1. Overview

The Centre for International Studies (CIS) was established in 1992 to serve as a focal point for research in International Relations conducted at DPIR. The Centre supports the IR research cluster at DPIR including major internally and externally funded research programmes, a range of smaller research projects and the individual research of faculty and post-doctoral fellows. It also provides small grants for events, convenes conferences, colloquia and seminars and hosts visiting scholars. Research programmes brought under the CIS research cluster in the last three years include: the Cyber Studies Programme, PRIMO, PEFM, SEESOX, Democracy and Justice beyond the State, and The World Leaders Oxford Exit Interviews. In addition to this CIS is associated with the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC) and the Changing Character of War (CCW) Programme, as well as supporting four student-led groups, including the DPIR Film Society and the STAIR Review.

In the last two academic years CIS has successfully launched ‘CIS Book Manuscript Workshops’ which have proved of great value to book authors. Books discussed include: ‘Borderlands: Violent Non-state Groups and Insecurity on the Edges of Colombia’ by Annette Idler and ‘Economic Governance in Europe: Comparative Paradoxes and Constitutional Challenges’ by Federico Fabbrini. It has also launched ‘CIS Conversations’ as a flexible format for discussions related to on-going IR events, without background papers.

CIS has an established online presence via its webpages, which includes podcasts of many of the events organised by the Centre, and through social media, with over 8000 likes on its facebook page, which is managed by a student representative on its Committee.

The work of CIS is conducted in close association with other IR-related centres, programmes and departments around the University including the Blavatnik School of Government, Department of Economics, European Studies Centre, Faculty of Law, Global Economic Governance Programme, Merton College’s Global Directions, Middle East Centre, Oxford Department of International Development, Oxford Martin School, Rothermere American Institute and the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies. Many of these are represented on the CIS Management Committee.

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3. Research

CIS Associated Research Programmes

- **Cyber Studies Programme**

During the 2015-16 academic year, the Cyber Studies Programme conducted a wide range of publication and training activities. In keeping with the programme’s founding mission to merge technical understandings of cyberspace into the study of its implications for politics and international affairs and to achieve a broad impact beyond Oxford, many of these core activities were of an interdisciplinary and international nature.

**Publications**

The programme designed, supervised, and produced the following research works:

- “Strategies of Cyber Crisis Management: Lessons from the Approaches of Estonia and the United Kingdom,” Research Paper No. 1 (December 2015), by Jamie Collier, Department of Politics and International Relations
- “Security and Privacy Impacts of a Unique Personal Identifier,” Cyber Studies Working Paper No. 4 (March 2016), by Professor Andrew Martin and Dr Ivan Martinovic, Department of Computer Science
- “European E-Prescriptions: Benefits and Success Factors,” Cyber Studies Working Paper No. 5 (June 2016), by Ulrike Deetjen, Oxford Internet Institute
- “An Independent Assessment of the Procedural Components of the Estonian Internet Voting System,” Cyber Studies Working Paper No. 6 (September 2016), by Dr Jason Nurse, Dr Ioannis Agrafiotis, Dr Arnau Erola, Dr Maria Bada, Taylor Roberts, Meredydd Williams, Dr Michael Goldsmith, and Professor Sadie Creese, Department of Computer Science and Oxford Martin School

**Training Sessions**

The programme conducted its second and third international Training Sessions on the Modern Information Society. The sessions were held at Tallinn University of Technology (TUT) in Estonia. The Oxford teaching staff included Dr Lucas Kello as well as Professor Andrew Martin and Dr Ivan Martinovic from the Department of Computer Science. Various professors and researchers from TUT also taught at the sessions. Overall, the programme has trained more than 800 university students and practitioners from various regions and countries.

**Events**

The programme hosted two specialised workshops with senior practitioners and academics in Oxford:

- A workshop on *Europe and Innovation* with Robert Madelin (Senior Adviser on Innovation, European Commission; Visiting Research Fellow, Cyber Studies Programme). The event explored the Commission’s future innovation strategy and policy—What is the need? What is already in place? What more could credibly be done? These questions were of particular relevance to the United Kingdom, not only in light of the leading role of UK entrepreneurs and universities in European innovation, but also given the importance of innovation and of regulation in current political debates about the future of the country’s relationship with Europe.
- A workshop on *NATO Cyber Defence Strategy* with Ambassador Sorin Ducaru (Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO) as well as officials from the UK’s GCHQ, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Ministry of Defence. The workshop

Separately, the programme also hosted the following external officials and academics at its seminar series:

- Sorin Ducaru, Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO
- Robert Madelin, Senior Adviser on Innovation, European Commission; Visiting Research Fellow, Cyber Studies Programme, DIPR
- Professor Innar Liiv, Associate Professor, Department of Informatics, Tallinn University of Technology; Visiting Research Fellow, Cyber Studies Programme, DIPR
- Andres Kütt, Chief Architect of the Estonian Information System Authority
- Conrad Prince, UK Cyber Security Ambassador, UK Trade and Investment

➢ **The Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC)**

ELAC is a leading global centre for the interdisciplinary study of the ethics, law, and politics of armed conflict. Directed by Professor Dapo Akande (Law), Professor David Rodin (Philosophy), and Professor Jennifer Welsh (Politics, EUI), its central aim is to strengthen law, norms and institutions to restrain, regulate, and prevent armed conflicts.

