

DEPARTMENTAL NEWSWIRE



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DPIR Welcomes You

Welcome back to the new academic year!

We particularly welcome new arrivals in the Department: Catherine de Vries (UL in Comparative European Government and Politics at Lincoln); Karolina Milewicz (UL in International Political Economy at Univ); Zofia Stemplowska (UL in Political Theory at Worcester); Janina Dill (Hedley Bull Research Fellow at Merton); and Walter Ladwig (Departmental Lecturer in IR). We can already see how strongly they are contributing to the Department.

We must also say goodbye to some esteemed colleagues. David Robertson (St Hugh's) and Vivienne Shue (St Antony's) have retired. We wish both of them all the best, though each will continue to work with our students. David will be organising the inaugural Government Graduate Colloquium in Hilary '13 which we hope will do for our Government students what the IR Colloquium has done for IR students. We expect the Theorists to follow suit this year too. All of this is to strengthen the sense of intellectual community among our graduate students. I should also remind colleagues that Adam Swift will be leaving us to take up a Chair at Warwick University in January and Cindy Skach will be leaving at the same time to take up a Chair in Law at King's College, London. We thank both of them for their contributions to the Department over many years and wish them all the best in their new positions. We have also seen some movement within the Department over the summer. Ray Duch has resigned his Readership to take up an Official Fellowship at Nuffield College and David Rueda has been appointed his successor as UL in Quantitative Political Science and so will be moving from Merton to Nuffield.

All of these retirements, resignations and transfers, of course, mean that we have additional vacancies to add to posts that we already planned to fill. Let me remind you of where we now are with positions that are likely to be advertised this term:

- ULNTF in Comparative Political Institutions at Nuffield College;

- **ULNTF in Comparative Democratisation at Nuffield College** (these posts were made possible by the generosity of Nuffield in agreeing to jointly fund by converting one of their Official Fellowships);
- **ULTF in Comparative Political Economy at Magdalen** (note this position was advertised last year but the Appointment Panel did not feel that the applicant pool was sufficiently strong);
- **ULTF in International Relations** (with desirability for IR China) at St Anne's College (this position was previously in the field of Comparative Government which will now be associated with another college);
- **ULTF in Comparative Government (desirable UK)** – to be confirmed – at Merton;
- **ULTF in Comparative Government (Latin America)** – to be confirmed – at St Hugh's;
- **ULTF (to be confirmed) in Political Theory** at Balliol.

This is a big challenge for us as well as an opportunity. I wrote to all Department members late in the summer to ask for your help. We need to recruit the strongest colleagues we can to maximise our REF submission but also for the long term development of our programmes. Please encourage people you think are appropriate to apply. Remind them that when all college and university salary and allowances are taken into account that our remuneration package is actually very attractive. If I can help to convince someone to apply, please put him/her in touch with me or let me know what I can do.

As if that was not enough, we have to respond to the Divisional Review by the end of this term. The main recommendations of the review were as follows – do read the whole document though (this was circulated to Sub-Faculty during the summer, but please let [Jason Hussain](#) know if you need a copy):

- To improve our strategic management capacity by introducing a Strategic Management Group to assist the HoD. (Great idea in my view, so we have already implemented it. The SMG, comprises Paul Martin, Mark Philp, Richard Caplan, Petra Schleiter, Janice French and myself, and will meet three times per term.)
- To improve strategic management of our graduate programmes by merging the two GSCs. (This is currently under consideration at the GSCs.)
- To review our courses administration structure and resource. (The Courses Team does a tremendous job for us.

We need to think about how best to support them and how best to structure their operation.)

- To review PPE. (Our DUS Lois McNay will be taking that to the PPE Committee.)
- To consider introducing a single honours Politics degree (We are considering how to go about considering that one.)
- To strengthen our sense of graduate community. (Hopefully, the new colloquia will help, but more needs doing.)

As I reported to Sub-Faculty this term, a draft of our response to Division will be circulated for comments to all members.

Last year, as you will surely recall, Nancy Bermeo led a working group on a thorough review of our graduate programmes in Politics. Her report is excellent and should be read by everyone. This has been recently circulated to Sub-Faculty, but please contact [Jason Hussain](#) for a copy if you need one. It made many recommendations, some of which we are moving on immediately. But let me again summarise what I think were the most important points:

- We should strengthen our offerings in qualitative methods training and in particular introduce a new compulsory course in *Introduction to Qualitative Methods*.
- We should do more to recruit students and sell our programmes.
- We should do more to place our advanced doctoral students in academic jobs.
- We should consider having fewer doctoral students but funding them better.
- We should investigate the introduction of a one year terminal MSc in Politics and International Relations.

