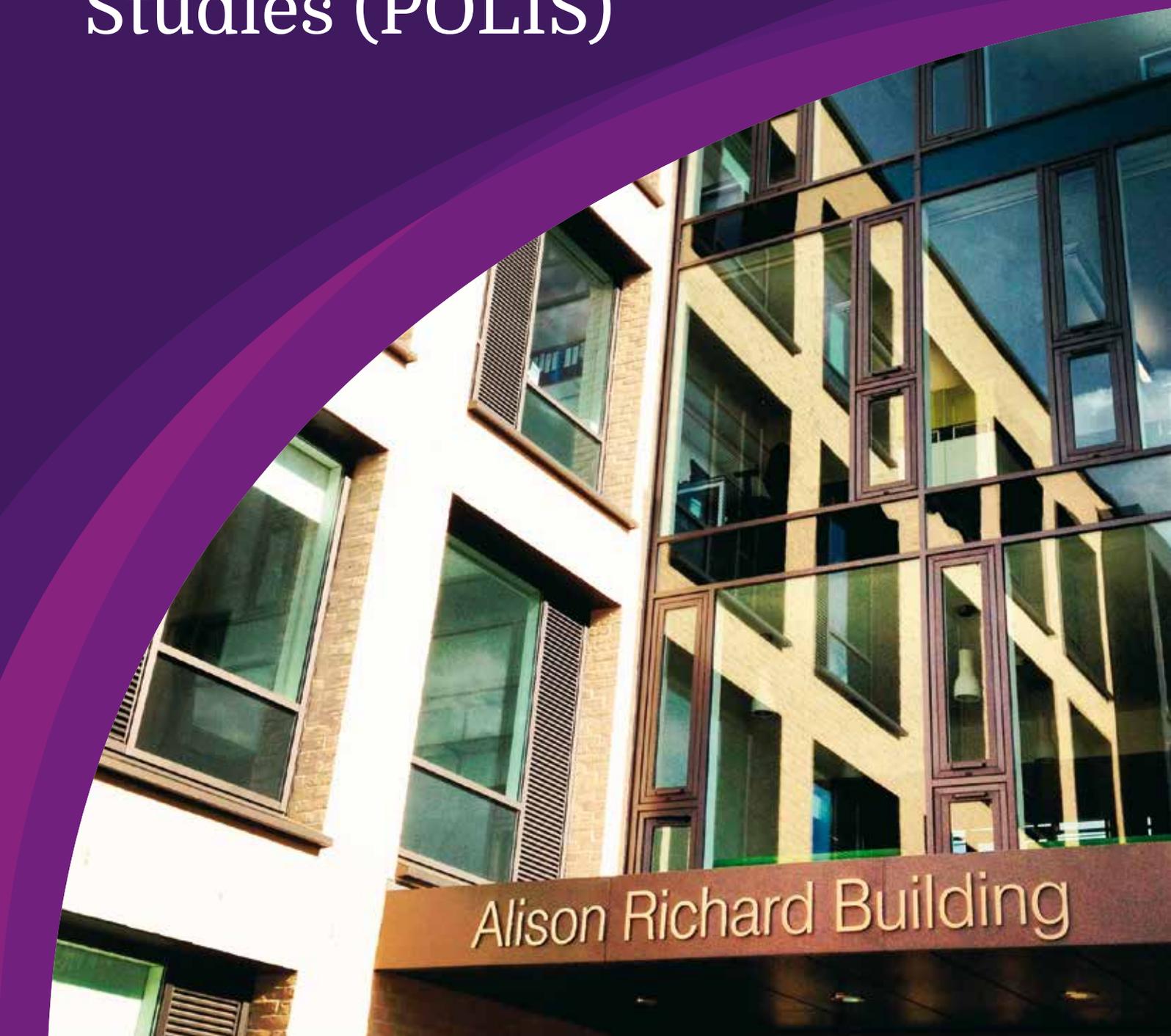


Annual Report 2013/2014



Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS)

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Alison Richard Building



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Head of Department's Review of the Year

2013/2014 was another busy year for the Department of Politics and International Studies. The main innovation was the launch of the new MPhil in Public Policy (MPP). The course provides an interdisciplinary grounding in public policy theory and practice, with modules ranging from philosophy and policy analysis through to media and politics. The first cohort of 23 students benefited from generous funding from our external partners, and participated actively in helping us to develop the course.

