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 new Centre on Technology and Global Affairs, PRIMO, PEFM, SEESOX, and The Exit Interview of World Leaders. Other associated groups include 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 STAIR Review. CIS has also served as the hub for the creation and maintenance of the University network War and Peace at oxford.

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 DPIR student.

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.

2. CIS People in 2016-17

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3. Research

CIS Associated Research Programmes

- **Centre for Technology and Global Affairs**

The Centre for Technology and Global Affairs produces research on the transforming impact of modern technology on international relations, government, and society. Based at Oxford University’s Department of Politics and International Relations, it is the first global research initiative focusing on the study of technology in a political science department at any of the world’s major universities. The Centre seeks to create a new body of knowledge on the political and social impact of ongoing technological changes across a broad spectrum of technological dimensions (including cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, blockchain, outer space and robotics) and to apply these new understandings to the guidance of policy practice.

NOTE: Prior to May 1 2017, the CTGA was known as the Cyber Studies Programme

The Centre has published a variety of research outputs and organised events both in the UK and overseas. Highlights included:

- A high-level workshop in June with funding from NATO’s Public Diplomacy Division and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The workshop theme was “The Meaning and Practice of Collective Defence in the Cyber Domain.”
- A large international training session on “The Modern Information Society” with more than 200 participants at Tallinn University of Technology.
- Publication of Director Lucas Kello’s book *The Virtual Weapon and International Order* (Yale University Press)

- **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. 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 can be found at: [www.elac.ox.ac.uk](http://www.elac.ox.ac.uk) ELACs resident research fellows for the 2016/17 academic year were Dr Heather Roff, Dr Helen McDermott and Dr Lars Christie, with Emanuela-Chiara Gillard continuing as Senior Research Fellow. ELAC hosted Professor Alfonso Iglesia (Autonoma University Madrid) as a visiting fellow.

In 2016-2017 ELAC continued to contribute to the Individualisation of War project led by Professor Welsh at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy. In conjunction with that project ELAC organised a series of workshops and conferences. In May 2017, ELAC organized, at EUI, a two day Workshop on “The International Criminal Court in Active Armed Conflicts: How to Reconcile the Pursuit of International Criminal Accountability with Other Policy Agendas?” In July 2017, ELAC organised, the 5th Annual Transatlantic Workshop on International Law and Armed Conflict. As in previous years, the workshop brought together a group of academic, military, and governmental experts from both sides of the Atlantic. The roundtable, held under the Chatham House Rule, was co-organized with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas, and South Texas College of Law. This year’s workshop focused on issues arising from the ICRC’s recently updated commentaries to the 1949 Geneva Conventions. Discussion focussed on Common Articles
to the Geneva Conventions, particularly the obligations of parties to conflicts to respect and ensure respect for international humanitarian law; issues relating to classification of situations of violence as non-international or international armed conflicts; and issues relating to humanitarian access. ELAC held its 8th Annual Conference in Oslo in August 2017, in collaboration with the University of Oslo’s Concept Lab. The topic was “Justifying Preventive Harm: Retributive and Distributive Approaches”

In October 2016, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) published "The Oxford Guidance on the Law Relating to Humanitarian Relief Operations in Situations of Armed Conflict". This report was commissioned by UN OCHA at the request of the UN Secretary General, and prepared by ELAC and the Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations. It was launched at UN Headquarters in New York in October 2016, and at the UN’s Office in Geneva in February 2017 with additional dissemination activities in Washington DC and at the Portuguese Foreign Ministry (April 2017).

**The Global Economic Governance Programme**

The Global Economic Governance Programme (GEG) fosters research and debate on how to make the global economy inclusive and sustainable. Through rigorous research attentive to policy realities, GEG’s work aims to:

- understand how international rules, institutions and practices governing the global economy are forged and impact citizens and the environment;
- incubate new ideas and policy proposals aimed at reshaping the global economy to address the most pressing needs of citizens and environment;
- foster dialogue between academic, government and stakeholder groups, including under-represented voices, to improve the quality of policy analysis and decision-making.

In 2016-17, GEG hosted Global Leaders Fellows from Pakistan, China, Vietnam, and Burkina Faso who were working on banking, international trade, economic development, and the role of emerging powers.