In 2015-2016 ELAC has been involved in a number of research projects in relation to the ethics, law and politics of armed conflict. In this academic year, ELAC completed the project with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs resulting in the development of "The Oxford Guidance on the Law Relating to Humanitarian Relief Operations in Situations of Armed Conflict". It has also contributed to the Individualisation of War project led by Professor Welsh at the European University Institute (EUI). Dr Heather Roff has been leading research on the ethics of autonomous weapons. She took part in a number of events with a wide range of stakeholders including the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations to discuss issues related to emerging technology in weaponry.

In September 2016, ELAC held its 7th Annual Conference at the EUI in Florence on the topic of "Liability, Immunity, and the Benefits of War: New Perspectives on the Moral Status of Civilians". In July 2016, ELAC, with the Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations, the Individualisation of War Project and the European Journal of International Law, organized an international workshop on "The International Criminal Court and the Crime of Aggression". It also co-organized in July 2016, the fourth Transatlantic Workshop on International Law and Armed Conflict. This two-day workshop focused on current developments in the regulation of the conduct of hostilities and on procedural obligations in the law of armed conflict. It was co-organized with the Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Robert Strauss Center at University of Texas Law School and Houston College of Law. ELAC also took part in the Changing Character of War seminar series.

ELAC also hosts Post-Doctoral Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Research Associates. ELAC is an autonomous programme hosted by the Department of Politics and International Relations with close links with CIS and many of those working within CIS. Details of ELAC and its research, news, publications and events in 2015-2016 can be found at: [www.elac.ox.ac.uk](http://www.elac.ox.ac.uk)
PRIMO (Power and Regions in a Multipolar Order) is a large-scale 3.5 million euro EU-funded doctoral training network established under the Marie Curie Initial Training Network Programme. It involves a network of universities in Germany, the UK, Turkey, China, India, Brazil, South Africa, Russia and Portugal, as well as non-academic institutional participation. Jaguar Land Rover/Tata Motors is a full partner and a range of think-tanks, media organizations, and firms will provide internship opportunities under the programme. The programme starts from the premise that the importance of non-western regions and certain leading states – notably Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, the so-called BRICS states – for international politics and the world economy is rapidly growing. However, the nature of these processes, their consequences for global governance, and the material and social power dynamics of BRICS states’ rise vis-à-vis international institutions and powers such as the EU and the US are far from clear. The core goal of PRIMO is therefore to encourage the rigorous and critical study of the actions, relations, processes and mechanisms the BRICS states make use of, both in their own regions and with well-established powers, multilateral institutions and non-state actors. The programme combines theoretical approaches, a rigorous mixed research methodology, practical training, and the acquisition of substantial empirical knowledge. Oxford’s participation is organized by Professor Andrew Hurrell.

Oxford’s participation in the programme included the following:

- In terms of activities, Professor Andrew Hurrell organised a two-day training workshop, followed by the two-day PRIMO annual conference - PRIMO 2016 Conference Navigating the Political: The Study and Practice of International Relations in Turbulent Times.

The first day looked at ‘academics into politics’ and the speakers included: Dr Alexandra Guaqueta (Formerly Director for Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Bogotá, Colombia). Professor Nigel Gould-Davies (Mahidol University, Thailand, formerly UK Ambassador to Belarus); Dr Richard Ponzio (Director, Just Security 2020 Program, Stimson and former UN and U.S. State Department senior official); Professor Anand Menon (Director, UK in a Changing Europe Initiative); Dr Julia De Clerke Sacchse (Adviser for Strategic Planning, European External Action Service); Professor Iver Neumann (Professor of International Relations, LSE and formerly Director of Studies at NUPI, Oslo). The keynote talk was on the subject of ‘Concepts of the Political and the Practices of Politics’, and was given by Professor Marc Stears (Chief Executive of the New Economics Foundation, and formerly Professor of Political Theory in Oxford and advisor to Ed Milliband).

The second day looked at the interface of politics and academia and speakers included Professor Karma Nabulsi (Oxford); Professor Basak Kale (METU); Professor Adam Roberts (former President of the British Academy) who spoke on ‘Haldane and after: Navigating the political in the UK’; and Stephen Wordsworth (Director, CARA: Council for At-Risk Academics) talked about the work of CARA. The final part of the conference was an outreach session organized by the PRIMO Early Stage Researchers which examined: Challenges and Strategy: The experience of NGO researchers in the non-Western World. Speakers included: Dr Martin Walsh (Global Research Adviser at Oxfam UK); William Nee (China Researcher at Amnesty International, Hong Kong); Sinem Arslan (PhD candidate and teaching assistant at the Department of Government, University of Essex); and Emre Caliskan (DPhil student of International Relations at St Antony’s College, Oxford).
The training workshop was in two parts. The first day was organised by Jaguar Land Rover (who are partners in the network) and covered: government affairs, lobbying, persuasion, interviews and report writing. The second day examined: ‘Getting published’ (Ben Ansell and Andrew Hurrell); ‘Publishing and the New Media’ (John Lough, OUP); and ‘Making the transition from academia into government’ (Nigel Gould-Davies).

- Beverley Loke completed her tenure as the Oxford-based Experienced Researcher and moved in February 2016 to a permanent academic post at the University of Exeter. She was part of the PRIMO team that organised two panels for the 2016 ISA conference in Atlanta.

- Andrew Hurrell and Beverly Loke wrote ‘Emerging Powers and Global Order: Much Ado About Nothing?’ which will be part of the edited book coming out of the PRIMO project.

