ST ANTONY’S COLLEGE
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2017 – 2018
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 the library can be found in the old convent, now known as the Main Building, whilst the administration is located in the Gateway buildings. 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. 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 forty 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

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Professor Paul Chaisty
Professor Paul Collier
Professor Jennifer Corbett
Dr Cathryn Costello
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Professor Edmund FitzGerald
Professor Timothy Garton Ash
Mrs Kirsten Gillingham
Professor Doug Gollin
Professor Nandini Gooptu
Dr Thomas Hale
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Dr Ekaterina Hertog
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Professor Alan Knight
Dr Sho Konishi
Dr Miles Larmer
Dr Paola Mattei
Dr Hartmut Mayer
Dr Laurent Mignon
Dr Rachel Murphy
Professor Ian Neary
Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis
Professor Leigh Payne
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Dr David Pratten
Dr Simon Quinn
Professor Tariq Ramadan
Professor Philip Robins
Professor Eugene Rogan
Dr Diego Sánchez-Ancochea
Dr Ramon Sarro
Professor Robert Service
Professor Jonny Steinberg
Dr Blessing Tendi
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Professor Hugh Whittaker
Dr Michael Willis
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Professor Louis Cha
Professor Francis Conte
Sir James Craig
Professor Norman Davies
Mr Geoffrey Elliott
Mr Thomas Friedman
Mr Foulath Hadid
Professor Michael Ignatieff
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Professor Paul Kennedy
Mr Nemir Kirdar
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Sir Michael Llewellyn-Smith
Professor William Louis
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Professor Avi Shlaim
Professor Vivienne Shue
Dr Harold Shukman
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The Staff (as at Michaelmas 2017)

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COLLEGE AFFAIRS

Warden’s Report

It is hard to believe that it is a year since I succeeded Margaret MacMillan as Warden. It has literally rushed by.

At the beginning of the year, we were able to celebrate fully Margaret’s exceptional contributions to the college through the unveiling of her portrait which was conducted by the Chancellor of the University, Lord Patten, who is also, of course an Honorary Fellow of the college. The artist, Ben Sullivan, eloquently explained how he had managed to capture Margaret and her portrait now hangs, along with those of Bill Deakin and Marrack Goulding, in the Senior Common Room.

At the end of the year, we were able to celebrate the 1980s Antonians at an alumni weekend attended by over 140 former students, fellows and members of staff. Former JCR Presidents, Susan McRae, Julie Curtis and Richard Bolchover, initiated a session of reminiscences; Theodore Zeldin (who first came to the college in 1954, only four years after it was founded) and Paul Collier debated what the college could, should and does contribute to the intellectual state of the world; Bridget Kendall, Honorary Fellow and Master of Peterhouse Cambridge, spoke movingly on behalf of the alumni after dinner about the experience of St Antony’s students in the 1980s. Groups of alumni sat in the Late Bar long past their normal bedtimes debating every issue under the sun as they had done 30 years ago.

In between these two events, the college has embarked on a number of ambitious projects. In terms of academic developments, we have decided to expand into South East Asian studies, an area of research which is scandalously underrepresented not only in Oxford but indeed throughout the UK. We are also seeking funding for a post on the International Relations of East Asia. I hope to be able to report on positive developments on both those fronts in the near future.

Due to Oxford’s great success in securing research funding in recent years and the rapid growth in graduate student numbers, around half of all the academics in the Social Sciences Division are currently on short-term research or teaching contracts and do not have an automatic entitlement to a college attachment. This can make them feel alienated from the broader collegiate university. We therefore decided over the summer to invite departments to nominate postdocs and departmental lecturers who do not have an attachment to any other college for affiliation to St Antony’s as Senior Common Room members. I am delighted to say, that in the coming academic year, we look forward to welcoming up to 50 such new SCR members, most of whom have also agreed to be college advisors for our students.

This past year the college admitted 262 new students, the first time we had passed 250. Growth has in no way diluted quality. Indeed, it is, on average, much harder to get into graduate programmes in Oxford than it is to get into undergraduate ones. The courses in which the college admits on average receive six eligible applicants for each place, compared to just three applicants for each place on average across all undergraduate degrees in the university.
The college is also working with the university to increase the stock of accommodation available to graduate students. One proposal is that there will be accommodation off-site which the college will take responsibility for filling with our own students and where we will work to develop a strong St Antony’s identity so that students living on campus will feel welcome there and vice versa.

At heart, though, St Antony’s remains the same. It is still the most international of Oxford’s colleges, with students from around 70 countries and alumni from around 130. It still hosts seminars and events every week on all aspects of global studies, with as many as 20 events in some weeks. It is still distinctive in having between 80–90 Visiting and Research Fellows every year from all around the world and from all walks of life. The GCR still organises legendary bops. Lunch at St Antony’s is still the best place to find out what is really happening around the world. It is a huge privilege to be the Warden.

