better or worse, those days are on the way out, if not gone.

I realize as I read this back to myself, how negative I sound about the whole process and I am quite surprised. I actually think a lot of the things that are happening are intrinsically good: universities *should* accord research students a proper status, formal protection, a clear chart for their progression, and accountability of supervision. The age of the knowledge economy (and how we are bored of that phrase) is upon us and we cannot shirk the responsibility to pre-

pare researchers for it. The opportunities for student mobility and career enhancement are far beyond what was available when I did my own doctorate. My concern is that the real decisions about what a doctorate is, how it should be done, and what its meaning should be in broader social terms, belong in the academic world. It is not surprising that, with the constant pressures that are on academics now to perform for the RAE, comply with ever more intrusive audit trails and then teach till we drop, it is all too easy to take every new imposition as just one more bureaucratic box to be ticked. But this is serious! The doctorate is changing and we need to have our say in where we think that change should be leading. Do we want skills training to be an assessed part of the doctoral examination? Do we want research to be independent or managed? How much training and of what type should a supervisor need above and beyond their own research expertise? The list of questions emerging from the sum total of the current changes is potentially enormous and will differ for disciplines, institutions, and individuals. I end with two questions: what will a Doctorate in Political Science look like in 2020 and are you sure you will be able to recognize it?

ing the Second World War. Up to a million Lithuanians were deported by the Soviet authorities and many died in the harsh conditions of labour camps, particularly young children and the elderly, while others were imprisoned or executed. A partisan movement conducted a guerrilla war for some ten years after the country became part of the Soviet Union in the mistaken belief that they would receive real support from the west. Lithuanian independence from the Soviet Union involved loss of life and today the country shares a border with Belarus and the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad and relations with both these entities is understandably a subject of interest to Lithuanian scholars.

In such a lively conference, it is difficult to single out particular papers, although I was interested in the argument that the EU had insisted on democratic procedures and guarantees in the run up to accession, but this pressure and monitoring had now been removed.

The majority of postgraduate students in political science and international relations in Lithuania are women, although this is not an unreservedly positive development as it was observed to me that this was a reflection of low pay in academic life. However, I was particularly impressed by the presentation by Daiva Repekait, a fourth year undergraduate at Vilnius University who is the chair of the Student Research Association. She warned against the tendency towards self flagellation in what was still a relatively poor post Communist country.

She offered an ironic commentary on the four years of studying for a political science degree in Lithuania. In the first year one believed in a bright future based on inte-

gration in Euro-Atlantic structures. In the second year one became more pessimistic and used the factor of post Communist heritage as a 'catch all' explanation for all the shortcomings of Lithuanian democracy. In the third year one became a cultural relativist. One believed that everything does not just depend on history but culture and values. Hence Lithuanians were in need of outside assistance (implicitly from the EU) to 'save ourselves'. In the fourth year one took off one's rosy glasses about the EU and saw that Lithuanians need to find strength within them to consolidate their democracy.

Lithuanian political science

I took part in a concluding panel which also included representatives of the French, Polish and Ukrainian associations as well as an American political scientist there in a personal capacity. We were asked to outline the work of our associations, in particular in relation to our internationalising strategies.

The comments and questions from the floor were very interesting. One speaker argued for the need for a specifically Lithuanian political science. Quite what this might mean is open to interpretation, although I have heard similar arguments in Russia. Indeed, in one of the papers earlier there had been a reference to a 'mystical' link between the current Lithuanian constitution and that of 1938. One issue might be the need to use the language in academic discourse; both the yearbook and the *Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review* appear in English (although it was evident that there are also strong academic links with France and there was a parallel session in French for part of the conference). This is a recurrent dilemma

for small countries as to get their work noticed they need to publish in the leading international language of academic life.