- Mingde Wang, one of the two Oxford-based doctoral students (Early Stage Researcher - ESR), continued his research on trust. From May 22, he participated in the PRIMO Transferable Skills Workshop, which took place in the University of Hamburg. Following this event, he undertook a 2-month secondment at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies from early June to late July. He also undertook two fieldwork trips to Taiwan and China at the Archives of Modern Chinese History at Academy Sinica and the National Archives in Taipei and then at Fudan University.

- Miklós Lázár, the other Oxford-based doctoral student (ESR), worked both on his DPhil research (on EU energy policy and geopolitics), a number of business related projects (as part of his professional training with JLR), and additional field work and internships abroad with PRIMO partner institutions. Between March-May 2016, he undertook a secondment at St. Petersburg State University. His PRIMO internship at the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce took place in August-September 2016.

**Contested Narratives of the Global**

This project seeks to explore how different parts of the world have understood the global. Rather than bringing differently situated scholars into a conversation about the merits or demerits of an existing Western conversation about global order, the aim is to open up a far broader conversation in which authors uncover the production of differently situated accounts, narratives and stories about the global and its associated and related ideas and concepts. This will also involve asking how current frameworks for understanding global order have been shaped by, and constrained within, fundamentals of a social science that were created in the age of the European nation-state and then globalized through the process of imperialism. An important question is therefore: To what extent does global order require new models for organizing social science research and knowledge-production?

The interdisciplinary project is led by Andrew Hurrell (Oxford), John Ikenberry (Princeton) and Karoline Postel-Vinay (Director of Research, CERI, Sciences-Po and previously extensively involved in joint activities under the Oxford-Sciences Po collaboration). The first workshop took place in Paris on 8th/9th June. In addition to the three organizers, other speakers included: Justin Vaisse; Duncan Bell; Itty Abraham (Singapore); Naoko Shimazu (Birkbeck); Mario del Pero (Sciences-Po); Arne Westad (Harvard); Rana Mitter (Oxford); Kiichi Fujiwara (Tokyo); Giles Kepel (Sciences-Po); Faisal Devji (Oxford); Chris Reus-Smit (Queensland); Jean-Frédéric Schaub (EHSS, Paris). The next workshop will take place in Princeton in the early summer of 2017.
The Post-Atlantic Age: A 21st Century Concert of Powers

While globalisation continues to make the headlines, the old instincts of national power politics are still alive, with growing talk of a return of geopolitics. For many, there are plausible grounds for believing that these dangers might best be tamed by a more explicit attempt to promote new forms of concert diplomacy. On the one hand, collaboration amongst the major established and rising powers would help to mitigate the widely-discussed dangers of power transitions and increased multipolarity; and on the other, such collaboration would provide the essential framework for the sorts of more elaborate forms of multilateralism and global governance that globalisation seems to require.

Examples of peaceful management of great power relations are rare. The European Concert of the 19th century, the ‘Concert of Europe’, is one of the few templates which history supplies. The project does not seek to apply 19th century models directly to 21st century realities. Instead it uses historical and theoretical understandings of major power groupings or concerts to shed light on the dilemmas of contemporary global governance. The project is based at the Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt and is funded by a grant of around one million euros by the VolkswagenStiftung, the Compagnia di San Paolo, and the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond as part of their ‘Europe and Global Challengers’ programme.

This final phase involved the following work:

- Andrew Hurrell and Nicola Horsburgh completed their chapter for the academic volume that will be published by Routledge in 2017.
- Andrew Hurrell gave lectures on global order that drew heavily on the ideas coming out of the Concerts Project – The Mario Ojeda Lecture at El Colegio de México, October 2015; at a UCL Workshop in global governance in November 2015; at an American Academy meeting on global ethics in Bellagio in February 2016; and at a conference on International Legal Orders in Cambridge in May 2016.

Re-imagining the Global Nuclear Order

For most of the post-Cold War period questions of nuclear order and nuclear governance were the preserve of a community of nuclear specialists and focused on a series of discrete policy challenges such as the dangers posed by individual ‘rogue states’; questions of nuclear security; and the risks of non-state actors acquiring nuclear materials. Yet such an approach is increasingly inadequate given the return of geopolitics, the increasingly important role of nuclear weapons within the international relations of major regions of the world, and the degree to which many of the analytical and policy techniques of recent years have all too clearly reflected a particular set of historical circumstances and nationally-bound ways of thinking.

The Department of Politics and International Relations joined with Stanford University and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to debate these questions and to open up a new agenda for re-thinking the global nuclear order. The conference took place in Nuffield College from 21st to 22nd September 2015. It was organized by Andrew Hurrell from Oxford, David Holloway from Stanford, and Scott Sagan and Francesca Giovannini from the American Academy, which sponsored the meeting.

The conference was opened by Dr Jonathan Fanton, the president of the American Academy and brought together an impressive range of figures from the academic and policy worlds, including Lawrence Freedman, Kanti Bajpai, Jeff Legro, Leopoldo Nutti, William Walker, Gabrielle Hecht, Vinod Kumar, Jonathan Hunt, Avner Cohen, Steven Miller, Ambassador Alexander Kmentt, Matias
The Oxford University World Leaders Exit Interview programme, supported by seed money from the John Fell Fund between May 2016 and April 2017, has made significant progress. It is an exciting enterprise that has been welcomed by many colleagues in Oxford and beyond. The potential for long-term success is evident if sufficient funds are available.

