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THE COLLEGE

St Antony’s is a postgraduate college which specialises in the inter-disciplinary study of Europe, Russia and the other successor states of the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Africa, Japan, South and Southeast Asia, China and Latin America. Fellows of the College are specialists in modern history, language and literature, politics, economics, anthropology, sociology and international relations. Visiting and Research Fellows, as well as Senior Associate Members, complement the fellowship. Junior Members of the College are men and women working towards higher degrees of the university.

The corporate designation of the college is ‘The Warden and Fellows of St Antony’s College in the University of Oxford’. Its foundation was made possible by a gift of the late Antonin Besse of Aden, a leading merchant of French nationality. Provisional arrangements for the foundation of the college were made by a decree passed by Congregation on 21 September 1948. On 30 May 1950, a further decree bestowed on the college the status of a New Foundation. Its main functions were then defined as: ‘(a) to be a centre of advanced study and research in the fields of modern international history, philosophy, economics and politics; (b) to provide an international centre within the University where graduate students from all over the world can live and work together in close contact with senior members of the University who are specialists in their field; (c) to contribute to the general teaching of the University, especially in the fields of modern history and politics’.

In Michaelmas term 1950, the college opened its doors on Woodstock Road in a former Anglican convent built in the 1860s that had hitherto been used by the university as a graduate hostel. Today, many of the academic facilities, the library and the administration of the college can be found in the old convent, now known as the Main Building. In 1970, the newly built Hilda Besse Building was opened. Named after the wife of the founder, herself a benefactress of the college, the Besse Building houses the hall, common rooms, Buttery and other rooms for college functions. In 1993 a new building was opened, housing a new lecture theatre as well as the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies and the Bodleian Japanese Library. And in 2000 on the College’s 50th anniversary year, HRH The Princess Royal inaugurated the Founder’s Building, containing extra accommodation and teaching space and named in honour of Antonin Besse. Other college properties, both within and beyond the curtilage, include the centres for regional studies, student residences and the Warden’s lodgings. In 2013, the Gateway buildings were inaugurated, along with a new lodge. An equally notable edition was the Investcorp Building, to extend the Middle East Centre, designed by Zaha Hadid and opened in 2015.

The original governing body of the college consisted of the Warden, the Sub-Warden, the Bursar and seven students. The college quickly grew and became recognised by the university and beyond. On 1 April 1953, a Charter of Incorporation was granted and the Queen in Council approved the Statutes of the College. On 2 October 1962, a Supplementary Charter was granted to enable the college to admit women as well as men. On 21 May 1963 a statute was passed in Congregation making the college a full College of the University; the
Queen in Council approved this decision on 20 December 1963. The body of the college consists of the Warden, the Bursar, some 40 fellows, about 470 students and, at any time, more than 120 Senior Members.

The name, St Antony’s, was chosen by the group set up to create the new college, the St Antony’s Foundation, and intended to allude to the name of the founder. For many years there was some ambiguity about whether the patron saint was St Antony the Abbot (17 January) or St Antony of Padua (13 June). In 1961, the college was persuaded by one of its members that St Antony the Abbot was more appropriate; the college also decided that the college flag should be flown on both saints’ days. Nine years earlier, in 1952, the college coat of arms had been designed in the colours of the Red Sea (red) and desert sands (gold) with mullets borrowed from Antonin Besse’s trademark and crosses of St Antony the Abbot.
THE FELLOWSHIP

Visitor – The Crown

Warden – Professor Margaret MacMillan

Governing Body Fellows (in alphabetical order)

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Professor William Beinart
Professor Paul Betts
Professor Paul Chaisty
Professor Paul Collier
Professor Jennifer Corbett
Dr Cathryn Costello
Dr Faisal Devji
Dr James Fenske
Professor Edmund FitzGerald
Professor Rosemary Foot
Professor Timothy Garton Ash
Mrs Kirsten Gillingham
Professor Doug Gollin
Professor Roger Goodman
Professor Nandini Gooptu
Dr Thomas Hale
Professor Dan Healey
Dr Ekaterina Hertog
Dr David Johnson
Professor Dominic Johnson
Dr Halbert Jones
Professor Takehiko Kariya
Professor Alan Knight
Dr Sho Konishi
Dr Miles Larmer
Dr Toby Matthiesen
Dr Paola Mattei
Dr Laurent Mignon
Dr Rachel Murphy
Dr Raufu Mustapha
Professor Ian Neary
Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis
Professor Leigh Payne
Dr David Pratten
Dr Simon Quinn
Professor Tariq Ramadan
Professor Philip Robins
Professor Eugene Rogan
Dr Diego Sanchez-Ancochea
Dr Ramon Sarro
Professor Robert Service
Professor Jonny Steinberg
Dr Blessing Tendi
Dr Matthew Walton
Professor Hugh Whittaker
Dr Michael Willis
Professor Jan Zielonka

Honorary Fellows

Dr Nayef Al Rodhan
Sir Mark Allen
Dr Hanan Ashrawi
Mrs Monna Besse
The Rt Hon Lord Peter Carrington
Sir Bryan Cartledge
Professor Louis Cha
Professor Francis Conte
Sir James Craig
Professor Norman Davies
Mr Geoffrey Elliott
Mr Thomas Friedman
Mr Foulath Hadid
Sir Alistair Horne
Ms Bridget Kendall
Mr Nemir Kirdar
Professor Dr Jurgen Kocka
Sir Michael Llewellyn-Smith
Professor Wm Roger Louis
Professor Jose Maravall
Professor David Marquand
Dr Sadako Ogata
The Rt Hon the Lord Christopher Patten of Barnes, CH
Dr Sigrid Rausing
Professor Sir Edward Roberts
HE Ghassan Shaker
Professor Alfred Stepan
Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
Sir John Swire
Professor Richard Ullman
Dr Richard von Weizsäcker

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Dr Atiku Abubakar
Ms Sein Chew
Mr Adrian Fu
Mr Eric Hotung
Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky
Dr Serra Kirdar

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Mr Alan Angell
Professor Robert Barnes
Professor William Beinart
Professor Leslie Bethell
Professor Archie Brown
Professor Jane Caplan
Professor Robert Cassen
Professor Richard Clogg
Professor Jennifer Corbett
Mr Malcolm Deas
Professor Mark Elvin
Dr David Faure
Professor Edmund FitzGerald
Professor Rosemary Foot
Professor Joseph Foweraker
Professor Charles Harley
Professor Jack Hayward
Dr Ronald Hingley
Dr Derek Hopwood
Professor Michael Kaser
Dr Celia Kerslake
Mr Anthony Kirk-Greene
Dr Carol Leonard
Mr Robert Mabro
Mr Herminio Martins
Dr James McMullen
Professor Anthony Nicholls
Professor Patrick O'Brien
Professor Edward Owen
Dr Brian Powell
Dr Alex Pravda  
Professor Terence Ranger  
Professor Tapan Raychaudhuri  
Dr Marcus Rebick  
Professor Robert Service  
Professor Avi Shlaim  
Professor Vivienne Shue  
Dr Harold Shukman  
Professor James Stockwin  
Mr Allan Taylor  
Mrs Rosemary Thorp  
Dr Steve Tsang  
Dr David Washbrook  
Dr Barbara Waswo  
Dr Theodore Zeldin  

**Research Fellows**  

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Dr Homa Katouzian  
Professor Mthuli Ncube  
Professor Eduardo Posada-Carbo  

**Junior Research Fellows**  

Dr Adis Merdzanovic  
Dr Nicola Horsburgh  
Dr Oliver Owen  
Dr Olivier Sterck  
Dr Jonathan Waterlow  

**Visiting Fellows**  

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The Staff (as at Michaelmas 2015)

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Dr Miles Larmer
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European Studies Centre
Latin American Centre
Middle East Centre
Nissan Institute
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Chef
Chef de Partie
College Computing Officer
College Nurse
College Registrar
Contemporary Islamic Studies Programme Administrator
Deputy Steward
Development Director
Development Officer

Domestic Bursar
Domestic Bursary Administrator
European Studies Centre Administrator
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Head of Maintenance
Head Porter
Housekeeper
HR Manager
IT Manager
IT Senior Officer
Kitchen Assistant

Kitchen Porter
Latin American Centre Administrator
Latin American Centre Librarian
Librarian
Library Assistant
Lodge Porters

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Middle East Centre Administrator
Middle East Centre Archivist
Middle East Centre Librarian
Nissan Institute for Japanese Studies Administrator
North American Studies Administrator
Personal Assistant to the Bursar
Personal Assistant to Timothy Garton Ash/Dahrendorf Programme
Polish Studies Administrator
Project Accountant
Russian and Eurasian Centre Administrator and Librarian

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Frank Egerton
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COLLEGE AFFAIRS

Warden’s Report

As I start my last year as Warden of St Antony’s I am reflecting on how the college has changed during my years here. Certainly it is physically different. We have a new front entrance with our two elegant accommodation and office buildings; the Middle East Centre’s Investcorp Building designed by Zaha Hadid has given Oxford an outstanding piece of modern architecture; and the Victorian convent which was the college’s original building has been completely refurbished and spruced up. And the college has admitted students from some of Oxford’s newer courses, at the Internet Institute, for example, from the Said Business School or the Blavatnik School of Government. We have appointed new fellows to replace retiring ones and added new posts, most recently in the international relations of the Middle East.

Much of course remains the same. We have the same international mix of fellows, Academic Visitors and students. This year we took in 246 new students who came from 69 different countries and they are evenly split between men and women. The majority – around 80% – are in the social sciences but since many do area studies or international relations, they encounter the humanities as well. The university is discussing its future size and shape (it seems to have been doing so ever since I arrived as Warden) and there is talk of adding even more graduate students. Many colleges, and we share that concern, are wondering how far we can grow in numbers before our amenities such as dining halls and common rooms become over crowded. Perhaps we should be thinking of creating new colleges. On one thing at least, there is fairly general agreement and that is the crucial role college communities play in providing an intellectual and social home to students and to fellows as well.

As always the college continues to house a wonderfully eclectic range of seminars, workshops, conferences and lectures. Over the course of the last academic year well over 300 separate events took place here. In one particularly hectic week we had Secretary of State John Kerry for lunch; Svetlana Alexievich, the Belarussian writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature, spoke about her work; and Noam Chomsky gave a lecture on the United States and the Middle East.

Keeping all this activity going as well as supporting students with scholarships or travel grants has its costs of course. And we get the occasional unpleasant surprise! We have just had a thorough survey done on our Besse Building, which is now nearly half a century old. The news is that we are going to have to do a lot of expensive maintenance work to ensure that it lasts another 50 years. While we manage to balance the books every year we are always looking for ways to raise funds to meet such challenges and to provide more posts and more student support. We rent out college rooms in the summer for conferences and for our very successful summer school but we also, as many of you will have noticed, appeal to our alumni. Our alumni respond generously indeed.

We have other things to worry us than college buildings. The result of the referendum on British membership of the European Union came as a shock to many of us at the college and
indeed in Oxford as a whole which voted 70% for remain. (It is a matter of some chagrin that Cambridge was 73%.) The debate and the result have unfortunately opened the door to anti-immigrant rhetoric. When Britain leaves the European Union, even if the exit is a ‘soft’ one, it will have serious implications for British education. To date British universities have been notably successful in obtaining research funds from the EU. That will come to an end and there is no guarantee that a British government already strapped for funds will make up the difference.

More worrying still is that the links between British and European academics will fray. Researchers and students may no longer be able to move easily among universities in different countries. Oxford, which attracts the best students and teachers from around the world, will be severely damaged if the government, as some of its ministers have suggested, moves to drastically limit visas and insists that British universities hire only British nationals. It is encouraging that our new Vice-Chancellor, along with other university heads, is making a strong and public case for the British government to step into replace lost research funding and to ensure that universities can continue to recruit the most talented from abroad. Let us hope the vice-chancellors succeed. The alternative, for British education and for this college, is a grim one.

The year after this I will watching from the side-lines but I will continue to take a keen interest in what happens to St Antony’s, to Oxford, and to Britain. I will leave knowing that, whatever happens, the college will be in firm and capable hands. When I learned that Roger Goodman, a fellow of this college, had been appointed as the sixth Warden, I could not have been more pleased. He understands the college and the university and he will provide just the sort of leadership St Antony’s needs in the coming tricky times.
From the Bursar

This section of the College Record focuses on the college’s financial performance and notable developments in the college operations. The role of the Bursar oversees the operations of the college with a particular focus on ensuring a sustainable financial strategy and maximising the use of all our resources.

