The latest government education and immigration reforms are concerning. St Antony’s is well placed to meet such challenges, as we consolidate our financial stability whilst remaining the place to study issues which matter in the world today.

As I write this, we are starting to get a clearer picture of what the coalition government intends to do to higher education in this country. Fees will go up for undergraduates (they have already gone up steeply for graduates), but the grants for teaching and research will be cut so it is likely that universities will be worse off. As a graduate college, St Antony’s will not be affected as directly as the majority of colleges which are responsible for teaching undergraduates, but it will still share in the general pain.

What is also concerning us greatly at the moment is the move by the government to cut immigration to this country drastically and that includes...
tightening up on visas, including those for workers and students. Like the rest of Oxford, our Fellows come from all over the world (some 40% of Oxford academics are non-British) and this is one of our great strengths. There are worrying reports that universities are hiring good candidates from abroad only to find that they cannot get them into to the country. We are also hearing that students from outside the United Kingdom and the European Union face increasing difficulties in getting permission to study here. Equally worrying is that academics in foreign countries are starting to tell their students not to bother to apply to universities in the UK because the potential hassle is too great. St. Antony’s is by far and away the most international college at Oxford - 63% of our students come from outside the UK and EU - so this is something we are watching closely. I went recently to a seminar organized by the Commons Home Affairs Committee where a number of us from different universities and schools made a strong case for making it as easy as possible for good researchers and students from around the world to study and work in the UK.

I sometimes feel as though I am the captain of a rather small ship dodging giant waves. We have, so it seems, come through the worst of the financial crisis, but we now face this new storm on the horizon. But St. Antony’s is not only sea-worthy, it is forging steadily ahead. We have just had our year-end results and, again, I am very happy to say, we have shown a slight surplus. We have managed to increase our spending on maintenance and IT and provide some more scholarships and bursaries to our students. We have also decided to fund some post-doctoral posts at the College as part of an attempt to support good young academics in the early stages of their careers.

I am often asked what my vision for the College is and the short answer is to make it financially stable so that it can continue to be the best place in the world to study the great issues of our time, the world and its regions. (I will be saying more about this in the next issue.) I am happy to say that we have made a significant advance towards that goal in the past few months. Last summer we received an extraordinary donation of £4m and, to add to our pleasure, it came with no strings attached. Moreover our generous donor was quite firm about wanting to remain anonymous. We have decided to use it for a project which will, in time, transform the College’s finances. We are going ahead with the Gateway Buildings, which will provide us with an entrance on the Woodstock Road and, equally important, much-needed student accommodation, offices and meeting spaces. As the Bursar has pointed out to me, if we can get the building costs fully funded, the College will immediately start to receive a steady stream of income from student rents and summer conference business. What that will mean, among other things, is that we can provide more support for students and take on new posts in areas that we think important.

Four million pounds is a wonderful start but we still have a way to go to reach our target of £14m. So I, with the indefatigable Ranj Majumdar in the Development Office, will be spending the next months on getting us closer to that figure. We think we can do it and we will be calling on you all to help us get there.

Fund-raising is the underpinning for everything we do - and as always the College is doing a lot. The past Michaelmas Term has been very busy with seminars in the Centres, special conferences on subjects from Nazi Germany to present-day Sudan, Warden’s lunchtime seminars - the usual fascinating mix. Among special lecturers we welcomed Prince Hassan of Jordan, who gave a rather pessimistic lecture on the prospects for peace in the Middle East and Liaquat Ahamed, the Pulitzer Prize winning author, who drew some lessons from the Great Depression for the present. We were also pleased to host a seminar in commemoration of our late Warden, Sir Marrack Goulding, where our panellists Avi Shlaim, Adam Roberts and Tessa Blackstone discussed his life and work.

By the time you get this, we will be well into another term with its full panoply of activities from the academic to the social. Let us hope that, for all of us, 2011 is a year of hope and progress. As for St Antony’s I am confident that it will keep steaming ahead.

Professor Margaret MacMillan
After that, and before lunch, the College introduced current members of the Governing Body, each of whom gave compact and fascinating insights into the world. Vivienne Shue spoke about the state of higher education in China, Alex Pravda and Eugene Rogan spoke about the political dynamics of Russia and the Middle East respectively and Valpy Fitzgerald kicked off the session speaking about the future of Oxford.

A lazy afternoon and then a wonderful anniversary dinner followed in the evening. The urgent and itinerant Antonian is too rarely seen in College - it was a pleasure to see so many there.

Ranj Majumdar
Prominent Visitors

Two visits of particular note took place at the end of last Michaelmas Term.

H.R.H Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan

H.R.H Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan visited College for the second time on 26 November 2010. He gave a wonderfully insightful and urbane seminar on the politics of the Middle East: ‘Positive Progress or Continued Asymmetric Dialogue’. The topic was a sober one but the seminar was enormously well received. Lively discussion continued at the charming dinner that evening, which the Prince attended.

