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It is an interesting time to be in Oxford. Like most of the world, we are transfixed by the economic crisis and wondering how much worse it can get. We talk about how it could have happened, what it means, and what the world will look like once the dust has settled. We hope, along with many others, that our political leaders will work together and not succumb to the temptations of parochialism. And, being St Antony’s with our regional centres, we are seeing the present crisis from many different vantage points. This term we are having a special series of seminars at lunchtimes where our fellows will talk about the world of 2009 as it looks from Europe or Africa or Asia.

Closer to home—and it is hard not to think of one’s own interests at such times—we worry about what is going to happen to Oxford and to the College. The University is in the middle of a crucial fundraising campaign even though raising money is harder than ever at the moment. So far it is going well and it has had some notable successes including an endowment for a new School of Public Policy. The College too has continued to work very hard on fundraising. Our annual fund is slightly up from last year which means we can continue to support academic and student activities. Our next big project—and we will be telling you a lot more about it over the coming year—is to raise funds for two new buildings which will form a proper entrance to the College and provide much needed office and accommodation space.

On the negative side, we expect government funding to the universities to be frozen or cut and so far there is not any sign that the cap on student fees will be taken off by way of compensation. The present Labour government has made it clear that it wants to protect funding for what it calls STEM subjects—in other words Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine. That is bad news for humanities and social sciences which is what the College concentrates on. The Department of Politics and International Relations, which has just been ranked as one of the best in the country, faces a drop of some £1 million in its annual grant. That will translate into fewer posts and possibly the loss of certain specializations. The other piece of bad news for us—and we are certainly not alone—is that our endowment has dropped precipitously, from some £32 million a year ago to around £22. It’s small consolation that a drop of 25% is within the respectable range. The consequences will be serious—fewer loans, bursaries and scholarship, less ability to attract new researchers and fellows, and much more caution when we plan for the future.

Fortunately, the College, thanks to the prudent planning of our Fellows and sterling work by our Bursar, Allan Taylor, has been preserving and building up its endowment over the past few years and has been balancing its books. We now have a financial advisory committee drawn from the worlds of business and finance in the United Kingdom but further afield too, from the United States and Hong Kong. We couldn’t afford to pay for their excellent advice which we listen to with care. We are helped too by the fact that the University has just approved a new distribution of funding to Colleges which recognizes for the first time contributions to research. All the graduate colleges have benefitted.

Equally important, as we look to the future, the work that the College does continues to draw support from outside. Our European Studies Centre has received several new grants recently—from the Bank of Greece, Grupo Santander of Spain, and the A G Leventis Foundation. The Russian Centre has managed to complete its elegant new library, thanks to outside donors. Moreover the number, and more importantly, the quality of students applying to come here continues to rise. That is because St Antony’s and the wider University offer a community that is at once intellectual and social. Our Fellows generally have offices at the College. Most of our students live in our accommodation or nearby. Fellows, visitors, students alike, they eat their meals in Hall, go to seminars, lectures, parties, or receptions on our grounds. I try to meet each student every year and I hear the same things repeatedly: there is not enough hot water in some of the showers—we are working on that—but otherwise that St Antony’s is a marvellous place to learn and to make friends.

Sometimes, when Oxford compares itself to the great universities of the world, the comparisons are troubling. The rich American universities have so much money, even now, that they can create new posts, build new facilities or guarantee all students they admit full funding. Oxford cannot do that yet but resources are not everything. Oxford has strengths which are exceptional, even, although the word is over-used, unique.

As a university, Oxford is at the crossroads of the world. And St Antony’s (if I may be immodest) is the Carfax of Oxford. Wait long enough and almost everyone you might want to hear or meet will come by: leading academics in their fields, of course, and authors to talk about their new books but also foreign ministers, the heads of national banks, generals, journalists, or ambassadors from across the world. Since the start of 2009, our visitors have included Joschka Fischer, the former Foreign minister of Germany, Ahmed Chalabi, the Iraqi politician, Ronald Dworkin, the American legal theorist and Jürgen Habermas, the great philosopher.