Financial performance

Total incoming resources for the year to 31 July 2016 amounted to £7.02 million compared to £8.42 million in the year to 31 July 2015. Income is £1.4 million lower, mainly as a result of the unusually high donations towards the cost of the Investcorp building in 2015.

The college’s income comes from just a few sources as shown in the chart below:

![Pie chart showing income sources]

Expenditure during the year under review was £6.62 million compared to £6 million in the previous year representing an increase of 10%. Factors contributing to this were additional depreciation due to completion of the Investcorp building.

The college’s expenditure is spread across several categories of spend, and the significance of spending on the college’s property estate can be seen in the chart below:
On its operations, the college achieved a surplus of income over expenditure in the year of £372k compared with £303k in the previous year.

The college’s fixed assets increased by £1.03 million from £67.43 million to £68.46 million. The increase in the value of investments was offset by the impact of depreciation on existing assets.

Endowments increased by £1.17 million during the year from £37.02 million to £38.19 million as a result of an increase in the value of the underlying assets, whilst restricted funds held by the college increased from £14.16 million to £14.32 million. These funds are not available to fund general activities and include £13.06 million representing the capital value of the Investcorp building at the end of the year.

Unrestricted funds rose from £11.67 million to £12.28 million, of which £9.02 million represents the value of fixed assets which may only be realised through the disposal of tangible fixed assets.

Strategic planning

The college’s plans continue to encompass the recruitment and retention of excellent researchers, the admission and support of students in the college’s academic fields, and the provision of facilities to support all the activities of students, staff and visitors. In terms of academic development, the college is actively seeking funding for research posts in key areas.

Operational plans are drawn up for each of the departments within the college to ensure that the college continues to enhance its ability to support strong interdisciplinary research communities in area-based centres, and the progress and development of all students to achieve the best possible results in their chosen area of study.

The fundraising strategy for the college continues to focus on securing funding for scholarships for students, and support for Junior Research Fellowships and post-doctoral
researchers. Fundraising for building projects and the college endowment is an important focus, as this frees other college resources for academic priorities.
News from the GCR

Reproduced from the 2016 Antonian newsletter

A message from the GCR President, Azfar bin Anwar (MPhil Islamic Studies and History, 2015)

It has been a year of hashtags. From #brexit to #Trump, from #ISIS to #Syria, and from the refugee crisis to Oxford’s #Rhodesmustfall campaign. St Antony’s has never been a better platform for robust and respectful discussions to take place on these issues. Everywhere in college – from the dining halls over formal dinners, the Late Bar after a hard day of working in the library, to the kitchens where sudden culinary interest develops (any excuse to procrastinate from finishing that essay) has become an arena of passionate discussions over these issues, especially that special bench right outside the Buttery, where interesting characters would huddle together, sharing a cigarette, and doing what Antonians do best – opine.

Given the variegated backgrounds and rich experiences of the Antonian community, it is not surprising that no issues were left unturned, but addressed in a manner which befits Oxonians. It is high time then that a BME (Black and Minority Ethnicity) officer is introduced to the GCR to further celebrate this diversity which St Antony’s is known for.

Beyond this diversity, the GCR works hard to further enrich the “Oxford experience” and to create a holistic college environment for their fellow Antonians. Our Vice-Presidents for academic affairs have left no gaps to provide as many opportunities as they can for members of St Antony’s College to present their researches, whether in-progress (termly Research-in-Progress Colloquium) or almost-completed (interdisciplinary Graduate Research Conference), in platforms where fellow colleagues from different disciplines would form the audience, consequently creating an osmosis effect where both speaker and audience benefit from each other. From the Jolly Good Fellows sessions where Antonians could have the chance to have lunch with world-renowned scholars, to the Research Exchange Network Facebook page, and the phenomenal Women Breaking Barriers talk, the GCR Academic team continues to come up with great academic-related initiatives for their fellow Antonians.

After a week of sleepless nights in the Gulbenkian Room, the proactive Welfare Team provides end-of-week mental relief with selections of delicious cakes from Barefoot Bakery, to be moistened with fruit teas, and supplemented with an afternoon of acoustics playing in the background as one takes one deep breath before trudging on to another week of term. And if that is not enough, the Cookie Fairy is here to grant your cookie wishes! An initiative of the Peer Support team, the Cookie Fairy will deliver cookies to those whose friends have felt that they needed some cheering up, thus creating a ‘peer support structure’ and fostering deeper bonds within the Antonian community.

However it is not just work and no play. St Antony's boasts famous bops with unique themes that cater to its international community thanks to the GCR Social team who would plan in advance with the different Oxford societies before the start of every term, and would be the
last to leave the party to make sure the dance floor is converted once again to the Buttery for studying to resume the next day. From the Afrisoc Bop to the Persian Night, one always looks forward to seeing how the Social team could outmatch the previous bops. One always looks forward to the end of the week when friends could catch up, and dance the deadlines away together to beats from different parts of the world.

All of this of course, could not have been possible without the help and support from the college bursar and registry teams, our beloved porters, and the nameless individuals who have volunteered their time for their fellow Antonians. From the bottom of my heart, thank you very much. It has been a year of hashtags, not merely of #Trump or #ISIS, but also that of #StAntony’s.
The Library

Academic year 2015–16 (August–July)

St Antony’s libraries, comprising the College Library, the Middle East Centre Library, and the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre Library contain over 100,000 volumes which reflect major disciplinary interests of college members. An extensive collection of archival material relating to the Middle East is onsite at the Middle East Centre Archive. The Bodleian Latin American Centre Library and the Bodleian Japanese Library also sit within college grounds.

The College Library occupies the former chapel, refectory and chapter house of the convent of the Society of the Holy and Undivided Trinity for whom we now call the ‘Old Main Building’ was originally built. The library seeks to provide core teaching materials for courses taken by substantial numbers of members, and maintain its historic strengths. Collections on international relations, development studies, modern history, politics, and economics, as well as area studies of Africa, Asia (not including the Middle East or Japan), Europe, Russia and the former USSR (in languages other than Russian) are especially strong. The library also houses a small collection of archival materials.

While all St Antony’s libraries exist to serve the needs of members of the college, the centre libraries fulfil a wider role in providing facilities to all members of the university whose studies are within their orbit. The College Library primarily supports members of St Antony’s only, however external researchers often visit to view rare and unique materials.

Shortly before the start of the academic year in 2015, the College Library along with the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre Library and the Middle East Centre Library opened its doors to the public as part of a city-wide ‘Open Doors’ event organised by the Oxford Preservation Trust on the theme of ‘Books, Libraries and Printing’. Short historical accounts of the architecture and the collection within each space were written and displayed alongside old photographs. Visitors included interested local residents, current and former college and university members, former pupils of the convent’s schools, conference guests and students of other institutions. In Trinity term, the libraries provided further tours for the Committee of College Librarians after hosting the committee’s termly meeting.

Over 2015–16, retro-conversion of the library’s card catalogue continued. Archival records were also enhanced. Through the initiative of Dr Walton, and with the guidance of Ms Debbie Usher (Middle East Centre Archivist), Ms Courtney Wittekind (MPhil Social Anthropology) created detailed records of the library’s small but significant collection of papers relating to G E Harvey (1889–1962, prominent historian of pre-colonial Burma, and civil servant) and his correspondence with S’au Joshua Poo Nyo (President of the Karen National Union in 1950).

The library was pleased to receive donations from:

Professor L Adamolekun; Professor R Allison; Bodleian Libraries; Dr E G Chalkiadakis; Professor C Vlavianos; Dr S Choudhury; Professor R Clogg; Professor A Copley; Mr R Davy; The Flemish–Netherlands Association; Professor M Elvin; Professor R Foot; Professor T V Gromada; Dr A Gugushvili; Ms V Kant; Dr G Laron; Mr F F-L Leung; LTCB International Library Trust; Professor M MacMillan; Ms M Minchin; Dr J Moerchel; Mr T Mukherjee; Ms A Navarro Fusillo; Dr T Ochiagha; Oxford Institute for Energy Studies;
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Reports on the MEC Library and the MEC Archive may be found in the Middle Eastern Studies section of the record. News relating to the RESC Library may found in the Russian and Eurasian Studies section. The Bodleian Libraries’ Annual Report for 2015–16 appeared as a supplement to number 5193, volume 148 of the University’s *Gazette* (7 February 2018).
Palgrave MacMillan–St Antony's Series

The St Antony’s Series publishes studies of international affairs of contemporary interest to the scholarly community and a general yet informed readership. Contributors share a connection with St Antony’s College, a world-renowned centre at the University of Oxford for research and teaching on global and regional issues. The series covers all parts of the world through both single-author monographs and edited volumes, and its titles come from a range of disciplines, including political science, history, and sociology. For more than 30 years, this partnership between St Antony’s College and Palgrave Macmillan has produced over 300 publications.

The following works were published in the Palgrave MacMillan St Antony’s series this year:


Irwin Crookes, P (ed), Knoerich, J (ed) (2015) *Cross-Taiwan Strait Relations in an Era of Technological Change*

Caton, V (2015) *France and the Politics of European Economic and Monetary Union*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

African Studies Centre

Professor Jonny Steinberg, Academic Director of the African Studies Centre, Professor of African Studies

I took over as Director of African Studies in September 2015 and while I feared during the first week or two that the place might fall apart under my inexperienced stewardship, we have had a remarkably successful year. The African Studies Centre is, after all, very much an endeavour that runs on the collective passion of all who work here. Between us, we produce, host and supervise scholarship on each sub-Saharan region, on the past and the present, on high politics and everyday life. It makes for a truly rewarding cacophony and a uniquely exciting centre to work and study.

At the heart of what we do are our masters and doctoral students. Our MSc cohort this year was drawn from Ghana, Ethiopia, South Africa and Rwanda, as well as from Germany, Switzerland, France, Canada and, of course, the UK. It is from this cosmopolitan mix that the character and culture of the MSc programme arises and it is also what makes the course a great pleasure to teach. The class prize went this year to Ella Jeffries who wrote about the violence of informal militias called Asafo Companies in the early colonial period in Ghanaian coastal towns. The best dissertation award also went to a piece of work about soldiering: Marc Howard’s dissertation on black soldiers in the Rhodesian army and the role they came to play in the early years of Zimbabwe’s independence.

Other research projects ranged from an ethnography of transgender sex workers living under a bridge in central Cape Town to a case study of tomato processing in Malawi to an analysis of Islamic political discourses in Senegal. Dan Hodgkinson, a former Master’s student, acted as our doctoral representative, keeping up a tradition of pairing each of our current MSc students to a doctoral mentor.

The Africa Society, led by former MSc student, Yasmin Kumi, organised another ambitious and highly successful Africa Conference, drawing an audience from across the UK and Europe. It ranks as a major national event for those interested in Africa and is organised entirely by Oxford students. Several Master’s and doctoral students were centrally involved in Rhodes Must Fall and its campaign to have Oriel’s statue of Cecil John Rhodes removed. We were glad to feed some of the questions the campaign raised into the classroom.

We also hosted an event, together with the Centre for Advanced Studies at the University of London, on student activism in South Africa, the United States and the UK. Our intention was to explore some of the intellectual and political traffic that is currently moving at such speed across the Atlantic Ocean.

African Studies academic staff have been as productive as ever. Neil Carrier’s new book on Eastleigh, Nairobi, will soon be out. Dominic Burbidge published his first monograph. It is on corruption in Kenya and is titled The Shadow of Kenyan Democracy. Miles Larmer’s book, The Katangese Gendarmes and the War in Central Africa, co-authored by Erik Kennes, was published this year. Miles has also received a prestigious European Research Council (ERC) grant worth €1.6 million for his project ‘Comparing the Copperbelts’.

David Pratten has co-edited a collection called *Ethnographies of Uncertainty in Africa*, together with Elizabeth Cooper, and has continued a long-term collaborative project on African print cultures. Nic Cheeseman is working on a long-term collaborative project on the effects of elections in Africa and is running a research programme on the political economy of democracy promotion in collaboration with the Westminster Foundation of Democracy.