The Department was also delighted to host the University's Public Policy Strategic Research Initiative (SRI), co-chaired by David Howarth, the Director of the MPP. The SRI supports public policy research across the University and has already brought together a wide range of policy practitioners and academics.

In terms of staff we welcomed two new lecturers: Dr Christopher Bickerton from Sciences Po, Paris, who works on European politics and Dr Aaron Rapport from Georgia State University who specialises in foreign policy and political psychology. Both taught on the M.Phil. in International Relations and Politics, and on the new Human, Social and Political Sciences Tripos, which admitted its first students in October 2013. We were pleased that a large number of the students in Part I chose to take a paper in Politics and/or International Relations (PIR) and we look forward to the development of a strong PIR group in the Part II.

During the course of the year we secured support for three new posts: from the Trinity Scheme, jointly with Homerton College; by a donation by

the Noah Foundation to Pembroke College; and from the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences for a joint post between Development Studies and Latin American Studies. We were glad to be able to celebrate three promotions towards the end of the year. Duncan Kelly was elected to a Readership, while both Devon Curtis and Mette Eilstrup Sangiovanni were promoted to Senior Lectureships.

Arrivals are inevitably balanced by departures. We said goodbye to Elisabetta Brighi who was appointed to a post at the University of Westminster and also to my predecessor as Head of Department, Prof Andrew Gamble, who retired on 30th September 2014. The appreciation which colleagues feel for Andrew's tremendous work for POLIS was evident in the departmental dinner which we held for him in July, while the UK profession as a whole marked his distinguished career with a conference organised by Helen Thompson at Queens' College on 24th September which was attended by a host of past students, colleagues past and present, as well as by some notable practitioners. Fortunately

Andrew is still involved in various aspects of our research life, so that we can look forward to a new phase of his connection with the Department.

Finally, this was my own last year as Head of Department. Having previously acted as Director of the Centre for International Studies, which merged with the Department of Politics to form POLIS in 2009, it has been immensely pleasing to see the new Department come together and grow so well. I should like to thank colleagues and students alike for their commitment, and for a highly successful academic year 2013-14. The Department is now in the capable hands of my successor, Professor David Runciman.



Christopher Hill

Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor
of International Relations

October 2014

Centres in POLIS and Research Centres

Since moving into the Alison Richard Building in 2012 the Department and its Centres have developed a closer working relationship. We were pleased that this year the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences agreed to fund a new university lectureship to be held jointly between Development Studies and Latin American Studies. We continue to look for other opportunities to recruit new posts in Development Studies and African Studies, and Development Studies and South Asian Studies.



Prof Harri Englund



Prof Peter Nolan



Dr Charles Jones



Prof Sir
Christopher Bayly

The Directors of the Centres in 2013/14 were:

Centre of African Studies

Prof Harri Englund

Centre of Development Studies

Prof Peter Nolan

Centre of Latin American Studies

Dr Charles Jones

Centre of South Asian Studies

Prof Sir Christopher Bayly

It is important to the Department that the Centres retain their interdisciplinary nature and identity. The diversity in academic disciplines, approaches and outreach activities offers scope for exciting collaborations and fundraising opportunities.

Research Centres

The European Centre @ POLIS was established in 2013/2014 by Dr Julie Smith. Spinning out of an ESRC-funded grant ('National Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty: Domestic Watchdogs or Autonomous Players?'), the Centre brings together multi-disciplinary expertise on European affairs in Cambridge, including history, law and economics in addition to politics and security studies, and forms the focus for research projects, speaker meetings and networks of scholars. The successful seminar series, run by Dr Karolina Pomorska, quickly established a reputation for high-quality speakers and lively debate.

The Centre for Governance and Human Rights (CGHR) continued its work in Africa and the project "Africa's Voices" took on a life of its own: a team of four MBA students from the Cambridge Judge Business School analysed the sustainability of the project as an ongoing social enterprise with positive results. In June, CGHR published and launched the outcome of its most recent collaboration with the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, a study of the incidence of violations of the right to life across the African continent.

The Centre for Rising Powers (CRP) and the Centre for International Studies (CIS) continued their programmes of events and publications throughout the year, with CRP in particular being pro-active with identifying potential research grants and associated opportunities.