The focus on Lithuania's own problems and the immediate region is understandable, particularly given the challenges presented by relations with Belarus and Russia. Nevertheless, when I was asked for a frank assessment of Lithuanian political science, I praised its liveliness and its links with current international debates about democratic practice, but I did also say that I thought that it was more inward looking than Estonia, the other Baltic country with which I am familiar. There are many urgent policy challenges that face Lithuania and it was evident that there are close links between political scientists and the country's political class and its journalists, even if one leading journo complained in his presentation that political scientists (or 'politologists' as they are sometimes called) theorised too much when there was nothing to theorise. Nevertheless, it might be possible to link national debates even more to international discourses without sacrificing national identity. My subjective assessment is that Lithuania is the most foreign country I have ever visited apart from China and Japan.

Despite making some outspoken remarks, I have been invited to return to this vibrant country in a personal capacity which I will certainly do. I will also build on the links developed at the meeting with the Polish and Ukrainian associations. This does not mean that consolidated democracies and their political science associations cannot run their own affairs perfectly well, but an external perspective is nevertheless appreciated and I hope to take part in the Polish conference in September 2007.

Concerns about democracy in Lithuania



Daiva Repekait

Wyn Grant, President, Political Studies Association

In December 2006 I attended the annual conference of the Lithuanian Political Science Association at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science in Vilnius as a Political Studies Association representative. The theme of the conference was 'The Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe'. There were contributions from academics (including PhD students), journalists and politicians (some of whom were evidently out of sorts with each other). The presentations often had a comparative context, were shaped by appropriate theoretical perspectives, used rigorous methodologies and sparked lively debates (although I was a little surprised to hear David Cameron referred to as the British Berlusconi). As in all political science conferences, once speakers and discussants had had their say, there was too little time for interventions from the floor in a continuous

plenary format.

What was evident and perhaps a little surprising was a mood of pessimism about democracy in Lithuania. Indeed, I pointed out in my concluding remarks that mature democracies like the UK have problems of declining turnout, superficial and often personally oriented forms of participation and eroding civil liberties. Nevertheless, Eurobarometer data published in the *Lithuanian Political Science Yearbook* does show that citizens' satisfaction with the functioning of democracy in Lithuania is lowest among the EU countries with less than fourth of the population very or fairly satisfied with the way democracy works in their country compared with a 53 per cent score for the EU-25.

Some context is necessary. Before leaving Lithuania I visited the Museum of Genocide Victims and the associated KGB prison. Lithuania was invaded three times dur-

Dr. Richard Grayson appointed Head of Politics at Goldsmiths



Dr Richard Grayson has been appointed as Head of Politics at Goldsmiths, University of London, for three years from September 2006. He takes over from Dr Carl Levy who led the department through a period of expansion during which several new appointments were made. Dr Grayson joined the department in 2004 having spent the previous five years as Director of Policy of the Liberal Democrats, the first two years of which were combined with being Charles Kennedy's principal speechwriter. His first two books, completed in the late 1990s while teaching at Oxford and the Open University, were on the

interface between politics and foreign policy in the 1920s and 1930s. His third book, *Belfast Boys: How Unionists and Nationalists Fought and Died Together in the First World War* is to be published by Hambledon Continuum in 2008. He is also working on a biographical study of Leo Amery, and regularly writes about the Liberal Democrats both in newspapers and in academic journals. He has appeared frequently on radio and television as a political commentator, including a recent slot as a panel member on BBC Radio Four's 'Any Questions'."



‘Islamic Extremism in Britain: Causes, Consequences and Solutions’

Political Studies Association ‘related group’ panel on ‘Islamist Radicalism in Britain’, APSA Annual Conference Chicago 2007

Jonathan Githens-Mazer, Panel Organiser, Exeter University

The 7/7 bomber, Mohammad Sidique Khan, cited the continuous perpetuation of ‘atrocities against my people all over the world’, as a motivating factor in his actions. These ‘atrocities’ were not least apparent in images such as those of Muhammad al-Durrah, the 12-year-old Palestinian boy cowering with his father, apparently from Israeli fire, during the outbreak of the 2000 ‘al-Aqsa Intifada’ and the iconic figure of Satar Jabar, the hooded prisoner of Abu Gharib jail. How can we explain the potency of such images for young British Muslims – and what mechanisms can contribute to and/or retard their radicalising effects?

