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Introduction

The Centre for International Studies (CIS) exists to promote and advance research in international relations at Oxford. One of the largest of its kind in Europe, CIS serves as the focal point for research in Oxford by convening seminars and conferences, hosting visiting scholars, and organising Oxford researchers for externally funded projects. Faculty associated with the Centre are also responsible for the teaching of international relations at Oxford, from the undergraduate Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) papers to the Masters and Doctoral programmes in international relations.

Advancing Research

The Centre co-ordinates research activities in International Relations by engaging post-doctoral fellows to work on designated research projects, organising seminars and conferences, hosting visiting scholars, encouraging and assisting faculty associates to apply for external funding, and disbursing seminar and travel grants to faculty and students. The focus in the last five years has been on ‘International Organisations and Security Issues of the Post-Cold War Era,’ a project funded by the MacArthur Foundation, Ford Foundation, Norwegian and Swedish Foreign Ministries (See Appendix A). The Centre expects this project to be completed by September 2004.

The completion of the ‘International Organisations and Security Issues of the Post-Cold War Era’ dovetails with the start of a new project, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, on ‘The Changing Character of War.’ In July 2003, the Leverhulme Trust awarded a £1.1m grant to the Centre for a five-year project on ‘War, Norms and the State.’ Led by Hew Strachan (principal applicant), Guy Goodwin-Gill, Adam Roberts, and Henry Shue, the project will explore the extent to which the character of war has changed from an inter-disciplinary perspective, incorporating the fields of history, international relations, law and philosophy. A steering committee and an advisory committee have been set up, and their work will be co-ordinated with that of the Centre’s Programme Committee. The project will be administered by the Department of Politics and International Relations.

Affiliated with the Centre is a new programme on global economic governance, directed by Ngaire Woods of University College. The Global Economic Governance Programme seeks to make international institutions and markets work better for people in developing countries through scholarship and dialogue. Scholars from across the world will be drawn together to research the impact of global rules and reforms on developing countries. The programme builds on Oxford’s existing academic strengths in international relations, development
studies and economics. It is supported by University College’s Old Members, the MacArthur Foundation and Canada’s International Development Research Centre.

Teaching

Centre faculty, working together with the Department through the Director of Graduate Studies in International Relations, provide much of the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at the University of Oxford. The International Relations teaching programme is a vibrant element of the Department of Politics and International Relations. 373 PPE and MHP finalists sat International Relations examinations in 2002, and 306 in 2003. In December 2002, the Department had 53 MPhil students and 71 doctoral candidates registered in its International Relations graduate programmes.

Faculty and staff also provide administrative backup for graduate admissions in International Relations, processing 365 MPhil and 126 DPhil applications in 2003. It also processes applications for the new MSc in Politics and International Relations that provides an alternative track to doctoral study. We are grateful to Andrew Hurrell, Alex Pravda, Jennifer Welsh, Avi Shlaim, and Kalypsa Nicolaidis for their co-ordination of the admissions processes in the reporting period and to Mrs Marga Lyall for her support in this and in many other aspects of the Centre’s activities.

Activities of the Director of CIS

Yuen Foong Khong succeeded Neil MacFarlane as Director in October 2002. Both he and the CIS Programme Committee are extremely grateful to Professor MacFarlane for his able and dedicated leadership of the Centre from 1997-2002. The year saw the publication of Dr Khong and Dr David Malone’s edited volume on Unilateralism and U.S. Foreign Policy: International Perspectives (Lynne Rienner, 2003). He co-wrote the ‘Introduction’ and ‘Conclusion: Resisting the Unilateral Impulse’ with Dr Malone. The volume assesses the extent to which the U.S. has become more unilateral since the end of the Cold War and it includes case studies written by distinguished academics and practitioners on climate change, the United Nations, international law, human rights, transnational crime. In the course of the year he also worked on a book manuscript with Neil MacFarlane on Human Security and the United Nations: A Critical History. He presented draft chapters of the book at a workshop in Geneva. The work examines the movement from a state-centric notion of security to a human-centric notion in the course of the twentieth century and it critically assesses the analytical benefits of such a move. Dr Khong also continued his work on the international relations of the Asia Pacific by giving papers on the topic at the International Studies Association Convention in Portland, Oregon; the University of Washington, Seattle; and the Geneva Institute for Security Policy. In March 2003, he conducted a seminar on ‘Changes and Continuities in the Post-9/11 World: The Strategic Dimension,’ at the Foreign Service Advanced Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore. He is beginning a new project on the role of identity in American foreign policy, with special emphasis on U.S.-U.K. and U.S.-China relations in the 20th century. The project will explore the extent to which America’s self-images—of who it is and what it stands for—impact on the conduct of its relations with the U.K. and China.
Dr Khong taught the MPhil Option on ‘The United States in International Relations,’ a research methods class on ‘Foreign Policy Analysis,’ and gave lectures on a variety of topics for the PPE International Relations papers. He also lectured on the IR of the Asia Pacific to the Foreign Service Programme at Queen Elizabeth House. He continued to supervise numerous DPhil and MPhil students. In June he briefed the Research Committee of the Social Science Division about the activities of the Centre. His administrative duties include serving on the International Relations Graduate Studies Committee, MPhil Board of Examiners, the Departmental General Purposes Committee, two Departmental IR search committees, Academic Committee of the Rothermere American Institute, the Post-Doctoral Prize Research Fellowship Committee of Nuffield College, and chairing the Cyril Foster Managers Fund.