The Research Centre Directors for 2013/2014 were:

Centre for Governance and Human Rights

Dr Sharath Srinivasan

Centre for Rising Powers

Dr Amrita Narlikar

Centre of International Studies

Prof Brendan Simms

European Centre @ POLIS

Dr Julie Smith

Undergraduate Report

2013/2014 was the first year that students were admitted to the new Human, Social and Political Sciences (HSPS) Tripos. Whilst these students will follow the new course for the duration of their studies the Part II students continued to follow the Politics, Psychology and Sociology (PPS) Tripos.



Dr Helen Thompson

Although HSPS students in Part I do not specify their track, there were more than 130 students taking each of the Politics and International Relations Part I papers in 2013/2014. In PPS Part IIa there were 62 students, with a further 80 students in PPS Part IIb. At the end of the year 95 Part I students chose to do the Politics and International Relations track in Part IIa with a further 17 opting for the joint Politics-Social Anthropology track and 12 for the joint Politics-Sociology track. The increase in numbers produced by the move to the HSPS Tripos will need closely monitoring to ensure successful delivery of the course.

This year also saw the first time the Department had taken part in the Sutton Trust summer school. Students from the state sector came to Cambridge in August to experience lectures from a wide range of POLIS staff, ably arranged by Dr David Blunt. We expect to continue to offer a summer school via the Sutton Trust.

We took the opportunity over the summer to add a section to our website with resources for Schools wanting to support their students in applying to Cambridge to study Politics and International Relations. We now have sample Part I papers and reading lists available on request as well as testimonials from current and former students.

Dr Helen Thompson

Director of Undergraduate Education 2013/2014

Case Study



Ahir Shah

Ahir Shah

“Studying Politics and International Relations at Cambridge has been a continually challenging, occasionally stressful but always hugely rewarding experience. The course is initially broad - during my first year I studied Politics, Sociology, Psychology and Biological Anthropology - giving you the time and the options to realise for yourself where your interests and strengths lie. As a third-year specialising in the Politics and International Relations stream, I am taking papers in Political Philosophy and Social Theory as well as writing a dissertation, but the options exist to study a wide range of subjects, from political economy to the politics of a particular country or region. I think that this combination of initial breadth followed by the potential to undertake in-depth study means the course provides a fantastically well-rounded, yet still targeted, education in politics and international relations. “

Graduate Report

This was the year that the Department launched its newest MPhil – the **MPhil in Public Policy (MPP)**. The MPhil in Public Policy provides an interdisciplinary grounding in public policy theory and practice, with courses ranging from philosophy and policy analysis through to media and politics. The course is aimed at students who wish to have a leading role in government, companies or NGOs. The blend of theory and practice helps students to understand the mix of hard and soft skills they will need to be effective policy entrepreneurs and students leave the course having broadened and strengthened their policy analysis and implementation skills.

A particular feature of the MPP is its work placements. The course organisers generated 43 placements for the first cohort, including opportunities ranging from the World Health Organisation to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The course set up its own blog www.cambridgemppblog.org and one of the students, in reviewing the year, said:

“I learnt a huge amount along the way, had some amazing experiences and met some people who I am sure will be friends for life. Would I do it again? Yes, in a heartbeat.”

Kate Owen, MPhil in Public Policy 2014

We were grateful to a number of benefactors who gave bursaries to students on the MPP in 2013/2014. Their generosity made it possible for four students to study in Cambridge, which would otherwise have been impossible. The case study below highlights one of these bursaries.



Eleanor Robb

Case Study

Through funding bursaries for students on the new, innovative Master's in Public Policy course, YouGov are supporting the next generation of national and international policy makers. **Eleanor Robb** is one of the MPP students who have received vital bursary support this year through the generosity of YouGov.

“I am eternally grateful to YouGov. Without their support I wouldn't have been able to do the course and gain this amazing education and experience that will be a life-long foundation for whatever I pursue in policy.”

Cambridge's Master's in Public Policy graduates are the problem solvers and critical thinkers of the future. Through governments, businesses and the third sector, they will lead measures to produce clean energy, increase public transport, reduce welfare dependency, improve the quality of education, increase employment and training opportunities for young people, improve the health of the poorest in society, improve the delivery of foreign aid and much more.

“Policy is always really challenging because you've always got such a level of complexity, with so many competing goals and different stakeholders. Policy touches people's lives every day in a thousand ways that they might not even notice and you really need people that have the skills, knowledge and expertise to develop policy properly to benefit the greatest number of people.”