These recommendations need to be put against a background in which we must respond to changes going on in the broader graduate environment. (i) We have a target for graduate students given to us by Division which we must meet or other departments will demand that they get their hands on our quota. It's worth noting that while our taught programme numbers were very stable this year, numbers joining our doctoral programme fell. (ii) Our 'competitors' – LSE, EUI, CEU, Mannheim not to mention US universities – are moving to fully fund doctoral students. We had already identified graduate scholarships as our number one funding priority. It has become even more pressing. (iii) We need to consider the possible impact – which I think could be

positive – of the new MPP at the BSG and the new one-plus-one degrees being set up by other departments jointly with SBS. (Note, these sorts of programmes can charge high fees for high quality. So, surely, can we!) Happily, I believe we are making some significant progress in increasing the pot for studentships, both from fund-raising and from the impact of our ‘size and shape’ review conducted last year. And I am delighted also that Nick Owen has agreed to take the lead in scoping the terminal MSc programme for us.

Finally, let me thank all those who took part in the Alumni Weekend – David Hine, Marc Stears, Mark Philp, Neil MacFarlane, Iain McLean, Dapo Akande – and Kate Candy in particular for organising the events. I hope you had a chance to see the second issue of our alumni magazine *Inspires*, put together brilliantly by Kate and David Hine, which

superbly profiles the Department and even asks for money for graduate studentships. Thanks also to those colleagues who have agreed to take part in the second programme that we are organising for Indian MPs, sponsored by the FCO. The MPs are interesting people, their visit fits with the University’s interest in developing relations with India. And the programme is good for our budget. Thanks to Genevieve Garrido for all her work in organising the event.

Stephen Whitefield
Head of Department

People

The Department would like to welcome the following new staff:

Academic Staff:

- **Catherine E. de Vries**, University Lecturer in Comparative European Politics and Government (including the Politics of the European Union) in association with Lincoln College (Commenced 1st September)
Please see Catherine's profile on page 6.
- **Dominic Johnson**, Alastair Buchan Chair in International Relations in association with St Antony's (Commenced 1st September but is at Princeton for the academic year 2012-13)
- **Karolina Milewicz**, University Lecturer in International Relations (specialising in International Political Economy) in association with University College (Commenced 1st September)
- **Zofia Stemplowska**, University Lecturer in Political Theory in association with Worcester College (Commenced 1st September)
Please see Zofia's profile on page 7.
- **Derek Penslar**, Stanley Lewis Professor of Israel Studies in association with St Anne's. Joint post with SIAS (commenced 1st September)

Fixed term appointments:

- **Walter C Ladwig III**, Departmental Lecturer in International Relations in the Department of Politics and International Relations (Commenced 1st September)
- **Janine Dill**, Hedley Bull Research Fellowship in association with Merton College (Commenced 1st October)

Research Staff:

- **Nicola Horsburgh**, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow in China and Nuclear Responsibility in the Global Nuclear Order. (Commenced 1st October)
- **Spyros Kosmidis**, Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Political Science and Computational Linguistics (Commenced 1st September)
- **Hylke Dijkstra**, Marie Curie Fellow (Commenced 1st September)

Administrative Staff:

- **Liz Greenhalgh**, Knowledge Exchange Officer (commenced 14th May)
- **Matthew Kennedy**, Research Support Officer (Commenced 13th August)
- **Margaret Prewitt**, Personnel Assistant (Commenced 30th July)
- **Roger Hutchings**, Part-time Blog IT Administrator (Commenced 1st September)

We wish the following leavers well:

Academic Staff:

- **Cindy Skach** (leaves 1 Jan 2013)
- **David Robertson** (retired 30 Sept 2012)

Research Staff:

- **David Soskice**, Research Professor (left 31 July 2012)

Administrative Staff:

- **Christine Raybould**, Personnel Assistant
- **Nicola Froggatt**, Research Support Officer
- **Sarah Travis**, Research Support Officer

People

The Department would like to welcome the following new visitors:

- **Mr Ary da Cunha**, University of Porto Law School
- **Dr Maria Fanis**, Ohio University
- **Dr Li Ying Hao**, Independent Researcher
- **Mr Jason Hecht**, Cornell University
- **Mr Daniel Honig**, Harvard University
- **Dr Cheng-Chwee Kuik**, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- **Mr Phoak Kung**, University of Warwick
- **Mr Oladapo Opasina**, Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies
- **Mr Lukasz Pawlowski**, University of Melbourne/
Australian Government
- **Miss Alessandra Russo**, Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies

Research centre and programme visitors are listed under each centre / programme.