GEG researchers, led by Dr Emily Jones, also continued work on their flagship project, Navigating Global Banking Standards, which is looking at how political institutions and processes - both domestic and global - shape the impact of global banking initiatives on low income countries and their ability to harness financial flows for inclusive growth. Dr Tom Hale received funding to launch a new project, ClimateSouth, which will develop rigorous social scientific evidence base to support effective climate action by cities, regional governments, and businesses in developing countries. In the wake of Brexit, GEG’s researchers have been actively involved in debates, interviews, and expert commentary.

**Political Economy of Financial Markets Programme (PEFM)**

The programme on the Political Economy of Financial Markets (PEFM) had another busy year during 2016/17. PEFM maintained its weekly seminar series at the European Studies Centre, with topics clustered around four broad and interlocking themes: regulatory and institutional reforms in the financial sector since the global and European crises; the ethics of banking; considerations in the aftermath of the Brexit referendum; and the global economy, present and prospective. Events were organised also together with the St Antony’s European Studies Centre, the South East Europe Studies at Oxford (SEESOX) program and the Global Strategy Forum (GSF).

Speakers on financial sector reform included Christos Gortsos (Panteion University), Joanne Kelleman (EU Single Resolution Board), Andrew Wong (Stanford), Iannis Mourmouras (Deputy Governor, Bank of Greece) and Charles Goodhart (LSE). The late Max Watson, founder and first director of PEFM was
commemorated through the dedication of a book on “The Governance of the European Monetary Union”, edited by Erik Jones and Francisco Torres (LSE), who also presented the book at a PEFM seminar.

The work on ethics and banking was taken forward in seminars by Alan Morrison (Said Business School) and John Thanassoulis (Oxford Man Institute), John Mellor (University of Leicester), Gordon Menzies (University of Technology, Sydney), Mark Yallop (Fixed Incomes, Currencies and Commodities (FICC) Standards Board) and Ron Board (University of Technology, Sydney).

The implications of the Brexit referendum continued to reverberate around Oxford, prompting events in many fora. PEFM, and PEFM-associated events in this area included by Peter Sanfey (EBRD), Anatole Kaletsky (Gavekal), Russell Kineaid (IMF IEO) and Lord Michael Jay (House of Lords), Kalypso Nicolaides (St. Antony’s, Oxford) and Cathryn Costello (St. Antony’s, Oxford). PEFM also organized a two-part conference, with the first day in Oxford and the second in London in collaboration with the Global Strategy Forum. Keynote speakers on the first day were Sir Adam Roberts (Balliol and St Antony’s Oxford, past President of the British Academy) and Baroness Onora O’Neill (past President of the British Academy, Cambridge University). Then followed three panels, including Adam Bennett (PEFM), Swati Dhingra (LSE) and Christopher Hill (Sidney Sussex, Cambridge), Anne Deighton (St Antony’s Oxford), Andrew Hurrell (Balliol College, Oxford), Simon Jenkins (Guardian) and Jan Zielonka (St. Antony’s Oxford), and finally Tanya Beckett (BBC), Nigel Bowles (St Anne’s College, Oxford) Caroline de Gruyter (NRC Handelsblatt), and Ravi Kanbur (Cornell). David Vines (Acting Director, PEFM) presented the (dismal) conclusions of the Oxford sessions to the GSF, which then heard also from Marcel Fratzcher (DIW Berlin), Brigid Laffan (European University Institute) and Jacek Rostowski (formerly Deputy Prime Minister of Poland) to intensify the gloom on the subject.

Speakers in Oxford on financial issues in the global economy, present and prospective, included Cyrus Ardalan (OakNorth Bank), Merih Angin (Blavatnik, Oxford), Alex Kentikelenis (Trinity, Oxford) and Saliha Metinsoy (Wadham, Oxford), Poul Thomsen (IMF), Oya Celesun (IMF), Nick Morris (University of New South Wales), Carlo Cottarelli (IMF), Daniel Susskind (Balliol, Oxford) and Paul Gretton (Australian National University).

Findings from the seminars were disseminated through postings on the PEFM website. In addition, PEFM disseminated research carried out by its associates through reviving the discussion paper series. At the end of the academic year Charles Enoch (formerly IMF) became Director of PEFM succeeding Acting Director David Vines (Balliol College, Oxford).