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The two largest Masters courses in the Department are the **MPhil in Development Studies** and the **MPhil in International Relations and Politics (MPhil IR&Pol)**, both of which recruited in excess of 70 students in 2013/2014.



For the MPhil in IR&Pol it was the first year that the previously separate courses in International Relations and Politics had been brought together. The final course offered 15 optional papers alongside a compulsory Methods module and a dissertation. There were 16 distinctions awarded overall, the dissertations meriting a distinction mark included 'The impact of hostage taking as a terrorist tactic in relation to British foreign and security policy 2001-2014' (Adam Wurr), 'Anti-Germanism and German reluctance to lead in the Euro Crisis (2009 - 2013)' (Felix Karstens) and 'China's Riparian Relations in Mainland Southeast Asia' (Brianna Botchwey).

The MPhil in Development Studies awarded 13 distinctions to its students. Whilst the dissertation is not a compulsory element, Albert Park's work on 'Ethics and International Development: A Critical Review' was a notable distinction.

In the Area Centres, the MPhil in African Studies, MPhil in Latin American Studies and MPhil in South Asian Studies continued to admit high-quality students. The research culture in each of the Centres is unique and the studies undertaken by the students each year benefit from the lively programmes offered in their home Centre.

The Programme Directors for 2013/2014 were:

MPhil in South Asian Studies
MPhil in Development Studies

Prof Sir Christopher Bayly
Dr Shailaja Fennell,
Dr Maha Abdelrahman

MPhil in Public Policy
MPhil in Latin American Studies
MPhil in International Relations and Politics
MPhil in African Studies

Mr David Howarth
Dr Joanna Page
Dr Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni
Dr Ruth Watson

The Department is host to in excess of 150 PhD students. We congratulate those who successfully defended their thesis in 2013/2014

PhDs in Development Studies

Michael Tai

What factors determine trust between States? The case of US-China relations

Jesper Johnson

Corruption and Stabilisation: Aid Agencies' Strategies in Fragile States

Ruojun Wang

The role of urban planning institutions in brownfield proliferation and greenfield development in China's mining cities: Case studies of Liaoyuan City and Daqing City

PhDs in International Relations and Politics

Jonathan Agensky

Aid, advocacy, and global Christendom. The politics of Evangelical humanitarianism in South Sudan

Elif Cetin

Political debates, policy objectives and outcomes in British and Italian immigration policy, 1997-2010

Philippe Dufort

Critical strategic studies: Learning from counter-insurgent practitioners in contemporary Colombia

PhDs in International Relations and Politics continued...

Mona Elbahtimy	The right to be free from the harm of hate speech in international human rights law: an analysis of a difficult evolutionary path
Moira Faul	Power and Partnerships for international development: the case of the education Millennium development goals
Puli Fuwongcharoen	Constitutions and legitimisation: The cases of Siam's permanent constitution and Japan's postwar constitution
Sarah Harris	The impresario: Michael Josselson, the CIA, and the Congress for Cultural Freedom
Racha Helwa	The effect of institutional efficiency on FDI presence, performance and risk in the Service Industries in Egypt
Jaehwan Jung	Political legitimacy and economic institutional change: A constructivist approach to the transformation of the South Korean economy
Avidan Kent	International trade, investment and climate change: a tale of legal and institutional fragmentation/ Avidan Kurt Kent
Daniel Mark	Honour, Dignity, and the Politics of Respect
Mauricio Novoa-Cain	The protectors of Indians in the royal audience of Lima: history, careers and legal culture, 1575-1775
Mateja Peter	Constructing international authority: The international administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Marjan Radjavi	Gender, International Law, and Justice: Reworking the Assumptions about Change in Iran
Or Rosenboim	The emergence of globalism. Competing visions of world order in Britain and the United States, 1939-1950
Mahsa Rouhi	Security discourse and security decision-making in Iran, 1979-1989
Andres Villar Gertner	Resolving frontier disputes between Argentina and Chile: the Beagle Channel Crisis (1977-1984)

PhD in Latin American Studies

Daniel Carter	Narratives of nation, frontier and social conflict in Chile: the province of Cautín during the agrarian reform period, 1962-1973
Juan Scarfi	International Law and Pan-Americanism in the Americas, 1890-1942
Catriona McAllister	Rewriting Independence in Contemporary Argentine Literature: Postmodernism, Politics and History