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27 February 2009 – St Antony’s was visited by Dr Ahmad Chalabi, the leader of the Iraqi National Congress and the former Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister. He spoke on the subject of “Reflections on the American Intervention in Iraq”.

9-11 January 2009 – A major conference on “Liberalisms in East and West”, organized by scholars from across the University, brought together distinguished speakers from North America, Europe, China, India and Japan to discuss the disparate and conflicting versions of liberalism across the world. A concluding keynote was given by Professor Ronald Dworkin. Distinguished speakers included Pierre Rosanvallon, Paul Starr, Wang Shaoguang and Professor Timothy Garton Ash (pictured in order of mention below).

On Wednesday March 18th 2009 Dr Philip Robins was admitted as Junior Proctor for the proctorial year 2009-10. The day, which was sunny and warm, started with a procession from St Antony’s College to a ceremony in Convocation House. About 40 Fellows, staff and students of the College took part in the procession. At the ceremony Dr Robins was presented by the Warden of St Antony’s, Professor Margaret MacMillan, who spoke very impressively in Latin. Following the ceremony everyone returned to College for a drinks reception and a formal lunch which was attended by more Fellows, staff, students and other guests. The menu and wine, which were chosen by Dr Robins in conjunction with the Chef and Steward, had a Middle East theme.

Major events
and prominent visitors
Was the end of Communism economically determined?

By Professor Archie Brown, Emeritus Fellow

This year is the twentieth anniversary of the demise of Communist systems in Europe. I would argue that applies not only to the states of east-central Europe but also to the Soviet Union. With contested elections for a new legislature, and Soviet Communist Party members of radically different views opposing each other in a majority of the seats, the sacred principle of ‘democratic centralism’ was just one of the major pillars of Communism to be removed. And it was the pluralization of Soviet domestic politics and the transformation of Soviet foreign policy which provided the facilitating conditions for the more dramatic East European overthrow of Communism.

People who had long maintained that Communist systems – the Soviet state most of all – were impervious to change from within were among the first to declare, after the transformation had occurred, that the end of Communism had been a foregone conclusion. Among the many and varied explanations of this ‘inevitability’, I look briefly here at only one – the idea that the collapse of Communism was economically determined. Economists, as the current global financial crisis has reminded us, have been better at predicting the past than the future. They saw years ahead of the events of 1989 that it was a delusion to predict crisis forcing reform than what was there before. The moment of greatest danger for an authoritarian regime is when it undertakes reform.

To the extent that a system is liberalised and democratised, then economic failure becomes a more critical issue. That was clearly the case in the Soviet Union at the end of the 1980s, whereas the society was quiescent in 1985. The well-oiled levers of propaganda and coercion could have kept the Soviet and other Communist systems going for a few more decades, even in the face of economic stagnation. There was no crisis in 1985, when Mikhail Gorbachev succeeded Konstantin Chernenko, in the sense of popular unrest or any challenge to the regime’s control. Even in Poland, the most obstreperous barracks in the camp, Solidarity had been reduced to a shadow of its former self, meeting clandestinely in church halls. It was less a case of crisis forcing reform than of reform creating crisis.

In a stoutly economic-deterministic interpretation of perestroika policies, the former Russian acting prime minister Yegor Gaidar has argued that Gorbachev gave up the whole of Eastern Europe and made large unilateral reductions of armaments purely for economic reasons, and that this was also why he did not use force to put a stop to restive Soviet republics’ quest for independence. These policies were pursued, according to Gaidar, with the aim of securing ‘large, long-term, politically motivated credits that would at least postpone the looming state bankruptcy’.

If Gorbachev had pursued such dangerous policies for economic reasons, it would have been a remarkably roundabout way to go about it. To ‘lose’ East Europe was to risk the extreme wrath of the Soviet armed forces. To lose large parts of the Soviet Union meant forfeiting the support of almost all the party-state organs. If Gorbachev had been as obsessed with the economy as Gaidar
Trinity Term 2009 saw the opening of the new library at the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre (pictured above). Its previous incarnation (pictured right) was greatly in need of improvement and inspiration. The facility redesigned by Graham Bannell is testament to the generosity of its many donors, most notably the Khodorkovsky Foundation and indeed the energy and commitment of the Fundraising Committee. An exceptionally jolly launch party for the library took place on Friday 15th May. The next newsletter will cover this event in full as well as detailing special thanks to the many dedicated individuals who worked hard to make the new library a reality.

and other economic determinists assume he was, it would have been less risky to move to market prices. That, after all (as Gaidar reasonably insists), was the key to beginning to end the shortages and to avoiding a further deterioration of the economic situation (exacerbated in the second half of the 1980s by the fall in the oil price).

