

# St Antony's College

NEWSLETTER



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## Ralf Dahrendorf Warden of St Antony's 1987 - 1997

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# Warden's Letter

(Photo:  
Greg Smolonski)

As I am writing this Michaelmas Term has just ended. We all, students, Fellows, staff have been saying Phew in our many different languages and asking one another why this past term seems to have been so extraordinarily busy. Yet is it different from any other term? Oxford has merely provided its usual wealth of seminars and lectures, with visiting scholars and distinguished speakers.

St Antony's as always is much engaged with the world and its regions, and this past term we have hosted many and interesting visitors here including, as you will see elsewhere in the Newsletter, Henry Kissinger. The Centres have as usual run their own seminars and this term the Russian and Eurasian Centre joined forces with the European Studies Centre to put on a fascinating series to commemorate the events of 1989 in Europe. I have also arranged a series of informal seminars over lunch where anyone—students, fellows, visitors—can drop by and listen to our resident experts talk about contemporary issues such as the impact of the recent change of government in Japan or the implications of the rise of China for Asia.

Our returning students have come back from their busy summers. Some have worked as interns in Washington, for example, New York or Brussels. Most have been doing research for their theses in what seems like almost every corner of the world: The West Bank, the townships of South Africa, Mumbai, Vancouver, Lima, all have seen St Antony's students collecting their data. I might worry about them as they interview refugees in the Congo or politicians in Georgia if they were not so strikingly practical and competent.

New students, some 170 of them have arrived as well. Some have scholarships such as the Rhodes and the Marshall but many have to finance themselves and that is an increasing burden since

the lid on graduate fees has been lifted. Depending on the course, it can cost up to £15,000 per year to study in Oxford, and that is not including at least another £10,000 for living expenses. This year our new students come from 45 different countries; about one-third are from Europe (in which Oxford at least includes the United Kingdom), one-third from North American, and the rest from around the world. We have more than before from Asia but worryingly few from sub-Saharan Africa. That last is partly a question of the technical difficulties of applying to Oxford on line when there is not good broadband access or facilities for paying by credit card but more importantly of high costs.

The University has as one of its key fundraising goals to increase its scholarships and bursaries to the point where all doctoral students, and perhaps one day masters too, will be fully funded. The Colleges of course share in this goal. St Antony's with its modest endowment has a long way to go but we are sure that with our world-wide network of friends and alumni that we will be able to match the university's efforts in raising funds for this essential task. One encouraging piece of news is that we have already received a benefaction of £600,000 whose interest is designated for student support.

In the past term, the College has also welcomed a rich array of senior visitors among them employees of international institutions such as the World Bank, ambassadors, journalists, and academics. This year our European Studies Centre has for the first time a visiting European Union Fellow, and two from Turkey. Inevitably, and sadly, we have also lost members of our community among them our distinguished Warden Lord Dahrendorf, whose obituary you will find in the Newsletter.

One of our oldest visiting fellowships,

the Horne, celebrated its 40th anniversary this September. Our Honorary Fellow, Sir Alistair Horne and our former Warden, Sir Raymond Carr, set up the Fellowship to encourage writers at early stages of their careers. Horne Fellows are selected on the basis of their ability to write and to explore significant topics in Modern History. Selection committees over the years have done a very good job of spotting promise: former Fellows include Norman Davies, Robert Kee, Redmond O'Hanlon, John Grigg, Michael Ignatieff, and David Gilmour.

Our more permanent Fellows have kept books and articles flowing out. In the past six months, Tim Garton Ash, Robert Service, Archie Brown, Eugene Rogan, Avi Shlaim, Homa Katouzian, and Paul Collier have all published work to acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic. And let me boast a little bit more: Foreign Policy's recent list of the 100 most important global thinkers was dotted with Antonians. Paul Collier and Tariq Ramadan are Fellows; Thomas Friedman and Aung San Suu Kyi are Honorary Fellows; and Michael Ignatieff, Paul Kennedy, Mohammed El Erian and Anwar Ibrahim are all former members.

The University continues to debate its future. Will it be able to keep its unique and highly expensive tutorial system for undergraduates? Ought the balance between undergraduates and graduates, now roughly two-thirds to one-third, shift so that Oxford focuses increasingly on teaching graduate students? How will Humanities and Social Sciences fare in the current climate of cuts to education? (Both, worryingly, are running deficits.) While the University failed to elect a new Professor of Poetry it did succeed in installing a new Vice Chancellor, Andy Hamilton. He will have a big job ahead of him but Oxford, I am sure, will continue to flourish and, within it, so will St Antony's.

*Margaret MacMillan*



*Rt Hon. David Miliband MP (Photo: Rob Judges)*

21 May 2009 - The College welcomed the Foreign Secretary, **David Miliband** MP to College. He was in discussion with St Antony's Senior Associate Member, Dr Hussein Agha, followed by a Q&A with the audience, comprising mostly of students.

Dr Agha has been involved in and advised on Israeli-Palestinian affairs for thirty years and the discussion focused on the Middle East. The Foreign Secretary had come to St Antony's at Dr Agha's invitation but was given no easy ride in front of a packed lecture theatre.

Our honoured guest was relaxed and refreshingly unspun, even deftly handling a question about his own future before steering the discourse back to the Middle East.

## Major events and prominent visitors

17 September 2009 - Mr Ali Babacan, the Deputy Prime Minister and State Minister in charge of Economy of the Republic of Turkey, visited the College. Mr Babacan attended a ceremony, to mark the start of a new cooperation between South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX), St Antony's College and the Turkish Government. Mr Babacan made a short presentation

on Turkey's European orientation and praised Oxford for its academic contribution to Turkish and Ottoman studies. He pointed out that the Turkish government was eager to support high-quality academic input on the study of modern Turkey in Oxford. Within the scope of this new cooperation, two Visiting Fellowships at SEESOX have been created, the first holders being Professor Bulent

Aras and Professor Ayse Kadioglu, for the academic year 2009-10. Other speakers included Dr Othon Anastasakis, Director SEESOX, Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis, Chair SEESOX, Dr Heather Bell, Director of International Strategy in Oxford, Professor Ayse Kadioglu and the Turkish Ambassador in London.



*Visit of Turkish Deputy PM Ali Babacan. (Photo: Rob Judges)*

# Visit of Henry Kissinger



*The Warden, Dr Kissinger, Sir Alistair Horne, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the University & guests (Photo: Rob Judges)*

St Antony's welcomed Dr Henry Kissinger to College on Friday October 16th 2009. The former US Secretary of State was the subject of a recent authorised biography: *Kissinger's Year: 1973* by St Antony's Honorary Fellow Sir Alistair Horne. It was through his and the Warden's invitation that we were fortunate enough to host the Nobel Prize Laureate at St Antony's. A packed lecture theatre included honoured guests Lord Patten of Barnes, the Chancellor of the University, and the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Andrew Hamilton.

Dr Kissinger had agreed, without pre-conditions, to debate a number of challenging topics with the Warden and Sir Alistair, some contemporary and

some pertaining to his time in the Nixon administration, beginning with what Sir Alistair called a "nice gentle subject", the war in Vietnam.

The discussion merged into a Q&A about half way through with questions including: Did you ever actually say that Europe should get a phone number? Was the Ford administration divided over intervention in Angola in 1975? Why did your previous answer on Afghanistan fail to mention Pakistan? As Dr Kissinger wrestled with the questioning, students hastily scribbled possible footnotes for their theses.