DPIR 'People' Webpages

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For information about updating your profile, please contact Jason Hussain, jason.hussain@politics.ox.ac.uk

Catherine E. de Vries



I joined the Department of Politics and International Relations as a Professor in European Politics in September 2012, and am also a tutor and fellow in Politics at Lincoln College. In conjunction, I hold an affiliation as an Associate Professor in Political Science and Quantitative Methods at the University of Amsterdam. Prior to joining the Department, I was a Professor of Political Behaviour at the University of Geneva, and held posts at the University of Amsterdam, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the European University Institute. Over the years, I have published on a variety of topics relating to European Union politics, elections, as well as public opinion and party strategy. In this context, I have had the privilege to be involved in or coordinate several large-scale data collection projects, such as the Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES) on Party Positioning or the European Election Survey (EES).

My current research agenda focuses on three central themes: the introduction of previously non-salient and non-controversial policy issues in party and electoral politics, choice-set models of electoral behaviour, and the electoral consequences of austerity. In collaboration with Sara Hobolt (LSE), I examine the conditions under which new political issues have entered party competition in Europe since the 1980s.

We do so by developing a theory of issue entrepreneurship that applies and adjusts theories of issue evolution and manipulation from the US context to multiparty competition.

Next, together with Marco Steenbergen (University of Zurich), we developed and empirically substantiated a heuristic-systematic model of electoral behaviour, in which we understand vote choice as a two-stage decision-making process. In the first stage voters use broad-based heuristics, such as partisanship, to narrow down all possible choice options to a few viable choices. This subset of choice alternatives constitutes the choice set. In a subsequent second stage voters engage in more systematic processing behaviour using campaign issues to select a final alternative from the choice set.

Finally, I am conducting several projects aimed at understanding the electoral ramifications of austerity measures. These projects include a natural experiment focusing on voter responses to a cut in child care benefits in the Netherlands (with Sara Hobolt), lab and survey experiments designed to explore the asymmetry between voter punishment of social benefits cuts and voter reward for social benefit increases, or a cross-country study of individual

heterogeneity in performance voting, due to political sophistication or issue salience, using existing survey data (with Nathalie Giger).

In addition, I am strongly dedicated to teaching. At Lincoln I will be involved in teaching PPE, and for the Department I will be responsible for the organisation of Graduate Methods training in Politics and the teaching of several of the Methods and Statistics lectures. Moreover, I will teach lectures on the politics of the European Union and be involved in the MPhil in European Politics and Society. Next to research and teaching, I also really enjoy photography. For a selection of recent pictures, check out my flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/catherinedevries/> and see one of my photos below.

In closing, let me express my excitement about joining the Department, and working closely together with academics that I admire and that have inspired my work for years. I look forward to profiting from and contributing to the intellectual life within the Department, and meeting many more of my colleagues in the near future.



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Zofia Stemplowska



I am joining the DPIP from the Politics and International Studies Department at Warwick. Before that I was at Manchester, Reading and a Post-doc at Stanford.

I am a political theorist and I am interested in problems of domestic, global and historical justice. Regarding domestic justice, I am mostly interested in answering questions such as these: Should we get something for nothing? Should prudent and responsible citizens enjoy more resources than the imprudent and reckless? When is it fair to hold people responsible for their choices? I co-edited (with Carl Knight) a collection of essays (pictured here) that deal with the problem of responsibility and distributive justice. Copies of the book are available in Blackwell's in case you

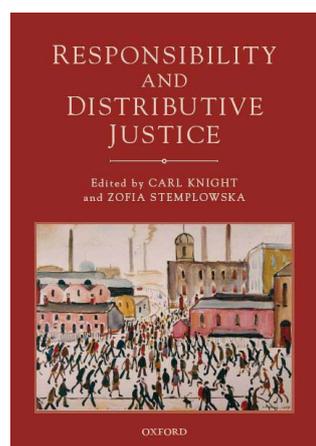
have always wanted to own a very small reproduction of L. S. Lowry's painting 'Going to Work'. I suppose the Department will want to buy copies for everyone given the inspirational title of the cover art.

Regarding global justice, I ask what the affluent owe to poor foreigners and what poor foreigners can claim for themselves. I am especially interested in how the content of these rights and duties depends on whether they are generally complied with or not. Regarding historical justice - a very recent project of mine - I am interested in the question of what, if anything, current generations can do to mitigate injustice done to past generations through war and occupation. (I am Polish so I have a biographical reason to be interested in this.) Eventually, I plan to bring my interests in global and historical justice together in an account of transitional justice. I hope to learn from the many people in the Department who work on this and related problems.

Writing on first-order, substantive questions of justice means that I am also interested in the second-order, methodological problem of what is the point of theories of justice and

how to make theories of justice relevant to urgent, real world problems while avoiding ad hoc theorizing and defeatism. I've co-authored papers on this topic with Adam Swift and - although he will shortly take up his Professorship at Warwick - I hope to continue to do so since some matters remain unresolved.