Activities of the Programme Coordinator

Dr Richard Caplan pursued two major Centre projects in the period under review. He guest edited (with Dr Mats Berdal), a special issue of Global Governance on ‘The Politics of International Administration’, which will be published in Winter 2004. Many of the contributions to the special issue originated as papers presented at a conference that Dr Caplan organized and co-chaired on ‘The International Administration of War-torn Territories: Political Challenges’, held at the IISS in London on 18 - 20 April 2002. Dr Caplan also coordinated the development of a new framework programme for the Centre on ‘Managing Global and Regional Orders’, for which he has been seeking U.S. foundation support. Notwithstanding expressions of interest on the part of major foundations, their diminished asset bases mean that they are unlikely to support the initiative in the immediate future although the Centre is hoping that aspects of the programme may attract funding.


Dr Caplan also made a number of conference and seminar presentations, including: “‘Lessons Learned’ for Kosovo from Contemporary International Territorial Administrations”, Lessons Learned and Analysis Unit of the EU Pillar, United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), 7 October 2003; ‘Lessons from the Balkans’, Chatham House workshop on ‘Sustainable and Responsible Business in Post-War Iraq’, Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, 26 June 2003; ‘International Territorial

In addition, Dr Caplan contributed to teaching in the supervision of DPhil and MPhil students. He was also involved in examining and assessing in the International Relations programme. On 1 October 2003 Dr Caplan assumed the post of University Lecturer in International Relations and Fellow of Linacre College.

Roy Allison, Senior Fellow

Roy Allison

Roy Allison continued research for the ESRC project in the Centre ‘Subregionalism and foreign policy transformation: Russia and Iran in Central Asia’. He organised a conference in Moscow in January 2003 jointly with the International Centre for Strategic and Political Studies, on the subject ‘Central Asian Regional Cooperation in a Changing Geopolitical Context’. He assisted preparations for a second conference to be held in Tehran on Iranian perspectives on regionalism and Iranian-Central Asian relations, and began arrangements for a workshop on ‘Regionalism in Eurasia’ to discuss draft articles to be published in a special issue of International Affairs which he is coordinating.

His research has been presented during this year in a wide variety of seminars and research centres. In September 2002 he presented a paper at Halki, Greece, on ‘Energy Security in the Wider Black Sea/Caspian/Central Asia region: Towards a Cooperative Pattern’, at a seminar organised by the Centre for Black Sea Cooperation. In October 2002 he co-organised and spoke at the seminar at Chatham House on ‘Responding to the Megapower: Military and Security Implications’. In March he helped organise and spoke at a seminar on ‘Regions and their Remaking’ at Chatham House. In April 2003 he presented a paper ‘Perspectives on Military and Economic Security: A Central Asian Case Study’ at a conference on Caspian Sea Basin Security at the University of Washington, Seattle. In May he presented a paper on ‘Regional Threats and Prospects for Multilateral Defence Cooperation’ at a Caspian Energy Workshop organised by the National Bureau of Asian Research, in Washington D.C. In the same month he talked to a paper ‘Decision-Making Constellations: Who Determines and Implements Russian Foreign Policy on Central Asia and Afghanistan’ at a conference on Old and New Drivers in Russian Foreign Policy organised by the US National Intelligence Council, Washington, D.C. In May he gave a presentation on ‘The Reconstruction of
Afghanistan: Achievements and Impediments' at a round table in the Institute of Political and International Studies of the Iranian Foreign Ministry, Tehran. He also contributed to a panel discussion at the University of Mashad. He offered comments at the EU Institute of Security Studies, Paris, at the inauguration of a Task Force on the Caucasus, which he joined. In June 2003 he offered a presentation on 'New Security Challenges and Regional Cooperation in Transcaucasia and Central Asia' at a conference organised by the Centre for Russian and East European Studies of the University of Birmingham.