South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX)

South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX) is part of the European Studies Centre at the University of Oxford. It focuses on the interdisciplinary study of the relationship between European integration and the politics, economics and societies of the Balkans, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus. Drawing on the academic excellence of the University and an international network of associates, it conducts policy relevant research on the multifaceted transformations of the region in the 21st century. It follows closely conflict and post-conflict situations and analyses the historical and intellectual influences which have shaped perceptions and actions in the region. In Oxford's best tradition, the SEESOX team is committed to understanding the present through the longue durée and reflecting on the future through high quality scholarship.

Highlights of the academic year 2016 2017 included:

The SEESOX annual lecture by Ivan Krastev on “Majoritarian Futures in Europe and beyond”; he argued that what we are witnessing worldwide is a revolt against the progressive post-1989 liberal order; a panel in Athens on the security implications of Russia and the Middle East turmoil; a conference in Tirana on the impact of Brexit on the political economy and banking sector of the region; a development of work on the dynamic and innovative Diaspora Project, with the launch of the interactive map, and the inaugural meeting
in Oxford of the Hellenic Advisory Board, chaired by Nikos Karamouzis, Chairman of Eurobank; our annual seminar series in the Hilary term, on the themes of populism and illiberalism in the region; a Workshop on Turkey, asking the question how the West should react to an increasingly alienated Turkey; presentations at the Global Strategy Forum in London on both the Turkey Workshop, and on “The Geopolitics of Fear: South East Europe in a triangle of Uncertainty – Russia, Middle East, North Africa”; the 5th annual Ambassadors’ Forum, bringing together the Ambassadors of South East European counties posted in the UK. The main issues discussed were how the rise of illiberalism elsewhere in Europe and the world was reflected in the region, the consequences from Brexit and other political developments in the EU, economic trends and the welcome appearance of some green shoots after a period of stagnation, and the Diaspora Project.

There was a continuing programme of seminars throughout the year. The main focus was Turkey, in particular the country’s politics, refugee challenges, and security threats: with specific sessions on the failed coup and the constitutional referendum; and Greece’s political economy, with visiting speakers from the IMF and the Greek political class.

Books presented at SEESOX during the year were: Sarajevo’s Holiday Inn, by Kenneth Morrison; Bosnia’s Paralysed Peace, by Christopher Bennett; Conversations with Milosevic by Ivor Roberts: and Between Military Rule and Democracy by Yaprak Gursoy.

CIS Research Projects

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

  **Project overview.** Since it commenced its activities in 2005–6, this research project has operated under the auspices of the Centre for International Studies, together with the European Studies Centre at St Antony’s College. In the past three years there has also been extensive collaboration with the Middle East Centre at St Antony’s. As agreed in email exchanges with Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) in August 2016, the project is currently planned to continue until 31 August 2018. The project’s main output has been two books: *Civil Resistance and Power Politics* (Oxford University Press, 2009; paperback 2011), and the Arab Spring book mentioned below.

  **Arab Spring book: Arabic translation.** The project’s main activity in 2016–17 was organizing follow-up activities re the project’s second book, Adam Roberts, Michael J. Willis, Rory McCarthy & Timothy Garton Ash (eds.), *Civil Resistance in the Arab Spring: Triumphs and Disasters*, Oxford University Press, 2016. This book was selected by Columbia University of New York’s Arabic Translation Project (ATP), which supports publication in Beirut of translations of works bearing on democratization. The contract for this was signed by the ATP, OUP and All Prints Publishers, Beirut in November/December 2016. (The Arabic translation was published in Beirut in October/November 2017. Six of the book’s editors/contributors took part in well-attended launch events in Tripoli and Beirut in October. Further details and links on the DPIR website – see below.)

  **New course at Oxford.** In October 2016 a new two-term optional course, ‘Nonviolent Resistance Movements’, was started at Oxford University: it is part of the MSc in Global Governance & Diplomacy, a nine-month postgraduate degree course. The Instructor for the new optional course is Dr John Gledhill, who set it up in consultation with the Oxford University Project on Civil Resistance and Power Politics.