I am very happy to be joining the Department and Worcester College and I am grateful to both for being so welcoming and helpful.



Responsibility and Distributive Justice, Carl Knight and Zofia Stemplowska (Eds.), OUP, 2011

New Babies!

Congratulations to the parents of new babies!

Gwen Sasse and family on the birth of baby Nora Luise

Philipp Amour and family on the birth of baby Ilias

Florence Faucher



I am Professor at the Centre d'études européennes at Sciences Po in Paris, to which I returned in in 2010 after 5 years at Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee) where I was Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Max Kade Center in European and German studies. Prior to Vanderbilt, I taught at Sciences Po and at Stirling University.

In 2011, I took over from Sophie Duchesne as Coordinator of OXPO. OXPO is a programme created in 2005 to facilitate collaborative projects between Sciences Po in Paris, DPIR and Sociology in Oxford, and the Maison Française d'Oxford. It provides seed money to help budding research projects to take off. I am delighted to contribute to create opportunities for academic colleagues and students from both OXPO and Oxford to spend up to a year in each other's institution. I know how formative these experiences can be as I have spent quite some

time both in Oxford and abroad more generally since the beginning of my PhD (Aix-en-Provence, 1997). My dissertation analysed the differences and similarities between French and British green parties and their activists in the early 1990s (*Les habits verts de la politique*, Presses de Sciences Po, 1999). Oxford and Aix-en-Provence were case studies and I can say I was there when Caroline Lucas was elected as the first Green councillor in Oxford. Having explored the town, I then bought a gown and spent two years with JRFs at Saint Peter's College and at the Maison Française. This gave me the confidence to apply for jobs in the UK as well as in France and I was lucky to start my career as a lecturer in Scotland.

My research interests include political parties and social movements and I focus on how political activism has changed over the last 30 years. In particular, I look at the ways

in which some of the demands for democratisation expressed in movements (such as the Greens) have found their ways into mainstream political parties. These evolutions are set in the context of societal processes of individualisation. One thus needs to take into account the blurring of boundaries between the public and the private (and thus how lifestyle choices impact on process of political engagement) and how political parties such as Labour and the French socialists (and many others) have created new opportunities for individual (rather than collective) modes of participation through ballots, policy forums and consultations. Organisational reforms in major parties have contributed to change how individual members relate to their party and what this means for them in terms of identity building, loyalty and ultimately mobilising potential. Although I consider that such changes need to be analysed in a broader political context, taking into account policy feedback effects from policies focusing on the promotion of the citizen consumer and the emergence of a market society (The New Labour Experiment, Stanford University Press, 2010, with Patrick Le Galès), I have also looked in great detail at processes of change within British political parties, through the prism of the annual conferences (*Changing Parties. A Political Anthropology of British Party Conferences*, Palgrave, 2005).

David Robertson retires

Professor David Robertson retired this summer. David was appointed to a Tutorial Fellowship in Politics at St Hugh's College in 1979. Previously he taught for nine years in the Department of Government at Essex University. He has been a mainstay of the Department of Politics and International Relations (and its predecessor the Sub-Faculty of Politics) for over three decades. He will be much missed, both as a cheerful and

willing colleague, and as a distinguished and productive scholar.

Across his career, he has had an exceptionally wider range of interests. His early work was on voting behaviour and party competition. While at Essex he was Co-Director of the British Election Studies and helped the Essex Department of Government establish its formidable reputation for electoral and survey research. This resulted in his first book,



David Robertson

A Theory of Party Competition (1976) and six years later *Class and the British Electorate*.

At Oxford his interests changed direction very significantly, firstly towards security and defence issues, and later towards constitutional politics, law and human rights. The first period saw the publication of an analysis of NATO defence *Enhancing Security: Living in a less nuclear age* (1990), while the second, since the late 1990s, has resulted in *Judicial Discretion and the House of Lords* (1998) and more recently *The Judge as Constitutional Theorist: Contemporary Constitutional Review* (2010), a study of the constitutionalization of politics in a number of new and established democracies.

Throughout his long career David has been a public-spirited member of his Department and his College, taking on almost all the key administrative jobs that keep things running: the senior tutorship of his college, director of undergraduate studies, chair of the government panel and several examining boards, and great deal of graduate supervision. He has acted in a *pro bono* capacity as Director of Studies for PPE at Blackfriars, where he also taught the Sociology of Religion. As a lecturer, his main contribution has been in Comparative Government. He played a major role in modernising the teaching of institutional politics in the Department, moving it from the traditional description of institutions towards comparative analysis and rational choice. David has always been appreciative of the Oxford tutorial system from which he benefited as an undergraduate, yet also a forward thinker and a moderniser. We expect that to continue in his retirement, and David already has plans for building intellectual community among government-area graduate students in the Department by running the inaugural Government Colloquium in Hilary 2013. We wish him a long and productive retirement but hope to see him regularly.

