Head of Department's welcome

Welcome back to the DPIR for Michaelmas Term 2017, and a very warm welcome to all new members of staff and students. I hope you are feeling refreshed after the summer break and are ready for an exciting new academic year.

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The department welcomes the following new staff:

**Academic**
- David Birks - Departmental Lecturer in Political Theory
- Alexandra Borchardt - RISJ, Director of Strategic Development
- Janina Dill - John G Winant Associate Professor in US Foreign Policy
- Kate Sullivan de Estrada - Associate Professor in the International Relations of South Asia
- Lucas Graves - RISJ Senior Research Fellow
- Stathis Kalyvas - Gladstone Professorship of Government (from January 2018)
- Meera Selva - RISJ Director, Journalism Fellowship Programme
- Miles Tendi - Associate Professor in African Politics
- Yaacov Yadgar - Stanley Professor of Israeli Studies

**Administrative**
- George Blake - MPhil / MSc Co-ordinator
- Mark Bosworth - RISJ, Marketing & Comms Officer
- Aidan Drewett - RISJ, Events & Fellowship Officer
- Helen Steffens - WEALTHPOL Administrator

We wish the following leavers well:
- Aoife Dudley - MPhil / MSc Co-ordinator
- Elizabeth Greenhalgh - Knowledge Exchange
- Carmen Kwan - Cyber Studies Programme Administrator
- Matthew Kennedy - Research Support Officer
- Hannah Marsh - RISJ, Media & Communications Officer
- Pauline Zanetto - Personnel Officer

The department welcomes the following visitors:

- Elena Avramovska – Free University of Brussels
- Professor Alex Bellamy – The University of Queensland
- Professor Yanhong Qi – Nankai University
News

GURUKUL Executive Education Programme

Directors: Richard Briant, Stephen Whitefield

Twelve visiting fellows from India have arrived in Oxford as part of the prestigious GURUKUL Executive Education programme. This is the first time that Oxford has hosted the FCO-funded project. The twelve-week programme will be based in the DPIR. Visiting fellows will attend a range of talks and presentations in Oxford, London, Paris and Brussels, including global challenges, communication, engagement and innovation.

[Interview with visiting fellow Elsa-Marie D'Silva]

Outreach

EPQ Teachers' Workshop

As part of the ESRC's Festival of Social Science, Oxford Q-Step Centre is running a teachers' workshop on 4 November to help them support their students to use data effectively in the Extended Project Qualifications.
Parliament Week
A group of local sixth form students will meet the Speaker, John Bercow, in the House of Commons on 6 November. Parliament week will culminate with ninety school students sharpening their debating skills alongside MPs in the Bodleian Library's Convocation Hall on the 'right to be forgotten online'.

PPE Open Day
More than 400 sixth form students attended the PPE Open Day on Friday 15 September, with introductory lectures and the opportunity to speak to tutors and current students. The next Open Days are June and September 2018. If you would like to be involved, please contact the PPE Administrator violet.brand@politics.ox.ac.uk

Conference on Public Life and Religious Diversity
The department's flagship conference on 'Public Life and Religious Diversity' took place at the start of September. In a series of workshops and panels, academics from universities around the world discussed the increasingly complex and visible tensions between liberalism and beliefs.
Research Bulletin

Principal Investigator: Ben Ansell

WEALTHPOL, the ERC-funded research programme into Wealth Inequality and Social Mobility in the 21st Century, is underway this term. The five-year project is building a new database on how governments have tried to manage wealth. The WEALTHPOL website will be launched later this year.

View more about WEALTHPOL on the DIPR website

Centre for Technology and Global Affairs

Director: Lucas Kello

In June the Centre held a workshop on the Meaning and Practice of Collective Defence in the Cyber Domain with NATO Assistant Secretary General Sorin Ducaru, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office representatives, and academic experts.

The Centre for Technology & Global Affairs welcomes the following visitors:
Krzysztof Szubert (Ministry of Digital Affairs, Poland)
Dr Hamid Unver (Kadir Has University)

The Centre has just launched its new website www.ctga.ox.ac.uk
**Director:** David Levy

Reuters Institute’s Director of Research, Rasmus Nielsens Kleis, has been appointed the university’s Political Professor of Communication and Meera Selva has been appointed Director of the Journalism Fellowship Programme.