  **Events at Oxford.** On Wednesday 1 February 2017, Adam Roberts and John Gledhill introduced a discussion on ‘The Roles of Civil Resistance in Contemporary Conflicts’ in a series of seminars convened by Dr Annette Idler of the Oxford University Changing Character of War Programme. There were other events relating to civil resistance organized under other auspices.
The project has maintained a substantial presence on the web. Work has been ongoing on further updating and improving the Wikipedia article on Civil Resistance, which in 2016–7 averaged more than 3,300 hits per month – the highest figures yet.

Further details about this research project, including past and ongoing activities, are on the project’s web pages (completely redesigned in March 2017): https://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/research-projects/civil-resistance-and-power-politics-domestic-and-international-dimensions.html.

- **War and Peace at Oxford**
  (Research Network Coordinator: Dr Julia Amos)

2017 was an exciting year for the War and Peace at Oxford project. Dr Julia Amos took over the running of the network at the start of the calendar year, and January saw the development of a sub-network focused on Terrorism-Research. Terrorism-Research Oxford (T-ROx) has become one of the most active War and Peace Projects – a forum where scholars can discuss their future Oxford research plans as as well as grant applications (future and current) and project collaboration, with its own dedicated on-line presence https://www.warandpeace.ox.ac.uk/research-clusters/t-rox.

There was a well-attended and productive meeting with the Vice-Chancellor Louise Richardson and a range of stakeholders on the 30th of June to discuss how to develop conflict and peace related research at Oxford, across the various centres. From this we took forward the idea of Carnegie Foundation funding, which is currently being explored by two of our member centres: the Countering Violent Extremism Programme and the Centre for Resolution of Intractable Conflicts (CRIC). During the summer Julia Amos also managed the website migration from the Drupal to the Mosaic platform, in time for the new and improved website to be ready to be launched at the Conflict Research Society Conference hosted the Changing Character of War Programme at Pembroke College on the 18th and 19th of September 2017.

- **Oxford Exit Interviews of World Leaders**

We completed the Fell Fund supported pilot scheme which saw the filming, transcribing and initial editing of two interviews with Herman van Rompuy and Jose Manuel Barosso. Each of these interviews was done over two days by Hartmut Mayer, Erik Jones and Kalypso Nicolaidis. Filming by James Franks. A trailer was also produced describing the project and involving both the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor – this to enable us to do fundraising. Progress on phase II of the project has unfortunately been delayed due in part to the loss of our prior knowledge exchange officer Liz Greenhalgh, who had been the pillar of the project. Coordinator: Hartmut Mayer.

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

Oxford Network of Peace Studies (OxPeace) is a multidisciplinary project to promote the study of peace, peacemaking, peacebuilding and peacekeeping at Oxford and beyond.

In Michaelmas Term 2016 OxPeace hosted a joint seminar with the SoGE on ‘Violent Infrastructures, places of conflict: urban order in divided cities’ with Prof Wendy Pullan (Cambridge). In Hilary Term 2017 OxPeace and the OTJR hosted a joint lecture by Justice Catherine O’Regan, Director of the Bonaero Institute for Human Rights, on ‘Twenty years later: Reflecting on South Africa’s truth, reconciliation and amnesty processes and the jurisprudence they generated in the Constitutional Court’

In Trinity Term, on Fri 5 - Sat 6 May 2017 the ninth OxPeace annual conference explored ‘Positive Peace: Concepts and Practice’, with Lord Alderdice (CRIC), Mark Segal (DFID), Phil Vernon (International Alert), Murray Ackman (IEP), James Smith (Aegis Trust), Dr John Curtis (Iran Heritage Foundation) Brian Grim
(Business for Peace) and inputs on peace education (with Mieke Lopes Cardozo, UNICEF) the role of cultural preservation in building peace, grassroots peacebuilding in Colombia, and extremists’ concepts of peace.

On 10 May, OxPeace teamed up with the Bonavero Institute, CCW and OTJR to host Judge Manuel Jose Cepeda Espinosa on ‘The Peace Process in Colombia: the Constitutional Dimension.’ On Friday 5 June OxPeace hosted Prof Alexander Bellamy (Univ of Queensland) presenting preliminary thoughts for a book on ‘How can World Peace be Organised?’ On Wed 7 June OxPeace hosted the UK launch of the 2017 Global Peace Index, a well-attended event with Steve Killelea, Lord Browne and the Bishop Derby, co-sponsored by CRIC and CCW.