Liaquat Ahamed

Liaquat Ahamed, Pulitzer Prize-winner and author of Lords of Finance: The Bankers who Broke the World gave a lecture in College on 2 December. An engaged audience took in every word of his absorbing analysis of the two great financial crises of the last century and indeed looked to his words for prescient predictions of the financial future.

Special Advisor

Foulath Hadid set up the Hadid Scholarship Fund and helped secure the endowed funds for the Mohammed VI Fellowship, for which he was decorated by the King of Morocco with the highest Royal honour, The Wissam Alaoui.

A graduate of Cambridge University and the Harvard Business School, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a former partner at KPMG. He has been an advisor on international issues to the President of Brown University, he has served in an advisory capacity to the Kingdom of Morocco and the Sultanate of Oman and he is a former head of the Sultanate’s diplomatic mission in London.

Foulath Hadid studied at St Antony's for a DPhil. He is currently researching democracy issues as they impact the Middle East.

Left: Foulath Hadid and Margaret MacMillan sign the Hadid Scholarship Agreement
2010 W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize

Archie Brown, Emeritus Professor of Politics and Emeritus Fellow of St Antony’s, has been awarded the 2010 W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize of the Political Studies Association of the UK for best political science book of the year. The award is for Brown’s *The Rise and Fall of Communism* (Bodley Head, 2009; Vintage paperback, 2010). The judges observed that the book is ‘destined to become a central text in the analysis of communism and regime change’. They noted that the work ‘is packed full with faultless accounts of cases and events and analytical insights based on the deep knowledge and understanding brought about by a lifetime of research’. They added that the book is both ‘accessible’ and ‘a really good read’. At the 30 November ceremony in London at which he was presented with the Mackenzie Prize, Archie Brown also received the Diamond Jubilee Award for Lifetime Achievement in Political Studies.

Lord Cormack

Sir Patrick Cormack (‘94), the first Visiting Parliamentary Fellow of St Antony’s (and, along with Archie Brown, the instigator of the Fellowship), received two notable honours in November. After forty years in the House of Commons (he stood down in the May 2010 election), he was elevated to the peerage. His outstanding qualities as an enormously conscientious, effective and independent-minded back-bench MP were also recognized by the Political Studies Association of the UK who honoured him with their Diamond Jubilee Award for Parliamentarian.

Antonian Reunion

An enjoyable Chinese reunion dinner was had by eight former Swire-supported SAMs, who attended St. Antony’s between 1996 and 2008. The dinner was held on 10 September in Shanghai, and provided a good opportunity to catch up with news and discuss topical issues with Professor Rosemary Foot.

Our thanks...

to artist Maxim Kantor who has donated three pieces of work to the Russian library.

Politics School

The second International Politics Summer School run jointly by St Antony’s and the Department for Continuing Education was a great success.

Next year’s will run 31 July 2010 - 13 August 2011.

Interested applicants should contact:

International Politics Summer School
OUDCE, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA.
http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/internationalpolitics
The American-Israeli special relationship is a classic example of the tail that wags the dog. As a result of its palpable partiality towards Israel, America has lost all credibility in the eyes, not only of the Palestinians, but of the wider Arab and Muslim worlds.

The so-called peace process has been all process and no peace. It is worse than a sham. Peace talks that go nowhere slowly provide Israel with just the cover it needs to pursue its relentlessly expansionist agenda on the West Bank.

The asymmetry of power between Israel and the Palestinians militates against a just settlement of the conflict. A just settlement means a two-state solution, the emergence of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with a capital city in East Jerusalem. Only America can push Israel into such a settlement. It has the leverage but it has not exercised it. America gives Israel money, arms and advice. Israel takes the money, takes the arms and ignores the advice.

Barrack Obama's election was widely expected to usher in a more even-handed policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In the Cairo speech of 4 June 2009, Obama expressed support for 'the legitimate Palestinian aspiration for dignity, opportunity and a state of their own'. Obama is a spell-binding orator. However, to use an American phrase, he is better at talking the talk than at walking the walk. The rhetoric has changed, but subservience to Israel remains the order of the day.

Obama, to be fair, did recognize at the outset that the expansion of Jewish settlements on the West Bank is the main obstacle to progress. He therefore insisted on a complete settlement freeze. Obama had three showdowns with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on this critical issue, but he backed down each time. Why did the most powerful man in the world allow himself to be defeated and humiliated by his junior partner? The answer must lie, to a large extent, in the persistent power of the Israel lobby in the United States.