As you will see elsewhere in the record, the college is now embarking on its largest renovation project since it was founded. The Hilda Besse Building is the heart of the college but its infrastructure is decaying after nearly 50 years of constant service. We will have no choice but to decant from the building for around 20 months while it is gutted, refurbished and reinvigorated. It will look fabulous when it is completed but for such a major project we will need the support of the whole of the St Antony’s community.

Roger Goodman 2018
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 income for the year to 31 July 2018 amounted to £6.76 million compared to £7.91 million in the year to 31 July 2017, a fall of £1.15 million, mainly as a result of a one-off donation endowed to fund the running costs of the Investcorp building that was received in 2017.

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 was £7.69 million compared to £6.64 million in the previous year. More than half of this increase (£0.55 million) was a transfer of endowment funds to the university to fund an academic post in the Study of African Economies.

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 £241k compared with £305k in the previous year.

The college’s fixed assets increased by £2.62 million from £73.42 million to £76.04 million as a result of capital gains on investments.

Endowments increased by £1.4 million during the year to reach £43.8 million as a result of an increase in the value of the underlying assets, whilst restricted funds held steady at £14.2 million.

There was an increase in unrestricted reserves from £13.8 million to £14.5 million. The college’s general reserves rose by £0.7 million to £4.9 million, reflecting a surplus of income over expenditure.

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 all its activities. These encompass investment into business systems, process efficiencies, investment in staff development, and improvements in service standards.

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 important, as this frees other college resources for academic priorities. A major project is underway to refurbish the Grade II listed Hilda Besse Building; the social hub for the college containing all the dining facilities,
the students’ common room and bar, and many meeting rooms. The refurbishment work will encompass all the services in the building as well as the windows, roof and repairs to the concrete cladding. The building will be closed for around 20 months. The project is the focus for a major fundraising campaign.
News from the GCR

Reproduced from the 2018 Antonian newsletter

A message from the previous year’s GCR President, Nadia Marques de Carvalho (DPhil Modern Middle East, 2017)

You never forget your time at St Antony’s. This is most probably because the whole experience is an entire whirlwind of incredible moments, peppered with the occasional anxiety of looming deadlines but ameliorated by those edifying intellectual exchanges you have at the Late Bar that remind you of why you are here in the first place. This year was no different.

The GCR has worked tirelessly in putting together events for nearly every day of the term – from our enviable Karaoke Nights and Open Mic Nights (so good St Hugh’s College couldn’t resist) to our Welfare Breakfasts (replete with the Millennial favourite – avocado) and the week’s highlight – Sunday ‘Tea and Cake’ – our highest attended event (after our BOPs of course; everyone knows Antonians can throw a great party). When we’re not rivalling Gatsby we’re engaging ourselves in the higher intellectual pursuits and this year has seen students put together incredible events, from a lecture series of ‘Women in Academia’ to the great success of the Research-In Progress Colloquium. A favourite amongst students was the Visiting Parliamentary Series of Hilary term that focused on the multiple dimensions of Brexit. The series provided a platform for informed debate from key players, analysts and journalists that made for excellent High Table discussions of which students were invited to attend through a random ballot.

A great success this year was our first ball after eight years! Hosted in the iconic Hilda Besse a prohibition-era themed gala was arranged complete with a formal dinner, fire dancers and a jazz band (how Kara Juul and Evan Matsuyama pulled this off in only a few months remains still a mystery to me)! It was an excellent way to wrap up a splendid year where the GCR worked hard on putting together social activities that ranged from exchange dinners with our sister college in Cambridge – Wolfson College, to more intercollegiate events such as Liquid Lounges at Magdalen College and DPhil picnics in Port Meadow.

A key highlight of the year has definitely been our efforts for Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) in Trinity term. Oxford is a rigorous, high-pressured environment that demands much from the individual and with this comes the importance of tending to and respecting the boundaries of our mental health. The first step was to create a safe space that was apart from the college but also part of it: the answer was an extraordinary 34ft yurt in the middle of the quad, complete with rugs and floor cushions. With the incredible support from the Antonian Fund we organised over 35 events within a seven-day period that sought to stimulate thought, galvanise conversation and encourage an awareness of mental wellbeing issues in our society and ourselves. The timetable hoped to reflect that different people approach mental health differently – whether it is through a creative, physical or meditative approach, we tried to accommodate for it. The GCR organised daily yoga sessions, drop-in guided meditations, mindfulness workshops, floristry workshops, sound and colour therapy, academic talks on issues such as how mental health can be influenced by our genetic make-up, discussions on
how to deal with stress and how different cultures define mental health, dance workshops (from belly dancing to salsa), and a Middle Eastern musical performance with the oud, drums and piano. The highlight of the week however was undoubtedly the visit from the alpaca farm – for four hours students and staff were petting our fluffy visitors and you could just feel the cortisol levels dropping! It may have been just for one week but the GCR started that important conversation on mental health and we plan to continue with this momentum. MHAW reached students beyond St Antony’s with many coming from different colleges to partake in our events. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and other colleges are now planning to replicate St Antony’s MHAW next year to raise awareness. None of this could have been achieved without the invaluable support from our alumni who donate to the Antonian Fund – thank you!