In reality Gorbachev, rightly or wrongly, was far more actively concerned with political than economic reform, even though that removed many traditional levers of power. Chinese Communist leaders have been much more fearful of that kind of reform than of marketising measures which, so far, they have survived comfortably enough. Severe economic difficulties played their part in galvanising opposition to the party-state authorities in the last years of the Soviet Union and in undermining the confidence of the political elite. However, an unreformed Soviet system would have dealt with the dissatisfaction – the manifestations of which would have been on a much more modest scale – in the traditional way. Economic failure does not by itself lead to the downfall of a highly authoritarian regime.

Professor Brown’s latest book, The Rise and Fall of Communism was published by Bodley Head in London on 7 May and in the USA by Ecco (New York) on 9 June. In Canada it will be published by Doubleday (Toronto) in September. It has already been translated into German and Dutch.
Professor Leigh Payne PhD (Yale University) has been appointed to the Governing Body as Professor of Sociology of Latin America. She will hold a joint appointment between the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies and the Department of Sociology. Before coming to Oxford, Professor Payne was a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research concentrates on political sociology and particularly the challenges Latin American societies face during transitions from authoritarian rule. Her 2008 book *Unsettling Accounts: Neither Truth nor Reconciliation in Confessions of State Violence* (Duke University Press) explored perpetrators’ confessional performances in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and South Africa. A Spanish translation with an additional chapter on Colombia is forthcoming. She also has two books under review: *Engaging the Past to Safeguard the Future: Comparative Perspectives on Transitional Justice* co-authored with Tricia Olsen and Andrew Reiter and *The Memory Market in Latin America* co-edited with Ksenija Bilbija. She has published four other books and has additional journal articles and book chapters.

We are a small College but we encompass the world. In our accommodation blocks, students tell me, they get together in the kitchens to chat. In some houses, they cook meals together. The music at the parties in the Buttery ranges from Hip Hop one night to Indian music the next, and the themes can be toga parties or Irish pubs, Ukrainian/Russian nights or German Beer fests. Last year the theme for the summer ball was the Middle East, this year it is Venice. The Chef consults cook books and students from the regions. If he can’t find the herbs he needs, he grows them in his garden.

We worry, as we must, about our students feeling homesick and at sea but they are adventurous and adaptable—or they would not have chosen to come here. The majority have done other graduate degrees already or worked, sometimes for several years. Many have worked for non profit agencies such as Save the Children (indeed some have founded their own); for the United Nations or its agencies in countries such as the Sudan and Afghanistan. The Women’s committee of the JCR are working with a hospital in the Congo for victims of rape. Closer to home the Jacari project teaching English to primary school children in Oxford schools—filling much needed gap because of waves of immigrants to Oxford. And yet somehow they find time to fill up our rowing teams or play football. The Antonian Brewing Society makes its own beer and the Gardening Society grows organic vegetables. To call our students high achievers seems a bit pallid.

The College system is expensive and today, if Oxford were starting over, would probably not invent it. But nothing else can provide such an atmosphere where friendships are made and minds are stretched. What our students learn from each other and from our Fellows around the College may be as important to them in the long as what they learn in their lectures and seminars. One day, they will help us through such stormy times as these.
A special colloquium was held to mark the 80th Birthday of the College’s third Warden, Lord (Ralf) Dahrendorf, on Friday 1st May 2009. A packed lecture theatre listened to tributes to Ralf Dahrendorf, and reflections on his work, from Professor Jürgen Habermas, Professor Fritz Stern and Professor Timothy Garton Ash. Singling out just a few of his more than 35 books, they ranged from his early days as a rising star of German sociology in the 1950s, through his deep engagement for liberal democracy in Germany and elsewhere, to his time at the college, which coincided with the velvet revolutions of 1989 in Central Europe and the end of communism in the Soviet Union.