The origins and causes of radical Islamism in Britain are a hot, if not overly heated, topic of debate for us in Britain. Is radical Islamism a function of the disengagement and isolation of young British Muslims from mainstream society? Is it a function of an increasing concern amongst British Muslims that anti-terror laws are targeting them – and that Britain is fast becoming an anti-Islamic ‘police state’? How do young British Muslims become radicalised and engage in acts of terrorism in London on Buses and the Underground – and how might engagement with ‘civil society’ counter this process of radicalisation? There are elements of this debate which are unique to Britain, and other elements which are reflected throughout Europe. However, these debates are not occurring in the same way in the United States,

where Islam tends to be perceived as something ‘foreign’ – outside of the ‘normal’ scope of American Politics let alone everyday life. The 2007 Political Studies Association panel at the American Political Science Association (APSA) conference (August 30th – September 2nd in Chicago, Illinois, USA) will highlight key aspects of the current study of radical Islam in Britain to an audience of American and international political scientists – including 1) how and why some young British Muslims become radical and violent, and 2) what can be done to counter this process. The panel, entitled “Islamic Extremism in Britain: Causes, Consequences and Solutions”, with papers by Jonathan Githens-Mazer (University of Exeter), Hisham Hellyer (University of Warwick), Philip Lewis (University of Bradford), and Brendan O’Duffy (Queen Mary, University of London), will focus on radical Islamism in Britain, examining the context in which young Britons are joining radical Islamist movements, as well as examining how civil society and religious institutions can help to counterbalance this process of radicalisation. To this extent the panel will seek to unpack the radicalising power of Islamist extremist groups in Britain, how such groups conceive of themselves and others, in terms of geography, culture and history, and how these links can be altered through broader conceptions of British civil society.

Popular narratives portray the emergence of radical Islamism as a function of the ‘clash of civilisations’, alternatively reducing it to an instinctive reaction the failure of the peace process in the Middle East, and/or apportioning causality to British military engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan. This panel will take a more nuanced and academic approach - not

only examining how conceptions of Muslim politics, culture, oppression and struggle are understood amongst radicalised individuals as bases for acts of violence, but also the role of the individual in this collective process of radicalisation, and the potential for religious elites and institutions to help to de-radicalise these ideas. Such an approach helps to unpack the role played by symbols of Islamic repression for individuals and identify the institutional capacity of religion and the role of civil society in retarding radicalisation. Towards this end the papers being presented on the panel include the application of social movement theory to explain the role of symbols and perceptions of repression and injustice in processes of radicalisation, the measurement of dislocation from traditional family and community structures amongst Muslims in East London, and the identification of crises in religious authority in the Islamic community in Bradford. By employing a variety of approaches – it is our hope that this panel will highlight key areas of this question in the contemporary study of Islamist politics in Britain for an international audience, as well as indicating some of the initial findings from these kinds of analyses.

By examining not only how radicalisation occurs, but also addressing key questions of ‘de-radicalising’ young British Muslims, the panel will also touch upon the larger debates occurring in academia and the popular press – including those of multi-culturalism, integration and perhaps even fundamental definitions of ‘Britishness’ – all of which may ultimately help to further pin down conceptions of liberalism and the role of identity and culture in the contemporary British state.

Fahamu’s distance-learning methodology, involving CD-ROMs, email-based facilitation and workshops, has been widely adopted by institutions such as the University of Oxford, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Article 19, the UN-affiliated University for Peace and others. Previously these courses were only available to those participating in courses organised by Fahamu, but making these courses available on the web

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Citizenship Teaching Materials on the Web

Do you teach a course that touches on issues of citizenship?
Are you looking for teaching materials that challenge students to consider their own understanding and practices of citizenship?

If the answer is yes, then you may be interested in the resources that are available on the Teaching Citizenship in Higher Education website www.soton.ac.uk/citizened.