Through the debate and the subsequent Q&A, Dr Kissinger was anecdotal and

analytical on a number of contentious topics. He was even comfortable enough to show genuine empathy and self-reproach, in answering Professor Avi Shlaim's criticism that his policy over the Yom Kippur War had gravely neglected Palestinian interests.

Dr Kissinger had experienced much mean-spirited treatment by students at some universities but found intellectual rigour and quiet respect at St Antony's – a reminder of the intelligence and the decent civility of the College.

**R Majumdar**



*The Warden, Dr Kissinger and Sir Alistair Horne (Photo: Rob Judges)*

# RESC Library Launch



*New RESC Library (Photo: Rob Judges)*

15 May 2009 was the date of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre Library launch party, attended by nearly a hundred Antonians and friends of the Centre. The Warden and the RESC director found that the new mezzanine made an excellent platform from which to express our collective thanks to those whose generosity had made the project possible.

In addition to the usual refreshments, we had music and pictures. Rosamund Bartlett organised three fellow cellists to play some Russian and other European pieces.

Avril Pyman kindly made available for exhibition pictures painted by her

late husband, the Russian artist Kirill Sokolov, during the winter of 1989 which they spent on Spetses in a villa owned by Max Hayward, a founding Fellow of the Centre. And it was Max Hayward who played a key role in holding one of the most important international conferences held in the Library, that on Soviet literature in 1962.

The removal of the central shelving blocks and the flexibility of the new furnishings will make it possible for us to have conferences in the Reading Room once again. The attractively light look of the Library has already resulted in a marked increase in the number of regular readers. And we have already begun making out-of-hours use of the

Library for teaching and discussions, so supplementing the facilities of the new seminar room.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the institutional and the individual donors whose generous support made it possible to transform our Library into such a splendid and attractive space, especially the Khordokovsky Foundation and Trustees Alastair Tulloch and Anthony Smith.

For giving us invaluable help in achieving the goals of the first stage of our fundraising campaign, we are enormously grateful to the members of the Campaign Committee:

*Judge William Birtles, Professor Archie Brown, Sir Bryan Cartledge, Lady Ellen Dabrendorf, Mr Geoffrey Elliott, Mr David Hoffman, Dr Tina Jennings, Ms Bridget Kendall, Mr John Lloyd, Mr Paul Newman, Dr Julie Newton, Mr Julian Simmonds, Professor Alfred Stepan, and Dr Tiffany Troxel.*

As we discussed at our meeting in February, we shall now concentrate on moving forward with the second stage of the campaign which focuses on raising funds for new Research Fellowships to strengthen our work on cultural studies and deepen our coverage of Ukraine, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

**Alex Pravda**



*Alastair Tulloch, Alex Pravda and Anthony Smith (Photo: Rob Judges)*

# Obituary - Ralf Dahrendorf



It was with shock and sorrow that we learned on 18 June, 2009 that Ralf Dahrendorf had died the previous day. Less than two months earlier we had been delighted to celebrate Lord Dahrendorf's 80th birthday with a colloquium in the College Lecture Theatre organised by Professor Timothy Garton Ash. A capacity audience heard tributes to Ralf, and reflections on his contribution to scholarship and politics, from Professor Jürgen Habermas, Professor Fritz Stern and Professor Garton Ash, who chaired the meeting. There were many spontaneous tributes paid to Lord Dahrendorf from the floor, as well as a lively discussion ranging from the democratic legitimation of European institutions to the role of universities in defending a free society. Ralf responded to the debate with typically acute and thought-provoking comments, as well as paying a moving tribute to the speakers and to the College. The occasion was followed by a very large celebratory High Table which culminated in a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday to You'. We were all moved by the fact that, although evidently not in the best of health, Lord Dahrendorf, accompanied by his wife, had come to Oxford to celebrate such an important birthday. With hindsight it is evident that we had been vouchsafed an opportunity to say goodbye to him, and for that we are all grateful.

Ralf Dahrendorf's first documented contact with St Antony's was in 1975, when he was elected to a Supernumerary Fellowship, which he held until 1978, having delivered the Cyril Foster Lecture in 1976. When, nearly ten years later, the College came to elect the successor to Raymond Carr as Warden, it was fortunate to be able to choose from a very strong field of candidates, and Ralf Dahrendorf was

among them. In his case it was evident that, if the College had drawn up an identikit profile of its optimal Warden, it could hardly have hoped to find anybody which fitted it more exactly. He was a distinguished Professor of Sociology with an awesome publication record, who entered politics and obtained a ministerial post in the German Foreign Office and was then appointed a European Commissioner.

Despite having distinguished himself in that position, he left Germany to become an outstandingly successful Director of the London School of Economics, where he had been a graduate student. When he retired from the LSE, the Chairman of the Governors, Huw Weldon, described him as the most popular German in Britain since Prince Albert. He was in demand throughout the Western World as a visiting professor and could easily have obtained a permanent chair in the USA. He was duly elected Warden of St. Antony's and took up his post in October 1987.

It might have been supposed that, with such a range of academic and political interests, Ralf would be a rather distant figure as Warden. The contrary was the case. In the words of the College History: '...he threw himself into the Wardenship with verve. Although prominent in politics – he was made a member of the House of Lords in 1993, a role he took seriously – he never neglected the college, sitting on most of its committees and leading from the front. His prominence in the world outside raised the college's profile. As statesman and scholar, he was a fitting symbol of what makes St Antony's such a stimulating and exciting place... His skill and ease as a host, combined with the warmth of his wife Ellen, was commented on by many visitors. He acted as a magnet for scholars from all over the world.' In Lord Dahrendorf's own report on the ten years he spent in the College, he wrote: 'I have never had the slightest doubt that my priority was to increase the range of activities at St Antony's, to draw in more academics as well as members who would not emerge from the 'normal' faculty process, to increase the number of countries studied and represented, to establish relations with private and public bodies both nationally and internationally.'

Dahrendorf was always keen to involve the College in international activity, and in particular in European debates. One of his most successful ventures in this

respect was the Pontignano Conference he established in 1993 in partnership with the University of Siena. Held annually in the beautiful surroundings of a former monastery a few miles from Siena, the conference was a meeting between politicians, academics, business people and journalists. It established itself within six years as a major Anglo-Italian political forum focussing on the future of Europe from an Anglo-Italian perspective.

When Dahrendorf took up office as Warden in October 1987 the University of Oxford had recently undergone severe retrenchment in staffing. Universities throughout the country were cutting recruitment. It was expected that in this climate the St Antony's Fellowship would also shrink. But well before he retired, Dahrendorf could point to an expanded and rejuvenated Governing Body; more than half its members had been appointed since his own election. The fact that Dahrendorf took care to play a role in the University's administration also redounded to the College's benefit; he was a respected member of the Hebdomadal Council from 1988 until his retirement. Although financial restraints made it difficult to increase the number of buildings within the College grounds, in 1991 the erection of the Nissan Institute for Japanese Studies not only created an admirable physical base for the study of modern Japan, it also provided the College with a much-needed modern lecture room. Dahrendorf also planned to build another large building to house more students within the College grounds and to provide more seminar rooms. Although it was not possible to implement these plans at that time owing to financial constraints, the Founder's Building, was subsequently constructed under Dahrendorf's successor and has proved a great success.