In spring 2003 he heard that he had been successful in his application with Professor Stephen White (Glasgow University) and Professor Margot Light (LSE) for an ESRC award on the topic of 'Inclusion Without Membership: Bringing Russia, Ukraine and Belarus Closer to Europe'. This three-year £247,000 project, located at Glasgow University, commenced in July 2003 and Roy Allison will begin to conduct research for it at the Centre for International Studies in October 2003 (to be reported on later).

Roy Allison has long held research interests on Finnish and Nordic foreign and security policies (the topic of his D.Phil. at Oxford University and a subsequent book). He has maintained close contact with the research and diplomatic communities in Finland and with broader networks of academics and officials concerned with the country. In February 2003 the President of Finland decorated him with the honour of Knight First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland, 'for services to Finland'.

Ewan Harrison, Hedley Bull Junior Research Fellow

Dr Harrison’s manuscript entitled ‘The Post Cold War International System: Strategies, Institutions and Reflexivity’ was accepted for publication in the Routledge *New International Relations Series* edited by Barry Buzan and Richard Little. The book examines the way in which three major powers (Germany, Japan and China) responded to the collapse of the Soviet Union and adjusted their foreign policies over the first decade of post Cold War transition (1989-1999). Ten revisions to the book suggested by the referees, including a major new postscript dealing with the significance of the apparent breakdown of the great power bandwagoning trend since September 11th 2001, were incorporated into the original
submission. The book has been returned to the publishers and the provisional publication date is May 2004.

Dr Harrison has also published several pieces in internationally journals. A review article entitled ‘Empire or Engagement? American Power and the International Order’ has been accepted by International Affairs and is forthcoming in either the January or March 2004 issue. A review of two major recent US books on Lakatosian methodology and IR theory was accepted by International Studies Review and is now published in the September 2003 issue. A book review of the third edition of Hedley Bull’s ‘The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics’ has been published in a 2003 issue of Contemporary Political Theory. A 2,500 word piece entitled ‘Kant and Systemic Theory: A Response to Weber’ is forthcoming in Review of International Studies January 2003 in reply to Dr Martin Weber’s critique in the Review of Dr Harrison’s January 2002 main article on Waltz, Kant and systems theory. Other work in progress during this period included a paper entitled ‘The International System Since 1989’ which summarises Dr Harrison’s book and extends the framework to include the former Cold War superpowers as well as the post 1999 period. The paper is due for submission to the Review of International Studies in the near future. In addition, Dr Harrison has continued refining and redrafting a paper entitled ‘State Socialisation and the Democratic Peace’ synthesising constructivism with the democratic peace research agenda to extend liberal theory to the system level. This paper was presented at three major international conferences (see below). Linking this paper to his International Studies Review piece on Lakatosian methodology is now to form the basis of a book proposal for either MIT Press or Cambridge University Press after discussions with these publishers at the Philadelphia APSA conference. The first section of this paper is also to be utilised for an article entitled ‘The Democratic Peace Research Program and System Level Analysis’ to be prepared for a Special Issue of International Politics edited by Andreas Hasenclever (Frankfurt) planned for December 2004.

More generally, Dr Harrison also organised a major panel on the systemic democratic peace for the Montreal International Studies Association Conference in March 2004, which has now been formally accepted for the programme. He attended and presented papers at the British International Studies Association conference (LSE, December 2002), the American Political Science Association conference (Philadelphia, August 2003) and The European Consortium on Political Research conference (Marburg, September 2003). With Professor Patrick James (Missouri) and Dr Annette Freyberg Inan (Amsterdam) he also comprehensively updated, redrafted and resubmitted an application for an ISA small workshop grant to fund ten internationally recognised scholars from, Europe and North America to attend a one day pre-ISA Montreal conference on ‘Progress in Contemporary Realism?’ This proposal had originally been made in the previous year, but had to be re-submitted in the summer due to a bureaucratic error by ISA. Dr Harrison’s paper ‘Realism and the Contradictions of Unipolarity’ (drafted in Trinity 2002) is to form his contribution to this workshop, for which an edited volume is for submission to the Cambridge Series In International Relations planned. ISA’s final decision on funding for the workshop is pending by the end of October 2003.