It has been a privilege to serve the student body with an incredible GCR Committee, as President this year. I too will never forget my time here and what it means to be an Antonian.
The Library

Academic year 2017–18 (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 what 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.

This year, the College Library became more comfortable: new height-adjustable chairs arrived in the main reading room; and, following trends across the university’s libraries and demand from readers, the use of KeepCups (reusable cups designed to minimise spillages) for a variety of hot or cold drinks, became permissible in the Gulbenkian Reading room (previously, only bottled water had been allowed).

A stone stupa which had been on display in the Combined Common Room was finally returned to the Ashmolean Museum after being at St Antony’s, on loan, for more than 40 years. Noticing resurgent interest in the work of architectural company HKPA, the library helped fill the vacated space with an architectural model from 1961, of HKPA’s master plan for St Antony’s. The model was cleaned and repaired in the library before going on permanent display in a new museum-grade case in the common room.

The college was very fortunate to receive a donation from Professor David Schoenbaum (DPhil Modern German History, 1960) for the purchase of texts which refer to Germany from the 19th century onwards, the modern Middle East with particular attention to Israel and its neighbours, war and peace, and journalism. The library was grateful to receive many items from the late Dr Peter Mangold’s collection. The library also received donations from:

- Dr Manos Antoninis; Bodleian Law Library; Brill (publisher); Dr Eduardo Cuenca García; Dr Gordon Daniels; Alexander Dawson; Europaem; Professor Rosemary Foot; Professor Dan Healey; ISEAS (publisher); KB Chen China Centre Library; Salman Khurshid; LTCB International Library Trust; Professor Margaret MacMillan; Dr Adis Merdzanovic; Trilokesh Mukherjee; New College, Oxford; Dr Hanna Notte; NUS Press; Oxford Institute for Energy Studies; Ridge Books (publisher); Professor Robert Service; Silkworm Books (publisher); Professor Thula Simpson; Professor Maria Slavova; Professor Laszlo Solymar; University of
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 2017–18 appeared as a supplement to number 5227, volume 149 of the University’s Gazette.
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:

Fortes, P (Ed), Boratti, L (Ed), Palacios Lleras, A (Ed), Gerald Daly T. (Ed) (2017), *Law and Policy in Latin America*

Waterlow, J, Schuhmacher, J (2018), *War Crimes Trials and Investigations*

Druliolle, V (Ed), Brett, R (Ed) (2018), *The Politics of Victimhood in Post-conflict Societies*

Castro, J E (Ed), Fowler, B (Ed), Gomes, L (Ed) (2018), *Time, Science and the Critique of Technological Reason*

Hopwood, D (2018), *Islam's Renewal*

Spencer, M L G (2018), *Stalinism and the Soviet-Finnish War, 1939–40*

O’Neill, P (2018), *Urban Chinese Daughters*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH
AFRICAN STUDIES

Professor Wale Adebanwi, Director, African Studies Centre, Rhodes Professor of Race Relations

In a chat with our students during their end-of-year cocktail party, they revealed that they consider the ASC MSc programme the most intense nine-month postgraduate degree programme in the humanities and social sciences at Oxford. They reached this conclusion after comparing notes with their colleagues in other programmes. Gladly, they concluded that they found the programme immensely rewarding. One of our greatest joys at the centre is that we continue to attract the best and brightest students from different parts of the world. We are particularly gratified that in the 2017–2018 academic year, like the previous year, the majority of our student cohort was either African or of African descent.

This gives us a unique opportunity not only to train non-African students who are devoted to a deep, complex and elevated understanding of the continent, but also to train students from Africa or of African descent, many of whom will return to the different countries in Africa to make important contributions to the development of their countries. One of the major benefits of the increase in latter category of students is that our classes and seminars are animated by discussions of real-life experiences that challenge orthodoxies and provoke uncomfortable questions which expand and deepen knowledge. Therefore, to continue in this path and ensure that brilliant students who lack financial resources are able to take up offers of admission, we are redoubling our efforts to secure more scholarships. We are happy that one of our students in this academic year, Noxolo Ntaka, is a beneficiary of the benevolence of one of the most famous and accomplished black women in history, Ms Oprah Winfrey. Noxolo was part of the inaugural class of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in 2007. A decade later, the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy Foundation (OWLAF) awarded her full funding to pursue an MSc in African Studies at Oxford (See Noxolo’s story). Although the scholarship that Noxolo enjoyed at Oxford was not a regular annual scholarship, we hope that the example of her excellent experience at the centre will encourage Oprah to formally inaugurate a scholarship for African girls in the centre! Our MSc cohort this year was a very energetic and critical one.