Gillian Peele & David Hine

Vivienne Shue retires

It's now a commonplace that totalitarianism is not the most helpful way to understand the nature of the states that ruled much of the globe through the mid- to late twentieth centuries. But until quite recently, it was commonplace for interpretations of China to be made that implicitly, if not explicitly, suggested that somehow the state that Chairman Mao had created really did have some universal power of control. The China of today, much more open to the world than thirty years ago, shows in its great diversity the way that a top-down model fails to capture the messy reality of a complex society. But one key book that demanded that we understand the Chinese state in its complexity was published nearly a quarter of a century ago. That book was *The Reach of the State* by Vivienne Shue, who has just retired as Leverhulme Professor of Chinese Studies at Oxford. *The Reach of the State* (1988) looked at China in its first decade of reform, and made a complex and powerful case that China's present state (in both senses of the word "state") could be understood only in the context of its history, the relations between the centre and the periphery, and the continuing role of its elites. These ideas are mainstream now. They were not so in 1988.

Vivienne Shue's ability to reshape the field was one reason that there was so much excitement ten years ago, in 2002, when she arrived to helm the Leverhulme Contemporary China Programme, funded by a generous Leverhulme Trust grant won by the then Warden of Merton, Dame Jessica Rawson. Over the next decade, Vivienne's programme slowly but surely transformed the face of contemporary Chinese studies not just in Oxford, but in the UK and Europe. A decade ago, there were researchers here of great brilliance working on the social science of China. But now, in large part thanks to grants, conferences,



and posts made from the Leverhulme programme, Oxford has embedded political scientists, economists, anthropologists and sociologists all of whom collectively make up the largest grouping of scholars of modern Chinese society and politics across the continent.

Vivienne herself also remained (and remains) very tied to a particular view of the study of politics: one that is rooted in the humane. While aware of the importance of theory and models, and indeed the creator of a powerful one herself (*The Reach of the State* is still regularly cited, and by no means only by China specialists), she has always quietly and forcefully advocated that there is no substitute for work in the field. Whether in the soil of the village, working in archives or doing ethnographic surveys, the only way to understand China is to know China itself, not a construct into which China fits. Around her is a group of colleagues and friends who study China in exactly the same way. For that reason, we are delighted that Vivienne and her husband Henry will remain near Oxford, and as part of our community for a long time to come.

Rana Mitter

Research Bulletin Board

Research Centre and Programme Announcements

Centre for International Studies (CIS)

Director: Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis and Professor Andrew Hurrell
<http://cis.politics.ox.ac.uk>

- CIS Events

Global Economic Governance Programme (GEG)

Director: Professor Ngaire Woods
<http://www.globaleconomicgovernance.org>

- GEG Events

Oxford-Princeton Global Leaders Fellowship Programme (GLF)

Director: Professor Ngaire Woods
<http://glf.politics.ox.ac.uk>

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

Directors: Professor Jennifer Welsh, Mr Dapo Akande (Faculty of Law) and Dr David Rodin
<http://www.elac.ox.ac.uk>

- ELAC Events

• ELAC is delighted to be co-hosting another series of Tuesday lunchtime seminars with the Changing Character of War Programme in Michaelmas term. Speakers include Professor Sir Adam Roberts (President, British Academy and Emeritus Professor of International Relations, Oxford) on 'International Order and Violent Extremism: Lessons from Sri Lanka', and a special seminar on the relationship between art and war with David Birkin (Artist and Photographer) and Michael Delacruz (Coffey International Development/The Slade School of Fine Art, London).

• The Oxford Humanitarian Group, convened by Dr Hugo Slim (ELAC Senior Research Fellow) is also hosting a number of exciting seminars on the theme of ethics as part of the current Humanitarian Ethics Programme. Dr Slim is also hosting a number of discussion roundtables with NGOs involved in this project, which concludes its current phase at the end of 2012.

• Professor Jennifer Welsh and Dr Serena Sharma have recently been awarded funding from the Australian Civil- Military Centre for the project 'Prevention Toolbox: Systematising Policy Tools for the Prevention of Mass Atrocities'. This will build upon the findings of the recent

ELAC research project 'The Responsibility to Prevent: Developing Targeted and Systemic Strategies' (funded by the Australian Government's Responsibility to Protect fund). For more information please visit:
<http://www.elac.ox.ac.uk/R2P/index.html>

• OUP have recently published *International Law and the Classification of Conflicts*, edited by Elizabeth Wilmshurst (Chatham House). The book resulted out of a project at Chatham House and concluded with a weekend workshop hosted by ELAC in 2011. Dapo Akande has contributed to the book with the chapter, "Classification of Armed Conflicts: Relevant Legal Concepts".