Activity also continued to fundraise for the endowment of a Chair in Peace Studies to be situated in the DPIR.

- **Oxford Transitional Justice Research (OTJR)**

Oxford Transitional Justice Research (OTJR) is an inter-disciplinary network of academics and students working on issues of transition in societies recovering from conflict and/or repressive rule. Founded in 2007, it is now a large and diverse academic community conducting research in this field. OTJR is dedicated to producing high-quality scholarship that connects intimately to practical and policy questions in transitional justice, including research within the following themes: domestic and international prosecutions, institutional reform and the rule of law, truth commissions, reparations, amnesty processes, and other emerging topics. Although we focus on transitional justice, broadly defined, we do so from a variety of perspectives. Our members, students and academics alike, have a great variety of expertise including from the disciplines of law, criminology, development, political theory, socio-legal studies, history, anthropology, and area studies, amongst others. We pride ourselves on our interdisciplinarity. OTJR is a unique group within Oxford University’s academic and professional community.

As part of its weekly seminar series, in 2016/2017 OTJR has brought to Oxford leading scholars and practitioners working on issues of justice, truth, and reparations in societies recovering from conflict and authoritarian rule. The list of the prestigious guests includes, among many others, ICC Judge Chile Eboh-Osuji, Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, Philippe Sands QC, and key negotiators in the Colombian peace process. The podcasts of these events are available at [https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/oxford-transitional-justice-research-seminars](https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/oxford-transitional-justice-research-seminars). OTJR has also continued its editorial collaboration with the Swiss NGO, Fondation Hirondelle, providing academic analysis of ongoing developments in conflict and post-conflict countries – such as Kosovo, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Colombia. For more information, visit [http://www.justiceinfo.net/en/oxford-research.html](http://www.justiceinfo.net/en/oxford-research.html)

On 22 June 2017, OTJR celebrated its 10th anniversary year with a one-day workshop for PhD candidates and early-career researchers working on transitional justice. The workshop was attended by more than 40 researchers from the UK and overseas. The participants engaged in an extensive discussion on the current challenges of transitional justice research under the guidance of scholars and former OTJR members Phil Clark, Nicola Palmer, Miles Jackson, Julia Paulson, Katherine Saunders-Hastings, and Eleanor Pritchard. Pablo de Greiff, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation, and guarantees of non-recurrence, delivered a keynote talk on how to bridge the gap between academia and practice in the field of transitional justice. A performance by Javier Ormeno, from the Theatre of Transformation Academy, concluded what has been a major event for transitional justice research in 2017.
The Project on UN Governance and Reform focuses on policy-related issues of UN governance and reform. It seeks to enhance understanding of the politics and processes of the UN in a changing world. It produces books on the work of the Organisation, organizes public and expert events and international symposia in Oxford, and supports postgraduate students researching UN topics through networking opportunities and advice on research sources and post-Oxford career paths. It also provides advice to a range of governments, foundations and think tanks on ways to improve the oversight and capabilities of the United Nations system, including those of the international civil service and the diplomats who negotiate UN mandates and resolutions.

A key research activity of the Project during the period 2016-17 was editing a new edition of *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*. The Handbook, to be published shortly by OUP, is the work of 55 contributors from over 20 countries. During 2016-17 The Project has also hosted or contributed to Oxford visits by government officials and scholars from China and India, as well as contributing to international research collaborations and events in Berlin, The Hague, New York, Osaka, Oslo, and Tokyo. It has also contributed to strategy and training events for the UK Cabinet Office, the FCO, DFID, RCDS, and Wilton Park, as well as providing UN policy advice to the Elders’ Secretariat and to UNA-UK.

The Project provided advice on research sources, interview strategy, and career paths to a large number of postgraduates working on UN topics during 2016-17, in conjunction with the University Careers Service, St Antony's College, Blavatnik and the Said Business School. It produced a tutorial course on the history and developing role of the UN for St Catherine’s College visiting students, and delivered lectures across the university on UN subjects, including at QEH, the Foreign Service Programme, the South Asian studies programme, CCW, and the Blavatnik School.