All this intensive College activity did not prevent Ralf Dahrendorf from pursuing his academic interests. He demonstrated his skills as an historian with *LSE: a history of the London School of Economics and Political Science*, published by Oxford University Press in 1995. He also continued to publish important books and articles defending individual freedom and civil society against populist egalitarianism. In 1988 he was awarded the Toynbee Prize, and in 1992 the Agnelli prize.

After the collapse of Soviet domination east of the Elbe, he was determined to support the establishment of a genuinely liberal political culture in an area he

regarded as belonging to Western Europe. It was symptomatic that he firmly renamed the College's West European Studies Centre as the 'European Studies Centre', thus signalling the end of the Cold War division of Europe.

His concern for the freedom of Europeans under Soviet control had already been made manifest in his commitment to the Central and East European Publishing Project (CEEPP), designed to further independent central and east European publishing and translations from books and journals written in the languages of that region. Dahrendorf was himself a trustee of the Ford Foundation – one of several Foundations willing to support the project - and he chaired the international committee which set CEEPP up in March 1986. For the next eight years the project encouraged what Dahrendorf referred to as a 'common market of the mind' in Europe. This meant 'a marketplace in the old liberal sense, the place where ideas were exchanged, and where by their exchange they generate new ideas'. Initially this was an enterprise fraught with hazards. Subsidies to culturally worthy publications – whether underground or tolerated by the communist regimes – often had to be smuggled to their recipients in CEEPP members' luggage. Once the Iron Curtain had collapsed in 1989/90, CEEPP was instrumental in providing funds and expertise for the new generation of liberated intellectuals, who found themselves faced with unfamiliar problems in a commercial world of which they had little experience.

Last but not least, Dahrendorf began to play a much more prominent role in British politics. He had already been an honorary KBE in 1982, and in 1988 he took British nationality, thus enabling him to become Sir Ralf Dahrendorf. In 1993 he was appointed to the House of Lords and showed his commitment to the liberal cause by taking the Liberal Democrat Whip. During his period at St. Antony's he was an important figure in Liberal Democrat circles, even if he later decided

to become a cross-bencher. He became Chairman of the Select Committee of the European Communities in the House of Lords.

Ralf Dahrendorf was born in Hamburg on 1 May 1929, the son of a prominent Social Democrat, Gustav Dahrendorf. Shortly thereafter, Gustav and his family moved to Berlin. In July 1943 all four of Ralf's grandparents perished in British air raids on Hamburg. His father was arrested in 1944 on suspicion of involvement in the plot to kill Hitler, and Ralf himself was sent to a concentration camp near Berlin for participating in a discussion group organised by an anti-Nazi teacher. The advance of the Red Army enabled him to regain his freedom. His father was at first inclined to work with the Soviet administration but soon changed his mind and was able, with British help, to get himself and his family flown to safety in Hamburg. Once there, Ralf got to know leading officials in the British Control Commission, including Noel Annan and Robert Birley. In 1947 he began to study philosophy and classics at Hamburg University and completed his doctoral dissertation at the age of twenty-two. In 1952 he arrived in the Sociology Department at the London School of Economics, where he completed a PhD on the nature of the unskilled labour force, marking a shift in his interests from philosophy to sociology.

He made rapid progress in German academic life and, after professorships in Hamburg and Tübingen, he was involved in the foundation of the new University of Konstanz. This was an attempt to re-import the principles of Wilhelm von Humboldt into German universities from the USA, where it was thought that they informed American Graduate Schools. Ralf Dahrendorf was himself an admirer of American graduate schools and remained so throughout his career. Early in 1966 he was commissioned by the government of Baden-Württemberg to draw up a comprehensive plan for Universities in that state. In March 1966

he was elected one of the first seven professors of the new University of Konstanz, and retained the right to return to this post, despite the fact that he had become an active politician in the Free Democratic Party. He was elected to the State legislature of Baden-Württemberg and then to the Federal Parliament, the Bundestag. With the victory of the Social/Liberal coalition in the autumn of 1969 he began a career that would lead him to Bonn, Brussels, London and eventually to Oxford.

By the time Lord Dahrendorf retired from St Antony's it was recorded that he had twenty-three honorary doctorates, awarded by universities in Britain, Ireland, France, Belgium, Italy, Malta, Israel, Canada, the USA and Argentina. Seven countries, including Britain and Germany, had bestowed high honours upon him. His obituary in *The Times* noted that he would be remembered, on the one hand, as an internationally renowned thinker whose achievements were recognised by decorations and honorary degrees from a great number of countries, and on the other as a 'German-turned-Briton' whose contributions to British thinking on social affairs, as a BBC Reith Lecturer, television commentator and parliamentarian, were 'arguably greater than those of any German since Bismarck's ideas shaped the social policy of Lloyd George.' The comparison with Bismarck is perhaps unfortunate, since Ralf Dahrendorf's view of society was quite different from that of the Iron Chancellor, but the claims made for his benevolent impact on his adopted country are unquestionably justified. In St. Antony's we remember him as a splendid Warden and a kindly, decent man with whom it was a privilege to work.

Ralf Dahrendorf died on 17 June 2009. Our condolences go to his third wife, Christiane, and his family.

**AJ Nicholls**  
**Emeritus Fellow**



*Lord and Lady Dahrendorf with Ralf's daughters Nicola and Daphne at St Antony's - May 1 2009*  
(Photo: Rob Judges)

# GCR President's Report



Autumn is an odd season in Oxford, marked by a confluence of the old and the new. The academic year begins, and new students infuse the college with a fresh sense of vitality, initiating a flurry of both scholarly and extracurricular activity. However, as novice rowers take to the Thames, as the latest batch of split-infinitive pedants descend upon STAIR editorial meetings, as campaign posters go up around college for prospective GCR officers, the leaves outside are turning, the days shortening, the mercury dropping. Although the late autumnal chill marks the end of the calendar year, within the college curtilage this is only the end of a new beginning for 181 freshly minted Antonians.

Although this cycle repeats itself annually, there is nothing routine about life in St Antony's. This Michaelmas term has been no different. Freshly jet-lagged on my return from a summer climbing trees in Montreal as a 'branch manager'

for my brother's arborist business, I was asked if I'd care to greet Henry Kissinger on his low-profile visit to take part in a panel discussion in college on 16 October. Regardless of one's politics, to be given an opportunity of this type is a privilege, one too easily taken for granted in the extraordinary environment specific to St Antony's. Having just stepped off a flight from a summer in 'the real world', the incongruity (I was still shedding sawdust from my last day of work) as the Development Office explained the logistics for the event, couldn't but strike me as anything except a ludicrous change of gear. 'Ah yes, I am back in Oxford, aren't I?' That much was certain. For this simply doesn't happen anywhere else. The peculiar nature of St Antony's manifests itself in ways that never cease to be startling, and remain, quite possibly, unique.

One thing that is inarguable is that the term has flown by. The 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall has come and gone, an event not lost on a college which boasts such an active European community and which plays host to the European Studies Centre. The lectures and seminars organised to mark the milestone were well attended by both current and former Antonians.

Competing for prominence on the student calendar was the annual Hallo'queen 'bop', which featured at least one Sarah Palin impersonator who shall remain nameless. With queues around the block, the bop lived up to its reputation as a social mainstay and financial boon to the GCR. Freshers' week was also a smoothly-run success in early October, with special kudos due to Christine Murphy, Nalini Biggs and Chana Hoffmiz in particular.