A series of spontaneous tributes followed from the floor, as well as questions covering topics such as the democratic legitimation of European institutions in the economic crisis, the fragility of democracy in post-communist Europe and the role of universities. At the end, Lord Dahrendorf expressed his thanks in moving words, and paid his own tribute to the speakers, the audience and the college. A very large celebratory High Table followed, at which the Warden congratulated her predecessor on his many achievements and his 80th Birthday, whereupon the assembled company broke into “Happy Birthday to you” – possibly a first at a High Table.

(An audio recording of the Friday afternoon lecture will shortly be available through the College website)
With the world’s media preoccupied with the Bush-Obama transition (apparently the inauguration inspired over 35,000 news stories), it is understandable that the international press failed to report that change has also come to the St Antony’s JCR. The New Year brought in a new team, armed with a battery of fresh ideas and buoyed by (a hopefully sustainable) high level enthusiasm.

Britain’s winter of discontent it may be, but when Port Meadow froze over in early January, huddles of Antonians cheerfully braved the early morning chill to walk the short distance, skates in hand. The cold turn has proved a boon to the new St Antony’s Cafe, which is rapidly becoming a hub of College life, whipping up a fantastic selection of baked goods, and serving an impressive array of hot drinks throughout the day from 9am to 5:30pm. Antonians continue to demonstrate that the old stereotype of the taste-bud-challenged student is that much bunk, and this diurnal manifestation of the Buttery is fast becoming a veritable salon, and a desirable location for meetings, supervisions, discussion and even (above the din of earnest intellectual conversation) study, among students, staff and fellows alike. In only its second term, the Cafe employs several part-time baristas, and plans are afoot to improve the decor and to host a range of events, including book readings.

The Buttery’s night-time alter ego, the Late Bar, has maintained its reputation as a bastion of College life. The term’s inaugural party, Goodbye Bush, Hello Hilary was a successful if low-key event. Second Week’s Bollywood night succeeded in expanding this writer’s range of mobility on the dance floor, albeit not necessarily in ways that would win him a starring role in Aishwarya Rai’s next blockbuster. In Third Week, the heavily anticipated Ozzie Bop continued a fine tradition of exceeding the expectations of those in attendance, while confirming the pre-bop anxieties of those responsible for keeping the drinks flowing as demanded by the predominantly antipodean crowd. Easier said than done, for sure, but it was ultimately achieved, and the night passed off smoothly and successfully.

Albeit in a less eye-catching manner, the JCR Executive and Officers have continued to work on various projects and programs that grease the axles of college life. The academic vice-president, Matt Lee, has been especially proactive in organising various academic events, and has begun to collect and compile student CVs, with the aim of assembling a database of potential research assistants which will then be made available to departments across the University. The Welfare Team, led by Dawn Berry, has continued to work on innumerable projects that are improving the pastoral – and probably the spiritual – wellbeing of the student body.

The JCR has a wide range of projects, both major and minor, in its pipeline. The term is only a few weeks old, and those of us in elected positions have more than another half a year on the job. However, the level of enthusiasm and the success of the first few weeks augurs well for the rest of 2009.

Calum Nicholson
16 February 2009

Three Antonians, Johannes Sjostrand, Dan Koldyk and Calum Nicholson suited up for the 2008-9 Ice Hockey Season with the Oxford Blues. And what a season it was. For the first time in memory, the Blues went undefeated in the United Kingdom, while maintaining a winning record at international competitions in Munich, Berlin and Chamonix, often against semi-professional opponents. The season was capped by a hard fought 4-2 victory over a strong Cambridge side in the Varsity Match, and a gritty 6-2 victory over Nottingham for the National Championship trophy, the first national championship for the Blues since 1933.
It’s been a busy few months for graduate students on the STAIR Committee, who have been working simultaneously on two issues of St Antony’s International Review, the University’s only peer-reviewed journal of international affairs.