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**Enacting Global Transformation’ Collaborative Initiative**

(Convener – Dr. Rama Mani)

The milestone in the academic year 2016-2017 was the establishment of the *‘Enacting Global Transformation Collaborative Initiative’* in the Centre for International Studies in February 2017, following extensive consultation with scholars across CIS. This marked the consolidation of the Theatre of Transformation Methodology, which first emerged at the University of Oxford in December 2013. Since then, it has developed into a robust teaching, research and policy methodology shaped jointly with inputs from numerous Oxford scholars as well as academics, policy makers and practitioners around the world. The initiative is guided by an Oxford Advisory Group of distinguished scholars from the University of Oxford, co-chaired by Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis and Dr. Annette Idler. The Initiative is also guided by a Global Advisory Group comprising eminent international scholars, policy makers and practitioners from all continents, all of whom have contributed to shaping this Initiative and the methodology. The Global and Oxford Advisory Groups serve as the nucleus for a growing community of scholars, policy makers and practitioners around the world who are seeking creative and transformative approaches to global crises facing IR.

Since the establishment of the Initiative, there has been an intensification in the activities, collaborations, partnerships and impact of the Initiative and its methodology. The Initiative hosted three collaborative events in partnership with other CIS and Oxford Research Centres in the 2016-2017 Academic year to foster interactive dialogue and creative reflection on key issues:

- *War or Peace?* with CIS, CCW, CRIC and SEESOX, featuring award-winning human rights artist, William Kelly, Lord Alderdice, and Dr. Annette Idler on 2 May, 2017 at Nissan Auditorium St. Antony’s
- Women, War and a New Paradigm of Power, with CIS, War and Peace at Oxford, Oxpeace, featuring Secretary General of the Democratic Party in Palestine, Zahira Kamal, and global security and peace researcher Dr. Scilla Elworthy, on 17 May at DIPR Lecture Theatre.


All events were also livestreamed in partnership with global partner organisations, in order to enable wider audiences to follow and contribute to the discussions.

Building on several years of past collaboration, the UN Library in Geneva generously extended its collaboration and partnership to the Oxford CIS Enacting Global Transformation Initiative.

The UN Library hosts the Junior Fellows of the Initiative and supports their research. The UN library also plans and hosts numerous collaborative events with the Initiative, including panel discussions, public events and online dialogues at their prestigious Library events hall. The UN Library has emerged as a unique international forum in Geneva for creative dialogue on critical issues concerning IR and the UN. Thus, this partnership and support from the UN Library has been an invaluable asset for our Initiative.

This included for example: ‘United Beyond Borders’ on 4 July 2017, an artistic presentation by refugee musicians and a panel discussion with UN International Migration Organisation, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and youth NGOs, Coexister and Singa for Refugees.

Rethinking Europe in a Non European World (RENEW)

The RENEW programme has been winding down, taking stock of accumulated output. In the last 10 years, its aim has been to ‘de-centre’ the study of Europe’s role in the world and to question Euro-narcissim (and delusions of grandeur) in global politics. The project analyses how non-European actors and actors in the borderlands between Europe and the outside evaluate the European Union’s foreign policies, perceive its status in international politics and make sense of its attempts to diffuse its norms. The project produced a few publications in 2016/17:


Publications include:


Members of the RENEW project – Professors Lenz, Nicolaïdis and Vinicius Rodrigues Vieira (organisers) – participated in the Oxford-Princeton Workshop (7 and 8 December 2017 – Nuffield College, Oxford, UK).

Dr Nora Fiser-Onar, CIS Research Associate, was awarded the Deborah Gerner Prize by the Women’s Studies Caucus for work on gender and politics in Turkey. Her RENEW-related publications include:

- Edited book: *Istanbul: Living with Difference in a Global City* (co-edited with Fuat Keyman and Susan Pearce)


4. CIS Associated Student-led Groups

**Oxford Central Africa Forum (OCAF)**

Founded in 2010 by Oxford graduate students, the Oxford Central Africa Forum (OCAF) has developed into a widely recognised platform for debate among scholars and practitioners working in and on the central African region (specifically comprising the DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, and the Central African Republic, as well as broader regional dynamics). OCAF adopts an explicitly interdisciplinary perspective and engages both with current issues and with historical debates. Whilst being a primarily academic forum, OCAF also brings together researchers with development workers, diplomats, publishers, journalists and policy-makers. OCAF’s main activity is to organise a seminar series running throughout the academic year. The series provides an opportunity for Oxford-based scholars and graduate students to present their work to a broader cross-departmental community, as well as to engage with invited guest speakers.