The members of the class had a broad range of topics for their dissertations from memories of the genocide by German colonial officials in Africa to critiques of contemporary African democracies and elections. Some of the dissertations received distinctions. David Pratten’s long
term research on the history of masquerades in the Niger Delta, called ‘Militant masks’ – comprising films, listening stations and a new carving – was part of the exhibition sponsored by the British Academy in June 2018. Zoe Cormack was also part of the exhibition. Zoe’s exhibition focused on South Sudanese objects in Italian museums. It was an opportunity for her to pursue other areas of interest not totally unrelated to her research on funerary cultures and memorialisation in South Sudan. As part of his ERC-funded project ‘Comparing the Copperbelt’, Miles Larmer worked with Thomas Hendricks, Benoit Henriet and Ramon Sarró to host the biennial conference of the Congo Research Network on 26–27 April 2018. In the next two years, Miles Larmer will be on leave as he concludes his significant research on the Copperbelt, which I am sure will yield new insights in this important region of Africa. After almost four decades in power, Zimbabwe’s President Robert Mugabe was forced out in a coup in 2017.

Miles Tendi, who has been studying civil-military relations in the country, focuses on this coup, while also finishing a biography entitled *Solomon Mujuru: An African Liberation Fighter and Kingmaker*. Jonny Steinberg spent much of his sabbatical completing a book entitled *One Day in Bethlehem* – ‘a tale of gross injustice… during the dying days of apartheid’ – which is due for publication in October 2019. Jonny will be on leave of absence in the next academic year which he will spend at Yale University, USA. Dr Julia Viebach is replacing Jonny for one academic year. Julia, who obtained a doctorate from the University of Marburg, Germany, was until recently a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow in the Oxford Centre for Criminology, Faculty of Law. Congratulations are due to Katharina Oke, who defended her dissertation on print culture in colonial Lagos in July 2018. Katharina was a Departmental Lecturer in African History at the centre in the 2017–2018 academic year. We also have so say goodbye to her as she takes up her new position as Lecturer in Modern African History at King’s College, London.

Apart from Julia, we welcome our new colleagues to the centre. The centre continues to attract first-rate early career scholars such as Dr Liz Fouksman who is a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow. Liz, who completed her DPhil in International Development at Oxford in 2015, will be at the centre for three years. Dr Tim Livsey, a historian of colonial and postcolonial West Africa, has also joined the centre. Tim, who was trained at Cambridge and Birbeck, University of London, previously taught at Leeds Beckett, King’s College, LSE, and Oxford’s History Faculty. We are happy to formally welcome him to his new joint position at the centre and the History Faculty – where he is stepping into Miles Larmer’s big shoes for the next two years. Also, Dr Olly Owen has joined the centre. Olly who is an Oxbridge and SOAS graduate, will be moving
from his position as ESRC Future Research Leaders Fellow at the Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) to a one-year joint position at the African Studies Centre and Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology. Olly will be replacing Thomas Hendricks, the Evans Pritchard Fellow, who will be on leave for one year.

In this academic year, we hosted some leading academics from different parts of the world and some leaders from Africa. My sincere gratitude to our administrator, Anniella Hutchinson, and successive assistant administrators in the last one year, Sinead Adams, Iulia Costinescu and Elle Styler, for their service. Anniella is leaving the centre for a new job. We wish her well. I also wish to thank our Africanist colleagues in the university who supervised some of our students and opened their classes to them: Drs David Johnson, Sloan Mahone, Martin Williams, and Mark Graham. On behalf of everyone at the centre, I will like to thank Jonny Steinberg for his excellent leadership from 2015–2017. We all met at a restaurant in the city centre in December 2017 where we thanked him. I regret that I had to participate in presenting him with a Liverpool football shirt – because my colleagues will not let me give him the shirt of the better team!

We are saddened by the loss of two of the leading Africanists in Oxford. Professor Raufu Mustapha (1954–2017), an Associate Professor in African Politics at ODID, died of cancer on 8 August 2017. He was an excellent scholar, teacher, mentor, and colleague, who supervised the dissertations of some of our MSc students over the years. Anthony Hamilton Millard Kirk-Greene (1925–2018), after whom the centre’s Seminar Room is named, also died on 8 July 2018. Kirk-Greene is famous for his many works on 20th century British colonial history. In our efforts to renew and expand the mission of the centre, we will formally inaugurate our International Advisory Board (IAB) in October 2018. The IAB whose members are distinguished Africans from different countries in the continent will help in enhancing the global profile and visibility of the centre, among other tasks. We thank all those who have accepted our invitation to the IAB.

Select events from 2017–18

Michaelmas term


17 October 2017 – ‘The Eritrean National Service: a great idea that never made it?’, Gaim Kibreab (London South Bank University)
19 October 2017 – Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture 2017: ‘Can South Africa's constitutional democracy be sustained?’, Sipho M Pityana,


24 October 2017 – South Africa Discussion Group – ‘The glory days of Morris Isaacson: the rise and decline of Soweto High Schools under Bantu education’, Clive Glaser (Wits University)

26 October 2017 – ‘China and Africa: a diplomatic perspective’, Ambassador Jianhua Zhong, Yuzhou Sun

31 October 2017 – 'Pathways in thought, career, and changing Times’, Professor Jane Guyer


7 November 2017 – ‘Ordering the security arena: peace and conflict in the world’s most failing states’, Tim Glawion (GIGA, Hamburg)