Finally, Dr Harrison undertook considerable teaching commitments at the request of other institutions with international studies needs within the university. For the Department of Politics and International Relations, two IR MPhil students were supervised, one first and
one second year. Dr Harrison co-convened with Dr Amrita Narlikar of St John’s College the MPhil research design workshop seminar in Hilary. He undertook tutorials on all three undergraduate IR courses for St Anne’s as well as several other colleges, and acted as a PPE assessor for International Relations during the Cold War in Trinity. He also took four hours per week tutorials per term for the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme (diplomatic training) for Queen Elizabeth House.

**MacArthur Post-doctoral Fellow**

**Dr Jane Boulden**

During this period Dr Boulden continued her work on the United Nations and Terrorism. On 20-21 September 2002, she organized a research workshop held in New York in collaboration with the Ralph Bunche Center of the City University of New York. The project focuses on the implications of the events of 11 September and their aftermath for the United Nations, as well as the broader UN role in responding to terrorism. The workshop involved a combination of academics, policy advisors and practitioners. Following the meeting she co-edited (along with Thomas G Weiss) the papers from the workshop and arranged for their publication with Indiana University Press. The resulting book will be available in January or February 2004 and is titled *The UN and Terrorism: Before and After September 11th*.

As part of the terrorism project, Dr Boulden organized and co-chaired an Oxford-based seminar series in conjunction with the Foreign Policy programme at All Souls. The seminar series was held in Hilary term 2003. It incorporated some of the paper givers from the research workshop with the addition of other experts to reflect an expansion of the topic beyond a focus on the UN. Titled ‘Responding to Terrorism’ the seminars also drew in discussants from Oxford and in particular the CIS. Given the events in the United Nations with respect to Iraq the seminar series proved timely and was well attended.

During this time, Dr Boulden continued with the editing of the book that was the product of the first research workshop, held in 2001. The copy-edited version of the book was finalized in August 2003 and the book is due out in December 2003. The book is titled *Dealing with Conflict in Africa: the United Nations and Regional Organizations* and is being published by Palgrave in New York.

In addition to these two books, she was commissioned to write a paper on the future of peacekeeping by the International Security Research Outreach Programme of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Canada. She also prepared a paper on the United Nations in the Post-Cold War System for the inaugural conference for the Centre for Mexican Studies at St. Antony’s College. This paper will be published in Spanish as a chapter in a book edited by Ana Covarrubias. The book is due out in mid-2004.

She continues her work on two other issues both planned as journal articles. The first is an article on impartiality and the use of force that is about to be submitted. The second is work on the Security Council and Iraq. This article will be submitted by December 2003.
Her teaching activities during this year included co-teaching, with Dr Ngaire Woods, the MPhil course International Relations of the Developing World. She also continued with a co-supervision of a DPhil thesis and supervision of an undergraduate thesis.

In June 2003, Dr Boulden was awarded a Canadian Research Chair in International Relations and Security Studies by the Royal Military College of Canada. She will take up this new position beginning January 2004.

Other Programme Activities

Dr Monica Serrano, MacArthur Post-Doctoral Fellow, 1999-2003, continues to her collaboration with CIS. Building on the work being advanced from within the CIS on Regionalism, Regional Organizations and Security, Dr Mónica Serrano coordinated the project on The Andean Crisis: Managing Regional Order. This is the second project jointly undertaken by the Centre of International Studies and El Colegio de México. This project examines the ongoing crisis in the Andes from the perspective of state weakness and failure, and its relation to regional instability. It is structured around three main themes:

1) States in crisis in historical perspective;
2) Continuity and change in regional patterns of conflict and instability, and
3) The management of regional disorder.

In June 2003 eleven papers were presented at an international workshop convened in Nuffield College, Oxford aimed at encouraging discussion with historical, contemporary and policy relevance. A selection of these papers is to be published in a volume entitled American and the Andes: Intervention in Crisis, co-edited by Dr Serrano and Michael Shifter, Vice President for Policy at the Inter-American Dialogue.