The direct Israeli-Palestinian peace talks launched by Secretary Clinton in Washington on 2 September were an exercise in futility. There is an Arabic saying that something that starts crooked remains crooked. These peace talks started in a crooked way because they did not meet the most basic Palestinian requirement: a complete freeze on settlement activity. All that Netanyahu grudgingly agreed to was a partial settlement freeze for a period of ten months. The ban did not apply to the 3,000 housing units on the West Bank that had already been approved, or to East Jerusalem, which Israel had illegally annexed following the June 1967 War. When the picayune ban expired on 27 September, Netanyahu refused to extend it. To entice Netanyahu to extend the settlement freeze by 60 days only, Obama offered him a long-term security agreement, a squadron of F-35 fighter jets worth $3 billion and the use of the American veto on the UN Security Council to defeat any resolution that is not to Israel's liking. Israel was also given the option of buying another squadron of F-35s – 'buy one, get one free!' The hardliners in Netanyahu's coalition forced him to reject this amazing generous offer. Some people are never satisfied.
The conclusion is inescapable: Netanyahu is not a genuine partner for the Palestinians on the road to peace. Land-grabbing and peace-making simply do not go together and Israel’s right-wing government has opted for the former. Netanyahu is like a man who, while negotiating the division of a pizza, continues to eat it. Obama’s position is pusillanimous and, for a superpower, indescribably feeble. Instead of leaning on the stronger party, he presses the weaker party to make more and more concessions. Under these conditions, the prospects of a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinian Authority are close to zero. With Obama in charge of the so-called peace process, there is no light at the end of the tunnel, only more illegal settlements, and consequently more strife, more violence, more bloodshed and, ultimately, a third intifada. The damage that Israel causes to American interests is incalculable. During the Cold War Israel was a strategic asset for America. Today it is a political, diplomatic and strategic liability. The neoconservatives never tire of telling us that the American and the Israeli national interests are identical. Anyone who believes that would believe anything. An argument can be made that the occupation of the West Bank serves the Israeli national interest, though I would dispute that. However, the argument that the Israeli occupation of the West Bank serves the American national interest is simply preposterous. As CENTROM commander, General David Petraeus, told Congress, Israeli intransigence on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is jeopardizing U.S. standing in the entire region. And as Vice-President Joe Biden reportedly told Netanyahu: ‘What you’re doing here undermines the security of our troops who are fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. That endangers us and it endangers regional peace’. Yet Israel continues to get away literally with murder. The basic problem is that Israel is a domestic issue in the US, not a foreign policy one. The pattern is the same under both Republican and Democratic administrations. At the first hint of pressure on Israel from the White House, the lobby wheels out the heavy guns on Capitol Hill to knock it out. Congress is sometimes described as Israeli-occupied territory. With such an ineffectual president in the White House, it is likely to take longer to liberate Congress than to liberate the Palestinian territories.

Avi Shlaim is a Fellow of St Antony’s College and the author of Israel and Palestine: Reappraisals, Revisions, Refutations (Verso).
Sir Marrack Goulding

On Saturday 6 November 2010 Oxford commemorated the life and work of Sir Marrack Goulding, our former Warden, whose passing was the lowest point of an otherwise invigorating academic year.

A seminar held in the morning at St Antony’s, was followed by a memorial service in Magdalen Chapel that afternoon. The seminar, titled ‘Building International Institutions’ saw three of Sir Marrack’s friends and colleagues reflect with great fondness on his extraordinary role as a public servant. In discussion were Baroness Blackstone, Sir Adam Roberts and Professor Avi Shlaim. More than a hundred Antonians and their guests packed into the Nissan Lecture Theatre, many of whom took the microphone after the seminar had finished and offered personal reminiscences about our late colleague.

Baroness Blackstone remembered ‘Mig’ as an intellectual - an unconventional mandarin whom Ministers Roy Hattersley and Julian Amery had rightly predicted would break the mould. The Cabinet Office ‘Think Tank’ on which she worked with Mig produced a report in the late 1970s soundly condemning the extravagances of the diplomatic service. This set the tone of the day - Sir Marrack was a conviction public servant, brilliant, unconventional and anti-establishment. If radical in his attitude towards Britain's public institutions, he was nonetheless cautious on Britain's role in the world. Baroness Blackstone strongly recalled his opining that Britain should not punch above its weight in world affairs and reflecting that its role as a permanent member of the UN's Security Council was a mixed blessing.

Sir Marrack was, Baroness Blackstone believed, a fighter at heart - with a huge determination to win. An attitude he took to and used with great effect at the UN, where he transformed international peace keeping guided, she felt, by his conviction that altruism was as important as self interest and driven by a commitment to international security, peace and social justice. She lastly remembered how thrilled he was to be appointed Warden of St Antony's. Though he didn’t much relish the decision making processes in Oxford, he ended up loving the students under his stewardship and brought to St Antony’s the critical and reforming zeal he had displayed his whole life. This zeal was an attribute she could barely have predicted on her first meeting with him in his office at the FCO sat, as he was, with his feet on the desk reading the racing page of the newspaper.