23 November 2017 – ‘Citizens for Justice; struggles against violence and predation in war-torn South Sudan’, Rachel Ibreck (Goldsmiths)

28 November 2017 – ‘Media, diaspora and the transnationalisation of conflict’, Idil Osman (SOAS)

28 November 2017 – South Africa Discussion Group – ‘Transformative tensions: the possibilities and limitations of transforming the lives of South Africa's poor through the constitution’, Nomfundo Ramalekana (University of Oxford), Jason Brickhill (University of Oxford)

30 November 2017 – Book Launch –*Taken for a Ride: Grounding Neoliberalism, Precarious Labour and Public Transport in an African Metropolis*, Matteo Rizzo (SOAS)
**Hilary term**

18 January 2018 – ‘Why is the Horn different’, Professor Christopher Clapham


30 January 2018 – South Africa Discussion Group – Discussion on Zimbabwean politics – led by Miles Tendi and Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh

1 February 2018 – ‘Taking normative politics in Africa seriously: can we conceptualise “accessibility” as a political value? Case studies from Southwest Nigeria’, Portia Roelofs (London School of Economics)


8 February 2018 – ‘From rebel movement to political party: UNITA's social engagement in post-war Angola’, Justin Pearce (University of Cambridge)


15 February 2018 – ‘Capitalist development and political institutions in Tanzania: Explaining variation in party cohesion and legislative power’, Michaela Collord (University of Oxford)


27 February 2018 – South Africa Discussion Group – *State of Mind*, a film and discussion on mental health in Zimbabwe – produced and led by Hopewell Chin'ono - CANCELLED in solidarity with the strike

3 March 2018 – Researching Africa Day 2018

13 March 2018 – Horn of Africa seminar – ‘Popular mobilisation, protest and political change in Ethiopia’

**Trinity Term**


24 April 2018 – South Africa Discussion Group – ‘Umteteli Wa Bantu and the constitution of social publics in 1920s And 1930s South Africa’, Natasha Erlank (University of Johannesburg)


1 May 2018 – ‘The search for sustainable education in post-colonial African states’ by Chief Afe Balalola

3 May 2018 – ‘Three perspectives on Nigerian migration, May-Len Skilbrei’ (University of Oslo), Erland Paasche (University of Oslo), Jørgen Carling (Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO))

8 May 2018 – ‘Support or subvert? Assessing devolution’s effect on central power during Kenya’s 2017 presidential rerun’, Hannah Waddilove (University of Warwick)

10 May 2018 – ‘The tree for living well: the socio-cultural significance of enset in southern Ethiopia’, Elizabeth Ewart (University of Oxford) and Wolde Tadesse (University of Oxford)

15 May 2018 – ‘Under construction: struggles over governance, labour and technology in urban Ethiopia’, Dan Mains (University of Oklahoma)

17 May 2018 – ‘Uneven accountability in the wake of political violence: evidence from Kenya’s ashes and archives’, Mai Hassan (University of Michigan)

22 May 2018 – ‘Regional pastoral livestock trade and trends in the Horn of Africa’, Hussain Abdullahi Mahmoud (Technical University of Mombasa)

22 May 2018 – South Africa Discussion Group – ‘Patronage, power and political markets in South African municipalities’, Crispian Olver (Author of *How to steal a city*)

29 May 2018 – ‘Shelter from the storm: Somali migrant networks in Uganda between international business and regional geopolitics’, Mohamed Hersi (Independent)

2 June 2018 – AfriSoc 60th Anniversary – ‘Pan Africanism: learning from the Past, looking to the future’, Ambassador Abena Busia, Professor Patricia Daley, Dr Tunde Oseni, Dr Simukai Chigudu, Professor Kole Omotoso (keynote speaker)

ASIAN STUDIES

The centre hosted the farewell lecture of Dr Matthew Walton, the erstwhile Aung San Suu Kyi Senior Research Fellow in Modern Burmese Studies, who lectured on ‘Burma Studies amongst the Rohingya Crisis’. This talk considered dynamics within the field of Burma Studies and how recent events have affected scholarly work. Reflecting on the past five years of activities of the Programme on Modern Burmese Studies as well as the work of other scholars, Dr Walton put forward a case for principled, critical engagement. Such engagement must acknowledge and embrace the inevitable political positioning of any scholarship on Myanmar but simultaneously insist on taking seriously concerns related to intersectionality, collaboration, spaces for collective discussion, the uses of scholarship, and persistent limitations on whose voices are included in the field of Burma Studies.

The centre also hosted a widely anticipated workshop on the South China sea conflict. Over two days in October 2017, the conflict was assessed from a variety of critical angles and new ways forward suggested.

The centre, finally, bid farewell to its administrator, Maxime Dargaud-Fons.

Select events

**Oxford University Research Project on Civil Resistance and Power Politics**

‘Civil resistance: The originality of Gandhi’: a panel discussion with Romila Thapar (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Faisal Devji, Adam Roberts and Gautham Shiralagi to mark 70 years of Indian independence. 5 pm on October 16 at the Pavilion Room, St Antony's College. Chair: Timothy Garton Ash.