The GCR-funded college gym has seen an overhaul in time for Christmas, thanks to the work in procuring new equipment by Aaron 'the rock' Rock, and it is now in the process of being equipped for those who actually want to break a sweat when using both fixed and free weights. An agreement has also been reached with the college to trial 24-hour access to the CCR, and the GCR has made progress towards establishing an online maintenance reporting system.

The term also saw the inaugural 'Warden's chats', for which the Warden invites various public or otherwise influential figures to talk informally with the student body. This term saw the director of DFID speak one week, closely followed by the ITN anchor, Jon Snow, who somehow managed to divert attention from his trademark striped tie by dint of his extraordinary abilities as a raconteur, the highlight – worth noting here - being his account of single-handedly rescuing the crew of a merchant vessel from crossfire during the Iran-Iraq war. The events were well attended, and have set a happy precedent. Future 'chats' will no doubt be just as hotly anticipated.

As the term winds to a close, the incumbent GCR executive and officers hand over the reins of 'power' to the newly elected committee. This is therefore an appropriate forum through which to thank everyone for all the hard-work in greasing the axles of college life in 2009. It has been an interesting year – memorable in particular for both some moderate progress on issues of relevance to the GCR, and immoderate support of the Late Bar.

**Calum TM Nicholson**  
**GCR President 2009**

## The Chihuahuas

'The Chihuahuas' [St Antony's/Wolfson's football team] did the College proud on Tuesday 26th May by decisively winning the 5-a-side women's Cuppers tournament to round off a very successful season in the First Division. They won three consecutive matches (6-3, 4-0, 2-0), including beating the 11-a-side Cuppers winners by 4-0. Hard work, and a much deserved victory.



# New Governing Body Fellows



**Faisal Devji** is University Reader in Indian History. He has held faculty positions at the New School in New York, Yale University and the University of Chicago, from where he also received his PhD in Intellectual History. Devji was Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows, Harvard University, and Head of Graduate Studies at the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London, from where he directed post-graduate courses in the Near East and Central Asia. He sits on the editorial board of the journal *Public Culture*. Devji is the author of two books, *Landscapes of the Jihad: Militancy, Morality, Modernity* (2005), and *The Terrorist in Search of Humanity: Militant Islam and Global Politics* (2008), and is currently writing a book on the emergence of Muslim politics and the founding of Pakistan. His larger interests have to do with the possibilities of non-violence and the work of Mahatma Gandhi.



**Tariq Ramadan** was appointed to the newly created Islamic Studies Chair at Oxford University on September 1st 2009 and joined the Governing Body at St Antony's at the beginning of the following Michaelmas Term. He had spent the previous four years at St Antony's first as a Visiting Fellow and later as a Research Fellow. He is an internationally recognized scholar and was recently named by Foreign Policy Magazine in their first list of the 100 top global thinkers. He is among the leading Islamic thinkers in the West and has a large following around the world. His latest book *What I Believe* has just been published by Oxford University Press.

## Farewell to Chef

### Mark Walker departs after an extraordinary and dedicated 37 years

Mark Walker has made such an outstanding contribution to the College over his many years as Chef that I would love to claim some credit. What I can say is that in the early 1970s, not so very long after I arrived at St Antony's as a Fellow in 1971, a young man approached me as I was leaving the Hilda Besse Building and asked me if I could direct him to the Chef. This was Mark – on his way to an interview with the then Chef for a job in his team. Within a remarkably short time Mark was *the* Chef, and the rest is history.

Although I did retrace my steps and showed Mark where the kitchen was – he doesn't remember this, but I promise it happened – my claim to any credit in his appointment is bogus. Anyone who has the organisational skills to cope with the unpredictable numbers of students and senior members who lunch or dine at common table in College – not to mention High Tables which, at quite short notice, can become meals for eighty rather than eight people – would certainly have found his way to the reigning Chef unaided.

We have been extraordinarily fortunate to have had Mark as Chef for so long. The quality of the meals at St Antony's is the envy of many other Colleges. Moreover, Mark has never stood still. He has broadened his own culinary horizons and those of the rest of us. We shall remember with pleasure not only the quality of the lunches and dinners for which he has been responsible, but his friendly presence. And in spite of all the pressures of the job – which at times can involve cooking for presidents and prime ministers and their entourages who may arrive in hall far later than they should – he still looks like a young man after all these years.

#### Archie Brown

Mark Walker has been a pillar of the College community and we shall all miss him. He was promoted from within the kitchen staff and became an ideal Chef for a College like St Antony's, paying due attention to the attractiveness and nutritional value of food for students whilst satisfying the more exotic tastes of the senior members. To a generation like mine, which could recall such culinary curiosities in the late 1950s as

fried eggs on crumpets, his accession to supreme power in the kitchen was an unmixed blessing. My own fondest memories are of what might be called his 'signature dish' of Beef Wellington, and his soups. The latter were always of far higher standard than one usually expects in this country, which has become something of a desert region for soup-lovers. So far as the important necessity to entertain visiting VIP's was concerned, I often had to confront him with rather sudden requests for special meals for foreign guests, and he never let me down. I also have happy memories of Mark's and his family's tenure of the old flat in the European Studies Centre in No. 70 Woodstock Road. Mark is a fine gardener, and we benefited from a delightful array of potted plants during his period there.

Unfortunately for us, he duly moved on to his own house and garden, and we never quite recovered the floral paradise he provided for us.

#### AJ Nicholls

# John Campbell - Obituary

John Campbell, one of St Antony's pioneers, died on 5 September at the age of 86. His long association with the St Antony's began when he was elected in 1958 to a research fellowship at the College and lasted until his retirement in 1990.

In 1962 he was given leave of absence for a year to direct the newly established Social Sciences Centre in Athens. This gave him a useful insight into the byzantine ways of Greek bureaucracy and led to an association with Andreas Papandreou, the economist who headed the sister Centre of Economic Research, and who was subsequently to become prime minister

Returning to Oxford John was, between 1966 and 1973, university lecturer in modern Balkan history and held a series of key offices in the college, becoming admissions tutor, senior tutor and sub-warden.

In his thirty-two years at the College he supervised over thirty DPhil theses in anthropology and history, most of them related to Greece. Primarily an anthropologist, he was also a first rate historian, whose historical work was informed by his pioneering anthropological researches in Greece. He was one of the first, if not the first, social anthropologist to work in Greece.

War service had taken him to North Africa, Italy, where he was seriously wounded, and Greece, which began a long connection with the country. Returning to Cambridge after the war, he resumed his studies, at that time in economics, at Pembroke College. These were again interrupted when he was struck down by

tuberculosis. This led to a year in hospital in Britain, followed by a year in a Swiss sanatorium, where he met his future wife, Sheila, a fellow patient.

When he eventually returned to Cambridge, he switched from economics to anthropology. His doctoral research was carried out in Oxford under the supervision of J.G. Peristiany, the Cypriot anthropologist. This took him to a remote part of northern Greece, a region devastated by a brutal Axis occupation followed by a savage civil war. His field work in 1954 and 1955 centred on the Sarakatsani, transhumant shepherds who pastured their flocks in the mountains in the summer and in the lowlands during the winter. He was accompanied by Sheila, who played an important role in enabling John to penetrate the extreme reticence and modesty of Sarakatsani womenfolk.