In the academic year 2016/17, we welcomed a range of excellent guest speakers to our regular seminars, including for example Owen Elliot (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Claudia Meier (Global Public Policy Institute), Judith Verweijen (Ghent University and Rift Valley Institute), Hazel Gray (University of Edinburgh), or Stefan Klingebiel (German Development Institute). From Oxford, presenters included Sam Wilkins (DPhil Politics) and Nicolas Friederici (post-doctoral researcher, Oxford Internet Institute).

In addition, in May 2017 we organized a two-day conference under the title “Is High Modernism Returning?” Featuring contributions by more than 20 academics mostly based at British and European Universities, the event engaged with the ostensible (re-)emergence of a state-led, industrial, and “big infrastructure” approach to development across the African continent, and was attended by students and staff from various departments. Discussions were subsequently deepened at a follow-up seminar at Royal Holloway and will result in the publication of a special issue of *Critical African Studies* in 2018.

**Oxford International Relations Society**

Oxford International Relations Society (IRSoc) was founded in 2009 with the aim of delivering the arguments of scholars, policy-makers, and commentators through weekly speaker events on wide-ranging and multi-disciplinary topics. The society publishes its flagship journal Lighthouse once a term, as well as podcasts, blogs, and daily news bulletins. IRSoc also leads trips to think-tanks Chatham House, IISS, and RUSI, to connect Oxford students with the wider IR community.

Oxford International Relations Society continued to provide excellent opportunities for Oxford students to explore the world of IR. We hosted visits to both Chatham House, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies in order to provide both undergraduate and graduate students with networking and learning opportunities to sit down with experts in their home environment. In addition, the society hosted dozens of events within Oxford with high profile speakers, on topics ranging from drone warfare to global
Moreover, the society continued to publish its student-run journal, *The Lighthouse*, and additionally began a podcast and a daily news bulletin for members.”

**Oxford University Strategic Studies Group (OUSSG)**

Oxford University Strategic Studies Group (OUSSG) is the oldest student society focusing on international affairs at the University of Oxford. The OUSSG was founded in 1969 under the aegis of military historian Professor Sir Michael Howard OM CH KBE MC, as a non-partisan society devoted to examination of strategic and international affairs through speaking events and field study trips. The central feature of our activities is a weekly seminar, given under the Chatham House rule in All Souls College by distinguished practitioners and scholars from the academic, diplomatic, military, political, intelligence, business and media fields. Every year, OUSSG supports international and domestic educational trips. These are advertised to the membership and announced at weekly meetings.

In 2016/17 the group hosted over twenty seminars, bringing expert speakers on a diverse range of topics to Oxford and the wider academic community. Among the more notable events, we welcomed Sir Richard Dearlove, Former Head of MI6, who shared his thoughts on contemporary security threats facing Britain in the wake of Brexit. Intelligence was indeed a key focus for the group, which also heard from Matthew Berrett (Assistant Director, CIA), Maj Gen Hayat (Deputy Director, ISI), and John Nixon (CIA). Beyond this, we had representation from think tanks, including Chatham House and RUSI. Academics came from far and wide, including Professor Andrew Preston (Cambridge), speaking on US elections and foreign policy, Professor Theo Farrell speaking on Afghanistan, and Oxford’s own Professors Dominic Johnson and Rana Mitter. The political and diplomatic fields this year were notably represented by Sir Michael Rifkind and the Israeli Ambassador, Mark Regev. Finally, in the military sphere, we welcomed, among others, General Sir Richard Shirreff, and Major Tom Mouat, who ran two highly successful war games for the group.