Sadly, the end of the academic year is a time of departures. Julie Arachambault, who had been with us in a series of teaching and research positions since 2011, leaves us for the anthropology department at Concordia University in Montreal. And Dominic Burbidge, who did a wonderful job teaching on our MSc programme this year, moves on, too. There are also new arrivals. Thomas Hendriks, an anthropologist who writes on masculinity, sexuality and race in the Democratic Republic of Congo, is joining us from Ku Leuven. And Sebabatso Manoeli will be teaching for us and the History Faculty for the next two years. Sebabatso is the first Oxford African Studies MSc graduate we have recruited to onto our staff, an auspicious and extremely exciting occasion for producing a new generation of scholars is among the most important tasks in our profession.

Last but by no means least, many thanks to Anniella Hutchinson, the African Studies Centre’s administrator.

**Academic Visitors to the ASC during 2015–16**

**Martin Murray**: Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Michigan spent his stay in Oxford working on the finale in his trilogy of books on contemporary Johannesburg. This one is on policing, its growing privatisation and some of the spatial dimensions and implications of these developments.

**Michael O’Leary**: trained in both economics and an anthropology with an extensive career as a consultant and a scholar, Michael is spending his time at the African Studies Centre writing a book based on data he collected when he worked between 1981–1984 as the social anthropologist/human ecologist in a large team of water, range and livestock ecologists, all members of the Integrated Project in Arid Lands (IPAL), Man and the Biosphere, UNESCO, located in Marsabit District, Kenya.

**Thomas Cousins**, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Stellenbosch spent his time with us working on his monograph on the anthropology of the gut. Thomas did his fieldwork among forestry workers in the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa.

**Chris Low**, an anthropologist who has written extensively on Koisan healing and cosmology is giving expert advice to the construction of a Koisan museum outside Cape Town. He is also involved in returning an archive of photographs collected over the years by anthropologists to their rightful owners.
Tim Wilson is based at the Hunterstoun Centre at Fort Hare University in South Africa. With extensive experience in health policy and in the functioning of bureaucracies, Tim spent his time here working on his ongoing project on the impact of past trauma on the ability of public sector managers to lead.

Yash Tandon, an honorary professor at both Warwick and Middlesex University is an African economist currently working on a book provisionally titled A Brief History of Asymmetrical Wars.

Wolde Tadesse, an expert on agrarian studies in the Horn of Africa, is working on several projects including collaboration on the social and cultural history of the Enset crop.

Benjamin Lawrence is Professor of International Studies in the Department of Social and Anthropological Studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He spent his time in Oxford working on an ethnography of international asylum claims.

Lindsey Whitfield teaches at Roskilde University and spent her time in Oxford working on her book on the comparative political economy of development. Lindsey also very kindly agreed to teach on our core MSc programme, giving an inspiring lecture on ‘Modernisation and Development’.

Tiziana Morosetti is a scholar of postcolonial literature. Among her many projects is an endeavour to trace the ways in which secondary and tertiary education curricula inAnglophone Africa have influenced post-colonial African writing. Tiziana taught an optional course on African literature and hosted a symposium on the work of Ken Saro-Wiwa.

Events 2015–16

Michaelmas term

15 October 2015 – ‘African asylum claims, the hermeneutics of suspicion, and the reception of the supernatural in refugee status determination’, Benjamin Lawrance (Rochester Institute of Technology)


22 October 2015 – ‘Security and justice in Cote d’Ivoire: a study of women’s responses to sexual violence’, Peace Medie (University of Ghana)

27 October 2015 – Zambia Discussion Group – ‘Capital formation in the “Old” and “New” copperbelts: the political economy of mine suppliers and contractors in neoliberal Zambia’, Alex Caramento (University of York, Toronto)

27 October 2015 – South Africa Discussion Group – ‘Fees Must Fall – recent events on South African campuses’, Athi Nkopo
29 October 2015 – ‘Governance of a West African marketplace: understanding the political struggles at the Dantokpa Market in Cotonou, Benin taking a wider historical and West African perspective’, Ebbe Prag (Roskilde University)


19 November 2015 – ‘Understanding contemporary Ethiopia’, Eloi Ficquet (EHESS-Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales) and Gerard Prunier (Atlantic Council)


26 November 2015 – ‘New paths to capitalist agricultural production in Africa: experiences of Ghanaian pineapple producer-exporters’, Lindsay Whitfield (Roskilde University)


3 December 2015 – Deep rural workshop’, Marina P Temudo (CEF/ISA, University of Lisbon), Ramon Sarro (Oxford)

**Hilary term**

21 January 2016 – ‘Who plays the ethnic card? Electoral goodies, valence, and negative ethnicity in presidential campaigns in Africa’s multi-ethnic states’, Elena Gadjanova (Fung Fellow, Princeton University)

28 January 2016 – ‘Terrorism in Africa workshop’

2 February 2016 – Horn of Africa Seminar – ‘Panel discussion: contextualising the Oromo protest movement in Ethiopia’, Sabine Planel (IRD), Nemara Mamo (Sussex), Etana Habte (SOAS)

4 February 2016 – ‘Forever slaves? Inequality, hypodescent and the distributed memory of “origins” among the southern Betsileo of Madagascar’, Denis Regnier (Université Libre de Bruxelles and LSE)

10 February 2016 – Zambia Discussion Group – ‘The colour of class revisited’

11 February 2016 – ‘Book launch: Trade is War


18 February 2016 – ‘Newspapers and the “colonial public sphere” in interwar Africa, Emma Hunter (University of Edinburgh)


29 February 2016 — ‘Israeli-African relations today’, Naomi Chazan and Yossi Melman

1 March 2016 – ‘Panel discussion: Red Africa: power, liberation and the geopolitics of the Soviet Union’, Professor Miles Larmer (University of Oxford); Dr Christabelle Peters (University of Warwick)

3 March 2016 – ‘Relocating the Market: spatial and economic logics of evicted Malian market traders in Dakar’, Gunvor Jonsson (University of Oxford)

9 March 2016 – Horn of Africa Seminar – ‘King of Kings: the triumph and the tragedy of Emperor Haile Selassie 1 of Ethiopia’, Asfa-Wossen Asserate (Independent)


Trinity term


26 April 2016 – Horn of Africa – ‘The real politics of the Horn of Africa – money, war and the business of power’, Alex de Waal

28 April 2016 – ‘South Africa’s political crisis: unfinished liberation and fractured class struggles’, Alex Beresford (University of Leeds)

3 May 2016 – ‘Fair tax – what does it look like and how do we get it?’ (Invite only event), Mark Goldring (CEO Oxfam GB), Dr Carlos Lopes (Executive Secretary of the UN
Economic Commission for Africa, Jayati Ghosh (Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi), Winnie Byanyima (Executive Director of Oxfam International), Kevin Watkins (Executive Director of the Overseas Development Institute), Nic Cheeseman (African Studies Centre)


12 May 2016 – ‘Critical beneficiaries: understanding the opinions of urban Angolans on public goods delivery and government performance’, Anne Pitcher (University of Michigan)

13 May 2016 – ‘Film screening – Republic of the Mind’


17 May 2016 – ‘Making refuge – Somali Bantu refugees and Lewiston, Maine’, Catherine Besteman (Colby College)

18 May 2016 – Zambia Discussion Group – ‘African apocalypse – Britain, war and colonial crisis in Northern Rhodesia, 1914–18’, Dr Edmund Yorke (Sandhurst)

19 May 2016 – ‘Memories of Angolan and Mozambican contract labourers to the German Democratic Republic: uncovering translocal life and work histories during the Cold War’, Marcia Schenck (Princeton University)

24 May 2016 – ‘In a Man’s World – exploring the impact of war on Somali men’, Judy El-Bushra (SOAS)

25 May 2016 – OUCAN Discussion Group – ‘Understanding Chinese migrants in Africa: South Africa as case study’

26 May 2016 – ‘Nationalising radio: Radio Naçional de Angola from contingency to technopolitical necessity’, Marissa Moorman (Indiana University)

31 May 2016 – South Africa Discussion Group – ‘”Why is murder not a crime in South Africa?” On why some categories of people are killable’, Jonny Steinberg

2 June 2016 – ‘Cross-border colonial knowledge production’, Miles Larmer (University of Oxford), Ramon Sarro (University of Oxford), Violette Pouillard (Université Libre Brussels), Eva Schalbroek (University of Cambridge), Nicole Eggers (Loyola University)

7 June 2016 – ‘Understanding mentorship for women in Ethiopian higher education’, Meseret Hailu (Denver)


10 June 2016 – ‘In my Mother’s House: Screening and panel discussion’, Lina Fruzzetti (Brown) and Ákos Östör (Wesleyan)

13 June 2016 – ‘The place of trade: marketplaces and the global informal economy’

14 June 2016 – ‘Seeing like Scott in Ethiopia’, Jacob Wiebel (Durham University)

17 June 2016 – Oxford Africa Annual Lecture – Quman Akli (Research Fellow, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law)

18 June 2016 – ‘Britain Zimbabwe Society Day’, Jonny Steinberg
Asian Studies Centre

Burmese Studies Programme

The Programme on Modern Burmese Studies has concluded a very successful third year in which our activities have expanded significantly, which has raised the profile of the programme considerably.

The programme has either organised or co-sponsored many events on Myanmar at Oxford in the past academic year. These have dealt with topics including: communal violence, writing ethnic minority histories, the geopolitics of change in Burma, political economy of the Indo-Myanmar frontier, and hierarchy in Burmese social life. These are in addition to many other events at Oxford relating to Myanmar that the programme has supported.

One of the highlights of the year was a policy-oriented workshop on 15 February 2016, that convened scholars and practitioners from across the UK to look at challenges facing the new NLD-led government. After the workshop, participants were asked to write 3–4 page policy briefs in their area of expertise. These briefs are being translated into Burmese and will be released at the beginning of August, publicly through the MBS webpage and through targeted emails, and also in hard copy to relevant groups and ministries in the Myanmar government. The Irrawaddy Policy Exchange (IPE), a funding instrument set up by external supporters of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the NLD, has been impressed by the quality of the briefs and has agreed in principle to fund a version of the workshop and briefing documents every 6–8 months. The next one will take place on 13 October 2016 and will focus on environmental policy. It will also form the basis for further collaboration between environmental sciences at Oxford and various related ministries and NGOs in Myanmar as well as an application to the Global Challenges Research Fund to support collaborative policy-oriented research. We have also submitted a proposal to the IPE for an expanded policy brief programme that would be housed at the Programme on Modern Burmese Studies and led by Dr Walton.

This academic year also saw the creation of Tea Circle, an Oxford-based blog that highlights new perspectives on Myanmar. Launched just before the Myanmar elections in November, Tea Circle has begun to fill a gap in the scholarly/media coverage on the country, with brief analysis, opinion, and review pieces contributed by people at Oxford and elsewhere. We are particularly pleased with the number of young Burmese scholars and activists who have been regularly contributing, and look forward to expanding and regularising the blog in the coming year.

The success of the first year of the Myanmar Media and Society (M.MAS) project, which is housed at St Antony’s College, has resulted in a second successful grant request to the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), for another $75,000 to support Phase II. The dissemination aspects of Phase I (which looked the narratives that justify religious violence in contemporary Myanmar) were phenomenally successful. Results were shared by the project team at academic conferences and seminars as well as semi-public events and private briefings. As of February 2016, the M.MAS team had given 37 such briefings to over 1,000 people from foreign governments, donors, and NGOs in the UK, US, the Netherlands,
Australia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Myanmar. The project has published two working papers (made available online and distributed in-country in hard copy in English and in Burmese): ‘Threat and Virtuous Defence: Listening to Narratives of Religious Conflict in Six Myanmar Cities’ and ‘Failed Riots: Conflict Prevention and De-Escalation in Four Myanmar Cities’; an article entitled ‘The Roots of Religious Conflict in Myanmar’ published in The Diplomat, 6 August 2015; and has a forthcoming academic article entitled ‘Reconciling contradictions: Buddhist-Muslim violence, narrative making, and memory in Myanmar’, to be published in the Journal of Contemporary Asia in early 2017.

