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POLIS Alumni Newsletter

Easter 2016

Dear POLIS Alumni,

Spring is finally here, and with it the POLIS Alumni Newsletter for Easter 2016. Thank you for all those who responded to our request for updates. As always, please do get in contact if you have any feedback or you wish to be featured in a future edition. You can email us at alumni@polis.cam.ac.uk or tweet us at @Dept_of_POLIS, or update us on what you're doing by [submitting a ClassNote](#).

You are receiving this e-newsletter as an alumnus/a of either CIS, Politics or POLIS. With this newsletter we aim to keep our alumni informed of developments within the Department, including events, new appointments and publications.





"What's left of the international?"

Professor Christopher Hill's Valedictory Lecture

The outgoing Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations, Professor Christopher Hill will give his valedictory lecture on Wednesday May 4th 2016 from 5.00pm. Professor Hill joined the Department in October 2004 from the London School of Economics. He teaches in the areas of Foreign Policy Analysis and the International Politics of Europe, with special reference to the EU and to the national foreign policies of Britain, France and Italy. From 2010-14 he headed the first undergraduate course ever taught at Cambridge on International Relations.

All are welcome to attend this event, which will begin at 4.30pm with tea and coffee in the Garden Room at Clare College, with the lecture beginning at 5.00pm.

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ELECTION

ELECTION Podcast Season Two

Described by *The Times* as 'marvellous', season two of the POLIS ELECTION Podcast is now underway. Chaired by Head of Department Professor David Runciman, with regular guests Dr Helen Thompson, Dr Chris Brooke and Dr Finbarr Livesey, discussions have ranged from the EU referendum to the upcoming US election. Guests have included former *Today* host James Naughtie and *Economist* columnist Jeremy Cliffe, as well as POLIS lecturer Dr Aaron Rapport. You can download the podcast on iTunes or click the link below to our website.

[POLIS ELECTION Website](#)



Tristram Hunt MP to give Antcliffe Lecture

Tristram Hunt, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central will be visiting the Department on Thursday 28th April to give the annual Antcliffe Lecture. The title of the lecture will be "Pragmatism versus Populism: Building a winning Labour Project in the age of anti-politics".

The lecture will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 28th April in the Winstanley Lecture Theatre at Trinity College; it will be followed by a short question and answer session and a drinks reception. To reserve a space, please email enquiries@polis.cam.ac.uk

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Upcoming publications from POLIS

2016 is turning out to be a bumper year for POLIS publications!

Dr Iza Hussin will publish her first book *The Politics of Islamic Law: Local Elites, Colonial Authority, and the Making of the Muslim State* this month.

Dr Chris Bickerton's book *The European Union: A Citizen's Guide* will be released at the end of May/beginning of June, published by Penguin.

Dr Duncan Bell's book *Reordering the World: Essays on Liberalism and Empire* will be published by Princeton University Press in June.

Dr Ayse Zarakol will have her review essay, *Hierarchies in World Politics*, cowritten by Dr Janice Bially Mattern, in the forthcoming edition of *International Organisation* 70.3 (July 2016)

SPOTLIGHT ON... Justin Holt

Degree Obtained: MPhil in International Relations, 2011

College: St John's College

"The opportunity to go to Cambridge University for a year was as unexpected as it was welcomed. I had been operationally active in the Royal Marines for over two decades, deploying on a number of occasions to Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. More recently in 2009 I witnessed the inauguration of President Barack Obama on a bitterly cold day in Washington D.C. where I was serving as a UK liaison officer in the US State Department."

Read the Spotlight on...<http://www.polis.cam.ac.uk/alumni/justin-holt>

13 GATES Scholars to join POLIS in 2016



The Department of POLIS is delighted to welcome 13 new scholars for the 2016-17 academic year, including the first Gates Scholar from Rwanda.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship aims to identify and select applicants who are academically outstanding and are likely to be transformative leaders for the benefit of others in all fields of endeavour. The successful candidates were selected from a pool of 3,730 applicants on the basis of their intellectual ability, commitment to improving the lives of others, leadership potential and academic fit with Cambridge.

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The Department expresses its deep shock and sadness at the passing of our student Giulio Regeni. Mr Regeni was a second year Development Studies student, studying abroad in Cairo when he died in January.

[Giulio Regeni: Obituary](#)



We are sad to announce that Matthew Cooke, POLIS PhD student, passed away on Wednesday 27th January 2016, following a long illness. His warmth and kindness will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

[Matthew Cooke: Obituary](#)



R. A Butler Prize

Do you know any students in Year 12/Lower Sixth interested in Politics? The R A Butler Essay Prize is a joint prize organised by POLIS and Trinity College and is open until 1st September 2016.

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POLIS Charity Bike and Bake

On Friday 18th March, POLIS staff cycled a total of 60 miles on an exercise bike, and held a cake sale, raising £57.50 for Sport Relief. Special mention to receptionist Meg Spencer-Thomas who cycled 18 miles!

POLIS Bike and Bake



POLIS Postdoc wins Sir Ernest Barker Prize

We are delighted to announce that POLIS postdoc Banu Turnaoglu has won the Sir Ernest Barker Prize for Best Dissertation in Political Theory for her thesis "The Formation of Turkish Republicanism (1299-1923)".

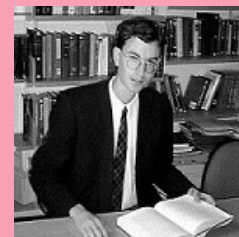
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'A Westphalia for the Middle East'

A seminar series has been convened by Professor Brendan Simms and the Forum of Geopolitics. The first two seminars of the eight-part series took place in March, with the remaining sessions of the first phase taking place in April and May.

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