• ELAC is pleased to welcome Dr Nicola Horsburgh from October as British Academy Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Nicola's research focuses on nuclear issues, in particular Chinese approaches to nuclear weapons, as well as ideas of global nuclear order and responsibility. She will be coordinating a new series of ELAC Nuclear Research Seminars to complement ELAC's new research working group (see below).

ELAC has recently established a new Nuclear Research Working Group to examine the challenges of global nuclear governance. This draws on long-standing expertise in international law, norms and ethics within ELAC, as well as diverse country and regional specialisations in DPIP. For more information please visit:
<http://www.elac.ox.ac.uk/nuclear%20research/index.html>

Public Policy Unit (PPU)

Director: Dr Stuart White
Research Director: Professor Iain McLean
<http://ppu.politics.ox.ac.uk>

- PPU Events

Centre for the Study of Social Justice (CSSJ)

Director: Professor Simon Caney
<http://social-justice.politics.ox.ac.uk>

- CSSJ Events

• CSSJ welcomes the following visitors:

- Dr Chris Armstrong, University of Southampton
- Mr Bertrand Cassegrain, University of Geneva
- Dr Alexander Schwartz, Queen's University

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Research Centre and Programme Announcements, continued from page 10

Oxford-Sciences Po Research Group in the Social Sciences (OXPO)

Director: Dr Florence Faucher
<http://oxpo.politics.ox.ac.uk>

- OXPO Events

Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ)

Director: Dr David Levy
<http://reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk>

- RISJ Events
- RISJ welcomes the following visitors:
 - Si Si, China Conservatory, Beijing, China
 - Ms Lara Fielden, RISJ
 - Ms Siân Kevill, MAKE World Media Ltd
 - Prof Lucy Küng, Jönköping International Business School
 - Ms Martha Stone, World Newsmedia Network
 - Mr Tim Suter, Perspective Associates

Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe (MDCEE)

Director: Professor Jan Zielonka
<http://mde.politics.ox.ac.uk>

Events

We are planning a full programme of events for the Michaelmas Term, including hosting a 2-day 'Political Parties in Central Eastern Europe' seminar in Oxford.

- Further details of all forthcoming events will be posted at [MDCEE Events](#)
- MDCEE's Senior Research Fellows have been conducting the project's 3rd year fieldwork during the Trinity term 2012 and the summer. The research team has again visited all the ten countries in Central and Eastern Europe that our study focusses on, conducting in-depth interviews with key political and media stakeholders.

Visiting Fellows

MDCEE is delighted to welcome as new Visiting Fellows for Michaelmas Term 2012:

- Professor Aukšė Balčytienė, (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas)
- Dr Matthew Loveless, (University of Kent)
- Professor Paolo Mancini, (University of Perugia)

Full details of all our previous Visiting Fellows can be found on the project website.

We anticipate another important input to our research agenda from all our proposed visitors during our final year.

Publication

MDCEE Principle Investigator, Professor Jan Zielonka and MDCEE Visiting Fellow, Professor Paolo Mancini have just prepared a special issue of *The International Journal of Press/Politics* (Vol. 17 (4), October 2012) featuring articles from Dr Henrik Örnebring and Dr Václav Šteka of the MDCEE research team. Please see details at:

<http://hij.sagepub.com/content/current>

Anglo-German 'State of the State' Fellowship Programme

Director: Dr Radoslaw Zubek

Please see programme information at:

<http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/index.php/research-projects/anglo-german-project.html>

Oxford Spring School in Quantitative Methods for Social Research

Director: Professor Geoffrey Evans
<http://springschool.politics.ox.ac.uk>

A two day short course titled [Modeling Ordinal Categorical Data](#) was held on 27-28 June 2012. The course tutor was Alan Agresti (University of Florida).

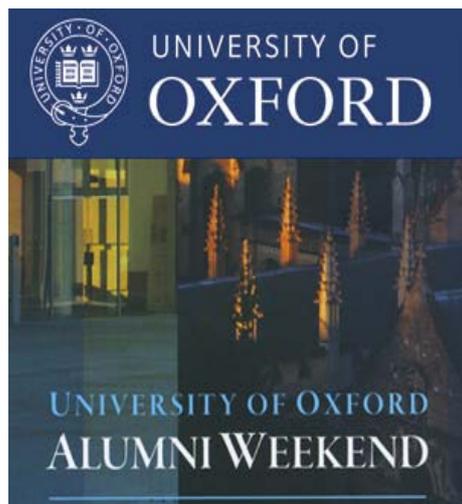
Course materials for all past Spring School courses are available online on the [course archive webpage](#).

