

## POLIS Alumni Newsletter - September 2017

Dear POLIS Alumni,

Welcome to the latest edition of the POLIS alumni newsletter, now edited by the new Graduate Secretary and Alumni Contact, Mordecai Paechter.



Thank you, as always, for your feedback from the Easter Term newsletter. We love to hear your news updates so, if you would like to get in touch, please contact us at [alumni@polis.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@polis.cam.ac.uk).

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Yours,  
Mx. Mordecai Paechter,  
Graduate Secretary and Alumni Contact

Welcome to the fresh new look of your monthly alumni newsletter from the University. We've made some changes to improve the way the email reads in the latest version of some common email software.

As always, we would be delighted to hear your thoughts — email us at: [contact@alumni.cam.ac.uk](mailto:contact@alumni.cam.ac.uk).

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### Recent graduates and incoming students excited for the future



As always at this time of year, POLIS is very excited to have received a new intake of students for the MPhil in International Relations and Politics, and also to see our outgoing students continuing onto the next stage of their careers. We asked a handful of our incoming students and recent graduates if they could tell us about what they hope to achieve in the recent future.

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## Spotlight: Robyn Curnow

### "I had a purple bike..."

The wicker basket attached to the handlebars was big, but never seemed big enough. My basket and its contents would gently bob up and down as I peddled from Magdalene, along cobbled streets to the Centre for International Relations for lectures. Often I would make a quick stop at Fitzbillies for a Chelsea bun and tea before dashing into a tutorial or a lecture."



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## New History and Politics Joint Honours Degree



History and Politics at Cambridge is an exciting new joint Honours degree which will run for the first time in 2017. It offers subjects from our highly regarded History and Politics and International Relations courses, together with bespoke papers which will allow students to explore the space between the two disciplines.

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## Professor Sharman Inaugural Lecture

### Professor Jason Sharman appointed Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations

Professor Sharman will give his Inaugural Lecture, 'Global Governance and Grand Corruption: The International Politics and Policy of Looted Wealth', on Monday 23rd October.



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## CRIA MPhil Prize Winners Announced

Generously supported by the Cambridge Review of International Affairs (CRIA), the Department is delighted to announce the first winners of the CRIA prize for the highest average mark on an MPhil course in 2016-17.

The joint winners are Chelsea Donelon and Byron Hewson, who completed the MPhil in Development Studies and the MPhil in Public Policy, respectively. They both achieved an overall mark of 78 and will receive £150 in prize money.

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## Adam Branch and Sarah Nouwen (Law) receive School support for 'Rethinking Transitional Justice from African Perspectives'

The School of the Humanities and Social Sciences has awarded Dr Adam Branch and Dr Sarah Nouwen (Law) funding for Rethinking Transitional Justice from African Perspectives, a multidisciplinary, international, collaborative research and advocacy programme that seeks to establish a new foundation for transitional justice in Africa.

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## Talking Politics Podcast Latest Episode - Catalonia

Corbyn! Trump! Brexit! Politics has never been more unpredictable, more alarming or more interesting. TALKING POLITICS is the podcast that will try to make sense of it all.

In our latest episode, as the face-off between Madrid and Barcelona continues, we explore how this happened and where it might end. Marc Weller, chair of the independent commission on Catalan independence, explains the legal background and historian Brendan Simms sets out what is at stake for European politics. Could this be the crisis that brings the whole thing crashing down? With Helen Thompson and Chris Brooke.

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## Cambridge Duo Selected for World Rowing Championships



The British Women's Pair announced today for the World Rowing Championships in Florida is an all-Cambridge boat containing Melissa Wilson (Lucy Cavendish) and Holly Hill (Downing).

Hill and Wilson are part of the 64 strong Team that have been selected to represent Great Britain at the World Rowing Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, between Sunday, 24 September and Sunday, 1 October.

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