This website has been created by a HEFCE-funded FoRL5 project led by Politics and International Relations at the University of Southampton in partnership with Liverpool John Moores and Keele Universities. Since January 2005, the project team has designed, piloted and evaluated a series of free-to-access web-based learning activities that not only teach students about the nature and demands of citizenship, but also require them to reflect critically on their own practices – education about and for citizenship. By the end of the project in December 2007, there will be ten activities available (see table below).

Learning activities on the Teaching Citizenship in Higher Education website www.soton.ac.uk/citizened.

Active Citizenship: Students are encouraged to consider key moments in the history of political action and the justification for different forms of political activity. They are then invited to plan and organise a political action of their choice.

Apathetic Generation? Young People as Citizens: Students investigate the various opportunities that exist for them to partici-

pate politically on campus, before analyzing the competing explanations for the low level of participation amongst young people in recent general elections.

Citizenship, Equality and Culture: By considering the importance of language and culture, students are asked to reflect on the relationship between cultural rights and the demands of citizenship.

Disability and Citizenship (in development). Using a video created by the Disability Rights Commission, students are challenged to consider the ways in which people with disability are often marginalised from public life, with particular focus on the policies and practices of their own university.

Environmental Citizenship: Climate change is the central theme of this activity, with students measuring their personal environmental impact (using a climate calculator developed by Quaker Green Action) and reflecting on what they and organisations, such as universities, might do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Global Citizenship: Through the provision of a range of resources – from advertising images to interviews with academics and activists – students are challenged to consider what is meant by global citizenship.

Making Citizens: Students are asked to critically review the recently introduced citizenship test for immigrants, initially by taking a mock ‘test’, and to draw on their experience of being taught citizenship in schools.

Measuring Citizenship: Students are invited to develop a set of survey questions to investigate the attitudes and behaviours they associate with citizenship. These are then compared to the questions used in the 2000/1 Citizen Audit.

Rights and Duties of Citizens: Using a short quiz and three detailed case studies on controversies in public policy (compulsory voting, freedom of speech, the role of carers), students are invited to explore their position on the rights and duties of citizens.

Second Class Citizens?: A quiz format enables students to examine ways in which women have been denied the full rights of citizenship at different periods in history. Students are then encouraged to investigate the position of women in contemporary society.

Design principles

In developing the activities, the project team has been guided by a number of principles. First, the activities should be self-contained and flexible to use. It has never been the team’s intention to design a complete course on citizenship; instead tutors are encouraged to see each activity as constituting an alternative to one or two week’s conventional teaching.

A second principle is that the activities should aim to incorporate elements of both education about and for citizenship. At its best, politics teaching not only provides students with greater knowledge of the political, but also encourages them to confront their own attitudes and behaviours. Throughout all the activities, the aim is to relate theoretical ideas and empirical findings about the nature of citizenship to students’ own experiences and practices and to provide extensive web-based resources that allow students to explore these issues further.

Third, the project team has adopted an iterative approach with prototype versions of learning activities piloted and evaluated as early as possible. In the life of the project, we