Research Funding deadlines

Research funding opportunities are listed on the website at:
<http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/index.php/funding-deadlines/funding-deadlines.html>.

If you would like to apply for any of the schemes, please contact the Research Support Team (<http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/index.php/contact-us/research-support-team.html>) by the dates given in the 'Contact RST by' column.

Alumni Events



DPIR participates in the University Alumni Weekend 2012

The DPIR was represented at the recent University Alumni Weekend on 15 September with three sessions:

- 'The Decline of War?', Neil MacFarlane with Dapo Akande (Chair), Co-Director, Oxford Centre for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict;
- 'Going into Politics? Tales from an Academic in Westminster', Marc Stears with Mark Philp (Chair); and
- 'The constitutional issues surrounding devolution in the UK', Iain McLean in discussion with Will Hutton.

Video and audio podcasts of the last two talks are detailed below. Unfortunately, 'The Decline of War?' wasn't recorded, due to a technical error.

Audio and Video

Video and Audio versions of alumni weekend talks are available at:

<http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/alumni-weekend>

Sessions of interest from the 2012 weekend include:

- **'American election Prospects and Consequences: 2012 and Beyond'** - Dr Nigel Bowles
Director of the Rothermere American Institute Nigel Bowles' intellectual interests lie in American political history and, in particular, in the history of the US Presidency. Click on the links for [audio](#) and [video](#) recordings.
- **'How Hollywood votes and Why it Matters'** - Dr Tim Stanley
Using 2012 as a starting point, Tim Stanley goes back into history and considers the different ways that Hollywood has influenced US elections. Click on the links for [audio](#) and [video](#) recordings.
- **'Party Games: Coalition Government in British Politics'** - Professor Angus Hawkins
Angus Hawkins looks at the history of coalition government in British politics over the past 200 years and discuss some of the constitutional implications of the current Conservative/Liberal Democrat government under David Cameron and Nick Clegg. Click on the links for [audio](#) and [video](#) recordings.
- **'Has the West Had It?'** - Lord Patten of Barnes
In his keynote lecture at Alumni Weekend 2012, Chris Patten attempts to shed light and his particular perspective on whether 'the West has had it'. Click on the links for [audio](#) and [video](#) recordings.
- **'The constitutional issues surrounding devolution in the UK'** - Professor Iain McLean and Will Hutton
Iain McLean and Will Hutton discuss the constitutional issues surrounding devolution in the UK: podcast available shortly and will be announced on the DPIR website
- **'Going into Politics? Tales from an Academic in Westminster'** - Professor Marc Stears and Dr Mark Philp
Marc Stears reflects on his experiences as an academic in Westminster (Chair, Mark Philp): podcast available shortly and will be announced on the DPIR website

Save the date! Inaugural DPIR Alumni Event, 1-2 March 2013

The first DPIR alumni event is scheduled for Friday – Saturday, 1–2 March 2013. The event includes a welcome dinner on the Friday evening, to be held in the Grand Hall of Balliol College, followed on the Saturday by a conference programme of research presentations and discussion sessions reflecting the breadth and scope of our current research activity. This is an exciting opportunity for our DPIR faculty and researchers to welcome alumni into the Department.

Full details will be available shortly, but please contact Kate Candy if you would like more information in the meantime: kate.candy@politics.ox.ac.uk

Politics in Spires blog collaborates with Rothermere American Institute on 'Election 12'

The Politics in Spires blog team is pleased to announce Election 12, in collaboration with the Rothermere American Institute.



Elections 2012 is a forum for academic discussion and debate surrounding the US Presidential, Congressional and local elections. The forum brings together scholars from a range of different fields -- including political science, history, law and literature -- to supplement the horse-race coverage provided by political journalism and to showcase academic research.

Posts on *Elections 2012* are published simultaneously on the RAI website and the Politics in Spires blog. Authors to

date include Jay Sexton (Lecturer in American History and Fellow, Corpus Christi College), Rasmus Kleis Nielsen (Research Fellow, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism and Assistant Professor of Communications, Roskilde University (RUC), Denmark), A. Blake Ewing (DPhil Candidate in Politics and Politics in Spires Graduate Editor) and Kate Brooks (MPhil Candidate in IR and Politics in Spires Graduate Deputy Editor).

Opinions expressed in *Elections 2012*

are those of the authors and not of Oxford or Cambridge Universities. Contributions from DPIR faculty and students are most welcome: to contact the blog editorial team, please write to oxbridge.blog@gmail.com.