Sir Adam Roberts remembered Sir Marrack’s years at the UN, a place which filled his life with frenetic activity and was therefore quite different from the world of British diplomacy. He recalled that when Sir Marrack took up his position as Under-Secretary General for special political affairs, the UN had not set up a peacekeeping mission since 1978. By 1993, the UN had multiplied its budget for peacekeeping by ten and was running thirteen missions in countries including Angola, Mozambique and Yugoslavia. This heralded the golden age of peacekeeping under Sir Marrack’s leadership, an age which swiftly became marginalized after Goulding had handed over to his successor Kofi Annan. The seriousness and energy of Sir Marrack’s leadership on peacekeeping was no small factor when the UN peacekeeping forces won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1988.

Sir Adam was careful, though, to remind the audience that the UN peacekeeping of Sir Marrack’s time was sometimes controversial and that some missions were more successful than others. He recalled Goulding’s memoir, *Peacemonger*, where he gave a frank and perceptive account of the UN peacekeeping missions of his day. Ever the pragmatist, Sir Marrack had long believed that there was too much optimism on what the UN could do and Sir Adam reflected that some missions like the task in Yugoslavia carried inappropriate expectations. If Mig’s success at the UN had been mixed, then Sir Adam aptly recalled that where credit was due, Sir Marrack invariably gave it to others including the Secretary-General to whom he was closest, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar.

Avi Shlaim spoke with great affection of Mig first and foremost as a friend and one to whom he remained close even after he left St Antony’s. He observed that Sir Marrack had “gone native” on acceding to the Wardenship and decided to write a book.
Though he joked that books on the UN are not invariably scintillating, he was clear that Sir Marrack’s *Peacemonger* was an exception. Avi recalled that he had read it in a single session, starting at 6am one morning and finishing late that night – that was a testament to the writer’s light touch and sense of drama.

Of his time as Warden, Professor Shlaim reflected on the three lasting contributions that Sir Marrack had made to college life. The first was his attitude to students, which was notable for being friendly and accessible – around College, but also over a game of pool and the occasional late-night poker game. The second was his overhaul of the College administration - the myriad College committees of the time were swiftly abolished and a new mode of governance installed. The Management Executive Team was created and would meet once a week, with the Governing Body meeting only twice a term. Student consultations with the Warden were also instituted. This more streamlined and efficient running of the College has endured unaltered to the present day. Sir Marrack’s third lasting achievement was to change the ethos of the College permanently from being eurocentric to being more fully international. His personal contribution to raising the profile and importance of centres such as African Studies and the Middle East centre has left its imprint on the whole character of St Antony’s.

The seminar ended with some personal recollections that further illuminated the complex and fascinating life of Sir Marrack. Dame Margaret Anstee, herself a former Under-Secretary General, spoke about a swashbuckling trip Sir Marrack had made to visit her in Luanda in 1992, where in an intriguing series of events he helped her and other colleagues avoid assassination. Linda Seward, an ornithologist, talked in detail about Sir Marrack’s great love of bird-watching and the hours of time he passionately devoted to it. The last word went to a great friend and colleague, Sir John Birch of the FCO. He told the audience that the ever impartial and professional Sir Marrack was no sympathetic ear at the UN for the Foreign Office after he had left the latter for the former. He related also several charming stories about looking after the Goulding family parrot – which gave a fascinating insight into their life. Lastly, though, Sir John reminded the audience that thousands around the world owed their life to Sir Marrack – it was a moving reminder of the scale of his achievements and a fitting end to a day of profound and heartfelt celebration.

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*Ranj Majumdar*
What is it about the country of Afghanistan that has attracted the attention of men since time immemorial and made it a battleground - for it has been a battleground, especially for the last four decades.

On a visit earlier this year to Kabul I spent a wondrous two weeks staying with ex-antonian Rory Brown who worked for an NGO called Turquoise Mountain. My trip followed a rather hurried decision to visit the country I had been reading about for the last four years in case ‘things got worse than they already were’.

One evening nearing dinner-time I walked down a street called Flower Street in Kabul. As the name suggests, it was lined with shops selling colourful flowers. I was on a mission with a colleague to find some green potted plants for my room to brighten up long winter evenings. However, the flowers in these shops were all artificial, as were the ferns, mini palm trees and cacti. When we asked for fresh potted plants or ‘derakht’e taazeh’, we were provided with filler ferns or pots of dry and dead plants brought down hastily from the roof where they had clearly long been forgotten. The plants were brown due to neglect and when I touched one of the leaves, a layer of dust peeled out in my hand – a perfect shape of the leaf that had been its home for a long time. An elderly shopkeeper told me that thirty five years ago, his shop sold nothing but fresh flowers and plants. But now people only wanted deceptively bright artificial flowers, even though in spring, the soil of Kabul bears some of the most beautiful flowers I’ve ever seen. It was the first time I had walked on a street in Kabul on an ordinary shopping mission hopping from one shop to another as one does in these parts. Delicious aromas of grilling kebabs and omelettes filled the air and Naan-breads decorated bakeries in pretty patterns.