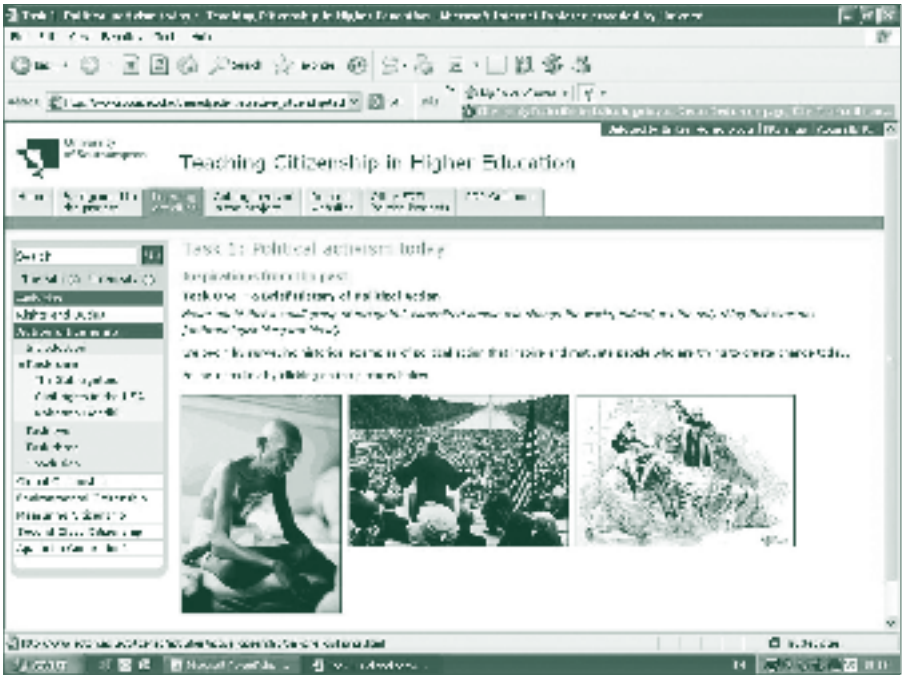
New online Human rights Course

Top quality training on human rights is now available for free online, thanks to a partnership between Fahamu and the OpenCourseWare Consortium. Through the partnership, the ‘Introduction to Human Rights’ course, jointly developed by Fahamu and the University of Oxford, Department for Continuing Education, has been made freely available on Fahamu’s

website. The course is designed to provide people with a comprehensive definition of human rights and how these rights are monitored and enforced.

Some 600 organisations and individuals have completed this course since 2003, said Fahamu Director Firoze Manji, and we are making the material available for free online so that anyone, anywhere can have the benefit

of training in human rights issues. Fahamu has specialised in developing a range of distance-learning courses aimed at strengthening the capacity of human rights and civil society organisations in Africa and around the world. The topics covered by the courses are the result of extensive research conducted in Africa into the training needs of such organisations.



have been fortunate to work with tutors with varying levels of experience in over a dozen higher education establishments. Materials have been used in a variety of teaching settings and on different types of courses, from foundation to Masters level. This approach means that we should end up with activi-

ties that are more robust and responsive to tutors' and students' needs. Arguably the most difficult element of the project has been attracting tutors to pilot and evaluate the materials – after all, most of us are already overburdened with other commitments. While tutors who have

engaged with the project have generally found the experience worthwhile (and not just because we pay for evaluations!), there is an important lesson here for education agencies like HEFCE. If they are to continue promoting and funding new teaching projects, then they must recognise the difficulties involved in engaging academics who already feel over-worked and face institutional pressures and incentives that do not always support this type of activity.

Your help still needed

The project team is still looking to commission tutors to trial and evaluate the materials. We are particularly interested in evaluations of the more recently developed learning activities: 'Making Citizens', 'Culture, Equality and Citizenship', 'Disability and Citizenship' and 'Environmental Citizenship'. However, if you are interested in evaluating one of the other activities, we would still be like to hear from you. Please contact the Project Director, Graham Smith, Professor of Politics at the University of Southampton gsmith@soton.ac.uk or 023 8059 3308. And finally, thanks to all the tutors and students who have helped us so far.

Subnational Government: The French Experience

By John Loughlin
'[A]n instructive and comprehensive study of the decentralisation reforms, their causes, evolution and consequences for the French political and administrative system... This book can be highly recommended to those interested in French territorial politics and subnational government. However, it includes more than a country study. Readers interested in the development of the modern state and in comparative local government and politics will profit from it.' - Arthur Benz, professor of political science, University of Hagen, Germany 'Professor John Loughlin has written yet another very informative book in which he combines his insights into culture, religion and history with knowledge about contemporary political developments at national and sub-national levels.' – Anders Lidström, professor of political

science, Umeå University, Sweden *Subnational Government: The French Experience* is the most comprehensive and up to date treatment in English of the transformation of local governance in France since the 1982 decentralization reforms. It places these reforms and their consequences in the historical context of French nation-building, socio-economic changes within France and in relation to international trends in territorial governance. The book argues that we are witnessing a transformation of the classical Jacobin unitary state and the end of the old system of central-local relations which underpinned this. It examines the evolution of the municipalities and the attempts to overcome the problem of their vast number through various forms of association. It analyses the struggle for dominance between the departments and regions, the link