**PROGRAMME FOR MICHAELMAS TERM 2017**

**East Asia Seminar Series**

Convenor: Rosemary Foot.

Jennifer Lind (Dartmouth)
17 Oct: ‘Is nationalism on the rise in Japan?’

Nan Li (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
24 Oct: ‘Sino–US relations and the Korean Peninsula during the Trump Administration’

**South Asia Seminar Series**

Convenors: Matthew McCartney, Mallica Kumbera Landrus and Rosalind O’Hanlon.
Yasser Arafath (Delhi)

Vijay Joshi
17 Oct: ‘India's search for prosperity: ss Modi on the right track?’

Natasha Eaton (University College London)
24 Oct: ‘Sepia Paise: the politics and poetics of art and photography in South Asia and beyond’

Rajesh Venugopal (London School of Economics)
31 Oct: ‘Parallel governance and the Indo–Naga Ceasefire: evidence from Ukhrul’

Alessandra Mezzadri (School of Oriental and African Studies)
7 Nov: ‘The sweatshop regime: garments, exploitation, and labouring bodies made in India’

Johnathan Spencer (Edinburgh)

Ian Talbot (Southampton)

Kunal Sen (Manchester)
28 Nov: ‘The political economy of business–state deals in Indian states’

**Southeast Asia Seminar Series**

The following seminars took place at 2pm on alternate Wednesdays in the Deakin Room, St Antony’s College, unless otherwise noted. Convenor: Matthew J. Walton.

John Buchanan (University of Washington)
11 Oct: ‘Opium and coercive state formation: strongmen and armed conflicts in Burma’s Shan state (1948–1996)’

Syahrul Hidayat (University of Exeter; University of Indonesia) and Kevin W Fogg

David Baulk (Fortify Rights), Kai Htang Lashi (Kachin National Organisation) and Mandy Sadan (School of Oriental and African Studies)
2 Nov: ‘“God knows this is a chronic, protracted situation”: The Myanmar military's war on IDPs in Kachin and northern Shan states’

*To take place at 5 pm in the Investcorp Lecture, St Antony’s College.*

Pavin Chachavalpongpun (Kyoto University; London School of Economics)
8 Nov: ‘Thailand's post-2014 foreign policy: riding on the international trend’
Cheng-Chwee Kuik (National University of Malaysia)
22 Nov: ‘Inducement and smaller-states’ triple trade-offs: Southeast Asian responses to China’s Belt and Road Initiative’

**PROGRAMME FOR HILARY TERM 2018**

**South Asia Seminar Series**

Convenors: Matthew McCartney, Mallica Kumbera Landrus and Rosalind O’Hanlon.

Sanal Mohan (Mahatma Gandhi)
16 Jan: ‘Subaltern counter-publics: Dalits and Missionary Christianity in Kerala’

Shapan Adnan
23 Jan: ‘The Rohingya Exodus: orchestrated violence and strategies of survival’

Adnan Naseemullah (King's College London)
30 Jan: ‘Violence, rents and investment: explaining growth divergence in South Asia’

Zoltán Biedermann (University College London) and Alan Strathern
6 Feb: ‘Querying the cosmopolitan in Sri Lankan and Indian Ocean history’

Raphael Susewind (King’s College London)
13 Feb: ‘Ambivalence, ambiguity and alienation: making sense of “Tension” in North India’

Avinash Paliwal (School of Oriental and African Languages, London)
20 Feb: ‘My enemy’s enemy: India in Afghanistan from the Soviet Invasion to the US Withdrawal’

Parul Bhandari (Southampton)
27 Feb: ‘Money, enticements, modernity: Indian elite women between anxiety and privilege’

Sejuti Das Gupta (James Madison)
6 Mar: ‘Farmers matter in New India but not the same way: political settlement, discontinuous agrarian policy and class-formations’

**Southeast Asia Seminar Series**

Convenor: Matthew J Walton.
Farouk Yahya
17 Jan: ‘The Naga Serpent in Malay divination’

Brian Victoria
27 Jan: ‘A look at the forest: universal characteristics of the Buddhist-Rohingya conflict’
_Took place at 5.30pm in the Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony’s College._

Tamsin Barber (Oxford Brookes)
31 Jan: ‘Beyond victimhood? Experiences of new Vietnamese migrants in Britain: modern slavery, trafficking and the cannabis trade’

Matthew J Walton, Ma Khin Mar Mar Kyi and Aye Thein
14 Feb: ‘Myanmar’s “Buddhist Nationalist” Movement: a challenge to religious authorities?’

Michael Feener
28 Feb: ‘Religion and development: interactions and reconfigurations as viewed from Southeast Asia’

**Chun-tu Hsueh Distinguished Lecture**

This year’s Chun-tu Hsueh’s Distinguished Lecture was delivered by Jane Duckett (Glasgow), on 26 January at 5pm in the Nissan Lecture Theatre of St Antony’s College. Professor Duckett spoke on ‘International influences on domestic policy-making in China’. Convenors: Rosemary Foot and Rachel Murphy.