Phase II will also include an expansion of the research team, with several more Burmese members having been recruited, as well as a local researcher component, which involves youth activists who participated in trainings as part of Phase I. The goal of Phase II is to collect and publish oral histories of peaceful interactions between religious communities, as a tangible response to concerns identified by youth participants in Phase I, that current generations in Myanmar do not have memories of these interactions and are thus at risk of seeing interfaith relationships as inevitably antagonistic. The main output of Phase II will be a book, published in Burmese and English, and widely distributed across Myanmar, to share these accounts, along with other working papers and media articles. In-country field work for Phase II began in May.

Dr Walton has also received a prestigious grant from the Economic and Social Research Council of the UK (ESRC) for a proposed project ‘Understanding “Buddhist nationalism” in Myanmar: religion, gender, identity and conflict in a political transition’. The project, administered through the Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford, will bring two Burmese post-docs to Oxford for two years beginning in late 2016, and also hire a full-time research assistant in Myanmar. It includes extensive periods of research for the post-docs and a plan for research briefs to be written every six months and disseminated through a series of consultation meetings with Burmese government and civil society actors, as well as other INGOs and foreign governments. The project will produce several academic and media articles, a book, and a database of translated and analysed monk sermons on topics related to Buddhist nationalism. Due to the time commitment required of Dr Walton for this project, St Antony’s College will recoup 50% of his salary from August 2016–July 2018, allowing the college to hire a part-time administrative assistant for the Programme on Modern Burmese Studies. This post will begin in September 2016.

Dr Walton has maintained his active international profile, giving lectures, presenting papers or participating in seminars in Thailand (invited keynote address), the US, the Netherlands, Norway, Germany, Cambodia, and Japan, as well as at the LSE. In the coming year, he is scheduled to present papers or give talks at SOAS, and in the US, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand. He has continued in his role as Myanmar Policy Consultant to The Elders, but ended this work in June 2016 due to increased research commitments. He also continued to participate in political science curriculum development workshops at Myanmar universities, and has been working with the Department of Politics and International Relations to find funding for a proposed post-doc position that would support political science curriculum development in Myanmar.
He has also continued to publish widely, with articles on Myanmar in Journal of Contemporary Buddhism, Review of Faith and International Affairs, and International Journal of Water Resources Development. He has also contributed chapters to two more edited volumes on Myanmar and two more Oxford Handbook articles. In addition to these scholarly writings, he has continued to publish media pieces in The Diplomat, Myanmar Times, and East Asia Forum. His book with Cambridge University Press, entitled Buddhism, Politics and Political Thought in Myanmar, will be published at the end of 2016.

With its additional programme funds, the programme funded five small travel grants of up to £600 at the end of 2015 for post-graduates or fellows at Oxford for research or conference presentations related to Myanmar. The first call in 2016 funded an additional three projects. We plan to continue offering this important opportunity on a regular basis, but also expanding the call to include support for non-travel costs. We have hired a St Antony’s post-graduate to do some transcribing and annotation work this summer on a special holding of the St Antony’s College library. Dozens of letters exchanged between a colonial historian of Burma living in Oxford and an ethnic Karen administrator who was subsequently forced to flee to the jungles of Eastern Burma provide a unique perspective on politics in the country between 1947 and 1963. We plan to also work with some Karen historians to provide a more detailed commentary on the letters, and publish the work in some form in the future.

The programme plans to convene and host an international workshop on ‘Human rights in Myanmar’ on 21–22 November 2016 at St Antony’s College. Seed funding will be provided by the programme, but we are approaching other potential donors. We expect to have significant participation from participants from Myanmar, and also to provide an opportunity for less well-known scholars and activists to present their views. The workshop will be a collaboration between Dr Walton and LMH Burma Research Fellow Dr Khin Mar Mar Kyi. The Myanmar workshop will be followed by a public event the afternoon of 22 November, organised by Dr Walton and Professor Timothy Garton-Ash and focusing on ‘Human rights in transitioning contexts’.

Dr Walton has continued to advise post-graduate students at Oxford studying Myanmar and this year’s admissions cycle confirms that people are actively seeking out Oxford for its growing reputation related to Burma Studies. He currently advises MSc, MPhil, and DPhil students in anthropology, geography, diplomatic studies, and politics and will have several more joining the university in the 2016–17 academic year.

As always, the Programme on Modern Burmese Studies is grateful to the Sigrid Rausing Trust for its continued support and looks forward to continuing its vibrant and impactful activities in the coming academic year. We particularly look forward to welcoming Dr Rausing and any others associated with the trust to the special event on ‘Human rights in Myanmar’ on 21–22 November. Should you have any further questions regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,

Dr Matthew J Walton
Asian Studies Centre – Select event list

19 January 2016  Yaqoob Khan Bangash, Information Technology University, Lahore SA – ‘The making of a constitution: Pakistan and the question of sovereignty’


26 January 2016  Amy King – ‘China's economic nationalists: from Bretton Woods to Bandung’

26 January 2016  Laurent Gayer, Sciences Po – ‘Spirits of discord and everyday labours of peace: intercommunal relations in Amroha’

2 February 2016  Amar Sohal, Merton – ‘The third colour: Muslim ideas of India, c 1930–1965’

2 February 2016  Ria Kapoor, Lady Margaret Hall – ‘Making refugees in India’

2 February 2016  Daniel Hunt, St Antony’s – ‘Indian activism in the metropole 1880–1900’

3 February 2016  Kevin Fogg, Oxford – ‘State and Islamic education growing into each other in Indonesia’

9 February 2016  Matteo Dian  St Antony's / Bologna - The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Is this a first step towards a Sino-centric regional order?

9 February 2016  Silvia Menegazzi, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, LUISS University and Visiting Academic at Warwick University – ‘The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: is this a first step towards a Sino-centric regional order?’

9 February 2016  Conor Meleady, St Antony's – ‘Understanding Islamic revivalism in the British Caliphate: processes and consequences’

9 February 2016  Smriti Sawka, St Cross – ‘Indira and the Indian Transformation: The Emergency and after’

9 February 2016  Gautham Shiralagi, Keble – ‘The end of art at the beginning of politics; Gandhi’s critique of aesthetics’

9 February 2016  Anwesha Sengupta, St Catherine’s – ‘Introducing a medieval love poem: a comparative study between the Prologues of Jayasi’s Padmavat and Alaol’s Padmabati’

16 February 2016  Danny Quah, LSE – ‘Is the 21st century Asia’s?’

16 February 2016  Dag Erik Berg, Göttingen – ‘Mechanism of oppression, Dalits and legal developments in India’
17 February 2016 Reshmi Banerjee, St Antony’s College, Visiting Scholar – ‘The political economy of the Indo-Myanmar frontier: exploring historical links and current challenges in Mizo–Chin relations’

23 February 2016 Nisha Somasundaram, Balliol – ‘Echoes of the nation and gender in image and poetry: reading Ragamala paintings’

23 February 2016 Sam McNeil, St Antony’s – ‘Hyderabad and sub-imperial sovereignty in independent India 1946–1948’

23 February 2016 Émile Rolland, St Antony’s – ‘Karachi: violence and its perception in the post 9/11 world’

24 February 2016 Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Kyoto; Cambridge – ‘From Bhumibol to Vajiralongkorn: Neo-Royalism and the future of Thai monarchy’

2 March 2016 Arshad Mohamed Ismail, SC–OCIS Visiting Fellow in Islamic Finance – ‘The development of Islamic finance in Malaysia: facts, issues and potential’

7 March 2016 S Y Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India – ‘An undocumented wonder — the making of the Great Indian Election’

8 March 2016 Katherine Butler Schofield, KCL – ‘Histories of the ephemeral: writing on music in the late Mughal world’

8 March 2016 Hugo Meijer, KCL – ‘Trading with the enemy’

11 March 2016 Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri – ‘An evening with Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan and author of Neither a Hawk Nor a Dove on Pak-India Relations – Q and A’

26 April 2016 Dr John Slight, St John's College, University of Cambridge -- ‘Colonial India and the Hajj. 1865–1950’

27 April 2016 Dr Pia Jolliffe, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford – ‘The gift of education? Learning, migration and intergenerational relations among Karen refugees in Thailand and the United Kingdom’


4 May 2016 Poh Soo Kai – ‘Living in a time of deception’

10 May 2016 Evan Meideiros – ‘Asia’s changing strategic dynamics and the implications for China’s rise and US–China relations’

10 May 2016 Richard Williams, Trinity College, Oxford – ‘Distinction or distraction? The politics of connoisseurship in 18th century Rajput courts’
11 May 2016  Emily Gasser, Swarthmore College, Department of Linguistics – ‘Shifting words: language pride and language endangerment in Indonesia’


18 May 2016  Ward Keeler, Institut d'Études Avancées, Nantes, University of Texas at Austin – ‘The traffic in hierarchy: precedence and power in Burmese social life’

25 May 2016  Firman Noor, Centre for Political Studies, Indonesian Institute of Science; Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia; and Fellowship in Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter – ‘The other side of Abdurrahman Wahid (Gus Dur): the personal-elitism tendencies in leading party and internal fragmentation of ational Awakening Party (1998–2008)’

26 May 2016  Uday Chandra, Georgetown University, Qatar – ‘Rediscovering the primitive: Adivasi histories in and after subaltern studies’

31 May 2016  Sarmila Bose, Senior Research Associate, Centre for International Studies, Department of Politics and International Relations – ‘Can Britain be liable for reparations for the 1943–44 Bengal famine?’

1 June 2016  Sanghamitra Choudhury, Agatha Harrison Fellow, St Antony’s College – ‘Women and conflict in India’

7 June 2016  Rosinka Chaudhuri, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta – “On the Colonisation of India”: public meetings, debates and disputes (Calcutta 1829)

8 June 2016  David Timberman, Visiting Professor, De La Salle University, Manila and Technical Director, Governance Programs, Management Systems International – ‘The prospects for enhancing democracy and development in the Philippines: the 2016 elections and beyond’

14 June 2016  Pradip Dutta – ‘Tagore and the theology of the global’
EUROPEAN STUDIES CENTRE

2016 is the 40th anniversary year for the ESC and on 26 May we organised a day of activities to mark the event. It turned out to be a brilliantly sunny day for which everyone had had their fingers crossed.

Two very well attended academic panels took place in the seminar room during the day. First the Oxford University European Affairs Society debated ‘What do European Studies mean today?’ chaired by ESC Director Paul Betts. The second panel featured the Vice-Chancellor Louise Richardson, Anne Deighton, Timothy Garton Ash, Othon Anastasakis and Kalypso Nicolaidis, and they all looked at the timely issues of ‘Europe, universities and Brexit; from different perspectives.

The proceedings then moved over to St Antony’s for the ESC’s Annual Lecture with Oxford University Chancellor, The Rt Hon Lord Patten of Barnes. He delivered a heartfelt lecture to a packed hall on ‘Why Britain should stay in the European Union’.

The sun stayed out for the ESC Finale Garden Party and everyone was in good spirits. Faces old and new came to enjoy the garden and to toast 40 years of the ESC’s work. One particular highlight for many was the return of the original ESC Director Tony Nicholls giving a stirring speech on the ESC past, present and hopes for the future.