**St Antony’s International Review (STAIR)**

The St Antony’s International Review (STAIR) is the University of Oxford’s only student-run, peer-reviewed, academic journal of international affairs. STAIR publishes two issues each year (winter and spring). Created by graduate students of St Antony’s College in 2005, STAIR has carved out a distinctive niche as a cross-disciplinary outlet for research on the most pressing contemporary global issues, providing a forum in which emerging scholars can publish their work alongside established academics and policymakers.

Our first issue of the year (Vol 13.1) centered on the theme of ‘Politics and Uncertainty’, studying the relationship between uncertainty in areas like climate change, cyber conflict, and humanitarian crises. Its feature interview, with Lord Professor Anthony Giddens, was a thought-provoking piece drawing on his academic and personal experience in scholarship and policy. For our launch event, Ian Goldin, founder of the Oxford Martin School, delivered a stimulating lecture on ‘Globalisation: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.’

Currently, we are in the editing stage of two upcoming issues; ‘International Relations in a Post-Factual World’ (vol. 13:2, to be published in February 2018), and ‘Sovereignty and Supernationalism’ (vol. 14:1, to be published in May 2018). The articles received have been diverse and the upcoming issues look very promising. Overall, STAIR has had a highly successful year and looks forward to publishing our new issues.
Critical Theories and World Politics

This is a student-led roundtable series at Oxford University for interdisciplinary discussion of critical theory and world politics. Supported the CIS, these seminars draw on approaches from the humanities and the social sciences, explicitly seeking to bring different disciplines to bear on each other and on common areas of intellectual inquiry. The series seeks to ask consider questions about world politics using methodological approaches informed by critical theories. We are particularly interested in issues of representation, gender, race, class, memory, political ecologies, anti-colonial politics, resistance and in thinking beyond and around borders.

In Hilary 2017, three speakers were invited to Oxford throughout May to speak on their areas of expertise, and participated in Critical Theories and World Politics discussions. Professor Shirin Rai spoke on public space as a gendered space. Dr. Debbie Lisle discussed the temporal ordering framing the summer 2015 EU migration crisis. Dr. Claudia Aradau presented on her idea of understanding law and security enacts different ideas of non-knowledge.

5. Workshops, Seminars and Lectures

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 2016-2017:

Seminars and Lectures:

- **Empire and its Legacy in the Middle East**, 13 October 2016, Roger Hardy
- **Reflections on Brexit**, 18 October 2016, Malcolm Rifkind
- **European Boundaries in Nationalist Times**, 21-22 October 2016, Richard Bellamy, Joseph Lacey & Kalypso Nicolaïdis
- **Genocide and the Social Dynamics of Violence in Guatemala**, 27 October 2016, Roddy Brett
- **Easternisation: War and Peace in the Asian Century**, 14 November 2016, Gideon Rachman
- **The EU and the Arms Trade: Law, Policy and the Brexit Distraction**, 23 November 2016, Laurence Lustgarten
- **R2P in a Time of Trump: Can Human Protection Weather the Storm?**, 5 December 2016, Alex Bellamy
- **Why locals can’t own international interventions: evidence from civilian EU missions in Somalia, Kosovo and the Palestinian Territories**, 7 June 2017, Filip Ejdus

Book workshops:

- **What Next: Britain after Brexit?**, 2 November 2016, Anthony Barnett
- **The Virtual Weapon and International Order (book workshop)**, 24 November 2016, Lucas Kello
- **Euroscepticism and the Future of European Integration (book workshop)**, 10 February 2017, Catherine de Vries
- **Humans as a Service: the Promise and Perils of Work in the Gig Economy**, 3 July 2017, Jeremias Prassl & Kalypso Nicolaïdis

Roundtable Discussions

- **Women, War and a New Paradigm of Power**, 18 May 2017, Julia Amos
Additional events funded by CIS:

- *Conflict Research Society conference*, Annette Idler & John Gledhill
- *Graduate workshop on Conflict Dynamics*, Nick Barker & Annette Idler
- *OxPeace conference*, Liz Carmichael & Andrew Gosler
- *Critical Theories Seminar Series*, James Shires
- *EU in the shadow of Brexit*, Tim Garton-Ash
- *Crisis in Slow Motion: the stubborn habits of migration* (Critical Theory and World Politics Seminar), Debbie Lisle

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 Myat The Thitsar (Burma Trust) and Adnan Haider (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.

7. Financial Report

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

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