The first interview with Herman van Rompuy was completed in two stages in January and May 2016, filmed at Merton College. The second interview with Jose Manuel Barroso is scheduled for December 2016, to be filmed at Trinity College. Interviewers for the two pilot projects were Kalypso Nicolaidis (St. Antony’s), Erik Jones (Nuffield) and Hartmut Mayer (St. Peter’s). The two pilot products will be completed (i.e. final confirmation on the exact film formats, trailer for the DPIR website, fundraising map etc.) in 2017.

Plans are underway for the third pilot with Ban Ki Moon but current financial resources do not allow for a full implementation at this stage. In essence, funding for a long-term expanded project should be sought. We are grateful to Liz Greenhalgh at DPIR and film maker Jim Franks who have been outstanding throughout the project.

The programme on the Political Economy of Financial Markets (PEFM) had another busy year during 2015/16, beginning with a tribute to the late Max Watson (PEFM’s founder), with a celebration of his life in a “Tale of Three Cities” at the Nissan Lecture Theatre, an event chaired by David Vines (Acting Director of PEFM), Jonathon Scheele (former EC official), and David Madden (former UK Ambassador to Greece), who orchestrated contributions from the many friends and colleagues who had worked with him in Washington, Brussels and Oxford respectively.

PEFM’s regular weekly seminars at the European Studies Centre included presentations (in reverse date order) by Malcolm Knight (former General Manager of the BIS), Ian Plenderleith (Morgan Stanley), David Pitt-Watson (London Business School), Gazi Erçel (former Governor, Central Bank of Turkey), David Wright (Secretary General of IOSCO), Robert Mass (Head of Compliance, Goldman Sachs), Adam Bennett (Deputy Director of PEFM), Peter Sanfey (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), Anatole Kaletsky (Co-Chairman, Gavekal Consultancy), Robin McConnachie (Oxford Analytica), Boris Vujičić (Governor, Croatian National Bank), Lorenzo Codogno (Visiting Professor, LSE), Jeffrey Franks (Director, IMF Office in Europe), Nicholas Morris (Balliol College, Oxford), Russell Kincaid (consultant for IMF’s Independent Evaluation Office), and David Vines.

Recognizing the potential importance of the impending Brexit referendum for the political economy of financial markets, PEFM collaborated with the Oxford Martin School (OMS) and the Oxford Centre for Global History and organized a two-day high-level conference on the Future of Europe at the end of April 2016. These two back-to-back conferences, hosted by OMS and St Antony’s College, brought together a star-studded cast of academics and policy makers from across Europe, the UK and the USA, to discuss the longer demographic, competitiveness, and geo-political challenges facing Europe as well as the EU’s more immediate existential crisis driven by (inter alia) the forces of disintegration (led by the possibility of Brexit), migration issues (both within and into Europe), and the unresolved
Eurozone disorder. The two events included key note speeches from Oxford University Chancellor Chris Patten, Professor Willem Buiter (Citi), Margaret Macmillan (Warden of St Antony’s College), and Professor Edmund Phelps (Nobel Prize winner in Economics), as well as contributions from a large number of other eminent academics and thinkers too numerous to list in this short report.\footnote{Both events are covered in the respective websites of the OMS and PEFM. For detailed written reports see: http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/downloads/presentations/Future_of_Europe_Report.pdf https://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/integration_or_disintegration_report.pdf}

**South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX)**

The Michaelmas Term saw a wide range of subjects tackled in a multi-disciplinary manner. Some seminars looked at the present: the migration crisis in the Mediterranean (a dominating issue for Europe and especially South East Europe); Turkey (a continuing source of focus, not least because of the migration issue); Cyprus (the High Commissioner addressing “Prospects for reunification, peace with Turkey and regional stability”); Romania (“Good and bad governance institutions and the Rule of Law”); and Bosnia and Herzegovina and Imposed Consociational Democracy (Adis Merdzanovic speaking about his new book). Others looked at the past: the story of Greek-American radicals; and what has been achieved by IMF programmes in the Balkans. One looked at both: The Troika-past and future. The theme of Political Economy (in cooperation with PEFM) was rounded off by the Governor of the National Bank of Croatia speaking about “European competitiveness challenges”.

Each Hilary Term SEESOX puts on a seminar series on a central theme. This year it was highly topical: “South European realities among Europe’s multiple crises”. The general tone was set by the opening seminar: “The Geopolitics of Fear: South East Europe in a dangerous neighbourhood”. The migration crisis was covered from a number of angles: including the effects on Turkey and Greece. There were also the Eurozone Crisis; and crises of (and challenges to) political legitimacy and liberalism. Events looking more at the past covered the history of the Greek left, and the ethnic crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina. There was a special lecture by Emeritus Professor Richard Clogg revisiting the controversy over Arnold Toynbee and the Koraes Chair; and a film/discussion on Srebrenica and genocide, in cooperation with Oxford Transitional Justice Research and others. SEESOX’s annual lunch for Ambassadors from the region focussed on the content of the seminar series.

Turkey was again to the fore in the Trinity Term, with three seminars, including “Who’s afraid of free speech in Turkey?” Apostolos Doxiadis reflected on the role of Greek public intellectuals of the political centre during the crisis; another seminar covered Greek/German relations in the same period; and a Romanian Minister looked at the social policy of the technocratic government and what had been achieved in a year. A final seminar considered the prospects for transitional justice in Cyprus.