Working near the sensitive frontier with Albania just as the struggle for the *enosis*, or union, of Cyprus with the Greek kingdom was creating serious problems in relations between Greece and Britain, led to problems for John and Sheila. Allegations were made that their field work was a cover for surveying potential dropping zones for British parachutists. Given the unwarranted belief that existed among many Greeks in the omnipotence and omniscience of the (British) 'Intelligence Service' it was not perhaps surprising that the army ordered their removal 'for their own safety' from the mountains of Zagori, amid accusations that they had insulted Archbishop Makarios, the leader of the Cypriot independence movement. They were eventually, however, able to resume their field work.

This resulted in the publication of *Honour, Family and Patronage: A Study of Institutions and Moral Values in a Greek Mountain Community*, published by the Clarendon Press in 1964. Hitherto anthropologists had tended to carry out research on communities in the developing world, and, particularly in the case of British anthropologists, on the ethnography of Africa. *Honour, Family and Patronage* highlighted the values of honour and pride among the Sarakatsani, a desperately poor group on the margins of Greek society. The emphasis which John placed on the salience of kinship and patronage and on the antagonism that existed between those deemed to be 'our own people' and strangers had a more general resonance in the understanding of Greek society.

John's field work and his first hand experience of Greek bureaucracy as director of the Social Sciences Centre informed the volume on 'Modern Greece' that he wrote with Philip Sherrard, which appeared in the Benn's *Nations of the Modern World* series in 1968. After forty years it remains one of the best and best-written introductions to Greek history and society.

A modest man, John was devoted to his family. He is survived by Sheila and three daughters, Sarah, Fiona and Alexandra, and six grandchildren. He had a great affection for St Antony's and, in an association with lasted over thirty years, he contributed much to make the College the intellectually stimulating and welcoming institution that it is.

**Richard Clogg**  
Emeritus Fellow

## Publications by Current Members

**Ali Allawi** (SAM)  
*The Crisis of Islamic Civilization*  
(Yale University Press 2009)

**Jean-Pascal Daloz** (Senior Member)  
*The Sociology of Elite Distinction: From Theoretical to Comparative Perspectives*  
(Palgrave Macmillan 2009)

**Timothy Garton Ash**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*Facts are Subversive: Political Writing from a Decade Without a Name*  
(Atlantic Books 2009)

**Ekaterina Hertog**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*Tough Choices: Bearing an Illegitimate Child in Japan*  
(Stanford University Press 2009)

**Tariq Ramadan**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*What I Believe*  
(OUP USA 2009)

**Philip Robins**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*The Middle East: A Beginner's Guide*  
(Oneworld Publications 2009)

**Eugene Rogan**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*The Arabs: A History*  
(Allen Lane 2009)

**Robert Service**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*Trotsky: A Biography*  
(Macmillan 2009)

**Avi Shlaim**  
(Governing Body Fellow)  
*Israel & Palestine Reappraisals, Revisions, Refutations*  
(Verso 2009)

# International Politics Summer School



St Antony's launched a new programme in the summer of 2009: the Summer School in International Politics, aimed at graduate and senior undergraduate students, professionals in the field of international politics, teachers and academics. The first school recruited 48 students from North America and Latin America, Scandinavia, East, West and Southern Europe and East Asia.

The programme, led by Dr Paul Chaisty of the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre, focussed on 4 regions: Russia and the former Soviet Union, Africa, China and

the Middle East. Amongst the academic staff, we had world-renowned academics such as Professor Archie Brown (best known for *The Gorbachev Factor* and *Seven Years that Changed the World: Perestroika in Perspective*) and Professor Fred Lawson (*Constructing International Relations in the Arab World*) and topics covered included Dr Jeevan Deol "From Al-Qaeda to the Neo-Taliban: the evolution of Jihadi Thought in the South Asian Context" and Dr Terry O'Shaughnessy "The Global Financial Crisis: how bad will it get?"

Student feedback was strong and the

participants were impressed by the high standard of teaching and lecturing. This good impression has encouraged a number of participants to apply for graduate study and Oxford and St Antony's in particular. The programme for 2010 is now on the College and University's websites and we are ready to register new participants.

If you would be interested or think you know people who would be interested in attending, please visit the College website at

<http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/InternationalPolitics.pdf>

## St Antony's Summer Ball



St. Antony's 2009 Summer Ball, 'Venetian Masquerade', was held on 6 June, where 450 guests donning masks arrived at the Hilda Besse greeted with a champagne reception. The dinner was accompanied by a delicate harpist and the opening act was a spirited Latin dance performance by the Oxford's University Dancesport Club. The first floor lounge hosted a vibrant Cuban band until the early hours, while the upstairs hall featured two famous London DJs. The Hilda Besse was transformed into a modern Italian style lounge with a flowing chocolate fountain and live portrait artists to keep guests busy. A sheesha den outside provided a perfect escape for conversations and good company.

For the first time ever, the famed Ali's Kebab van fulfilled the fantasy of every Antonian by providing midnight snacks on site including favourites such as chicken, chips and cheese. Following the Ball, £100 was donated to the Ball's charity of choice, the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Ball committee was chaired by Zorana Alimpic, who was supported by Dara Macdonald, Dawn Berry, Katie Dunn, Karlin Younger, Carmen Navarro, Andrew Littlejohn, Adrienne Montgobert, Milos Damnjanovic, Chana Hoffmitz and Diarmuid Torney.

# Sudan Conference



## Sudan Programme

International Conference on:

*“Sudan: Four Years of Implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement*

Saturday 13th June 2009

Since the establishment of the Sudan Programme in 2002 and more particularly since the signing in 2005 of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) between Government of Sudan and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) to end the 22 years of civil war in southern Sudan, the Sudan Programme has organised a number of conferences and talks on the causes of the conflict and the peace initiatives and on the ongoing conflict in Darfur. These meetings have provided an opportunity for the speakers and participants to engage in a constructive dialogue regarding the future of their country.

The recent conference held in June and chaired by the organisers of the programme (Ahmed Al-Shahi and Bona Malwal) was deemed necessary to assess the progress and the shortcomings in the implementation of the protocols that were signed between the SPLM and the National Congress Party (NCP), representing the Government of Sudan. Central to these protocols are the provisions made for sharing power and wealth and until now these provisions have been adhered to by both parties. The conference was

opened by Dr Eugene Rogan, Director of the Middle East Centre, and he was followed by the three main speakers: Sir Derek Plumbly (Chairman, Assessment and Evaluation Commission of the CPA), Cdr. Pagan Amum (Secretary-General of the SPLM) and Dr Taj Al-Sirr Mahjoub (representing the NCP and State Minister at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs, Government of Sudan).

The three speakers gave their views on the current position of the implementation of the CPA and the problems which have arisen in this implementation. Though progress has been slow, there are positive achievements: the ending of the civil war in the south; the establishment of the Government of Southern Sudan; the sharing of oil revenues; the participation of the southern Sudanese in the formation of the Government of National Unity and the appointment of the President of the SPLM as the first Vice-President of the Republic. Equally they highlighted the shortcomings: the slow progress in establishing civic institutions in the south; the conflict within the southern leadership; corruption; the negative impact of tribalism in the politics of the south and the hitherto unresolved issue of the boundaries of Abyei in view of its importance in oil production and its location on the border between the north and south. The conflict in Darfur has resulted in the relocation of resources from the south and central government, and external donors need to contribute to help the peace process. Some of the shortcomings were attributed to southern

Sudan leadership and others to outside interference. During the two sessions of questions and answers, the participants have expressed concerns that unless some effective measures are introduced the CPA will be in jeopardy.