Now in its fifth year, the STAIR journal continues to attract contributions from leading experts in the field. The latest issue, *The Politics of Nuclear Technology in the 21st Century* - edited by Martin Bayly and Robert Nelson - features articles by, amongst others, John Baylis, Jack Boureston and James A Russell. Elbridge Colby reviews *Abolishing Nuclear Weapons* by James M Acton and George Perkovich, to which the authors respond in the subsequent chapter.

The issue is now available in College and via the website (www.stair-journal.org), having been launched at Blackwells Bookshop in Hilary Term with an open discussion on ‘Nuclear Energy and Climate Change: an Old Solution to a New Problem?’ STAIR was delighted to welcome as guest speakers at the event, Dr Ian Goldin, Director of the 21st Century School, Norman Harrison, CEO of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, David Broughton of the Committee on Nuclear Waste Management, and Mark Lynas, climate change author whose book *Six Degrees* won the Royal Society Science prize. A wine reception was followed by talks from each of the speakers and questions from the audience of staff, students and interested members of the public, after which there were post-launch drinks at St Antony’s College.

In the meantime, the committee was hard at work on the next issue, *Transnational Firms and Global Governance*, published in April 2009. The issue has attracted contributions from leading scholars in the respective fields as well as from emerging scholars, and promises to make valuable contributions to academic and policy debates. STAIR organised a high profile launch event for this new issue in May 2009.

More details of the latest issue of the journal, as well as ‘Contents’ pages of back issues, and photos and footage of the recent launch event, can be found on the St Antony’s website in the JCR pages - just click on ‘St Antony’s International Review’. STAIR subscriptions

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Class of ’99 Reunion
- October 2009

Although hard to believe, a decade has now passed since the academic class of ’99 matriculated at Oxford (St Antony’s). To mark this momentous occasion (quite besides the fact that we are all ten years older and, some may presume, wiser), a special reunion High Table dinner will be held on Friday 30 October in College (dinner gratis for alumni, cost TBD for partners/guests); to be followed by a nightcap(s) in the Late Bar, as demanded by tradition…..!

The dinner provides an excellent opportunity for us all to catch up, network, reminisce and swap stories of academic ‘old’ and professional ‘new’, and promises to be great fun.

To reserve a place, please contact Katya Kocourek direct: kamkocourek@gmail.com, cc’ing your email to the Development Office: dev.office@sant.ox.ac.uk.

Networks of Power in Modern Greece: Essays in honour of John Campbell.

This is an exciting new set of perspectives on Greek history and society written by former students of Professor John Campbell, described as “the father” of Greek Studies at St Antony’s College. Professor John Campbell taught, encouraged and influenced a whole generation of scholars (Renee Hirschon, Mark Mazower, Juliet du Boulay, Roger Just, Charles Stewart, Thanos Veremis, Gelina Harlaftis, Haris Vlavianos, Basil Gounaris, Michael Llewellyn Smith, all of whom have contributed to this volume) n both anthropology and history which John Campbell saw as linked in their human dimension. The book contributes to knowledge on Greece in a series of stimulating essays and salutes a remarkable teacher. Mark Mazower, Oxford alumnus , now a well known Professor of History at Columbia University, is the editor of this volume.

Publications by Current Members

Leslie Bethell (Emeritus Fellow) - The Cambridge History of Latin America (ed) (12 volumes, Cambridge, 2009)

Archie Brown (Emeritus Fellow) - The Rise & Fall of Communism (Bodley Head and Ecco 2009)

Paul Collier - Wars, Guns, and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places (Harper, 2009)

John Githongo (Senior Member) is the subject of It’s Our Turn to Eat: The Story of a Kenyan Whistle-Blower by Michela Wrong (Harper, 2009)

Alistair Horne (Honorary Fellow) – Kissinger: 1973, the Crucial Year (Simon & Schuster, forthcoming 2009)


David Marquand (Honorary Fellow and alumnus) - Britain Since 1918: The Strange Career of British Democracy (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2008)

Joseph Sassoon (’77) has a new publication: The Iraqi Refugees: The New Crisis in the Middle East. (I.B:Tauris, 2009).
Jean-Francois Bergier ('58) Emeritus History Professor at the University of Geneva and Honorary President of the International Economic History Association and of the International Society for the History of the Alps. As well as holding various honorary degrees, he chaired the Independent Expat Committee Switzerland - World War II (1996 - 2002)

David Watson ('58) In November 2008 published “George Clemenceau: France”, one of the first volumes to be published in a series titled “Makers of the Modern World”: The Peace Conferences of 1919 - 1923 and their aftermath. Haus Publishing Ltd. In April 2009 celebrated 50 years of a marriage that began in a St Antony’s College flat at 5 Church Walk.