Four leading themes will take SEESOX forward into the next year: the geopolitics of fear, the rise of illiberalism, migration, and the role of diasporas.
CIS Research Projects

- **Civil Resistance and Power Politics: Domestic and International Dimensions**  
  (Professor Sir Adam Roberts, Professor Timothy Garton Ash and others)

Since it commenced its activities in 2005–6, this research project has operated under the auspices of DPIR and the Centre for International Studies, together with the European Studies Centre at St Antony’s College. In the past two years there has also been extensive collaboration with the Middle East Centre at St Antony’s. The project is currently planned to continue until 31 August 2018.

As regards funding, the parts of the project that were supported by external institutional grants have all been completed. The work supported by the International Center for Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC) in Washington DC was completed as scheduled by 31 August 2015. A final report was sent to ICNC on 13 October 2015, and was graciously acknowledged by ICNC. Work under other grants had been completed in earlier years. During 2014–15 the research project received additional funding from the late Professor Nina Byers of the University of California at Los Angeles. This will make possible certain continuing activities. In the next months the Project’s Organizing Committee will draw up a spending plan for the next two years.

The project’s main activity in 2015–16 was preparation, publication and promotion of the book, Adam Roberts, Michael J. Willis, Rory McCarthy & Timothy Garton Ash (eds.), *Civil Resistance in the Arab Spring: Triumphs and Disasters*, Oxford University Press, Oxford and New York, 2016. Launch seminars and meetings were held in Oxford (Rewley House, St Antony’s College and Centre for Socio-Legal Studies), London (School of Oriental and African Studies, and British Academy), Washington DC (National Endowment for Democracy, and ICNC), New York (Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Relations), and Brussels (European Endowment for Democracy, jointly with Carnegie Europe). This book has been selected by Columbia University of New York’s Arabic Translation Project (ATP), which supports publication in Beirut of translations of works bearing on democratization. Information at [http://ircpl.org/projects/atp/](http://ircpl.org/projects/atp/).

The project has maintained a substantial presence on the web. It uses its own website to publicise relevant events at Oxford, such as the talk by Professor Erica Chenoweth on 5 May 2016 on ‘How Dangerous are Nonviolent Uprisings? Popular Contention, Government Crackdowns and Mass Killings’. Work has been ongoing on further updating and improving the Wikipedia article on Civil Resistance, which has been averaging more than 2,000 hits per month. The project’s first book publication, *Civil Resistance and Power Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2009; paperback 2011) is continuing to attract attention.

Further details about this research project, including past and ongoing activities, are on the project’s web pages: [http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/cis/cis-research-civil-resistance-and-power-politics-domestic-and-international-dimensions.html?cenid=47](http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/cis/cis-research-civil-resistance-and-power-politics-domestic-and-international-dimensions.html?cenid=47).

- **Emerging Powers, Order, and the Globalization of International Society**  
  (Professor Andrew Hurrell)

This programme of work is led by Professor Andrew Hurrell but draws on a range of other Oxford faculty, post-doctoral fellows and doctoral students. It covers the contemporary issues raised by debates on emerging and regional powers. But it lays particular emphasis on the historical dynamics that lie behind the globalization of international society; the theoretical questions involved; and the implications for our understanding of contemporary global order. Applications are welcomed from
doctoral students and visiting academics wishing to work in these areas (details of how to apply can be found on the DPIR website)

- **Measuring Peace Consolidation** (Professor Richard Caplan)

Supported by the British Academy, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden, Professor Caplan has been undertaking research into how leading peacebuilding organizations conceptualize a stable peace and measure progress towards the achievement of a stable peace.

Relating to his research, Professor Caplan was invited to join the Expert Network of the Horizon 2020-funded project, ‘Preventing and Responding to Conflict: Developing Civilian Capabilities for a Sustainable Peace (EU-CivCap)’ led by the University of Bristol. He was also asked to join an external advisory group to advise DFID on the development of a new policy framework for building stability in fragile and conflict-affected regions.

With Dr Anke Hoeffler (Economics, Oxford University), Professor Caplan produced a working paper titled ‘Why Peace Endures: An Analysis of Post-Conflict Peace Stabilization’ ([http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/workingpapers/pdfs/csae-wps-2016-23.pdf](http://www.csae.ox.ac.uk/workingpapers/pdfs/csae-wps-2016-23.pdf)). A revised version of the paper has been accepted for publication in the *European Journal of International Security*. Professor Caplan has also continued to work on the book, titled *The Measure of Peace*, which will present the findings of his research and will be published by Oxford University Press.

In the course of the year, Professor Caplan gave lectures on the topic of measuring peace consolidation, including at the University of St Andrews (School of International Relations) and the OxPeace annual conference (keynote speaker).

- **Oxford International History Research Network (OIHRN)**
  (Co-ordinator: Professor Anne Deighton)

The International History Research Network continues to inform its members and interested parties about current developments in relevant literature, about seminars and research prizes, and the state of archival research.