The delayed national elections in the country and the referendum on self-determination in the south to be held in 2011, to determine whether the south wants to be part of Sudan or to establish a new state, were portrayed as crucial to the peace process. Since the referendum is an integral protocol of the CPA there is no going back on its implementation and delay in holding the national elections and the referendum could have negative political consequences.

The discussion throughout the day was lively and the engagement with the speakers was meaningful and beneficial in that it brought clarity as to the position of the Government of Sudan and the SPLM. It was deemed necessary that a meeting to discuss the linkage between national elections and the referendum on self-determination should be held. This will be the theme of the next conference to be held at the end of October in which two prominent independent lawyers from the north and south will be leading the discussion on the above issues.

**Ahmed Al-Shahi**  
**Research Fellow, Sudan Programme**

# Libya Conference



On 25-27 September 2009 the Middle East Centre at St. Antony's College hosted the international conference entitled "Libya: legacy of the past, prospect for the future". The conference was funded by the John Fell Fund OUP, the Society for Libyan Studies, the American Institute for Maghrib Studies, the Royal Historical Society and Maison Francaise. A large number of academics and practitioners from over 10 countries including Libya, US, Tunisia, Egypt, Italy, France, Switzerland attended the conference. The presence of key international experts on Libya including

Professor Lisa Anderson, Professor Dirk Vandewalle, Professor George Joffè, Ronald Bruce St John as well as representatives from the Libyan News Agency, Jana, the British government, the Libyan opposition and Human Rights Watch enabled a critical and lively discussion.

The issues addressed included Libya's legacy of the past, the ideological transformations since the revolution in 1969, Libya's rehabilitation in the international community and the domestic challenges faced by Libya today. The

diverse and empirically rich presentations reflected upon the distinctive nature of the economic, political, social predicament of Libya today. Most of the papers presented will be published as part of two volumes with Hurst/Columbia and Routledge.

**Emanuela Paoletti**

## Honorary Fellow meets with the Pontiff



November 21 2009. **Foulath Hadid**, St Antony's Honorary Fellow and his sister **Zaha Hadid**, the world renowned architect (pictured left) attended a meeting with Pope Benedict XVI at the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City. They were among 250 artists invited by the Pontiff to discuss the alliance of art and church, while encouraging other artists to infuse spirituality in their work. Zaha Hadid, aside from being a highly respected professional, is also the architect of the new Softbridge Building planned for the Middle East Centre at St Antony's.

# Sheikh Zayed Book Award Lecture



(Photo: Rob Judges)

The Middle East Centre hosted its inaugural Sheikh Zayed Book Award Lecture on Thursday 5 November 2009, with a lecture by the prize-winning Egyptian novelist Gamal al-Ghitani.

The Sheikh Zayed Book Award (SZBA) was established in 2007 to encourage excellence in Arabic letters. The prize is awarded in Abu Dhabi each year in as many as eight different categories: literature, a young author's prize, fine arts, children's literature, translation, the social sciences, a prize for the best publishing house, and the cultural personality of the year.

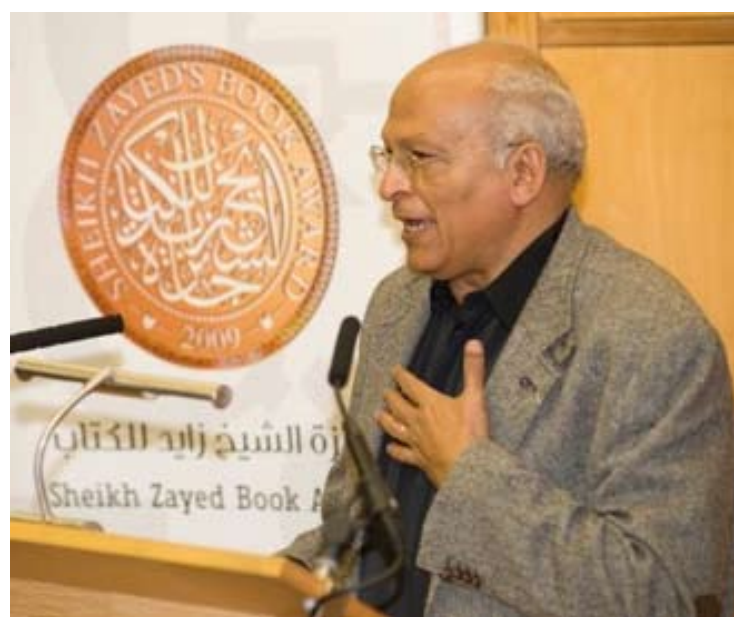
Prize-winners in the first three years of the award have hailed from across the Arab world – from North Africa through the Middle East and the Arabian Peninsula. As such, the SZBA has emerged as one of the most prestigious literary prizes in Arab letters. Moreover, the SZBA has honoured non-Arabs who have been particularly influential in promoting Arab culture abroad, such as the British translator Denys Johnson Davies, and the Spaniard Pedro Martinez Montavez, both of whom were named "Cultural Personality of the Year."

Gamal al-Ghitani was awarded the 2009 SZBA in literature for his novel *Ren* (Cairo, 2009). Born in rural Egypt in 1945, Ghitani is one of Egypt's most respected journalists, editors and novelists. He served as a war correspondent for the Egyptian daily *Akbar al-Yaum*, and is the founder and editor-in-chief of the leading literary magazine, *Akbar al-Adab*. He delivered his lecture in Arabic with simultaneous translation, on the state of creative writing in the Arab world today.

The lecture was attended by a distinguished audience, combining the Arab diplomatic corps, representatives of the SZBA from Abu Dhabi, scholars of modern Arabic literature from across the UK, in addition to the Oxford audience of faculty, students and general public.

The Middle East Centre welcomes this partnership with the SZBA as a means to promote greater knowledge of modern Arabic literature and Arab culture more generally. This follows in the tradition established by Dr Mustafa Badawi, who was singled out by Gamal al-Ghitani in his lecture for his role in making Oxford a centre for the study of modern Arabic literature. The Centre hopes to make this lecture an annual event each Trinity Term, following the prize-giving ceremony in Abu Dhabi which is held in March.

## Eugene Rogan



Gamal al-Ghitani

(Photo: Rob Judges)

# News of Old Antonians

## **Karl Hufbauer** (°59)

Retired 1999; has taken up stone sculpting; still doing some research and writing in history of science

## **Aaron Sloman** (°60)

Although officially retired continues to do research full time, still linking Philosophy, Artificial Intelligence, Cognitive Science, Biology, Evolution, Development, and Robotics. Talks given are listed here: <http://www.cs.bham.ac.uk/~axs/talks.html>. The ideas about learning and development are potentially very relevant to educational policies (e.g. how to teach mathematics).

## **Miklos Veto** (°60)

Has a new publication: *Nouvelles Etudes sur l'Idéalisme Allemand* (Paris, L'Harmattan, L'ouverture Philosophique, 2009).

## **Yoshiyasu Mizuno** (°80)

Assigned to the post of Adviser for Industrial Development, working for the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Marketing since 2008.

**Anne Lonsdale** (SCR 1981-2005) has retired as President of New Hall, Cambridge, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. She is now chair of the Board of Camfed International, a campaign for female education in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania and Malawi; the Honorary Secretary of the national Committee for Assistance to Refugee Academics (CARA), and Trustees of the European Humanities University, closed by the President of Belarus in 2005 and reopened in Vilnius at the invitation of the Lithuanian Government.