between decentralization and reform of the state, the role of politicians and of electoral systems and how it is all financed. The book combines meticulous empirical research with clear theoretical analysis. John Loughlin is Professor of European Politics and formerly Jean Monnet Professor at Cardiff University, UK, and European Studies Visiting Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford, UK. Previously he held positions at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and the University of Ulster. He has held Visiting Professorships and Fellowships at Merton College, Oxford, the Institutes of Political Science in Paris, Bordeaux and Aix-en-Provence, the European University Institute, Florence, the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Arts and Sciences, the Free University of Brussels and the University of Umeå, Sweden. He is currently an Expert on Regional and Local Democracy of the Council of Europe and at UN-HABITAT.

Why Political Scientists Should learn to Love the Media



By Ivor Gaber,
Political Studies Association Media Advisor
Media tart 'Rent-a-gob' and 'Dial a don' – just a few of the more printable epitaphs I have heard attributed to those of our colleagues prepared to put their heads above the media parapet and do what we're all paid to do – disseminate.

The Political Studies Association, as an organisation, has given a high priority to gaining a higher profile for the discipline. The Association's annual awards ceremony in London now regularly attracts significant media coverage across a wide range of different outlets. This year the question 'Who was the Political Studies Association's Politician of the Year' featured as part of the Independent's Christmas quiz (the answer being a man with a Scottish name – which is neither Brown or Campbell - who hopes to be Prime Minister after the next election) But despite these trends there are still too many academics who are reluctant to

engage with the wider public via the media. It is not difficult to come up with reasons why returning that call from the media is not a priority, but here's a few as to why it should be. Perhaps the most important is enshrined in the term 'public intellectual'. In the UK we have far too few of such characters, and hence far too little of the national debate is informed by the research, insights and perspective of academics. The role of the intellectual in the public life of France, Germany Italy, even the United States, is significantly greater than it is here, and one key reason is because intellectuals here play far less of a role in the national media conversations. The second reason revolves around the notion of public accountability. Most of us are funded, one way or another, by public bodies. For this privilege we have, I would argue, a public duty to 'return our research' to our funders i.e. the public. That seems to me not just an ethical duty but a rather sensible way of ensuring that public funding continues to flow to the social sciences. But there are also more self-serving-reasons why a higher media profile can be of benefit. One is what I call the 'Heineken' effect. Despite what they might say in public about not paying any attention to the media, in my experience, politicians are highly influenced by media coverage. At the start of every minister's working day the ministerial car pulls up, on the back seat sits a manila folder awaiting the minister's attention. It contains all the press cuttings and broadcasts from the last 24 hours relating to his or her area of ministerial responsibility. Thus when he or she arrives at the ministry the first

thing they are likely to say to their permanent secretary is 'Have you see that piece in today's Mail?' And there are other aspects of the Heineken effect. New funders or research partners who don't use the 'usual academic channels' can get to here about research from that reference in the Guardian or that interview on Newsnight. Of course, one of the key reasons for getting involved with the media is 'profile' - everyone needs it now. We need it for vulgar reasons like student recruitment, fundraising, staff recruitment and so forth. And research funders now look at the extent to which an applicant has succeeded in the past in disseminating his or her previous research to wider audiences. Finally, it can't be denied that playing the media game can be quite fun and, whisper it not, it's also good for the ego. But if getting involved with the media has the sound of something slightly threatening, then fear not for the Political Studies Association is here to help. Every year the Association runs media training workshops at which Association members get the opportunity, in a supportive environment, to be interviewed about their research by experienced radio and television journalists. The interviews are then analysed and participants are then given the opportunity to try again. These courses take place in a variety of UK locations. If you are interested in attending such a course – which is provided to members at no cost – then please email Ivor Gaber at ivor.gaber@beds.ac.uk and give details regarding the locations and times of the year that would be suitable.

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