**Panel Discussion**

A panel discussion on ‘Gandhi’s ‘inspiration’, featuring Ruth Harris, Kajal Sheth and Richard Sorabji was held on 17 January at 5pm in the Pavilion Room of St Antony’s College. This event, chaired by Faisal Devji, marked the UK–India Year of Culture, which was celebrated in the Oxford Town Hall on 24 January with the award-winning Indian play, _Yugpurush: Mahatma’s Mahatma_, on the relationship between Mahatma Gandhi and his mentor, Shrimad Rajchandra. The discussion was co-organised by the Asian Studies Centre of St Antony’s College, the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies and the Oxford India Society.

**All Souls College, the Asian Studies Centre of St Antony’s College, the Centre for Global History and the Modern European History Research Centre of the Faculty of History**

Convenors: Faisal Devji and David Priestland.
Jean Comaroff (Harvard) and John Comaroff (Harvard)
31 May: ‘Crime, sovereignty, and the state: on the metaphysics of global disorder’

Akeel Bilgrami (Columbia)
12 Jun: ‘Liberty, equality, and alienation’

PROGRAMME FOR TRINITY TERM 2018

**Special Event with Carrie Gracie**

Convenor: Rosemary Foot.

Carrie Gracie (British Broadcasting Corporation)
1 May: ‘Reporting China in the Xi Jinping Era’

**South Asia Seminar Series**

Convenors: Matthew McCartney, Mallica Kumbera Landrus and Rosalind O’Hanlon.

Margot Finn (University College London)
24 Apr: ‘Harem histories and princely politics: Tipu Sultan, the family and East India Company Rule’

Zaad Mahmood (Presidency University, Kolkata, and Oxford)
1 May: ‘Globalisation, public policy and labour’

Muhammad Ali Jan
8 May: ‘Economic mobility, Islamic piety and caste: Ashrafization in Pakistani Punjab’

David Lewis (London School of Economics and Political Science)
15 May: ‘Peopling policy processes? Methodological populism in the Bangladesh health and education sectors’

**Southeast Asia Seminar Series**

Convenor: Matthew J Walton.
Carlo Bonura (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
25 Apr: ‘Radicalising liberalism: the ideological inversions of Islamic liberalism and moderation in Malaysian politics’

9 May: Post-Graduate Research Session

**International Relations of India Seminar Series**

Convenors: Jyotsna Mehra and Chirayu Thakkar.

Kate Sullivan de Estrada
2 May: ‘Accommodating weakness: India and UN Security Council Reform’ Martin Bayly (London School of Economics and Political Science)
16 May: ‘The forgotten histories of Indian IR’
EUROPEAN STUDIES

Dr Hartmut Mayer, Director of the European Studies Centre,

The European Studies Centre had a particularly busy academic year, running over 80 events covering wide-ranging topics of European history, politics, economics and cultural life. Our flagship Annual Lecture was given by Sigmar Gabriel, Germany’s former Foreign Minister, who spoke on ‘Europe in an increasingly uncomfortable world’.

Other highlights included conferences hosted by the centre’s Visiting Fellows 2017–18: Dr Cristina Blanco Sío-López (Santander Fellow) chaired a stimulating conference on ‘Belonging and displacement’. Professor Ulrike Weckel (Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow) organised a brilliant two-day event on ‘Audiences of Nazism: media effects and responses, 1923–1945’. Dr Andrea Brazzoduro (Deakin Fellow) delivered a fascinating workshop on ‘Algeria, France: how memory works?’. Dr Lieve Van Woensel, our EU Fellow, presented her high-impact work in an innovative seminar on ‘Responsible scientific advice for responsible policymaking’

The year saw some staff changes as well. We welcomed a new Director, Dr Hartmut Mayer. Professor Timothee Vlandas, GB Fellow and Associate Professor in Comparative Social Policy, replaced Dr Paola Mattei who took up a position at the University of Milan. Sarah Moran, ESC Administrator of the last four years left for a new position, and has been replaced by Jessica Dancy. Dr Dorian Singh, long-term Dahrendorf Programme Research Manager, was appointed to a new post in the central university.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 2017

SEESOX
‘The contested meaning of Failed States for international order’
Susan Woodward (City University of New York)
9 October 2017 – 5pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Real estate and the great crisis: lessons for macro-prudential policy’
John Duca (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)
9 October 2017 – 5pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘A pre-history of Brexit: some thoughts on how we got here’
Sir Ivan Rogers (St Antony’s College)
10 October 2017 – 5pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘National Wealth approach to financial stability’
Olivier Frecaut (IMF)
11 October 2017 – 5pm
Book conversation on: *First Confession: A Sort of Memoir*
Lord Chris Patten (Chancellor, Oxford, Patron of ESC)
12 October 2017 – 3pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘Dahrendorf on Germany, Britain and Europe’
Franziska Meifort (Carl von Ossietzky Universität, Oldenburg)
17 October 2017 – 5pm