PROGRAMME FOR MICHAELMAS TERM 2015

23 October 2015 – 10:00am
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘The Troika – past and future? A view from Washington’
Russell Kincaid (Associate of PEFM; former senior IMF official)

19 October 2015 – 5:00pm
ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘The aftermath of World War II and the new political geography of Europe’
Paul Betts (St Antony’s College)

20 October 2015 – 5:00pm
‘A revolution in taste: Francis Haskell’s 19th century.’

23 October 2015 – 2:00pm
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Rebuilding trust in the global economy: lessons from Chinese law’
Nicholas Morris (Balliol College, Oxford; Director of TUSK Advisory)

23 October 2015 – 10:00am
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Europe’s economic crisis and the missing financial recovery’
Jeffrey Franks (Director, IMF Europe; IMF’s Senior Resident Representative to the EU)
26 October 2015 – 5:00pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘Geography of welfare and poverty’
Martin Seeleib-Kaiser (Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford)
27 October 2015 – 5:00pm

POMP EVENT
‘Post-election discussion on the future of Poland’
Professor Jan Zielonka (St. Antony’s College, Oxford University), Dr Anna Gwiazda (King’s College London), Jacek Zakowski (Journalist and columnist for the weekly Polityka and the daily Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland), Boguslaw Chrabota (Editor-in-Chief of Rzeczpospolita daily, Poland)
28 October 2015 – 5:00pm

POMP EVENT
‘Allied responses to news about Auschwitz 1942–1944’
Prof. Michael Fleming (Polish University Abroad, London)
2 November 2015 – 5:00pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘Germany, but where is it? Challenges to Europe’s leading power…?’
Timothy Garton Ash (St Antony’s College)
3 November 2015 – 5:00pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘The EU’s non-members: sovereignty under hegemony’
Erik O Eriksen, John Erik Fossum, and Christopher Lord (ARENA, University of Oslo)
10 November 2015 – 5:00pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘The Eurozone government debt crisis: stylised facts, root causes, and policy lessons’
Lorenzo Codogno (Visiting Professor, European Institute, LSE; former Chief Economist at the Italian Treasury)
23 November 2015 – 5:00pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘Europe’s ends: Visions of European orders and spatial paradigms’
Kalypso Nicolaidis (St Antony’s College)
24 November 2015 – 5:00pm
SEESOX
‘European competitiveness challenges: The EU, Croatia and beyond’
Boris Vučić (Governor, Croatian National Bank)
25 November 2015 – 5:00pm

‘Legions of a lost world - the Anders Army in the Middle East (1941–1946)’
Norman Davies, FBA
25 November 2015 – 5:00pm

POMP EVENT
‘Life in translation: Zofia Nalkowska in English and Virginia Woolf in Polish’
Dr Ursula Philips (Honorary Research Associate of UCL SSEES), Dr Magdalena Heydel (Jagiellonian University, Poland)
25 November 2015 – 5:15pm

SEESOX
‘Democracy by decree: prospects and limits of imposed consociational democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina’
Adis Merdzanovic (St Antony’s College, Oxford)
26 November 2015 – 5:00pm

EUROPEAN STUDIES SEMINAR
‘An inconvenient neighbour. EU and Russia: the crisis in Ukraine, the sanctions and the spill-over in Syria’
Luca Ferrari (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy), , Jon Snow (Channel 4 News)
27 November 2015 – 5:00pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘IMF programs and technical assistance in the Balkans-what has been achieved?’
Adam Bennett (St Antony’s College), Robin McConnachie (Oxford Analytica; former senior Bank of England official)
30 November 2015 – 5:00pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘Unbounding of state-society relations’
Christopher Bickerton (Queens College, University of Cambridge)
1 December 2015 – 5:00pm

SEESOX
‘Cyprus: Prospects for reunification, peace with Turkey and regional stability’
Euripides L Evriviades (Cyprus High Commissioner to the UK)
2 December 2015 – 5:00pm
PROGRAMME FOR HILARY TERM 2016

SEESOX
‘Geopolitics of fear: South East Europe in a dangerous neighbourhood’
Othon Anastasakis (St Antony’s College, Oxford), Richard Caplan (Linacre College, Oxford), Neil MacFarlane; (St Anne’s College, Oxford), Kalypso Nicolaïdis (St Antony’s College, Oxford)
20 January 2016 – 5:00pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Was the global financial crisis really a “debt crisis”?’
Anatole Kaletsky (Co-Chairman, Gavekal Consultancy)
25 January 2016 – 5:00pm

SEESOX
‘The Eurozone crisis and South East Europe: recovery or illusion?’
Adam Bennett (St Antony’s College, Oxford), Peter Sanfey (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
27 January 2016 – 5:00pm

SEESOX
‘Alternative religious responses to the ethnic crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina: faith-based peace and reconciliation’
Julianne Funk (University of Zurich)
3 February 2016 – 5:00pm

EUROPEAN STUDIES SEMINAR
‘The UK and the EU’
Jonathan Faull (Director General, Task Force for Strategic Issues related to the UK Referendum)
5 February 2016 – 5:00pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘An ethics code for bankers?’
Robert Mass (Head of International Compliance, Goldman Sachs)
15 February 2016 – 5:00pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Global financial services reform since the 2007 crisis - job done, or significant risks still ahead?’
David Wright (Secretary General of IOSCO)
29 February 2016 – 5:00pm
SEESOX
‘A crisis within the crisis: migration flows in Greece in the turmoil of the bailout agreements (2010–2015)’
Dimitri Christopoulos (Panteion University of Athens)
2 March 2016 – 5:00pm
European Studies Centre Events

PROGRAMME FOR TRINITY TERM 2016
SEESOX
‘Unpopular voices: Greek public intellectuals of the political centre during the Crisis’
Apostolos Doxiadis
25 April 2016 – 5:00pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Financial reform in South East Europe: Turkey’s response to the past and current crises’
Gazi Ercel (Former Governor, Central Bank of Turkey)
2 May 2016 – 5:00pm

DAHRENDORF MEMORIAL LECTURE
‘Dahrendorf Lecture: Free Speech in the university’
Robert C Post (Dean and Sol and Lillian Goldman Professor of Law, Yale University)
3 May 2016 – 5:00pm

SEESOX
‘“The boat is broken”: what really went wrong with the Kurdish peace process?’
Ezgi Başaran (St Antony’s College, Oxford)
4 May 2016 – 12:30pm

‘Basque Visiting Fellow’s Conference: intellectuals and the limits of the Neoliberal State in globalisation (migration, terrorism, populism)’
10 May 2016 – 9:00am

SEESOX
‘Who’s afraid of free speech in Turkey?’
Deniz Ulke Aribogan (St Antony’s College, Oxford), Ezgi Başaran (St Antony’s College, Oxford), Mehmet Karli (Galatasaray University Law School, Istanbul; Centre for International Studies, Oxford)
11 May 2016 – 5:00pm

‘Santander Visiting Fellow’s Conference: model transitions? Rethinking the “success story” of Southern European democratisation’
18 May 2016 - 9:00am
‘Socialism goes global conference: labour mobility in the socialist world and its legacies’
19 May 2016 – 1:00pm

‘Panel discussion on the occasion of the publication of Free Speech: Ten Principles for a Connected World by Timothy Garton Ash’
Timothy Garton Ash (St Antony’s College)
25 May 2016 - 5:00pm

‘European Studies Centre’s 40th Anniversary events’

SEESOX
‘Forced migration and the prospects for transitional justice in Cyprus’
Rebecca Bryant (London School of Economics)
2 June 2016 – 5:00pm

EUROPEAN STUDIES SEMINAR
‘The EU Referendum: then and now: historical and political perspectives on UK–EU relations, 1973–2016’
Richard G Whitman (University of Kent), Michal Gloznek (University of Oxford), Charles Woodward (ITN)
7 June 2016 – 5:00pm

EUROPEAN STUDIES SEMINAR
‘The European Union: a citizen’s guide’
Christopher Bickerton (POLIS, Cambridge)
8 June 2016 – 5:00pm

‘Richard von Weizsaecker Visiting Fellow’s Conference: the force of comparison: a new perspective on modern European history and the contemporary world’
17 June 2016 – 9:00am
LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE

This year we celebrate 50 years since the creation of the UK Latin American Centre by the parliamentary Parry Commission at the University of Oxford. We have built an extraordinary centre on a firm foundation becoming a centre of excellence.

At a time when Latin American studies are in crisis in the UK and other European countries, we remain a vibrant research and teaching institution with links across the world. In recent years, we have successfully completed a transition, hiring a new generation of scholars and launching new research projects. We maintain one of the best libraries on Latin America in the United Kingdom and a growing network of former visiting fellows, alumni, and collaborators across the world. There are many other reasons to celebrate our accomplishments and to prepare for the next 50 years:

• We have become the most highly regarded and established Latin American centre in the UK, in particular, and in Europe in general;
• We are the only Latin American centre in the UK and Europe that covers every sub-region of the Americas, from Mexico through Central America and the Caribbean, to the Andes, and to Brazil and the Southern Cone;
• Our centre alone features interdisciplinarity and multidisciplinarity, interweaving historical, political science, sociological, economic, and international relations approaches to the region;
• Our centre links Latin American scholarship in Oxford to the rest of the UK, Europe, the US, and the Americas through our wide range of seminar series, conferences and workshops, research, and talks around the world;
• Our research has been funded by some of the most prestigious grants, such as the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Leverhulme Trust, British Academy, US National Science Foundation, Open Society Foundation, and the Ford Foundation;
• Our scholarship has been published by the top university presses and most highly ranked journals, receiving national and international book and journal article prizes;
• We have had an impact on policy through our scholarship and talks in the UK and beyond, including at RUSI (the Royal United Services Institute) and Chatham House, the United Nations, the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, the World Bank, as well as supreme courts, parliaments, ministries, and embassies around the world;
• Our policy impact touches on the most pressing issues of the day, from reducing income inequality to resolving violent conflict and to strengthening democratic stability;
• Established and emerging scholars from the UK, US, the Americas, and Europe are attracted to our visiting academics programme to take advantage of the rich array of events on the Americas, to work with the centre’s top scholars in the field, and to use the resources in our Bodleian Library;
• We have created one of the most popular one-year Master’s programmes in Europe appealing to students from all of Latin America, the US, and Europe;
We have one of the few two-year masters’ programmes in the world, and provide fieldwork funding to support research in Latin America for each of those students; Our students have become world leaders in academics, business, governmental and non-governmental organisations, and the arts; and Embedded in St Antony’s College and the School for Interdisciplinary Area Studies, we have the opportunity to create comparative knowledge about Latin America in a strong area studies and international tradition.

The investment made in our centre 50 years ago has paid off. We have much to celebrate on this anniversary. Yet we do not just aim to celebrate the last 50 years but also to launch the next 50. With your help, we want to make sure that we can strengthen our research programmes, making them more visible and enhancing their impact. We hope to attract the best students from Latin America and other parts of the world, providing them with more funding and support. We are also committed to increasing the attention to the region across Oxford, the UK and Europe, attracting new scholars, and creating larger and stronger networks. We thus look forward to ensuring with you the next 50 years of excellence in interdisciplinary research, teaching, and policy development.
MIDDLE EAST CENTRE

As the academic year 2015–16 draws to a close, please see a summary of the centre’s activities below. It has been a highly active year with many diverse events and developments in the centre’s outreach and communications. This report outlines the year’s achievements and highlights.

Rabyah Khan
MEC Administrator
8 September 2016

MEC Personnel

Fellowship in 2015–16
Eugene Rogan (Director)
Philip Robins
Walter Armbrust
Michael Willis
Tariq Ramadan
Laurent Mignon
Toby Matthiesen

Research Fellows
Homa Katouzian
Stephanie Cronin
Ahmed al-Shahi

Visiting Fellows
Iris Rachamimov (Israel)
Dina Kiwan (Lebanon)

Winner of the Hadid Studentship 2016: Zep Kalb
Thesis: ‘Mobilisation, the state, and the unexpected return of the labour movement in contemporary Iran’

Winner of the Pachachi Studentship 2016: Reema Fadda
Thesis: ‘The political economy of cultural intervention in Palestine’

MEC Librarian
Mastan Ebtehaj

MEC Archivist
Debbie Usher

Events:
This academic year, the MEC ran a total of 71 events and 27 High Table dinners across 3 terms. This included 20 events during Michaelmas term, 28 during Hilary term and 22 during Trinity term. Events ranged in format from seminars to book launches, film screenings to conferences, and from receptions to the annual Antonius Lecture. The year also saw the Investcorp Auditorium used extensively for the first time.

Michaelmas term
The 20 events during this term comprised of 9 Friday seminars, 1 panel discussion, 2 workshops, 2 book launches, 5 mid-week seminars and 1 co-sponsored conference with the Sudanese programme, and the co-sponsored conference with the Al Babtain Foundation on ‘Challenges of a shared world’.

Of the Friday seminars, the MEC had several high-profile and engaging speakers present including Karen Armstrong on ‘Is religion really violent?’, Fawaz Gerges (LSE) on ISIS in Arab politics, Ali Ansari (St Andrew’s) on ‘Iranian Nationalism and the Nuclear Question’ and Ghada Karmi (Exeter) on the Palestinian right of return. Received well by the MEC community, the Investcorp Auditorium’s capacity of 117 was filled on several occasions.

To discuss events in Turkey, the MEC hosted Cengiz Candar (Radikal) at the end of October. He discussed ‘Turkey’s Kurdish predicament’ and a panel of leading Turkish studies scholars at the start of November took part in ‘The Turkish elections: a panel discussion’ convened by Philip Robins.