What struck me most were not the broken roads and high walls of the city of Kabul, or the movements of ISAF convoys. It was how parts of the country were still like the way they had been described by Mughals like Humayun and Babur or British government officials like William Moorcroft, Alexander Burnes or Mountstuart Elphinstone. A drive through a village at the foot of snow capped mountains of Panjshir produced a sense of déjà vu, as if I had witnessed the bustling of a local market with Afghans in their turbans and Pathans trading in cattle and meat, women with their heads covered. Except now, bright coloured plastic buckets hung from shop windows. This was rural Afghanistan, tucked away in the mountains, as had been described in books of the sixteenth century.

It was incredible how just a short three hour drive away from Kabul, it became so easy to forget the war and become lost in the magnificence of the barren lands and mountains, of the sparkling river with chilled waters and the kindness of stern looking elderly Afghans. The reality in the places which saw Taliban rule is different, but tucked away in the mountains of Afghanistan was another reality.

There is a need to delve into the depths of Afghanistan and see how this country still reflects the richness of its history and culture – that which made it the destination of warriors who went on to become emperors and establish great empires.
1. Matriculation 2009
2. Antonians after final exam
3. Paradise Lost, St Antony's Ball 2010
4. The St Antony's Band
5. Christ Church Regatta 2010
Henryk Skolimowski ('59)
Has recently published the book *Let There Be Light, The Mysterious Journey of Cosmic Creativity* (Wisdomtree Books, Delhi, 2010); was also honoured with the book *World as Sanctuary, The Cosmic Philosophy of Henryk Skolimowski* (D.Skrbina and J. Skolimowski, eds, Creative Fire Press, 2010).

Jose Cortes ('68)

Toru Kuroiwa ('70)
I retired from the university in March 2009. When I was thinking how to commemorate the event, an idea suddenly occurred to me. It was to ski down the Mont Blanc glacier. Many friends of mine advised me not to do it, as it was too dangerous and several people die every year through falling down one of the many crevasses. Another friend said that it was an old man’s indiscretion. At the very beginning my Japanese insurance company did not accept my proposal for insurance cover saying that the adventure was too risky. Finally I succeeded in obtaining life insurance, whereby Chizuko my wife would get £1 million if I were to die. However, Chizuko is still poor. I survived and returned from the glacier just as I had returned from war zones when I was a war correspondent.

On 12th March 2009 a friend and I went to Aiguille de Midi at an altitude of 3840 metres by gondola from Chamonix in France and we skied for twenty kilometres down to around 1000 metres on the glacier called La Vallée Blanche. We attached beacons to our bodies so a rescue team could locate us in the case of an avalanche. Our guide carried a shovel in his rucksack. The adventure took six hours. We learnt that two snowboarders had been killed on the previous day when they had fallen down a crevasse. Although dangerous, I was fully satisfied with this naughty behaviour to commemorate my retirement. (photo left)

Archie Brown ('71)
Emeritus Professor of Politics and Emeritus Fellow of St Antony’s, has been awarded the 2010 W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize for *The Rise and Fall of Communism* ( Bodley Head, 2009; Vintage paperback, 2010). Further details on page 5.

Leslie Bethell ('74)

Richard Sylla (75)
In 2010, was elected chairman of the Museum of American Finance, a Smithsonian affiliate located at 48 Wall Street in New York City. The Museum would be pleased to welcome Antonians.

Enrique Ayala Mora ('79)
Has been re-elected Rector of Universidad Adina Simón Bolívar Sede Ecuador for a new term (2010-2015). He is Professor of Latin American History, and fellow of the History Academies of Ecuador, Colombia, Spain and Bolivia.

Martin Rose ('82)
From September 2010 I shall be Director of the British Council in Morocco, based in Rabat.

Jorge Heine, ('84)
CIGI chair in global governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, professor of political science at Wilfrid Laurier University and a distinguished fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo, Ontario. He will be a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC in the summer of 2011. In February 2011, he will be the Winegard Visiting Lecturer at the University of Guelph. In November 2010, at a ceremony held at the Toronto Board of Trade and chaired by Canada’s ambassador to the OAS, Allan Culham, he was recognized as one of Canada’s ten most influential Hispanics. In October 2010, he visited India, spending one week in New
Delhi and another in Mumbai doing interviews for a project on emerging India and globalization. He also gave a public lecture at the O.P. Jindal Global University on new trends in modern diplomacy. In July 2010 he was a visiting Faculty Mentor at the Political Science Department at the University of Konstanz, working with DrBritta Weiffen. He is a member of the Strategic Advisory Group of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Regional Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean, whose first meeting took place in New York City in October 2010. He was the recipient of a 2010 Merit Award from Wilfrid Laurier University and has been asked to join the Editorial Board of Global Governance. His latest book, co-edited with Ramesh Thakur, The Dark Side of Globalization (2011), will be published by United Nations University Press.

Christian Girault ('86)
Nominated for "Directeur de Recherche Emeritus" by the CNRS.