Antony Copley ('60) His book: “A Spiritual Bloomsbury” has been published by Yoda Press, New Delhi under the Revised title, “Gay writers in Search of the Devine”. He has also been appointed an Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the School of History, University of Kent. The school was ranked joint second with Oxford in the recent RAE.

Professor Miklos Veto ('60) has been elected as of 2008 Academic Vice-President of the Xavier Tillette Institute, Rome as if 2009 member of the Académie Catholique de France. Most recent publication, Schelling : Conferences de Stuttgart. Stuttgart Privatverlesungen. L’Ouverture Philosophique, L’Harmattan, Paris, 2009, 275pp.

Claude Welch ('61) was recently appointed Head of the new Global Perspectives Academy at the University of Buffalo. He recently published Defining Contemporary Forms of Slavery: Updating a Vulnerable NGO, Human Rights Quarterly (Feb 2009). His next book is Protecting Human Rights Globally: Roles and Strategies of International NGOs.

Maurice Pearton ('68) was recently honoured by the President of Romania with the National Order “Pentru Merit” in the rank of Commander for his efforts to promote Romania in the “English speaking world” through publications and lectures.

John Y Wong ('68) was appointed Professor of Modern History at the University of Sydney, effective 1 Jan 2009. John is a Fellow of Academy of Social Sciences in Australia.

Francis Ghilès ('69) was appointed to CIDOB as Senior Researcher as of March 1st 2008

Lewis Siegelbaum ('70) spent a year (2007-08) as a Fellow in Residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS) during which his latest book, Cars for Comrades: The Life of the Soviet Automobile (Cornell University Press, 2008) was published. The book has been recently reviewed by The Economist and the TLS.

Colin Jones ('71) has become President of the Royal Historical Society, and in 2008 was elected Fellow of the British Academy and Officier dans l’Ordre des Palmes académiques

Philip Khoury ('74) has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is presently Associate Provost and Ford International Professor of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Gowher Rizvi ('77) Formerly of Harvard University, Dr Rizvi is now the Vice Provost of International Programs at the University of Virginia.


Gerald Mars ('84) has been made Honorary Professor of Applied Anthropology, University College, London (UCL). He has also been awarded the Lucy Mair Medal by the Royal Anthropological Institute for “Consistent Excellence in Applied Anthropology”

Jorge Heine ('84) was until recently Chile’s ambassador to India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and has been appointed to the Chair in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and as a distinguished fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo, Ontario. Also serving as vice-president of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), he recently lectured at Fudan University in China (on the “Theory and Practice of the New Diplomacy”) and at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (on “Deepening Democracy in Latin America”). His daughter Amory has recently given birth in Santiago to her first son, Arturo Mackenna.

Hans Baerwald ('85) is now living with his wife, a retired neurophysiologist in their home in the Napa Valley in California. They spent six month as guests of the Japan Centre (courtesy of Arthur Stockwin) in 1985-86. They have happy memories of Oxford.

Matthew Cragoe ('86) has moved to Sussex to be Head of the new School of History & Philosophy, with a Chair in the History Department.

John B Hattendorf ('86) has recently published: U.S. Naval Strategy in the 1980s: Selected Documents, edited by John B. Hattendorf and Peter M. Swartz. (Newport, RI: Naval War College Press, 2008) The third volume in a series that provides historical insights on the U.S. Navy’s statements of its strategy from the 1970s through the 1990s. This latest volume includes all recently declassified documents from the Reagan administration’s “Maritime Strategy”.

News of Old Antonians
Neil Melvin ('86) has recently become the Senior Adviser at the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels.