In the period under review Dr Serrano (and her co-editor Dr Louise Fawcett) completed the edition of selected chapters for the book Managing Unequal Power: Regionalism and Governance in the Americas. This book, which resulted from the CIS conference “Competing Regionalisms in the Americas”, is currently being considered for publication. Dr Serrano has also closely monitored the Spanish publication of the volume Transnational Crime and International Security: Business as Usual? (also a CIS project) which is expected to come out by the end of 2003.

In Mexico, Dr Serrano was one of the two external assessors on the panel assessing candidates for entry into the country’s diplomatic civil service. She also, in October 2003, organised a conference on ‘Mexico’s External Relations’ for a visiting mission of the Royal College of Defence Studies, UK, at El Colegio de Mexico.

Mónica Serrano continued her research on the “Privatisation of Violence in Latin America” with a number of articles on the impact of drug-trafficking and drug-prohibition on the state’s monopoly over organised force. These included:
a chapter (co-authored with Celia Toro) in Serrano and Berdal, eds, Transnational Organized Crime and International Security: Business and Usual? (Lynne Rienner, 2002); a chapter on “Unilateralism, Multilateralism and US Drug Diplomacy in Latin America” in D M Malone and Yuen Foong Khong eds, Unilateralism and U.S. Foreign Policy (Lynne Rienner, 2003); and
the article on ‘The International Regulation of Money Laundering’ (co-authored with Paul Kenny) which appeared in *Global Governance*, 2003, a journal (along with *Latin American Politics and Society* and *Foro Internacional*) for which she also acted as a reviewer of manuscripts.


*Conference on 'Central Asian Regional Cooperation in a Changing Geopolitical Environment,' Moscow, 9-10 January 2003*

This conference was organised by CIS Research Fellow Dr Roy Allison within the framework of his CIS project on ‘Subregionalism and Foreign Policy Transformation: Russia and Iran in Central Asia’, supported by the Economic and Social Research Council. Involving specialists and some officials from the Western countries, Russia, Kazakhstan and Iran, the event took place from 9-10 January 2003 at the The International Center for Scientific-Technical Information in Moscow.

The conference discussed the nature of Western and Russian interests and perceptions in Central Asia/Caspian, including policy changes after September 11th, 2001. It also examined the question of comparative regionalism, particularly the problem of how we can understand the phenomena of regionalism and subregionalism. A follow up conference will be held in Teheran in June 2003 (see Chapter V: Upcoming Events).

*Seminar on 'Citizen and National Minorities in Europe: History, Theory and Practice,' Hilary Term 2003*

This seminar series organised by Drs Randall Hansen (Merton College), Kalypso Nicolaidis (CIS/St. Antony’s College) and Jennifer Welsh (CIS/Somerville College) in Hilary Term 2003, investigated how national minorities have shaped both war and peace in modern Europe, and how current conceptions of citizenship (both domestically and internationally) attempt to accommodate their aspirations.

The themes and questions addressed by the speakers include: How can the principles of nationality and citizenship accommodate the right of self-determination? What are the
mechanisms and policies - both domestic and international - for managing the aspirations of national minorities (e.g., federal institutions, language laws, human rights law, etc). What can we learn from the violent and non-violent processes of state fragmentation in Europe?

**Seminar on 'Making Global Regulation Effective,' Trinity Term 2003**

This program, chaired by Dr Ngaire Woods (CIS/University College) in Trinity Term 2003, brings together leading experts – both in conceptual analysis and in practical issues of implementation – so as to learn from experiments in global economic regulation by both inter-governmental organizations and the global private sector.

Regulation takes place not just where governments intervene. Private sector initiatives aimed at self-regulation have multiplied rapidly over the last decade. Under rubrics of corporate social responsibility, the UN Global Compact and industry-based codes of good conduct, transnational companies have set out yardsticks against which their activities can be adjudicated.

Paper contributors included George Yarrow (Regulatory Policy Institute), Andrew Walter, (London School of Economics), Anupam Khanna (Shell), Dara O’Rourke (MIT), Robert Keohane (Duke University), Michael Lenox (Duke University), Robert Repetto (Yale University) and Daniel Tarullo (Georgetown University)

**Conference on 'Crisis in the Andes: Managing Regional Order,' Oxford, 19-20 June 2003**

Drs Monica Serrano and Andrew Hurrell organised a CIS-El Colegio de México joint conference on 'Crisis in the Andes: Managing Regional Order,' from 19-20 June in Oxford. It examined continuity and change of conflict and instability in Columbia, Peru and Venezuela. The conference drew some conclusions on how to manage regional disorder in the Andes.