Raouf Abujaber ('87)
Has published recently History of Transjordan during the 19th and early 20th Centuries and its Economy. His previous publications include four other books in Arabic and two in English. The books in English were Pioneers over Jordan (Tauris, 1989), which was his thesis at Oxford and Beyond the River with Felicity Cobbing of the Palestine Exploration Fund (Stacey, 2004).

Michael Ratcliffe ('87)
Is now Assistant Division Chief for Geocartographic Products and Criteria in the Geography Division at the U.S. Census Bureau.

Masahiko Asada ('89)
In August 2009, was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as one of the seven members of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1874 (2009), monitoring and making recommendations to the Security Council on sanctions imposed on North Korea. The initial term of mandate is one year.

Noel Fursman ('90)
Since leaving NM Rothschild and Sons has been living on the Beara Peninsula in the west of Ireland. His book Rosie's War, which he has co-authored with his wife under the name of Noel Holland, will be published by Michael O'Mara Books in March 2011. It is a true account of a young woman's escape from a German internment camp in France during the Second World War.

Liam Halligan ('91)
Has moved back to Russia with his family to work as Chief Economist at Prosperity Capital Management – largest asset manager in Russia and CIS.

Robert Danin ('92)
Has been appointed the ENI Enrico Mattei Senior Fellow for Middle East Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He has just completed two and a half years heading the Jerusalem mission of the Quartet Representative, Tony Blair.

Cecile Laborde ('93) and Mark Hewitson ('91)
have both been elected Members of Princeton's Institute of Advanced Studies for 2010-11. They will be relocating to Princeton with their two daughters Anna and Camille.

Emanuela Poli ('93)
Was recently appointed Director General at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, directing the Secretariat of the inter-ministerial committee on economic policy.

Jeffrey Stacey ('93)
Has just left his position as professor of Political Science at Tulane University in New Orleans to join the Obama Administration in the U.S. State Department. He now works as an International Engagement Officer in State's Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, responsible for relations with the EU and NATO in the area of post-conflict stabilization or peacebuilding. Oxford University Press has just published his book Integrating Europe: Informal Politics and Institutional Change.

Doug Brown ('94)
My wife Tamara and I are proud to announce the birth of Alina Vanessa Elise Brown, born in 2009, a younger sister for Nikolas. (photo right)

Sir Patrick Cormack ('94)
Has been elevated to the peerage. Further details on page 5.
Paulo Drinot ('95)
Has recently published *Che's Travels: The Making of a Revolutionary in 1950s Latin America* (Duke University Press, 2010), an edited volume on Che Guevara’s two trips across the region in the early 1950s. The volume includes contributions from two other Antonians: Malcolm Deas and Patience Schell. In October 2010, Paulo will join the Institute for the Study of the Americas, School of Advanced Study, University of London, as Senior Lecturer in Latin American Studies.

Dov Lynch ('95)
Our third child, Anouk Galjour Lynch, was born on November 11, 2009, joining Caspar and Gilda for the fun!

Pia Oberoi ('96)
Joined the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as Migration Advisor in February 2010, and had their first child (Aaliya) in August 2010. (photo 1)

Asghar Zaidi ('97)
Director of Research at the European Centre Vienna - zaidi@euro.centre.org - and Research Associate at the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, LSE is an editor (together with Lans Bovenberg and Arthur van Soest) of a newly published book *Ageing, Health and Pensions in Europe: An Economic and Social Policy Perspective* which presents an engaging overview of the future research challenges for economists and other social scientists concerning population ageing, pensions, health and social care in Europe. This book is of particular interest to national and European policymakers and also leaders of European research programmes in the fields of economic and social policy and can be ordered online using the Palgrave Macmillan website: www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=477676

Edward Meier ('98)
In Fall 2009, he left his position as a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. to accept an appointment as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of State at the U.S. Department of State.

Juan Navarrete ('98)
Married Jesús Octavio Elizondo last May, benefitting from Mexico City’s recent legal reforms allowing same sex marriages. Juan is an independent consultant in microfinance and Jesús is Professor in Semiotics at Mexico’s Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. (photo 2)

Jesus Rodriguez ('98)
Is the Editor of: www.escenariosalternativos.org

Marianne Scordel ('98)
Has recently started to work for Nomura, the investment bank, in London, selling products and services to hedge funds.

Nicole Giles ('99)
Simon Arthur Giles was born 19 November 2010 in Ottawa, Canada to proud parents Nicole and Brian Giles. (photo 3)

Marianne Jago Bassingthwaite ('99)
*InterFET: An Account of Intervention with Consent in East Timor, International Peacekeeping* (forthcoming)
Luiz Fernando de Paula ('00)
Has recently published two books: Financial Liberalization and Economic Performance in Emerging Countries (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), edited with Prof Philip Arestis. Financial Liberalization and Economic Performance: Brazil at the Crossroads (Routledge, 2010). He is currently Associate Professor of Economics at the University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and President of the Brazilian Keynesian Association.