Henry “Duke” Ryan ('86) will give a paper on June 27th at the annual conference of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations entitled “America’s Jews and Russia’s Tsars: The Struggle Over Jewish Persecution, 1881-1917.”

Markus Schmidt ('86) and Esther Lam Mei Yan are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ines Lam Schmidt on 9 May 2008 in Nyon, Switzerland. As you can see from the picture, Ines is doing well.

Mark Fuchs ('87) and several colleagues have set up an investment management firm in Singapore, Fuchs Capital Partners Pte Ltd, where he is CEO. Their flagship fund will be an ASEAN long/short fund, launching during 1Q09. Mark recently left Credit Suisse after nearly a decade, where he was a Managing Director, Head of Equities for SE Asia, and a member of several CS Boards including its Chairman’s Board and Philanthropic Board for Asia Pacific.

Geeta Kingdon ('87). After a Robert S McNamara Fellowship of the World Bank and research positions in economics departments at LSE and Oxford, in 1st October 2007 took up the Chair of Education Economics and International Development at University of London's Institute of Education.

Michael Ratchiffe ('87) is now Assistant Division Chief for Geocartographic Products and Criteria, Geography Division, U.S. Census Bureau.

John Keep ('89) published, with Alter Litvin of Kazan, Epokha Iosifa Stalin: sovremennaya istoriografiia The Age of Josef Stalin: Recent Historical Writing. (Moscow: Rosspen, 2009).


Samuel Moncada-Acosta ('90) is now the Venezuelan ambassador to the UK.

Michael Benson (91) President of Southern Utah University, and his wife Debi welcomed the newest addition to their family, Tatum Anne (below) in July 2008.

Godfrey Hodgson ('98) His biography of Martin Luther King is to be published by Quercus in 2009. He has been awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa by the University of the South, Sewanee Tennesse.

Niaz Asadullah ('99) is now a lecturer in the Department of Economics at Henley Business School, Reading University.

Christoph Willecke and Nandini Ramnath Wilcke (99) welcomed their first child, Kiran Maximilian, on October 27, 2008. Christoph works as a senior researcher for Saudi Arabia and Jordan at Human Rights Watch. Nandini is working as in-house counsel to the real estate developer Donald Trump in New York.

Andreas Christmann ('95) was promoted in 2007 to Senior Lecturer in the Middle Eastern Studies Department of Manchester University. This year he published: The Qur’an, Morality, and Critical Reason: The Essential Muhammad Shahrur (Brill Publisher, Boston and Leiden).

Helene Roos ('95). After three years at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris, she has been appointed since August 2008 as Deputy Head of Mission at the French Embassy in Estonia.

Zachary Shore, ('95) is Associate Professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and a Senior Fellow at UC Berkeley’s Institute of European Studies. He recently published Blunder: Why Smart People Make Bad Decisions with Bloomsbury. His previous book, Breeding Bin Ladens: America, Islam, and the Future of Europe, will be released in paperback in June by Johns Hopkins University Press.

Niazi Asadullah ('99) is now a lecturer in the Department of Economics at Henley Business School, Reading University.
The commemorative dossiers of the G8 Italian Presidency. His book approaches the new concepts of sovereignty from the particular perspective of European minorities even with a constitutional domestic recognition of their particular regimes. Within those new concepts, the EU system is daily demonstrating that co-sovereignty is not only possible but even feasible to resolve integration problems at the EU system.

Aasa Frostfeldt (‘01) Asa and Rikard Lundgren were married in Sandhem, Sweden, on August 16, 2008 (pictured right). The couple live in Stockholm. Asa is the manager of a project that implements the Canadian V/WAP model in Stockholm and Rikard works as a recruitment consultant.

Felipe Krause Dornelles (’01) entered the Brazilian foreign service in 2007. Having now completed his training at the Rio Branco Institute, the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy, has been assigned to the Division of Social Affairs at the Ministry of External Relations, where he will be in charge of health-related issues, particularly HIV/AIDS, and new mechanisms for development finance.

Nicholas Murray (’01) His wife gave birth to their second baby girl, Greta Jane, on 20/08/08. He is now: Assistant Professor in the Department of Military History, US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Francesco Rampa (’01) is based from June 2008 to December 2009 at the Italian Prime Minister’s Office - G8 Sherpa Office, and is responsible for the Development & Africa dossiers of the G8 Italian Presidency.