## **Juliet Landau-Pope** (°85)

Recently qualified as a certified professional co-active coach (CPCC) at the Coaches Training Institute. Based in London, she coaches individuals and groups to define goals, overcome procrastination and develop motivation.

## **Carla Thorson** (°85)

Is currently Vice President of Public Program at the World Affairs Council of Northern California in San Francisco

## **Olufemi Vaughan** (°85)

Was appointed Geoffrey Canada Professor of History & African Studies, and Director, African Studies Program at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine in January 2008.

## **Gopal Sreenivasan** (°86)

Moved to Durham, North Carolina in 2008, where he is now Crown Professor of Ethics at Duke University. He and his wife, Jennifer Hawkins, welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Janaki, shortly thereafter on 30 September 2008.

## **Jonathan Becker** (°87)

Is an Associate Professor of Political Studies at Bard College where he also serves as Dean of International Studies/ Associate Dean of College. Among other things, he oversees dual degree projects with St. Petersburg State University, Russia (Smolny College), Al-Quds University, Palestine, and the American University in Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan).

## **Erica Benner** (°87)

Her latest publication is now available: *Machiavelli's Ethics* - Erica Benner ISBN: 978-1-4008-3184-5

## **Robert Chenciner** (°87)

Curated and wrote the catalogue for the exhibition 'Carved and Coloured Village Art from Tsarist Lands', at Pushkin House Bloomsbury, during June-July 2009 with exhibits from Western Siberia, Ukraine, Abramtsevo and Daghestan.

He also wrote a chapter on Chechen refugees settling-in for the Austrian Government's Chechens in the European Union, 2008.

## **Adela Martinez** (°87)

Left United Nations in 2008, for one year sabbatical to do some consultancy in oil and energy for Petrovengroup in Panama. She plans to resume work with United Nations in the area of Humanitarian Affairs within any field mission peacekeeping in 2010. Met and married while posted with United Nations in Baghdad, Iraq during 1999-2003 Dr Moustafa Darwish from Egypt. Currently resides in USA.

## **Isagani Cruz** (°88)

Had his *\*Bukod na Bukod: Mga Piling Sanaysay\** [\*The Other Other: Selected Essays\*] (2003) chosen by the University of the Philippines Press as one of its best publications of the last hundred years.

## **Marta Dyczok** (°88)

Marta Dyczok and Oxana Gaman-Golutvina (eds.) *Media, Democracy and Freedom. The Post Communist Experience* (Peter Lang, 2009)

This volume brings together papers from an international group of scholars from various disciplines who, 'explore the complex relations between media, society, and the state, in this region over the past twenty years, and present theoretical arguments which challenge dominant views.'

## **Igor Kostikov** (°88)

Is Dep Dean, Russian State Academy of Civil Service at the President of Russian Federation

## **Gareth Popkins** (°89)

After four and a half years as a lawyer in Moscow, is spending six months running the Welsh-language bookshop in Swansea.

## **Dr Surender Bhutani** (°90)

Has published his first collection of English poems, *Unmasked Questions*. The book was released along with its Polish translation. The Polish translation is done by Ambassador Boguslaw Zakrzewski.

## **Mr Harri Salmi** (°90)

Has been appointed Finland's Ambassador to Iran.

## **Yoshiko Zenda** (°90)

Continues to work with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Now lives in NY since mid 2003 after having been posted in Zimbabwe, Indonesia and Cambodia. Has two boys who are now 15 and 16 years of age.

## **Wolfgang Schwentker** (°91)

Recently edited (with Sven Saaler) *The Power of Memory in Modern Japan* (Global Oriental 2008).

## **Alan Harding** (°92)

Is still working with the Department for International Development (DFID) in London and from April 2009 has joined DFID's Europe Department where he is Economics Adviser for the Balkans and Moldova (mainly covering Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo in the Balkans).

## **Ludwig Kanzler** (°93)

Has become a Partner in McKinsey and Co, Tokyo, serving Healthcare companies in Japan.

## **Wim Naude** (°94)

*Vulnerability in Developing Countries*, edited by Wim Naudé, Amelia Santos-Paulino and Mark McGillivray (2009). Published by United Nations University Press.

Acted as guest editor of a special issue of the journal *Oxford Development Studies*, vol 37 no 3, September 2009, devoted to Vulnerability in Development.

## **Bradley Cook** (°95)

Appointed as Provost of Southern Utah University after serving as President of the Abu Dhabi Women's College.

## **Igor Garafulic** (°95)

Was appointed Mayor of Santiago, Chile.

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## **Levan Bouadze** (‘96)

Was reassigned to New York, where he took the position of Chief, Management Support Unit in Partnerships Bureau with United Nations Development Programme.

## **Efrat Lev** (‘96)

Foreign Rights Director at the Deborah Harris Literary Agency in Jerusalem, who has sold Hebrew translation rights for Professor Archie Brown’s book *The Rise and Fall of Communism* to Israeli Publisher, Am Oved. Sale was done on behalf of the Felicity Bryan Literary Agency, Oxford.

Am Oved, which means Working People, is Israel’s most prestigious publishing house, established in 1942 as the publishing arm of the workers’ movement.

## **Jens Meierhenrich** (‘96)

Has been awarded the American Political Science Association’s 2009 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for “the best book on politics, government, or international affairs” in recognition of his book, *The Legacies of Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008). He is Assistant Professor of Government and of Social Studies at Harvard University.

## **Gudni Johannesson** (‘98)

In May 2009, Dr Gudni Jóhannesson (‘98) published *Hrumid* (“The Collapse”), a bestselling account of the Icelandic economic crisis. He is currently Assistant Professor at Reykjavik University.

## **Eliza Reid & Gudni Johannesson** (‘98)

Had a boy, Donald Gunnar Gudnason, on 18 September 2009 in Reykjavik, Iceland



## **Ariel Ezrahi** (‘99)

Is now working for Asserson Law Offices, which is a boutique English law firm with offices in London, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. He manages the Tel Aviv office and heads the Arab Desk where he’s responsible for provision of legal services in respect of transactions involving the Arab Middle East.

## **Nicole Giles** (née Evans) (‘99)

Married Brian Giles on 11 October 2008 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Ottawa. The large Antonian contingent at the wedding was a highlight of the wedding and included Sam Halabi, Simonne Horwitz, Polly Jones, Amna Khalid, Lee Miller, James Milner, Paul Petzschmann and Hilary Price (née Driscoll). Nicole and Brian live in Ottawa, where Nicole is a Director at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Expecting their first child in November 2009.



## **Katya Kocourek** (‘99)

Has recently been awarded a doctorate (PhD) at University College London/UCL for the following study: “Patriots and Renegades: Andrej Hlinka and Rudolf Medek as Case Studies of Right-Wing Czechoslovakism”, which compares and contrasts views about Czechoslovak statehood harboured by nationalist politicians and professional soldiers during the 1920s.

## **Reuben Wong** (‘99)

With wife Sherlyn, would like to announce the birth of their 3rd child, Regis (b. 13.8.09) in Singapore .



## **Helen Barnes** (‘00)

Got married in December 2009 and recently moved back to London from South Africa.

## **Jorg Dostal** (‘00)

Co published *Syria and the Euro-Mediterranean Relationship* with Lynne Reinner 2009. Has been appointed Asst Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University from August 2009.