Kim Mathiesen ('00)
Announcing the birth of Imogen Mathiesen Owen on 20 January 2010.

Christian Webersik ('00)
Has just published a single-authored book entitled Climate Change and Security and married Joanna Szeriszewska, a citizen of Poland in Japan on 12 June 2009. (photo 1)

Jon Wilks ('00)
Has been appointed Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen and took up his appointment during October 2010.

Antonin Cohen ('01)
Has just changed job, from being Maître de conférences at the University of Picardie in Amiens to the same position at the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense.

David De Vries ('01)

Felipe Krause Dornelles ('01) and Kyrre Elvenes Brækhus ('03)
Met in Dhaka and were delighted to discover that they are fellow Antonians working in Bangladesh. They both recently took up postings as Deputy Heads of Mission at the Brazilian and Norwegian Embassies respectively. If there are other Antonians around in Bangladesh please write to elipe_kd@hotmail.com or kybr@mfa.no and we can meet up.

Joanna Gorska ('01)
Her well received latest publication: a definitive work on recent Polish foreign policy towards Russia is called Dealing with a Juggernaut – Analyzing Poland’s Policy towards Russia, 1989-2009 and is available on Amazon.

John Ciorciari ('02)
Has published The Limits of Alignment: Southeast Asia and the Great Powers since 1975. This explores how smaller states in Southeast Asia ensure their security in the shadow of more dominant nations.

Sandra Aguilar-Rodriguez ('02)
Has been appointed assistant professor of Latin American history at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA.

Deborah Seraydarian ('03)
Accepted a position to teach History in the Upper School of Gerstell Academy in Finksburg, Maryland.

Jean-Pierre Massias ('02)
Has a new book Droit constitutionnel des Etats d’Europe de l’Est PUF. Professor Massias and his wife Lisa are very proud to announce the birth of Gabriel Zuhaitz Massias on 28 February 2010.

Noa Schonmann ('03)
Our son Itay (photo 2) was born 2pm, 18 October 2010, a 3.180kg bundle of joy. Baby, Ima, and Papa (Wouter te Kloze) are all happy, healthy and delighted to be settling back home. (photo 2)

Nancy Condee ('04)
Has been working on the monograph The Imperial
Trace Recent Russian Cinema (Oxford UP 2009), which has this Spring term won the top US research award in cinema studies (Katherine Singer Kovács Book Award 2010). It is given to the best scholarship in Film Studies from the US key professional organization, the Society for Cinema and Media Studies.

Vincent Kuitenbrouwer ('04)
Vincent Kuitenbrouwer and Marieke Verhaar would like to announce the birth of our daughter Meike Johanna, born in Amsterdam on the 24 September 2010.

Lee Jones ('04)
After gaining his doctorate at Nuffield College in 2009 and serving as Rose Research Fellow in International Relations at Lady Margaret Hall from 2008-2009, he is now lecturer in international politics at Queen Mary College, University of London.

Julia Jönsson ('04) and Robert Amos
Tied the knot on 18 September 2010. Our thanks to friends and family for a wonderful day.

Roderick Kefferpütz ('04) and Katy Kefferpütz (née Nicholson) ('04)
Married at the Hôtel de Ville de St Gilles in Brussels on 29 May 2010. They spent four years in Brussels, where Roderick is a policy advisor at the European Parliament and an Associate Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and Katy a research assistant at the Migration Policy Group.

Hiroaki Richard Watanabe ('04)
started his position as Lecturer at the School of East Asian Studies, University of Sheffield, in February 2010.

Hilary Kalmbach ('05)
Was married to Dr Alistair Hann on July 24th. We had the ceremony in New College's chapel and the reception at Magdalen College. Hilary has also started a new job: the three-year Sir Christopher Cox Junior Fellowship at New College, Oxford.

Ivan Pearson ('05)
Has published In the Name of Oil-Anglo-American Relations in the Middle East, 1950–1958 http://www.sussex-academic.co.uk/sa/titles/middle_east_studies/Pearson.htm

Emanuela Paoletti ('05)
This book analyses the contested practice of states to shift border control measures outside their territory, i.e. externalisation.

Jeaniene Spink ('05)
For the past 10 months has been working for UNICEF leading Zimbabwe's Education Cluster.

Mirela Bogdani ('06)
Has been appointed as the Head of Department of Politics at "Marin Barleti" University in Tirana, Albania, and has a new book (the fourth one) entitled Turkey and the Dilemma of EU Accession: When Religion Meets Politics (I.B.Tauris, London - NY) http://www.amazon.com/Turkey-Dilemma-EU-Accession-Religion/dp/1848854595

Elena Katz ('06)
Has joined the School of Geography and Environment, Oxford University for a two-year research position to work on the AHRC-funded project Penalty and the Social Construction of Gender in Post-Soviet Russia: the Impact on Prisoners’ Relatives of Their Encounters with Penal Russia.