Omi Hatashin (’04) has published Private Yokoi's War and Life on Guam 1944-1972: The story of the Japanese Imperial Army's longest WWII survivor in the field and later life (Global Oriental, 2009), and a chapter in Minkes and Minkes, Corporate and White-Collar Crime (Sage, 2008).

Gulnur Aybet (’05) has been honoured by being nominated on the list of the 50 most powerful Muslim women in Britain. The initiative is taken by the British government’s equality and human rights commission jointly with The Times newspaper. She has also been awarded a South East Europe Policy Scholarship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC for 2009 working on her new book Turkey and the transatlantic bargain
News of Old Antonians

Jaideep Gupte ('05) Wedding to Rebecca on 21 December 2008 in Mumbai with friends and family. (Pictured below)

Marissa Doran ('06) After a year and a half on the Obama campaign and running the strategy side of a Democratic firm, she has accepted a job on the Professional Staff of the US House Foreign Affairs Committee, working on international organizations, State Department oversight, and the Africa portfolio.

John Loughlin ('06) Professor John Loughlin has been appointed a Resident Member of the Center for Theological Inquiry of Princeton Theological Seminary and will be affiliated to the Centre for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. During this period he will conduct research on the relationship between religion and politics from theological, historical and political perspectives. The research will examine the theological influences on state formation at the beginning of modernity in the 16th and 17th centuries and how these affect contemporary politics and policy in Europe and America. Professor Loughlin will be in Princeton from January to June 2010. Before this he will be at Queen Mary University of London as Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at the Graduate Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences. During this period, between September and December 2009, he will conclude two large research projects on the configuration of the state and subnational democracy which will be published as two books by Oxford University Press.

Siddharth Verma ('06) is a financial journalist in London covering capital flows to emerging markets. The job takes him all over the world, interviewing top bankers, investors, finance ministers, central bank governors and even prime ministers.

Pardeep Chauhan ('07) has had a baby girl, ‘Tarangini’. Tarangini is a sanskrit name meaning ‘river’.

Catherine Fieschi ('08) has taken up a new post as Director of the British Council’s think-tank Counterpoint.

Deaths

We are sad to report the deaths of the following Antonians. Links to obituaries can be found on the St Antony's In Memoriam web page - http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/antonians/deaths.html .

Mrs Elspeth Rostow, Senior Associate Member in 1984, died in December 2007. Besides being a presidential advisor, she was former Dean and Stiles Professor Emerita in American Studies at the Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

Dr Hiroshi Shimizu, former DPhil student and Professor of Asian Economic History at Aichi Shukutoku University died on April 9th 2009.

Dr Marc Dacosta Alleyne, a DPhil Student died tragically aged 47 on May 20th 2009. He was Associate Professor of Communications at Georgia State University,
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Thanks to a Departing Liaison Officer

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**E-Bulletin**

For our next newsletter in Michelmas 2009, we plan to produce and distribute the email electronically as well as in the print version. This is, we hope, a welcome embrace of the possibilities of new technology but also greatly increase the amount of Antonians who actually get to read the newsletter online or offline.

For that reason we would welcome updated (and preferably personal) email addresses to ensure we are getting this publication to you. Please email any updates to:

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**Newsletter**

My sincere thanks in producing this newsletter go to the hard work of my predecessor Vanessa Hack who left in March to take up a new post at Oxford Brookes University.

A special mention should also go to Kathie Mackay and Emma Tracy for their invaluable contributions and indeed to everyone who so enthusiastically contributed to this edition.

**Ranj Majumdar**

Antonian Relations Officer

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**Dates for your Diary**

The next *Alumni Weekend* will be held on 25–27 September 2009 and will celebrate Women at Oxford.

A 10-year reunion for the class of 1999 will take place during the last weekend of October 2009. See page 10 of this newsletter for details.

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**News for the Newsletter?**

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**Data Protection Act (1998)**

St Antony's College maintains data on its former members for purposes of membership, administration and fundraising.