**Conference on 'Gulliver's Troubles: Nigeria's Foreign Policy in the 21st Century. Domestic, Regional, and External Influences,' St Antony's College, Oxford, 11-12 July 2003**

In July 2003 the Centre sponsored a conference assessing Nigeria’s post-Cold War foreign policy. With funding from the MacArthur Foundation, CIS invited two leading experts, Dr Adekeye Adebajo of the International Peace Academy and Dr Raufu Mustapha of Queen Elizabeth House to bring together a distinguished group of scholars from Africa and elsewhere to address the domestic, regional, and international influences on Nigeria’s foreign policy. The papers presented at the conference will lead to an edited volume by the two convenors.

**Publications**

*Order and Justice in International Relations,* co-edited by Professors Rosemary Foot, John Lewis Gaddis (Yale University), and Dr Andrew Hurrell was published by Oxford University Press in 2003. The book was based on a seminar series sponsored by CIS in Hilary Term 2001. John Gaddis was Visiting Eastman Professor at Oxford and Visiting Senior Research Fellow at CIS during 2001-02.
US Hegemony and International Organizations, co-edited by Professors Rosemary Foot, Neil MacFarlane, and Michael Mastanduno (Dartmouth College) was also published by Oxford University Press in 2003. The book was based on papers given at a CIS conference on the topic.

Unilateralism and U.S. Foreign Policy: International Perspectives, co-edited by David Malone (International Peace Academy) and Yuen Foong Khong, was published by Lynne Rienner in 2003.

Global Governance

The Centre continued to provide one of three editorial offices for the journal of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS), Global Governance. The journal had another successful year, with an expanding subscription base, broadening geographical representation among authors, reviewers, and readers, and lead articles.

Visitors

During the period covered in this report, we were privileged to have Professor Melvyn Leffler (University of Virginia and Harmsworth Visiting Professor at Queens College), as a Senior Research Associate at the Centre. Professor Leffler participated in many of the Centre’s activities and he also helped teach the core seminar on The Development of the International System, 1900-1950. Others who visited for shorter periods include Dr Ray Murphy (National University of Ireland, Galway) and Professor Zoltan Barany (University of Texas at Austin).

Planning for 2003-2004

In 2003, the MacArthur grant was extended for a further 12 months. Dr. Boulden is staying on in her research position until December 2003, to see through publication plans of her research projects. The MacArthur Foundation has also agreed to the Centre’s request to award a few pre-doctoral grants to deserving D. Phil. candidates (preferably from non-OECD countries) working on “International Organisations and Post-Cold War Security Issues.” We are grateful to the Foundation for permitting this extension of the term of the grant.

We appreciate deeply the support of our principal funders over the past four years, and notably the MacArthur Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Foreign Ministries of Norway and Sweden.

The Steering and Advisory Committees of the Centre’s Changing Character of War (funded by the Leverhulme Trust) research programme met recently. A major task of the Steering Committee will be to select three research associates and one fixed-term lecturer in Strategic Studies in late 2003. In Hilary Term 2004, the project will launch its first seminar series tentatively titled The Changing Character of War.

Administrative Matters
In 2002, the Centre launched a newsletter, available on the Centre website. The newsletter reports on the activities of the Centre and profiles researchers in its programme. The third issue appeared in Trinity 2003 and the next issue is scheduled for Hilary Term 2004.

Cyril Foster and Related Funds

The Cyril Foster and related funds provide support for research in international relations and related areas. They are managed from the Centre and are described in the report to the Social Studies Faculty Board dated 14 May 1997. The various funds (totalling nearly £1 million, not including the main fund for the Alastair Buchan Readership held by Professor Shlaim) have provided the basis for many activities in International Relations, including the establishment of the Hedley Bull Junior Research Fellowship, currently at St. Anne’s College. The funds have also been used increasingly to support research by Oxford staff and students in subject areas other than international relations in the strict sense. The terms of the notice about the funds published in the University Gazette and elsewhere have been broadened to encompass the wider range of activities.

During the period under review, 34 applications were made and 27 grants (£16,120) were awarded.

The Managers are also responsible for organising the annual Cyril Foster Lecture. The 2003 Cyril Foster Lecture was given by the Rt. Hon. Christopher Patten, European Union Commissioner for External Relations, on the topic of ‘The End of History: the Sequel.’