My husband, Andrew, and I had a son Daniel Maksim Robinson, born 6 July 2010, weighing in at 7lbs 15oz. (photo 2)
Professor John Loughlin ('06)
Has been elected a Governing Body Fellow at St Edmund's College, Cambridge and will teach in the Department of Politics and International Studies in Cambridge University from October 2010. In January, the French government designated him an Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques in recognition of his research on European politics and of his contribution to French language and culture in the United Kingdom.

Tanya Zaharchenko (née Zatopek) ('06)
started a PhD program at Cambridge University. She joined a collaborative transdisciplinary research team that studies collective memory of twentieth-century traumas in post-socialist space.

Maria Tsay ('07)
Robert Beaman and I, both Antonians, were married on July 3rd, 2010 at St. Stephen's with St. John Church, London. Many of our Antonian friends visited us on the happy day. (photo 1)

Andres Schipani ('06)
Starting September 2010, Andrew became correspondent for the Financial Times.

Hashi Mohamed ('08)
Has been given the International Criminal Court, The Hague, Award by Lincoln's Inn. He hopes to work on the African cases. He also has a pupillage at 39 Essex Street Chambers, beginning work in October 2011. (photo 2)

Petra Orovanyiiova ('08)
Was married to fellow Antonian Dalibor Rohac ('08) in June 2010. (photo 3)

Munira Shoinbekova ('08)
Is doing an internship with the Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa, Kenya, as a teaching assistant to a French language teacher in the Junior School of the Academy.

Ruth Wasserman Lande ('09)
Has just had baby Tamara. (photo 4)

If you have news to share - of prizes won, books published, marriages, babies born, etc - please get in touch via antonians@sant.ox.ac.uk and we will make sure your news appears in the next Newsletter.
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A day in the life of: Allan Taylor, Bursar

It all starts with the cycle ride down the Banbury Road trying to ensure that I’m not hit by one of the multitude of buses that travel the same route. The first important decision is whether to stop off at “On the Hoof” for a hot chocolate and pastry, but time presses and I resist. The church clock strikes 8am as I enter the college and it’s shaping up to be a good day because my pigeon hole is empty. But alas for progress, 23 emails await me upstairs. The surge in cyber messages is one of the biggest changes in the ten years I’ve been in the post. There’s a lament from a student who can’t pay because his funding has not arrived, some statistics from the Accounts Office which need to be passed on to Fellows, an update from the project manager of our building works and last week’s Governing Body minutes. It takes an hour to work through them all, then comes a meeting with one of our accounts team to review the student debtors. My colleague has scheduled for me to see all of those who have not contacted us about their debt. That’s 140 meetings fixed for next Friday morning! Hopefully most of them will do the sensible thing and choose to pay rather than actually come to see me. Even so it will be a difficult and busy morning.

Meanwhile a pile of paperwork awaits digestion before a Management Executive Team (MET) meeting at 11am. MET is a great system. It’s all our old committees rolled up into one and it meets most weeks during term, examines issues from all perspectives then makes recommendations to the Governing Body.

When I first arrived here from the City I was often asked what I found different in Oxford. My reply was that people here are a lot more forthright in their comments than I experienced in the business world. Uncomfortable, perhaps, sometimes but it means our meetings are always constructive.

Another striking discovery is that College life can be bad for the figure. MET usually ends as lunch begins and it’s tempting to refuel with a large meal in Hall and catch up with peoples’ concerns, but today I choose virtue in the form of an apple and a banana consumed along with yet more emails.

The afternoon’s challenge is to draft my presentation pack on last year’s results for the benefit of next week’s MET. It’s always difficult to know how to relay this kind of information. I need to ensure that Fellows are fully informed on the detail, but avoid allowing that detail to hide the main messages. The Governing Body will appreciate the figures showing our eighth successive surplus, but there are quite a lot of significant deviations from the budget which need to be explained. I have always adopted an open door policy so there will inevitably be interruptions while I work on this. This afternoon it’s a student who wants to pay but doesn’t know where the Accounts Office is, another student whose US loan has not come through, a query from the College Registrar and a quick run through with the Acting Development Director about the Annual Fund appeal. And there’s still the flow of e-mails to keep on top of.

As I’ll be dining in college I pedal up the road at 5pm for a work out at Esporta. One College facility I do not use is the Gym. I am sure no one who has seen me working out in my shorts would ever take me seriously when I told them they had to pay their battels immediately.

As I pound the treadmill I reflect on the day. It has been very varied which is an aspect of the job I particularly enjoy, but it has also been rushed without the opportunity to tackle jobs which need time and uninterrupted concentration and that I find frustrating. I get the best overview of my ten years here when I’m doing what I love - walking the Cotswold hills or even better the Brecon Beacons. Then I get a real feeling of satisfaction that the College has moved from being in deficit year after year to being in surplus.

But the working day has not ended yet. It’s back on my bike, back to the College to have dinner with more than 200 new students. Talking to the students and getting to know some of them is one of the best bits of the job.