- **Oxford Network of Peace Studies (OxPeace)**
  (Convenors/Co-ordinators: Dr EDH Carmichael and Dr AG Gosler)

On 31st October 2015 OxPeace jointly sponsored the ‘Conflict and Cultural Heritage’ day conference, with CCW and Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA), in association with the Ashmolean and V&A Museums. This excellent, varied conference was hosted by OxPeace which provided much of the administrative support. It was very well attended and received, and is available both as audio on Oxford iTunes and as video on [https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/culture-in-crisis/](https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/culture-in-crisis/) and [https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/conflict-and-cultural-heritage-conference](https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/conflict-and-cultural-heritage-conference)

In Hilary Term OxPeace held two seminars with Professor Kevin Clements: on ‘Politics of Compassion’ on 2nd February (joint with CIS) and on dialogues between China, Japan, and Korea on 3rd February (with CRIC), and a seminar on ‘Local ownership of UN Peacekeeping’ with Dr Sarah von
Billerbeck on 24 February and one on ‘State-building and Peace in Afghanistan’ on 26 February (joint with GEG).

The OxPeace annual conference was held on Saturday 14 May 2016, with dinner and speaker the previous evening, on the theme: ‘Studying Peace and Studying Violence: Complementary or Competing Paradigms?’. This attracted 65 to the dinner and about the same number on the Saturday, and is available as podcasts. Also in Trinity Term we hosted a discussion with Michael Moller, Director of UN Office, Geneva, 28th April, on ‘Sustainable Development Goals, Migration, and UN Reform’; and a dialogue between Alvaro de Soto and Edward Mortimer (jointly with CCW and CIS) on 25 May. A half-day conflict transformation workshop was held with Dr Simon Fisher on 29 April.

OxPeace’s Fundraising sub-committee is actively working on seeking the endowment of £4 million for the Chair in Peace Studies. We have held a number of meetings with prospective helpers in London and Oxford, are making transatlantic links, and have begun to make contacts at the level of potential funders.

- The Paradoxical Role of Religion and Spirituality in Conflict, Peacebuilding and Governance (Dr Rama Mani)

Over the past academic year, the main focus was to consolidate the project described last year as ‘Theatre of Transformation’, which emerged from previous research projects with CIS.

The Development and Applications of Theatre of Transformation
Theatre of Transformation evolved rapidly in four main areas over the past year:
- First, as an interactive forum for innovative dialogue on critical global issues through public artistic performances that engage both the academic community and the wider public.
- Second, as a powerfully effective teaching methodology for university courses.
- Third, as a dynamic process for policy makers especially in creative policy formulation.
- Fourth, as an empowering methodology for grassroots leaders and communities in conflict or crisis.

A) Dialogues on Global crises through Public Artistic Performances:
The Dynamics of War and Peace Project: This Collaborative Project between CIS and OxPeace in Oxford and the Graduate Institute of Geneva was undertaken with Dr Annette Idler (CIS research associate). It included one performance-cum-dialogue on May 14, 2015 in Oxford during the OxPeace conference, and one on 1 June in Geneva at the Graduate Institute, open to the UN and international Geneva public. The two performances included dance and flute music choreographed and performed by Annette to accompany poems and testimonies of war and peace written and performed by me. Both sessions included an extensive interactive dialogue with the audience, to grapple with the contentious issues of war and peace raised.

In addition to this CIS project, I was invited to offer several public performance-dialogues on critical global issues at the UN in Geneva and New York, in Mumbai, Ramallah, Bangkok, etc. My intention is always for the enacted real-life testimonies and poems I perform on stage to catalyze innovative dialogue with the audience on global crises. The substantive depth of these dialogues is quite remarkable, and give rise to novel perspectives and new approaches to current crises.

B) Theatre of Transformation as a Teaching Methodology
Since 2014, I have incorporated the enactment of testimonies progressively into all my academic teaching, and developed a catalytic methodology for academic and policy audiences which I adapt to
each seminar, subject and audience. Now I have incorporated the Theatre of Transformation as a teaching methodology in two university courses: (i) an MA level course on Transformative Justice at the Graduate Institute’s Geneva Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, within their new MA on Transitional Justice, with the vast majority of participants coming from countries in transition or at war; (ii) a BA course on ‘Becoming Agents of Transformation’ at the University of St Gallen, taught together with Prof. Alexander Schieffer. I also use this methodology in all the seminars and lectures I am invited to offer in other universities. The feedback from university students and faculty is extremely positive, as the enactment of real life stories enables them to engage more directly with the subject material, to understand, apply and be more resourceful in taking forward the subject.

C) Theatre of Transformation as a Dynamic process for Policy Makers
My association with and regular teaching at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy which provides MA level and professional short courses for government officials and international civil servants has provided an ideal platform to shape Theatre of Transformation as a catalytic vehicle for policy dialogue and reformulation. I tailored the Theatre of Transformation methodology to deliver policy seminars on a range of global security and governance issues including conflict transformation, human security, R2P, negotiating with non state actors, transitional justice, etc. The feedback has been consistently remarkable, as military officers, diplomats, security, home and justice ministry officials as well as UN and NGO officials from an extensive range of countries on all continents report feeling moved, intrigued, challenged, stretched, and awakened to greater levels of understanding, innovation and humanity through this approach.