## **Margit Nolte** (01)

July 2009 published *Obafemi Awolowo and the Making Of Remo: The Local Politics of a Nigerian Nationalist* with EuP and Africa World Press. The book examines the evolution of a distinctive Yoruba community, Remo, and the central role played in this process by the Remo-born Nationalist and Yoruba leader Obafemi Awolowo (1909-87). There was a book launch by the International Africa Institute, EuP and the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation on 6 October 2009, at SOAS.

## **Krista Zongolowicz** (‘01)

Is the Country Director for the Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine.

## **Matthew Eagleton-Pierce** (‘02)

Taking a one year post as Departmental Lecturer in International Political Economy at QEH.

## **Lindsay Levkoff** (‘02)

Married Jeff Lynn (Worcester College Alumnus) on 24 October 2009 in Nashville TN. After a honeymoon in South Africa they are now living in London

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## **Rebecca Clifford** (‘03)

A permanent lectureship at Swansea University (Lecturer in Modern History)

## **David Landau** (‘03)

Was recently chosen to become the Director of Marketing Strategy and Analytics with the Empire State Development Corporation, which oversees the I LOVE NY tourism campaign.

## **Shelly Habecker** (‘04)

Had a baby girl on 27 April 2009. Lucy Claire Habecker. Plus working as a Lecturer in Anthropology at the George Washington University in Washington DC

## **Mark Krakauer** (‘04)

After an internship in NY, recently started a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

## **Agnes Thambynayagam** (‘04)

Has published *The Gentiles, A History of Sri Lanka 1498-1833*

The book is available for purchase on the following Authorhouse Website.

<http://www.authorhouse.com/bookstore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=52351>

## **Kenneth Christie** (‘05)

Has taken a new post as Program Head, Master of Arts in Human Security and Peacebuilding, School of Peace and Conflict Management, Royal Roads University, Victoria, B.C, Canada.

## **Iason Gabriel** (‘05)

Currently working for the Threat and Risk Mapping Analysis Unit of UNDP in Sudan. Began a D.Phil in Politics at Oxford in the academic year 2009/2010.

## **Mandisa Mbali** (‘05)

Awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in History of Medicine at Yale which started Sept 2009

## **Katarina Tomcikova** (‘05)

After two years in Advertising with Ogilvy & Mather (leading the digital unit of OgilvyInteractive in Budapest), has transferred to the client’s side and currently work for Vodafone Czech Republic in the Mobile Advertising Department, being responsible for Business Development and Enablers. Living in Prague and working on starting her own business.

## **Mohammadjavad Ardalan** (‘07)

Have been blessed by a baby boy (Parham) born on 17 Aug 2009 in Oxford (pictured right).

## **Capt Jeff Davis** (‘07)

Assumed the duties and responsibilities as Deputy Commander, Carrier Air Wing EIGHT

## **Omar Shweiki** (‘07)

New position: “JerusalemScholar” at the Kenyon Institute, the British Academy Institute in East Jerusalem. See [www.kenyon-institute.org.uk](http://www.kenyon-institute.org.uk)

## Deaths

*The College is very sad to be reporting the passing of the following Antonians*

### **Christopher T Gandy**

*Diplomat, a former SAM and until his death a Senior Member at St Antony’s. He died peacefully on Wednesday December 9th 2009*

### **Nigel D Greenwood**

*Polymathic Antonian with a first in Oriental Studies from New College who studied Agricultural Economics at St Antony’s. He died tragically, aged 64, in a freak gliding accident in June 2009.*

### **Lt Colonel Peter le Sage Harris**

*A former SAM who in the late 60s completed a Defence Fellowship Stuiday at St Antony’s entitled ‘British Staff Training since the Second World War’. He died in March 2009 aged 87.*

### **Stamatios E Polakis**

*Former Doctoral Student who passed away in this year. He was 86.*

### **Gordon C Philo**

*Academic and member of the intelligence service who spent just one year at St Antony’s in the early 50s, but it was a year that proved to be definitive for him. Made his name and career in the Secret Intelligence Service and was recommended to them in the first instance by Sir William Deakin, St Antony’s first Warden. He died in January 2009, aged 89.*



# Alumni Events

*Such is the geographical diversity of the student body at St Antony's that nobody would be surprised to hear that there are all too few well attended, energetic and successful alumni events taking place. Yet incredibly the opposite appears to be true. In the last few months there have been a gratifying number of enthused participants at a number of Antonian gatherings - in Japan, where Emeritus Fellow Arthur Stockwin spoke – in Hong Kong (much thanks to CY Leung) and in London where all thanks go to Anna Zelkina and Shirin Narwani respectively for hosting and organizing a wonderful recent party which the Warden attended. Two events are featured below and we expect to report many more – if the Development Office can assist anyone looking to organize such an event then do get in touch.*

A group of nostalgic Antonians made it to College on a cold evening last October to convene with their contemporaries and dine with them at High Table to reunite for the **Class of '99**. Sixteen made it to St Antony's, travelling from destinations ranging from Brunei, Hong Kong, Luxembourg, USA, South Africa, Germany, Belgium and.....a very busy M25. Attendees reported renewed revelry at their alma mater and no shyness when it came to making speeches. The theme of the speeches was "Oxonian Friendship" and the College is indeed heartened that they all seemed to have much to say on the matter. The Development Department can take no credit whatever for the success of this event – credit goes to the many that made the effort to come but most of all to Katya Kocourek, who enthusiastically and energetically cajoled the Class of '99 to come together once more.



*Class of '99 at High Table*



*Archie Brown, with Bruce Parrott (seated)*

A well-attended meeting of the **Washington Antonians**, held jointly with the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, heard a talk on 3 November 2009 by Emeritus Fellow Archie Brown on 'The Fall of the Wall and the Fall of Communism: Why – and why 1989?' The meeting was chaired by Bruce Parrott – especially appropriately, since Professor Parrott is both an Antonian and the Director of the SAIS Russian and Eurasian Studies Program. The occasion was jointly organised by the College's Washington Liaison Officer, Dr Thomas Boghardt, Bruce Parrott and Molly O'Neal. Professor Brown's lecture and the question-and-answer session which followed it were broadcast on C-Span. The Antonians' meeting was part of a US lecture tour by Archie Brown in the first half of November, during which he spoke also at Columbia University, Harvard, Yale, the Pritzker Military Library (Chicago), the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and the Council on Foreign Relations (New York).

# Antonian Liaison Officers

If you would like to get in touch with other Antonians in your part of the world, please contact the liaison officers named below. If there is no liaison officer for your area, volunteers are always welcome.

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## Thanks to a Departing Liaison Officer

All thanks to Lee Miller who is stepping  
down as New York Liaison Officer.

There is now a vacancy for a willing  
enthusiast to help co-ordinate the  
Antonians in New York. Please contact:  
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## Welcome to a New Liaison Officer

A welcome to Ariel Ezrahi,  
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## Newsletter

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makes the Newsletter as informative  
and vibrant as it is.

We are always open to suggestions  
and submissions from academics,  
staff and students so please do not  
hesitate if you have something of  
interest to share

## The Development Office

## Dates for your Diary

**North American Reunion** takes place the weekend of  
16th / 17th April 2010

**St Antony's 60th anniversary Gaudy** will take place across  
the weekend of 2-3-4 July 2010.