The Programme Directors for 2013/2014 were:

PhD in Development Studies	Prof Peter Nolan, Dr Shailaja Fennell
PhD in International Relations and Politics	Dr Duncan Kelly
PhD in Latin American Studies	Dr Joanna Page



Or Rosenboim

Lisa Smirl Prize for Best PhD 2013-14

The Department of Politics and International Studies is delighted to announce the second winner of the Lisa Smirl prize for the best PhD completed in POLIS during the year 2013-2014. The prize is awarded to Or Rosenboim, for her thesis "The emergence of globalism. Competing visions of world order in Britain and the United States, 1939-1950". Or was supervised by Dr Duncan Bell.

We congratulate Or, who remains involved with the Department in her new role as a Junior Research Fellow at Queens' College, and also wish to remember the person in whose memory this award is offered. The Prize is named in memory of Lisa Smirl, who gained her PhD in the Department in 2010, but who died of cancer in February 2013.

Gates Scholars

The Department's Gates Scholars who joined the Department in 2013/2014 were:

Evelyn Boettcher	PhD Politics and International Studies
Zenobia Ismail	PhD Politics and International Studies
Hosna Jahan	MPhil Development Studies
Shaina Saint-Lot	MPhil Development Studies
Yee Siong Tong	PhD Development Studies



POLIS is very pleased to be amongst one of the highest recipients of Gates Scholars in the University over the past ten years.



Njoki Wamai

Case Study

Njoki Wamai is a current PhD student and Gates Scholar. Her practice note, **First Contact with the field: Experiences of an Early Career Researcher in the Context of National and International Politics in Kenya**, relates to field research in Kenya where the International Criminal Court (ICC) is working with victims of the 2008 post-election violence in three counties. She has been investigating how victims and residents of these counties perceive the ICC and the kind of justice that they envision for themselves.

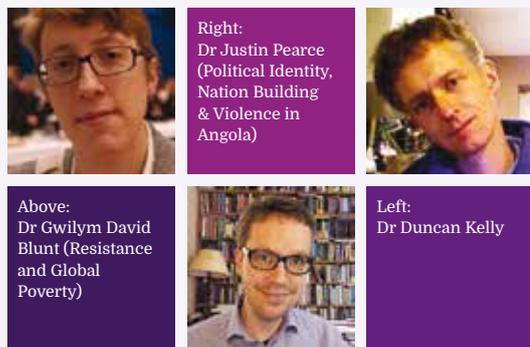
The practice note is a reflection on the methodological aspects of fieldwork for first-time researchers in the social sciences and is a response to a perceived lack of literature on the practical aspects of fieldwork for such researchers.

Njoki says: "This is a daunting task for first-time researchers who must learn on the go while they strive to complete their research within a time limit." Some of Njoki's recommendations, based on her own research, include the need for an improvement in training methods classes before fieldwork through the inclusion of role play on complex fieldwork situations, an emphasis on the need for ethical sensibilities and critical intelligence. Most importantly, however, she highlights researchers' need for flexibility, creativity, patience, humility and commonsense to navigate the complexities of fieldwork. She adds that practical aspects like self care and keeping a diary reflecting on time spent in the field and allowing for unplanned events should be emphasised and shared.

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Research

Research grants which concluded in 2013/2014 included:



- Dr Shailaja Fennell Bureaucratic Performance and Local Public Services Delivery (International Food Policy)
- Dr Nazia Mintz-Habib Biofuels and Biofoods (Isaac Newton Trust and Cambridge Malaysia Education Development Trust)
- Prof Peter Nolan The Cascade Effect of China's Banking Industry (The Taofen Foundation)
- Dr Karolina Pomorska The European External Action Service (Marie Curie Fellowship)
- Dr Julie Smith Observatory of Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty (ESRC)
- Dr Sharath Srinivasan Politics and Interactive Media in Africa (ESRC and DfID)
- Dr Amrita Narlikar The Power of the Poor (Leverhulme Trust)
- Dr Roxane Farmanfarmaian Tunisia's Political Transition (Aljazeera)

The Department was very pleased that two former Teaching Associates, Dr Gwilym David Blunt (Resistance and Global Poverty) and Dr Justin Pearce (Political Identity, Nation Building & Violence in Angola), were both awarded Early Career Fellowships by the Leverhulme Trust, co-funded by the Isaac Newton Trust, and will spend three years working in POLIS.