D) Theatre of Transformation as a Methodology for Local Empowerment in Crisis Areas
My work with local partner organisations in countries in conflict particularly Palestine, Lebanon, and with Syrian refugees and humanitarian workers in Turkey, as well as in countries with acute social and political crises like India and Brazil has evolved apace with the evolution of the Theatre of Transformation Methodology. In the first stages, I primarily provided what I called ‘Voices, Visions and Wisdom’ workshops where I mainly provided a safe space to hear the stories of war-affected or crisis affected individuals and groups. I also encouraged them to go beyond their traumas to articulate their dreams, insights, visions and strategies for the future of their communities and countries. Increasingly, I have received requests from grassroots groups, local universities, women’s rights activists and peacebuilders to provide them with training in the Theatre of Transformation methodology as a tool for empowerment, and to design their own visions to shape their future. In this next stage I propose to strengthen these partnerships with selected local organisations in Palestine, DR Congo, Turkey, Syria, India and Brazil and provide such tailor made training to their constituencies, so they can devise their own solutions to the issues they face.

Publications and Media Outreach
The Theatre of Transformation approach has received some media attention. Notably:
*European Business Review featuring Rama Mani 11 April 2016 on cover page and in Special Issue on Female Leaders in Our Times: [http://www.europeanbusinessreview.com/?p=9210](http://www.europeanbusinessreview.com/?p=9210)
*Al Mayadeen Television, Lebanon: ‘Hard Talk’ Interview screened on 22, 23 and 24 May 2016 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1YzMa0x7vY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1YzMa0x7vY)
Teaching Contemporary Palestinian Political History: Setting a Collaborative Research Agenda and Building Capacity (Dr Karma Nabulsi)

The Teaching Contemporary Palestinian Political History (TCPH) programme has culminated in the completion of a teaching resource website, entitled Learn the Palestinian Revolution, and launched at the DPIR in the autumn of 2016. Directed by Dr Karma Nabulsi, and sponsored by the British Academy, it is the result of six years of collaborative work with universities in Palestine and in the global south, as well as the US, and the UK. It provides a 12 week university-level curriculum, with translated pamphlets, texts, memoirs, images, dozens of original video interviews with participants, offering teaching resources on this completely unknown anticolonial period of the Palestinian revolution in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, in both English and Arabic, and is freely available on Creative Commons.

This online resource fills a critical gap in the research on 20th century Palestinian political history, focusing on the early revolutionary period in the years following the Nakba until the end of 1982. The site does not aim to be comprehensive, but instead to convey a sense of the rich traditions of Palestinian revolutionary thought and practices for university level students, while opening the door for further research, discussion, and scholarly engagement. The website also opens aspects of this unknown revolutionary history to a broader public, making it accessible to younger generations, while familiarising audiences with an emancipatory anti-colonial and revolutionary era of national liberation movements.

Focusing on this political history from the bottom up, the programme has recorded dozens of original oral history video interviews with cadres from grassroots and mid-level tiers of the Palestinian revolution. It has collected pamphlets, memoirs, photographs, posters and documents on a range of themes from Palestinian revolutionary politics from the 1950s, ‘60s, and ‘70s. By intertwining hitherto untranslated pamphlets, essays and theoretical foundations, popular readings, and texts of the period, alongside the direct experiences of those who forged this history, the curriculum and teaching resources aim to make this period of revolutionary practice and thought more accessible for a new generation of students. One important aspect here is the internationalism defining the period: the contemporary written resources, as well photographs, interviews and posters, illustrate contributions made by solidarity associations, institutions, national movements, and peoples who worked together in transnational and international institutions from the Tricontinental to the United Nations.

The programme was established as a collaboration between Oxford and universities in the Arab world, including scholars from the occupied Palestinian territories and Lebanon, working at An-Najah (Nablus), Gaza, and Birzeit universities in Palestine; and Beirut Arab University and the Lebanese University in Lebanon, and also draws on the research strengths of scholars who participated in a previous British Academy sponsored network of philosophers and historians (‘Republicans without Republics’), along with similar research initiatives, such as the South Africa Democracy Education Trust (SADET), and the expert curators and research teams of the Cuban Museum of the Revolution.

The website on which the material is hosted is in two parts, Learn the Revolution and Teach the Revolution. Learn is a public resource containing nine thematic galleries of images, documents, pamphlets, and videos, arranged under three main headings. Each brings key aspects of the revolution to life for students and the wider public. The Teach the Revolution section provides a 12-week syllabus, comprised of a reading list in Arabic and English, made up of contemporary sources, such as pamphlets, interviews, communiqués, memoirs, prison writing, poetry, art and images collected from archives, centres, individuals, and museums scattered across the world. There are
accompanying essays that introduce each week to teachers and students. This allows university departments to offer the entire course, or to select specific weeks to add to their existing curricula on anti-colonial and liberation movement history, Middle East politics, culture, and history.

The material is relevant not only to those studying Palestinian political history from 1948 to 1982, but those with an interest in anti-colonial movements, the historical processes of decolonisation, scholars concerned with the role of civic mobilisation organisation and popular revolutions, progressive political ideas and practices, and internationally connected revolutions and national liberation movements of the 50s, 60s and 70s. The Palestinian revolution was part of a global anti-colonial movement, which included the struggle against apartheid in South Africa by the ANC, Namibia by SWAPO, the Vietnamese revolution, and its war of liberation from colonialism and imperialism, and the struggle for liberation from colonialism and imperialism across Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America of that period.

The use of oral history, and the wide selection of primary sources translated for the first time, builds on innovative practice in research methods, especially on recent developments on anti-colonial and liberation movement history, and develops the expertise of the department in this area. After the programme was developed in collaboration with a number of distinguished international scholars, universities, and institutes in the Arab World, South Africa, the UK, and North America, it is now affiliated with several university departments and centres, as well as institutes and programmes who teach these topics, in occupied Palestine, the UK, South Africa, and the United States, Latin America, and South Africa.