If you are interested in contributing to *Politics in Spires* on a subject other than the US Elections, please do get in touch!

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Event Notifications Email

As you know, Department policy specifies that we don't clutter up your inboxes with events notifications: in term time we send one weekly email listing details of events coming up in the following week, duplicating the information on the DPIR website. However, in response to recent concerns raised that we do not publicise upcoming events sufficiently widely within the Department, we have decided to send the events email to everyone in the DPIR, with an option to opt out. You will therefore have received the first email detailing events for week one.

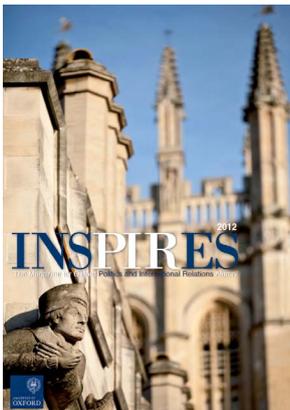
Please note that we need sufficient lead-in time for events to be posted online and therefore to be included in the weekly events email. If you wish for an event to be advertised on the DPIR website please send details by Monday morning of the week before the event is due to take place to events@politics.ox.ac.uk, indicating if it is a Department or non-department event. If event information is sent to us later than this, we cannot guarantee its inclusion in the weekly email, nor will we circulate details of the event outside the weekly email. **If there are any last minute changes to the event (e.g. time or venue, please indicate this in the header of your email (e.g. 'urgent change of time').** Thank you for your help with this.

The Department weekly email is in addition to research centre emails, which circulates recipients within a specific research area.

DPIR Publicity available online

The DPIR has recently published information on a selection of its current research projects in addition to the second issue of the alumni magazine *Inspires* and the *Student Newswire* newsletters. Please click on the images to download. Please let Kate Candy know if you would like a hard copy: kate.candy@politics.ox.ac.uk

Inspires alumni magazine

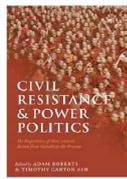


If you have feedback on this edition of *Inspires* or suggestions for content for the 2013 edition, please contact alumni@politics.ox.ac.uk

Showcasing 2012 DPIR research 2012

Civil Resistance and Power Politics: Domestic and International Dimensions

Professor Sir Adam Roberts, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Studies, DPIR and Emerita Fellow, Balliol College; Professor Timothy Garton Ash, Professor of European Studies, Isaiah Berlin Professorial Fellow, St Antony's College and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; and others



Civil resistance
Solidarity movements in Thailand are opening up a road from Communism. The fall of the Berlin Wall. The end of apartheid in South Africa. The US civil rights movement. The toppling of Augusto Pinochet in Chile and of Slobodan Milosevic in Serbia. 'People Power' in the Philippines and Orange Revolution in Ukraine. The Arab Spring of 2011 in Tunisia, Egypt and many other countries in the Middle East and North Africa. What are these transnational and disparate historical developments? How do they compare to the often decisive presence of civil resistance?

This mode of political action has been of enormous importance in the past hundred years and more, yet there has been far too little serious study of many of its aspects – especially its relation to armed power in its various forms. A focus on this phenomenon and its role in international politics challenges the view that only the invention of power by military means can bring about fundamental changes in authoritarian societies: indeed, civil resistance (also called non-violent resistance) is sometimes seen as a truly replacing violence in the capacity of a form of action. However, as is being confirmed by the events in the Arab world since 2011, and most of all by the events in Syria, there is often a complex set of interactions between civil resistance and other dimensions of power – military, economic and ideological.

The project
This ambitious phenomenon is being examined in a unique way in the interdisciplinary Oxford University research project on Civil Resistance and Power Politics: Domestic and International Dimensions. The project, run by a committee of eight Oxford academics, aims first and foremost to raise the academic level of treatment of the subject. It explores the interactions between power in a rigorous and open-minded way, giving a number of hard questions that may often be avoided, and exploring a wide range of relevant historical evidence.

The project commenced in the academic year 2011-12 and is planned to continue until at least August 2013. From the start it involved extensive consultations with numerous colleagues in Oxford, the UK generally, and many other countries. A landmark international conference on 'Civil Resistance and Power Politics' held at St Antony's College in Oxford on 15-16 March 2012.

Further information:
<http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/research/Projects/CRR>

Student Newswire Trinity term 2012



Student Newswire is circulated termly to all DPIR students in week 4 or 5. If you have suggestions for content for the Michaelmas term 2012 issue, please contact Kate Candy.

If you have announcements, notices or suggestions for editorial pieces for Hilary term's issue of *Newswire*, please contact Kate Candy,

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Copy deadline: Noughth week, Hilary term 2013