Dr Duncan Kelly was awarded a British Academy Fellowship to focus on his research titled "World Crisis: Ideas into Politics During the Great War".

Publications: 2013/2014, an important year for submission to the Research Excellence Framework (REF), meant that the Department welcomed a number of new publications:

- Jonathan Haslam Secret Intelligence in the European States System, 1918-1989 (Stanford University Press)
- Christopher Hill The National Interest in Question: Foreign Policy in Multicultural Societies (OUP)
- Amrita Narlikar Bargaining with a Rising India: Lessons from the Mahabharata (OUP)
- Peter Nolan Chinese Firms, Global Firms: Industrial Policy in the Age of Globalization (Routledge)
- Joanna Page Creativity and Science in Contemporary Argentine Literature: Between Romanticism and Formalism (University of Calgary Press)
- Stefano Recchia Just and Unjust Military Intervention (CUP)
- David Runciman The Confidence Trap: A History of Democracy in Crisis from World War I to the Present (Princeton University Press)
- Brendan Simms Europe: The Struggle for Supremacy, 1453 to the Present (Allen Lane)



Lectures, Visitors and Events

The Hinsley Lecture was given by Professor Stephen Walt (Professor of International Affairs at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government) *Follies and Fiascos: Why US Foreign Policy Keeps Failing*. Hosted by St John's College, Prof Walt argued that while there have been periods of considerable wisdom and success in US foreign policy, notably 1947-50 and 1988-1992, the years since the end of the Cold War have been largely characterised by hubris, distortions from domestic politics, and a dysfunctional foreign policy-making machine.



Prof Stephen Walt

The Department was pleased to invite Dr Enrico Letta, Former Italian Prime Minister 2013-14 to deliver the **Alcuin Lecture**. Dr Letta argued that the possibility of a 'Brexit' (the UK leaving the EU) needed now to be taken very seriously both here and on the continent. His catalogue of reasons why such an outcome would be disastrous for both the UK and the EU as a whole provoked a lively discussion, which continued during the reception following the lecture.



Dr Enrico Letta

Professor Keith Hart delivered the 2014 **Audrey Richards Annual Lecture** in African Studies. His lecture, "Waiting for Emancipation: The Prospects for Liberal Revolution and a Human Economy in Africa", presented the idea of a human economy, in some ways a successor to the concept of the informal economy (a concept he helped to coin in the 1970s). Building on his early research in West Africa, Prof Hart reflected on how and why Africa has been a symbol of global inequality.



Prof Keith Hart

Visitors to the Department

The **Simón Bolívar Professor** 2013-14, in the Centre of Latin American Studies (CLAS), was Rosalva Aída Hernández, currently a Professor and Senior Researcher at the Centre for Research and Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology in Mexico City. Whilst in the Department Prof Hernández undertook some MPhil teaching and contributed widely to the research culture of CLAS.



Prof Hernández

Prof Yaacov Vertzberger from the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem joined the Department as a visiting fellow in 2013/2014. He spent his sabbatical working on two projects – the issue of the inherent tension between continuity and change in prevailing national strategic policies, and the need to establish an international disaster managing regime.

Other Notable Events

In February 2014, the Centre of South Asian Studies hosted a film screening of 'Unmanned: America's drone wars', a film investigating issues around the use of drones in Pakistan and their effects on the local population. The film was introduced by Ms Jemima Khan and Prof Sir Chris Bayly, with a short introduction provided on film by its director, Robert Greenwald.

The German Finance Minister, Dr Wolfgang Schäuble, visited the Department in March 2014, taking part in an hour-long discussion with a range of students and staff from across the University interested in the evolving political economy of the European Union.

The YouGov-Cambridge conference "Public Opinion and the Evolving State" drew a wide range of speakers into the Department, including General Sir Mike Jackson, Lord Malloch-Brown, Mr Nigel Farage, Professor Gillian Leng and Dr Xiang Bing. Highlights of the event can be found on the YouGovChannel on YouTube.



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Green Impact is the University's environmental accreditation scheme, encouraging teams across the collegiate University to reduce their environmental impacts. Led by our Facilities Manager, Jamie Brittain, this year the Department and the Alison Richard Building achieved the Silver Award.