- **United Nations Governance and Reform** (Mr Sam Daws)

This project undertakes policy-orientated research on the structures, effectiveness and utility of the UN System.

Over the last year Mr Daws has begun work on a new (2nd) edition of *The Oxford Handbook on the UN* (OUP, due March 2018) co-edited with Professor Thomas G. Weiss of the City University of New York, and involving 51 contributors from 16 countries. He also conducted media interviews with the BBC, Al Jazeera, the Guardian, and Chinese and Slovakian news outlets following the publication of his books *The Procedure of the UN Security Council* with Loraine Sievers (4th Edn, OUP, 2014) and *The United Nations - 8 volume set* with Natalie Samarasinghe (Sage, 2015).

Mr Daws has continued to provide strategy advice on the UN to the British and other governments, as well as to the Commonwealth Secretariat, and to three of the candidates currently running for the position of UN Secretary-General. He served as the external expert on FCO recruitment panels (multilateral research group), and is working with the FCO’s new Diplomatic Academy on the design of practitioner level on-line training on UN and conflict issues.

Mr Daws delivered the UNA-UK Evan Luard memorial lecture at Oxford Town Hall in November 2015, and has lectured on the MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy, QEH, and for St Antony’s College, Oxford, Said Business School, the Blavatnik School of Government, and the Changing Character of War Programme at Pembroke College. He presented at a joint FCO/MoD conference on the future of borders, on IOs at RCDS, and at the Kings College UN at 70 Witness seminar at Church House, London.
In addition to workshops, seminars and lectures associated with the research programmes and projects above, the Centre also organised (solely or jointly) the following activities in the course of the academic year 2015-2016:

- **'A Feminist Voyage through International Relations’**, 16 June 2016, J Ann Tickner
- **'The Case for Offshore Balancing’**, 14 June 2016, John J. Mearsheimer
- **‘"The Prince” Among Men: Bismarck, Rationality and the Rarity of Realpolitik’**, 23 May 2016, Brian Rathbun
- **'Europe and Innovation’**, 17 May 2016, Robert Madelin. Co-sponsored event with the Cyber Studies Programme Workshop and Oxford Martin School
- **'The Importance of Translation to the Global Study of International Relations’**, 10 March 2016, Einar Wigen (University of Oslo)
- **'Violence or War? The Crisis of Human Rights in Mexico’**, 11 February 2016, Monica Serrano. Co-sponsored Event with CCW
- **CIS Book Manuscript Workshop: ‘Borderlands: Violent Non-state Groups and Insecurity on the Edges of Colombia’**, 8 February 2016, Annette Idler
- **'The Politics of Compassion: Combatting Xenophobic Nationalism with Empathy, Altruism, and a Relational View of Security'**, 2 February 2016, Kevin Clements. Co-sponsored Event with OxPeace
- **‘Speaking Truth to Power? The BBC & the Middle East’**, 17 November 2015, Roger Hardy. Middle East Centre event co-sponsored with CIS
- **'Getting ahead of the curve: the evolution of global counterterrorism strategy’**, 17 November 2015, Sarah Sewall. CIS and CCW joint roundtable event
- **'European Climate Leadership and COP21: Assessing EU Relations With China And India’**, 2 November 2015, Diarmuid Torney
- **'The Future of UN Peace Operations’**, 30 October 2015, Philip Cunliffe, Joachim Koops and Funmi Olonisakin. Chaired by Richard Caplan
- **'Currency Power: Understanding Monetary Rivalry’**, 19 October 2015, Benjamin J. Cohen
Additional events funded by CIS:

- ‘Perils and tribulations of peacemaking today’, 25 May 2016, Alvaro de Soto
- ‘The Dynamics of War and Peace: Drama, Poetry, Music and Dance’, 14 May 2016, Annette Idler and Rama Mani
- ‘A Conversation with Herman Van Rompuy, First President of the European Council’, 29 January 2016
- ‘Critical Theories and World Politics’ Seminar Series, 2015-2016
  - ‘An alternative feminist journey away from IR’, 7 June 2016, Marysia Zalewski
  - ‘Decolonizing IR’, Thursday 19 May 2016, Robbie Shilliam
  - ‘Queer IR’, Monday 9 May 2016, Cynthia Weber

5. Charles Wallace Trust Visiting Fellowships for Burma and Pakistan
With a generous gift from the Charles Wallace Pakistan Trust, CIS established the Charles Wallace Trust Visiting Fellowship for Pakistan in 2009. This has been furthered by the establishment of the Charles Wallace Burma Trust. The purpose of the fellowships is to advance the understanding of contemporary problems and issues facing Burma and Pakistan across a broad range of themes. The fellowships bring one scholar or practitioner from each country to the Department for one Oxford term in each academic year. The Charles Wallace Trust visiting fellows for 2015-16 were Phyo Wai (Burma Trust) and Farman Ullah (Pakistan Trust).

6. Visitors
The Centre encourages and hosts visiting academics, both those based wholly in the Department of Politics and International Relations and those based in colleges. During the academic year 2015-16, Professor Joao Roriz (Federal University of Goias) was a CIS visitor to the Department.

7. Financial Report
Note that many CIS Research Programmes and CIS Research Projects have their own external funding.

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