The MEC also collaborated with the European Studies Centre and the Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre, St Antony’s College for the book launch of Professor Norman Davies’ new book: Trail of Hope which looks at the Anders Army in the Middle East from 1941–1946.

In December, the MEC held two workshops. The first was on ‘Of shamans, spirits and the apocalypse: new religions and alternative spiritualities in Turkey and the Near East’. This was part of a larger project on ‘New religiosities in Turkey: re-enchantment in a secularised Muslim country?’, a collaborative research project of the Orient-Institut Istanbul (OII) and the Centre d’études turques, ottomanes, balkaniques et centrasiatiques (CETOBAC) at the EHESS in Paris. The project is funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) and the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) as part of the Franco–German Program in
Social Sciences and Humanities (FRAL). Laurent Mignon (MEC) is one of the leading members of the project.

The second workshop was on ‘New approaches to the Arab Left’ led by Sune Haugbolle (Roskilde University) and Toby Matthiesen (MEC). This was also well received and served as a precursor to the full two-day conference on ‘Transnational histories of the Left in the Middle East’ in April.

The mid-week seminars covered topics such as ‘Egypt and Tunisia: urban informality, class, and state legitimacy’ and ‘Speaking truth to power? The BBC and the Middle East’.

Finally, each term the MEC hosted two ‘Women’s Rights in the Middle East’ seminars held in weeks 3 and 6. In Michaelmas term, these looked at ‘Iranian women’s quest for legal equality: law, society and activism’ and ‘Religion, gender, and experiences of displacement: insights from Syrian Christian refugees in Jordan’.

**Hilary term**

The 28 events during this term comprised of 8 Friday seminars, 8 film screenings, 5 mid-week seminars, 2 book launches, 1 co-sponsored conference with the Sudanese programme.

Two ‘Women’s rights in the Middle East’ Research seminars, one panel discussion and a reception held in honour of Professor Homa Katouzian’s contribution to the field of Iranian Studies.

Hilary Term started off with the centre hosting Alaa al Aswany in conversation with Eugene Rogan as Aswany launched his new book *The Automobile Club of Egypt*. The mid-week seminars got underway with a timely presentation by HA Hellyer (Brookings) and convened by Walter Armbrust on ‘Beyond uprising: inside Egypt’s unfinished revolution’.

The term also saw the Middle East Centre collaborate with the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OxCIS) for the Friday Seminar Series. This was the first time the MEC had collaborated with OxCIS in this way and was a successful series in many respects. In particular, audience attendance was consistently high with 4 out of 8 seminars (including seminars by Tariq Ramadan (MEC), Avi Shlaim (MEC) and Toby Matthiesen (MEC)) drawing in audience numbers exceeding auditorium capacity. Feedback from students and the wider MEC community was positive as was feedback from OxCIS audiences with audiences saying how much they enjoyed the topics of the seminars and the opportunity to engage with MEC and OxCIS Fellows and their research.

Also new was the Middle Eastern Cinema Film Series. Run as an initiative of Sophie Chamas (DPhil candidate, Oriental Studies), the series saw one film screened each Wednesday evening in the Auditorium throughout the term. Films centred around a different theme each week ranging from ‘Apathy, stagnation and numbness in post-War Lebanon’ to ‘Narrating the Iranian Underground’. Students who attended the screenings said they enjoyed the series and the series as a whole contributed to the diversity of MEC events during Hilary term.
The mid-week seminars saw Seth Anziska (UCL), Habib Battah (Reuters Institute for Journalism) and Relli Schechter (Tel Aviv) speak at the MEC. The MEC also collaborated with the Maison Française d’Oxford for a panel presentation on ‘How Syria was destroyed: the dynamics of a civil war’.

A panel discussion in February saw the Conservative Middle East Council (CMEC) visit Oxford to discuss the council’s views on the Middle East. In attendance were Sir Alan Duncan MP, Richard Bacon MP, Kwasi Kwarteng MP as well as others. As a public event, all were invited to attend.

Also successfully launching his co-edited new book Civil Resistance in the Arab Spring was Michael Willis (MEC) with Timothy Garton Ash (European Studies Centre, Oxford), Rory McCarthy (Oxford) and Adam Roberts (Oxford).

The two ‘Women’s rights in the Middle East Research Seminars’ looked at ‘Demasculinising Hezbollah: women of “The Resistance”’ and ‘The cyber-politics of Afghan women’s rights’ both of which were well attended and well received.

Finally, on Thursday 25 February, the MEC invited its community to a drinks reception in the Investcorp Gallery to celebrate the publication of a special issue of Iran Nameh in honour of Professor Homa Katouzian (MEC Research Fellow) and his contributions to the field.

**Trinity term**

The 22 events during Trinity term comprised of 5 book launches, 2 ‘Women’s Rights in the Middle East Research Seminars’, 1 2-day conference, 1 co-sponsored conference with the Sudanese Programme, the ‘Distinguished Speaker Lecture 2016’, the accompanying reception and dinner with the Middle East Centre Advisory Board and 2nd year MPhil students, POMEPS workshop, POMEPS keynote, afternoon tea with the outgoing Moroccan ambassador, a lunch for the Tunisian embassy delegation and artist Fethi Zbidi, a tree planting ceremony in honour of the people of Kuwait, the al-Babtain Foundation prize giving ceremony to Noam Chomsky (MIT) and accompanying lunch, and finally the 2016 Antonius Lecture, and accompanying reception and dinner.

The book launches the MEC hosted were of Steffen Hertog’s (LSE) new book *Engineers of Jihad: The Curious Connection between Violent Extremism and Education*, James Dorsey’s (Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University) new book on *The Turbulent World of Middle East Soccer*, Peter Mangold (St Antony’s College) on *What the British did. Two Centuries in the Middle East*, Katja Zvan-Elliott (Al-Akhawayn University) on *Modernizing Patriarchy: The Politics of Women’s Rights in Morocco*, and Philip Mansel on *Aleppo: The Rise and Fall of Syria’s Great Merchant City*.

The two ‘Women’s Rights in the Middle East Research Seminars’ were on ‘The Twitter Revolution in Iran: a comparative perspective on gender behaviour at times of normality and upheavals’ and ‘Cairo in Chicago, Chicago in Cairo, 1893: Arab women, Egyptian representations, and the World Columbian Exposition’.
April saw the MEC host its first two-day conference in several years on ‘Transnational histories of the left in the Middle East’. Funded by Roskilde University and convened by Sune Haugbolle (Roskilde) and Toby Matthiesen (MEC), the conference saw 10 academics and researchers from across the UK, Europe and the Middle East convene in Oxford to discuss the topic. The conference saw over 120 people register to attend drawing in audiences from across the UK.

May welcomed the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) to Oxford to hold a workshop on ‘From mobilisation to counter-revolution: The Arab Spring in comparative perspective’. The POMEPS Keynote lecture was delivered by Mark Beissinger (Princeton) and titled ‘After revolutions: political, economic, and social patterns, 1900–2014’.

May also saw the Middle East Centre Advisory Board re-convene for its second meeting of the year. Following the meeting, Professor Joseph Sassoon (Georgetown) gave the MEC’s first Distinguished Speaker Lecture on the topic of his new book Anatomy of Authoritarianism in the Arab Republics. The lecture was followed by a reception in the Investcorp Gallery and then dinner to which the second year MPhil students were invited.

The MEC welcomed Princess Lalla Joumala, outgoing Moroccan ambassador to the UK, to the centre towards the end of May. The centre also held a lunch for a delegation from the Tunisian embassy and led by the Tunisian Ambassador and artist Fethi Zbidi to thank Zbidi for his gift of a painting commemorating the deaths of British tourists in Sousse two years ago.

Finally, the Middle East Centre hosted Professor Noam Chomsky (MIT) on 2 June for the Antonius Lecture 2016. The day started with a ceremonial tree planting by the al-Babtain Foundation in honour of the support the people of Kuwait have shown to humanitarian work before moving on to the prize giving ceremony where Chomsky was awarded a gold medal and prize by the foundation. Speaking on ‘The US, the Middle East and our collective fate’ the lecture itself was attended by 250 people spread over two venues. This was made possible through the installation of a live feed system. For the first time, the Nissan Lecture Theatre (NLT) was linked up to the Investcorp Auditorium ensuring those who could not get seats to see Chomsky in the NLT were able to view his lecture in live time in the Auditorium. The lecture was followed by a drinks reception and dinner in college.

Investcorp Building and Outreach:
The opening of the Investcorp Building generated much enthusiasm this year with students, visitors to the centre and college colleagues just a few of the groups who have expressed their enthusiasm. The auditorium and gallery spaces have been showcased fully not least through the diversity of the events the MEC hosted and the library and archive reading room have been consistently marvelled at during tours.

The MEC’s outreach this year included running tours of the Investcorp Building. These have seen groups from the Universities of Nottingham, Yale and Harvard as well as students from D’Oeverbrooks and a group from the Oxford Preservation Society tour the building. The year also saw the MEC participate in the annual Oxford Open Doors event which saw hundreds of people from the local community visit the building.
University level activities which the MEC took part in included participation in a Graduate Admissions and Funding photoshoot where the Investcorp Building and St Antony’s College students were photographed to be featured in this year’s university promotional materials. The building has also been used as a private event space by a number of external organisations.

Finally, the Investcorp Building won several awards over the year including:
- The 2015 Lux Award for the ’Education and Healthcare Lighting Project of the Year’;
- A plaque (the highest recognition) at the Oxford Preservation Trust awards 2015;
- Winner in the 2016 RIBA South prizes;
- 2016 RIBA National Award; and
- Shortlisted for World Festival of Architecture 2016.

**Conclusion:**
2015–2016 was an active and successful year in many ways for the Middle East Centre. The opening of the Investcorp Building, the many interesting, intellectually engaging and stimulating events, and the developments in the centre’s outreach and communications have marked the centre out as a hub for academic research and activity in Middle East Studies. This will no doubt continue to be built on and present opportunities as the centre enters its 60th anniversary year and further beyond into the future.
The Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies

We have had an extremely active academic year with two major events including a seminar on the ‘Politics and society in Japan in the 21st century’; and a two-day conference on ‘Slow cities and the revitalisation of shrinking communities in Japan’, in addition to running our usual Nissan Seminar Series, Graduate Seminar and Japanese History Workshop. We have maintained four research and teaching associate members: Professor Roger Buckley, a political scientist, Dr Toshie Okita, an economist, Dr Chigusa Yamaura, an anthropologist, and Dr Alice Freeman, a historian, who replaced Dr Nadine Willems. We also said farewell to Dr Ekaterina Hertog as a full-time member of staff, but were pleased that she continued to teach and advise our students in her capacity as a Research and Teaching Associate.

Seminars


Trinity term 2016: Professor Albert Park, ‘Decentering the urban: reclaiming rural space for modern living in Colonial Korea and after’; Dr Radu Leca, ‘The role of mapping in the emergence of Japan as a sea power in the late-19th century’; Dr Alessio Patalano, ‘The “normality” of “abnormality”: understanding strategy and military identity in post-War Japan’; Dr Kate E Taylor-Jones, ‘Tracing Empire: Japanese Imperial cinema and its legacy’;
Professor Yoshikazu Nakada, ‘Historical changes of the title of “Ten-no” or Japanese Emperor: reconsidering the fiction of eternal imperial lineage’.


Miss Jane Baker remains the Institute Administrator, and Mrs Izumi Tytler continues as Librarian of the Bodleian Japanese Library. Ms Kaori Nishizawa is the Nissan Instructor of Japanese.

Activities and Publications of Fellows

DR JENNY CORBETT, Emeritus Fellow, and Reader in the Economy of Japan, researches current macro-economic, banking, and financial policy issues in Japan and East Asia. She began new research on financial networks in East Asia. She continued in the role of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training). In that capacity she accompanied the Vice Chancellor of ANU and the Prime Minister of Australia on an official trip to Japan that focussed on research and innovation and resulted in an MOU between the two countries on Science and Technology. She continued to serve on the Oxford Australia Fairfax Scholarship Committee, the Fulbright Australia National Selection committee and the Australia–Japan Business Co-operation Committee.

She spent several weeks in Oxford in Trinity term catching up with developments in UK Higher Education, attending seminars and providing revision classes for Nissan students of the Japanese economy.