**RISJ welcomes the following Visiting Fellows:**

- Monica Herrero – University of Navarra, Spain
- Atte Jääskeläinen - Yle, Finland
- Dr Scott Maier – University of Oregon
- Stephen Reece - Professor of Journalism, University of Texas
- Dr Jane Suiter – Dublin City University
- Servet Yanatma – Independent Researcher

**.....and the following Journalism Fellows:**

- Tatenda Prosper Chitagu - The Standard and the Independent, Zimbabwe
- Kemal Göktas - Cumhuriyet Daily, Turkey
- Emma-Leena Ovaskainen - Helsingin Sanomat, Finland
- Reshma Patil - India
- Maleeha Siddiqui - Dawn Media Group, Pakistan
- Doreen Wainainah - Digitalbusiness, Business Daily, Nigeria

**Forthcoming Events:**

Professor Ben Goldacre is holding a Q & A session on ‘Trusting & Interpreting Data’ on 25 October, and Politico's Jack Blanchard will speak on 'Britain, Brexit and the new political chaos' on 1 November. More details on these and other events this term are the [RISJ Events calendar](#).

*View the Reuters Institute website*

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**Director:** Rob Johnson

CCW's Michaelmas termcard lists upcoming events, and is [available here](#). On 12 October, CCW will host a debate between members of the House of Lords on [UK Defence Capability](#).

**Recent Publications:**
Annette Idler analysed the potential knock-on effects of Venezuela’s crisis in an article in the Washington Post.

View the CCW website

Principal Investigator: Annette Idler

The project’s Inception Workshop on “The Changing Character of Conflict Platform: Understanding, Tracing and Forecasting Change across Time, Space and Cultures” was launched at the end of Trinity Term. The paper can be viewed here.

View the Changing Character of Conflict Platform website

Director: Andy Eggers

OQC has appointed the following post-graduates as Q-Scholars and Teaching Assistants who will help teach undergraduate and MPhil quantitative methods courses.

Julia du Pont de Romémont
Gerda Hooijer
Anna Petherick
Sam Rowan
Jeffrey Wright
Catharina Lewerenz
Nicholas Martindale
Cecilia Potente
Arun Frey
Jacob Nyrup
Tanushree Goyal

Forthcoming Events

On 4 November Q-Step is running a data workshop for teachers who supervise Extended Project Qualifications. Later this year Alberto Nardelli, BuzzFeed’s Europe Editor, and former Data Editor at the Guardian, will give a talk on the big political stories told through data.

Summer Institute 2017

Twenty-four undergraduates from universities across the UK took part in a week-long programme of
hands-on quantitative methods training.

**View the Q-Step website**

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The History of Political Thought Research Network continues to support Oxford Political Thought Seminars with a range of distinguished speakers, held weekly at noon on Fridays. This term includes papers by Professor Steven Smith (Yale), Waseem Yaqoob (Cambridge), and Sofia Näsström (Uppsala). Details are on the [Oxford Talks website](#).

**View the History of Political Thought Research Network website**

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**OxPo**

**Director:** Florence Faucher

**OxPo welcomes the following visitors:**
- Mrs Amélie Bescont (Sciences-Po)
- Mr Clement Claret (Sciences-Po)
- Dr Samuel Fauré (Sciences-Po)

[View the OxPo website](#)

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**Director:** Kalypso Nicolaïdis

**Upcoming event:**
On 20 October CIS is sponsoring a [book manuscript workshop](#) by Professor Cécile Fabre on her book-in-progress 'Economic Statecraft'.

**New Article:**
Scott Atran has co-authored an article for the 'Human Behaviour' edition of *Nature Magazine*, "The devoted actor's will to fight and the spiritual dimension of human conflict".
CIS welcomes the following visitors:
Zam Za Mung (Charles Wallace Trust Burma Fellow)
Dr Georgios Maris (Neapolis University)

View the Centre for International Studies website

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Coordinator: Robin Harding

On 7 October, Professor Desmond King was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences:

Upcoming events:
The Politics Colloquium will run on Fridays through Michaelmas Term, beginning on 20 October with a talk by Barbara Piotrowska of the Blavatnik School of Government, in Seminar Room A, DPIR 12.15 pm.

View the Research Network in Politics and Government website

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Director: Zofia Stemplowska

CCSJ Welcomes the following visitor:
Frank Curry (McMaster University)

View the Centre for the Study of Social Justice website

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NOTICEBOARD

New First-Aider
The new departmental first-aider is Emma Pruszewicz (Room 180, Tel. 78830). The First Aid box is at Manor Road Reception.

The deadline for content for the next DPIR Newswire is Tuesday 12 December.

Please email submissions to emma.pruszewicz@politics.ox.ac.uk