PROFESSOR ROGER GOODMAN, Professorial Fellow and Nissan Professor of Modern Japanese Studies, continued in his position as the Head of the Social Sciences Division. On the academic front, he published (with Theresa Aichinger and Peter Fankhauser) ‘Worsening work conditions and rising levels of job satisfaction? Measuring the happiness of academics in Japan, in Research in Comparative and International Education, Vol 12 (2), 213–30. He also continued to serve as the Chair of the National Academy of Social Sciences. He remained on the Editorial Board of the following journals: Japanese Studies; Journal of East Asian Social Policy; Journal of Asian Public Policy and Joint Editor (with Arthur Stockwin) of the Nissan Institute/Routledge Japanese Studies Series.

PROFESSOR TAKEHIKO KARIYA, Faculty Fellow and Professor in the Sociology of Japanese Society published the following article: ‘The two lost decades in education: the failure of reform’, in Examining Japan’s Lost Decades, edited by Yoichi Funabashi and Barak Kushner, Routledge. He was invited to deliver a speech at the University of Oxford Japan Office in Tokyo, entitled ‘Still playing the game of “catch-up with the West”? and he
SHO KONISHI, a GB fellow of St Antony’s, continued in his role as the Director of the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies. He organised a two-day conference on ‘Slow cities and the revitalisation of shrinking communities in Japan’. He continues to supervise a number of DPhil students, many of whom have gone on to tenure-track positions and who have published in recognised journals of history and Asian studies. He was nominated for the Oxford University Student Union Teaching Award, Outstanding Graduate Supervisor in Humanities Division, 2015, given to the outstanding PhD dissertation supervisor in all Humanities and Social Sciences.

PROFESSOR IAN NEARY is Professor of the Politics of Japan, a Fellow of St Antony’s College. His research interests include contemporary Japanese politics, minority groups in Japan and human rights in East Asian societies. His most recent publications include: ‘Human rights developments in Asia’ in The Oxford Handbook on International Relations in Asia ed S M Pekkanen, R Foot and J Ravenhill, OUP, 2015, and the Matsumoto biography was translated into in Japanese and published in Tokyo in late 2016. He spent 2015 on sabbatical leave in Japan as a visiting professor at Kyushu and Keio universities engaged on a project about the evolution and impact of the Dowa Projects Policy. He returned from sabbatical leave in Japan in January 2016 where he was engaged on a project about the evolution and impact of the Dowa Projects Policy. He is currently working on the second edition of his textbook on Japanese politics.


DR ANN WASWO, Emeritus Fellow, continues to enjoy retirement.

HUGH WHITTAKER is Course Director of the MSc and MPhil in Modern Japanese Studies, Professor in the Economy and Business of Japan, and a Fellow of St Antony’s College. He does research on entrepreneurship, management of innovation, corporate governance, and employment relations in Japan, as well as political economy and economic development in East Asia. A current research project is on ‘compressed development’ in East Asia. He has also co-authored several articles on the seafood industry and SME internationalisation in New Zealand, based on collaborations with researchers at Auckland University. In December he helped to design and teach the Global Technology Entrepreneurship Programme (GTEP), jointly run by Doshisha and Kyoto Universities.
RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

RESC Monday Seminars

MICHAELMAS TERM 2015 – DIMENSIONS OF STALINISM – Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony’s)

Sheila Fitzpatrick (Sydney), ‘Stalin’s team in the great purges: perpetrators and potential victims’; James Harris (Leeds), ‘The Great Fear: Stalin’s intelligence and the origins of the Terror’; Katherine Lebow (Christ Church), ‘I wanted that 250 złoty at any price’: revelation and deception in Polish competition memoirs, 1932–1967’; Pauline Fairclough (Bristol), ‘From the enlightened to the sublime: Soviet musical culture under Stalin’; Nick Baron (Nottingham) ‘Cartography and cultural revolution: maps, modernity and the new Soviet man’; Don Filtzer (East London), ‘Children on the Soviet home front: nutrition, health, and mortality’; Steve Smith (All Souls), ‘The curse of Babel: international communism and the barriers of language’; Robert Service (St Antony’s)’Why did the Cold War end when and how it did? And did it?’.

HILARY TERM 2016 - ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN POLITICS
Convenors: Paul Chaisty (St Antony’s) and Stephen Whitefield (Pembroke)

Samuel Greene (King’s College London), ‘Challenging charisma: constructing grievance and the limits of legitimacy in post-Crimea Russia’; Peter Rutland (Wesleyan University, Conn), ‘Competing visions of modernity: reflections on the Russian case’; Gulnaz Sharafutdinova (King’s College London), ‘The escape from institution-building in a globalised world: lessons from Russia’; Paul Goode (University of Bath), ‘From Russia with love: everyday patriotism in the Urals’; Cameron Ross (University of Dundee) ‘The Russian middle class: agent of democracy or bastion of the status-quo?’; Tomila Lankina (London School of Economics and Political Science), ‘Framing, fabricating and leveraging protest: how Russian state media manipulate public discontent’; Ben Noble (New College), ‘An odd type of “rubber stamp”: intra-executive policy conflict in the Russian State Duma’; Vladimir Gelman (European University at St Petersburg), ‘Fathers, sons, and grandsons: generational changes and regime trajectory in Russia’.

TRINITY TERM 2016 – CONTEMPORARY RUSSIAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY
Convenor: Oliver Ready (St Antony’s)

Peter Pomerantsev (Legatum Institute), author of Nothing is True and Everything is Possible: Adventures in Modern Russia, in conversation with Oliver Ready Julie Curtis (Wolfson), ‘Liubimovka 2015: Moscow’s festival of contemporary drama’; Svetlana Stephenson (London Metropolitan University), ‘Poniatiia: the moral code of Russian gangs’; James Rann (Wadham), ‘Rhetorics of ruination and restoration in contemporary Russia’; Susan Larsen (Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge), ‘Kinopravda for the Putin era: documentary experiments

Other RESC events 2015–16

8 October 2015 Malte Rolf (Otto-Friedrich University, Bamberg), ‘“Limits to growth” in Soviet perspective: critical discourses on modernity in the USSR during the 1960s and 70s’. Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony’s).


3 November 2015 Evgeny Vodolazkin (Pushkin House, St Petersburg), ‘Sovremennaya russkaya literatura glazami medievista’. Convenor: Oliver Ready (St Antony’s).

10 February 2016 Dan Healey (St Antony’s), ‘An archive of freedom, or “gay propaganda”? Russia’s gay and lesbian press in the 1990s’. Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony’s)

24 February 2016 Dmitry Kuzmin (Russian poet), ‘One hundred years of Russian LGBT poetry’. Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony’s)

28 April 2016 Brandon Valeriano (Glasgow), ‘Russian cyber coercion and diplomacy’. Convenor: Roy Allison (St Antony’s)

10 May 2016 Bryn Rosenfeld (Nuffield), ‘The popularity costs of economic crisis to dominant parties: evidence from Russia’. Convenor: Paul Chaisty (St Antony’s)

21 June 2016 Tina Jennings (St Antony’s), ‘What’s going on in Russia? Penetrating through the haze of Western “propaganda”’. Convenor: Karen Hewitt (St Antony’s)

Other News

Start of University Consortium Programme

Archie Brown conferred with ASEES 2015 Distinguished Contributions to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Award

Director

Roy Allison

GB Fellows

Paul Chaisty; Dan Healey

Research and Visiting Fellows

Tina Jennings; Julie Newton; Oliver Ready; Jonathan Waterlow

Emeritus Fellows
Archie Brown; Michael Kaser; Carol Leonard; Alex Pravda; Robert Service

Honorary Fellows

Norman Davies

Academic Visitors

Leila Alieva; Andrew Monaghan

Fellows Activities

PROFESSOR ROY ALLISON, Professor of Russian and Eurasian International Relations, continued his research on norms and law around Russian interventions in Ukraine, Syria, with presentations at the Italian Institute of International Affairs, the LSE and in Stockholm. He completed six years of research oversight on the Scientific Board of the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, focused on social science development in Georgia and Armenia, the largest external donor in this field for that region. He worked this year closely with Dr Julie Newton in helping develop the University Consortium (UC) project, based at RESC and supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, with an initial grant of over $500,000, under the directorship of Dr Newton. The UC draws together the universities of Oxford, Columbia, Harvard, Berlin Free, the Higher School of Economics (HEU) in Moscow, and the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, around a multi-year programme of joint teaching, research and policy-oriented reports. Its launch conference was held in St Antony’s. In September the major annual UC conference was held in HEU. Professor Allison presented a paper in Moscow also at the Russian International Affairs Council on the topical issue of Russian views of Brexit. He became Director of RESC in October 2015, a new enjoyable task.

PROFESSOR ARCHIE BROWN, Emeritus Fellow, was guest editor of a special issue of Daedalus, the journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, on political leadership and the author of the ‘Introduction’ to that issue and of an article in it called ‘Against the Führerprinzip: For Collective Leadership’. He was author also of ‘Politicheskoe liderstvo i politicheskaya vlast’ in Polis: Politicheskie issledovaniya (Moscow), No. 1, 2016. In March 2016 he did research in the Reagan Presidential Library Archives in California for the book he is writing on Gorbachev, Reagan and Thatcher and the End of the Cold War. While there, together with former US Ambassador to Moscow (1987–1991) Jack F Matlock, Jr, he led a seminar for the archival staff on Reagan and Gorbachev. Professor Brown delivered the Winston Churchill Memorial Lecture, ‘Winston Churchill’s political leadership in comparative perspective’ at the Presidential Summer Palace, Cascais, Portugal, in October 2015. He gave a talk on political leadership the following month at a conference on ‘Quality in public sector and society’ in Gothenburg, Sweden. Later in 2015 Professor Brown took part in a roundtable on academic freedom at the ASEEES conference in Philadelphia. He gave three keynote addresses in 2016 – at the ‘First Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies’ on ‘How misinterpreting the end of the Cold War led to a Cold and
Precarious Peace’; at a one-day conference on ‘The Politics of Leadership’, held in Senate House, University of London; and at the Europaeum Graduate Workshop on ‘Charisma and political leadership in European history: the good, the bad and the ugly?’ at the Maison Française, Oxford.

DR PAUL CHAISTY, University Lecturer in Russian Politics, presented papers at the University of Munich; Birmingham University; Moscow State University; the Higher School of Economics, Moscow; the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration; the London School of Economics; Panteion University, Athens. He was awarded the Visiting Gaidar Fellowship by the Russian Presidential Academy of National Academy and Public Administration. Publications this year included: (with Svitlana Chernykh), ‘Coalitional Presidentialism and Legislative Control in Post-Soviet Ukraine’, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 31:3; (with Stephen Whitefield), ‘Support for Environmental Policies: Are Post-Communist Societies (Still) Different?’, *Environmental Politics*, 24:4; (with Stephen Whitefield), ‘Putin’s Nationalism Problem’, in Richard Sakwa and Agnieszka Pikulicka-Wilczewska (ed) *Ukraine and Russia: People, Politics, Propaganda and Perspectives*.

PROFESSOR DAN HEALEY, Governing Body Fellow, published a study of malingering in the Gulag: ´“Dramatological” Trauma in the Gulag: Malingering and self-inflicted injuries and the prisoner-patient’, in (Hi-)Stories of the Gulag – Fiction and Reality, Felicitas Fischer von Weikerthal and Karoline Thaidigsmann, eds, (Heidelberg: Winter-Verlag, 2016). In Philadelphia at the convention of the Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies he spoke on two roundtables about Soviet medical history. Healey won £1.4K from the Vice Chancellor’s Diversity Fund, for the Oxford Faculty of History’s first LGBT History Month Workshop, convened in February 2016. In May 2016 He gave a public lecture in the UK Embassy, Minsk, Belarus, on the Soviet persecution of homosexuals to a packed audience of local historians and LGBT activists. He wrote a BBC Russian Service blog on Margaret Thatcher’s ‘Section 28’, and he participated in a BBC Russian Service programme on singer Vadim Kozin. He was interviewed by Novaia Gazeta journalist Alisa Kustikova, a Reuters visitor to Oxford, on Russia’s political homophobia, in July 2016.

ALEX PRAVDA, Emeritus Fellow, continued (over) long-haul work to complete his monograph on the transformation of Soviet foreign policy, 1985–1991. Publications relating to this project included ‘Moscow and Eastern Europe, 1988–1989: A Policy of Optimism and Caution’ in Mark Kramer and Vit Smetana, eds, *Imposing, Maintaining, and Tearing Open the Iron Curtain. The Cold War and East-Central Europe, 1945–1989* (Latham, Boulder, New York, Plymouth: Lexington Book, 2014). The current domination of the largely misleading New Cold War narrative has made it all the more important to provide an accurate story of how the old Cold War came to an end. The deepening crisis in relations with Russia since the annexation of Crimea in 2014 drew him from his desk to participate in discussions in the media, at gatherings of British policy-makers (with members of the FCO and the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee) as well as American politicians, within the Aspen Congressional program. He took an active part in the University Consortium, a project supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, initiated and directed from
RESC by Dr Julie Newton to bring together graduate students and faculty from leading universities in the US, the UK, Germany and Russia. Even his limited involvement in the Consortium’s teaching modules and conferences brought home the vital importance of this unique project that makes it possible for student and academics from all three regions together to think through the dynamics of relations between Russia and the West.

DR OLIVER READY, Research Fellow in Russian Culture and Literature. Has focused on both the recent period of Russian culture and on the 19th century classics. During this period his most significant publications have been his first monograph, Persisting in Folly: Russian Writers in Search of Wisdom, 1963–2013 (Peter Lang, 2017); his new translation for Penguin Classics of Dostoevsky’s Crime and Punishment (2014); his first two translations of the novels of Vladimir Sharov (Before and During, 2014, and The Rehearsals, 2018); and, as co-translator, The Maisky Diaries, edited by Professor Gabriel Gorodetsky and published by Yale in three volumes. Sharov, who spoke on several occasions at St Antony’s and died in 2018, is widely acknowledged as one of the outstanding Russian writers of recent decades, and is also a subject of Dr Ready’s research. Dr Ready received international translation prizes for both his Sharov translations (Read Russia, 2015; Read Russia International, 2018), while his Crime and Punishment was shortlisted for the PEN Translation Prize (2016). In 2013, Dr Ready convened a conference on literary translation at St Antony’s, with the support of CEELBAS, the Prokhorov Foundation and the Russkiy Mir Foundation. In 2016 he convened the Elliott Lecture, which was given by Nobel Laureate Svetlana Alexievich. He also became a member of the editorial board for The Russian Library (Columbia University Press), an ambitious new series of Russian literature in translation, and continued as Russian and East-Central Europe editor of the TLS until 2017. Since 2014, he has also been teaching literature and translation to undergraduates and graduates across the university, holding temporary lectureships at a number of colleges.

PROFESSOR ROBERT SERVICE published The End of the Cold War, 1985–1991 (MacMillan). This is a bilateral account of the interaction of the Soviet and US leadership – causes, process and consequences – in bringing the Cold War to a close.

DR ANNA WILSON, Teaching Fellow, engaged in research on Russian and international media using theories and methods from the areas of cognitive linguistics, corpus and computational linguistics, discourse analysis and multimodal communication, and has won, at various times, six small grants to support her research, teaching and knowledge exchange (KE) projects (including CEELBAS, TDEP, VC’s Fund, and DTC grants). Co-organised the following workshop at the college: ‘Slavic cognitive linguistics conference’; KE workshop ‘Russian media, multimodal communication, and (critical) discourse analysis’ (Jan 2016). Presented papers at international conferences, including ‘The Seventh International Conference on Language, Culture and Mind’ (Changsha, China, June 2016). Wrote ‘Meta-parody in contemporary Russian media: viewpoint blending behind Dmitry Bykov’s 2009 poem “Infectious”’, Lege Artis. Language yesterday, today, tomorrow (2016). In 2015, she took an active part in the work of the Centre for East European Language-Based Area Studies (led by a consortium of leading UK universities).
COLLEGE PROGRAMMES

NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMME 2015–16

The North American Studies Programme at St Antony's College was launched in 2011 as an initiative that seeks to examine the common problems and issues that transcend national boundaries in North America, the interrelationships among North American states and societies, and the relationship of the region to the wider world. Defining North America as the territory from the Arctic to the Isthmus of Panama and including the islands of the Caribbean, the programme aims to study the continent in a way that is integrated and cohesive, crossing disciplinary boundaries and providing new insights into the similarities and differences that characterise the region.

‘Police violence, perceived powerlessness, and riots from Paris to Ferguson’
Dr Cathy Schneider (American University)
21 October 2015

‘Canada’s 2015 Federal Election: interpreting the results’
Professor Christopher Kirkey (SUNY–Plattsburgh), Professor Michael Hawes (Queen’s), Prof Jocelyn Létourneau (Laval) and Professor Margaret MacMillan (St Antony’s)
27 October 2015

‘Foreign policy in pluralist societies: lessons from the Canadian experience’
Ambassador Jillian Stirk
06 November 2015

Dr Matthew Longo (St Anne’s)
11 November 2015

‘US relations with Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, 1973–76’
Dr Halbert Jones (St Antony’s) and Professor James Dunkerley (Queen Mary, London)
26 November 2015

‘Continental histories: situating the US Midwest on a North–South axis a century before NAFTA’
Professor Kristin Hoganson (Vere Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History)
27 January 2016

‘Latin America confronts the United States: asymmetry and influence’
Dr Tom Long (Reading)
17 February 2016

‘Race, class and the politics of decolonisation: Jamaica Journals, 1961 and 1968’
Professor Colin Clarke
09 March 2016

‘The cultural left and the Reagan Era: US protest and Central American revolution’
Dr Nick Witham (UCL)

27 April 2016

‘President John F Kennedy and the Alliance for Progress’
Dr Michael Dunne (Cambridge)

04 May 2016

‘Predicting the North: sovereignty and the Canadian brand in the Arctic’
Professor Patrick James (University of Southern California)

11 May 2016

‘The whole world is watching: foreign policy and the US presidential election’
Ambassador (Ret) Derek Shearer (Occidental College)

18 May 2016

‘Governing the North American Arctic: sovereignty, security, and institutions’
Professor Margaret MacMillan (Warden, St Antony’s), Dr Dawn Alexandrea Berry (Cornell University), Dr Nigel Bowles (Corpus Christi), Dr Halbert Jones (St Antony’s)

03 June 2016
VISITING PARLIAMENTARY FELLOWS

2015–2016 Fellows: Lord Lipsey of Tooting Bec and Lord Cooper of Windrush

Although St Antony’s has always included many fellows and students with an interest in contemporary politics and world affairs, a notable addition to the college’s activities was launched in May 1993 when the Governing Body approved a proposal by Professor Archie Brown to create a Visiting Parliamentary Fellowship. The idea was that two Members of Parliament – one from the governing party and the other from one of the main opposition parties – would be elected to the fellowship each year. The hope, which has been fully realised, was that they would visit the college regularly and in one term play a role in organising a seminar on major political issues.

The origins of the fellowship were a chance encounter between Patrick (later Sir Patrick) Cormack, MP, and Professor Brown in Moscow in January 1991 which later led to their putting to Ralf Dahrendorf, the College Warden at the time, the idea that there would be intellectual benefits for both sides if an academic relationship between Parliament and the college could be established. Once the issue of the modest amount of funding needed to launch the enterprise had been resolved, the idea took off.

The overall theme of the seminar is invariably a broad one – more often than not with a strong international dimension – and it cuts across all centre boundaries. It is by far from unusual for the 150-seat lecture theatre to be full, or almost full, for these events. Speakers in Hilary term 2004 included no fewer than three former British Foreign Secretaries. The 2005 series is representative of the mix of contentious domestic and international issues that have been tackled in an academic context, sometimes – as in the case of the Northern Ireland seminar – bringing together people who are not on speaking terms outside the St Antony’s setting. The programme of that latest Hilary seminar series is appended to provide an example of what is on offer.

From the launch of the fellowship in 1993 until 2005 the local co-ordinator was Archie Brown. From the 2005 till 2008, he was succeeded by Dr Alex Pravda, who has previously served as a Special Adviser to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee. From academic year 2008–9, the co-ordinator is Professor Robert Service.

VISITING PARLIAMENTARY FELLOWS SERIES 2016

‘Is direct democracy possible? Theory and practice’
Lord David Lipsey (Visiting Parliamentary Fellow, St Antony’s), Dr Alan Renwick (University College London)
26 January 2016

‘Referendums: how they really work’
Lewis Baston (Senior Research Fellow, Democratic Audit), Gerry Gunster (President and CEO, Goddard Gunster, Washington DC), Professor Matt Qvortrup (Coventry University)
02 February 2016
‘Recall elections: politicians on a short leash?’
Lord Andrew Cooper (Visiting Parliamentary Fellow, St Antony’s), Professor Anthony King FBA (University of Essex), Professor Laurence Whitehead (Nuffield College)
09 February 2016

‘Opinion polling: the hidden persuader’
Lord George Foulkes PC (House of Lords), Peter Kellner (President, YouGov), Professor Patrick Sturgis (University of Southampton)
23 February 2016

‘Deliberative democracy: can citizens’ juries provide the answers?’
Shami Chakrabarti CBE (Director, Liberty), Ben Shimshon (Director, BritainThinks), Sharon Witherspoon MBE (Former Director, Nuffield Foundation)
01 March 2016

‘Democracy in a Digital Age’
Martin Kettle (Associate Editor, The Guardian), Helen Margetts (Director, Oxford Internet Institute), Helen Milner (CEO, Tinder Foundation)
08 March 2016
## STUDENT ADMISSIONS

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STUDENT WORK COMPLETED

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Building the Plane as You Fly It: Young Diasporan Engagement in Ethiopian Development (International Development)

Daniel Agbiboa (Nigeria)
Frontiers of survival: everyday corruption and precarious existence in Lagos (International Development)

Siu Chun Chau (Hong Kong)
Social Deprivation and Criminal Punishment (Politics)

Ka-kin Cheuk (Hong Kong)
Global Fabric Bazaar: An Indian Trading Economy in a Chinese Country (Anthropology)

Feng-yi Chu (Taiwan Republic of China)
Identity Battles: Dual Identity in Taiwan (Oriental Studies)

Seamus Duggan (South Africa)
Pan-Africanism in Intra-African Relations: Solidarity and Responsibility in the Post-Cold War Era (International Relations)

Allard Duursma (Netherlands)
African Solutions to African Challenges: Explaining the Role of Legitimacy in Mediating Civil Wars in Africa (International Relations)

Max Eibl (Germany)
Social Dictatorships: The Political Economy of the Welfare State in the Middle East and North Africa (Politics)

King Tat Daniel Fung (Hong Kong)
Comprehension Strategies when Listening to the Teacher in the ESL Classroom (Education)

Adrian Hilton (UK)
'Free Schools': the role of conservative and liberal political thought in shaping the policy (Education)

Idriss Jebari (Morocco)
The Maghrib in the renewal of Arab thought by critical Maghribi intellectuals, 1967-1988 (Oriental Studies)

Deepshikha Kumari (India)
Evaluating India's possession of nuclear weapons: A Study of India's Legitimation Strategies and the International Responses Between 1998-2008 (International Relations)

Christopher Kutarna (Canada)
Understanding Ideological Diversity Within China's Emerging Middle Class (Politics)

Chi Hung Luk (Hong Kong)
The Opium War, Overlapping Empires, and China's Water Borders (Oriental Studies)
Fan Lun Mang (Hong Kong)
*Beyond Public Reason Liberalism: Moderate Perfectionism* (Politics)

Tomislav Marsic (Croatia)
*Controlling the party or controlling the media? How intra-party dynamics moderated, and reinforced, particularism in Croatia, 2000-2014* (Politics)

Simon Escoffier Martinez (Chile)
*Mobilisational Citizenship: Identity and Collective Action in Santiago de Chile's Underprivileged Neighbourhoods* (Sociology)

Jean-Benoit Motte dit Falisse (Belgium)
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Robert Mabro August 2016


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Before coming to St Antony’s, he was a fellow of St Catherine’s College. Among his many activities he was a lay director on the board of ICE Futures, the oil futures exchange in London the Dean of the Oxford Energy Seminar and the honorary secretary of the Oxford Energy Policy Club.
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