‘Who’s afraid of free speech: a discussion with Professor Timothy Garton Ash’
Timothy Garton Ash (St Antony’s College)
18 October 2017 – 5pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘European democracy: one project or many?’
Martin Conway (Balliol College)
24 October 2017 – 5pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘How will technology change our lives in Europe?’
Lieve Van Woensel (EU Fellow, St Antony’s College)
31 October 2017 – 5pm

ESC CORE SEMINAR SERIES
‘Europe after the multiple crises’
Sergio Fabbrini (LUISS School of Government, Rome)
7 November 2017 – 5pm

HILARY TERM 2018

SEESOX
‘The New Sultan: Erdogan and the Crisis of Modern Turkey’
Soner Cagaptay (Washington Institute for Near East Policy)
18 January 2018 – 5pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Price and financial stability: Rethinking financial markets’
David Harrison (DAC Beachcroft)
22 January 2018 – 5pm

SEESOX
‘Hunger and fury: the crisis of democracy in the Balkans’
Jasmin Mujanović (EastWest Institute)
24 January 2018 – 5pm
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Economic convergence in the Euro Area: coming together or drifting apart?’
Jeffrey Franks (IMF Europe)
29 January 2018 – 5pm

SEESOX
‘Energy and geo-politics in Eastern Mediterranean’
Constantinos Filis (Panteion University), Bill Kappis (University of Buckingham)
31 January 2018 – 2pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘A monetary history of the Euro Area’
Christopher Marsh (Former IMF)
5 February 2018 – 5pm

SEESOX
‘The Greco-German Affair in the Euro Crisis: mutual recognition lost?’
Kira Gartzou-Katsouyanni (SEESOX), Kalypso Nicolaidis (St Antony's College, Oxford),
Claudia Sternberg (UCL)
7 February 2018 – 5pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Financial resilience and bank size – are we forgetting what is most important?’
Piroska Nagy-Mohacsi (LSE)
12 February 2018 – 5pm

SEESOX
‘The Berlin Process: A bridge between the Western Balkans and the EU?’
Adam Fagan (Queen Mary University of London), James Ker Lindsay (St Marys University, Twickenham), Fiona McIlwham (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Goran Svilanović (Regional Cooperation Council)
14 February 2018 – 4pm

SEESOX
*Greek to Me: A Memoir of Academic Life*
Richard Clogg (St Antony's College, Oxford)
20 February 2018 – 5pm

SEESOX
‘(Ir)regular states of migration: contested sovereignties on Europe’s margins’
Katerina Rozakou (University of Amsterdam)
21 February 2018 – 5pm
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘The digital revolution and the state’
William H. Janeway (Venture capitalist and Economist)
26 February 2018 – 5pm

SEESOX
‘The erosion of free speech in Turkey: why were key institutions defeated?’
Kemal Göktas (Cumhuriyet; Reuters Institute), Rıza Türmen (Former ECHR judge and former MP), Funda Ustek-Spilda (Goldsmiths University of London)
28 February 2018 – 5pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Political risks in Europe: Brexit and its impact on businesses’
Mujtabar Rahman (Eurasia Group, Europe)
5 March 2018 – 5pm

TRINITY TERM 2018

SEESOX
‘The Western Balkans: before the Berlin Process London Summit’
Iztok Mirošič (State Secretary, Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
23 April 2018 – 5pm

DAHRENDORF MEMORIAL LECTURE
2018 Dahrendorf Lecture: ‘The defence of the university in illiberal times’
Professor Michael Ignatieff (Rector, Central European University)
27 April 2018 – 5pm

ESC LUNCHTIME SEMINAR
‘Towards a postmodern national narrative? The Algerian war memorial and contemporary French landscapes of memory.‘
Andrea Brazzoduro (Deakin Fellow, St Antony’s College)
7 May 2018 – 12.30pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘Political risks in Europe: Brexit and its impact on businesses’
Mujtabar Rahman (Eurasia Group, Europe)
7 May 2018 – 5pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘To be or not to be in the Eurozone? The answer from Prague’
Mojmir Hampl (Vice Governor, Czech National Bank)
21 May 2018 – 5pm
POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘What can we learn from the Australian retirement income system?’
Ron Bird (University of Technology Sydney), Nicholas Morris (University of New South Wales)
23 May 2018 – 12.30pm

POLITICAL ECONOMY OF FINANCIAL MARKETS (PEFM)
‘The European Banking Authority at a time of change’
Andrea Enria (European Banking Authority)
28 May 2018 – 5pm
LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE

The celebration of the Latin American Studies Association conference in Europe for the first time in its history constituted a great opportunity to reflect on the unique place of our Latin American Centre. We are one of the few research and teaching centres in the world that combines strong links to other parts of Europe with close institutional and personal ties to the United States and a continuous presence in Latin America. Unfortunate events like Brexit could paradoxically further strengthen our role of connector between the three regions.

The LASA conference, where we hosted a joint reception for alumni and friends with the Institute of History of the Universidad Pompeu Fabra, capped another great year at the LAC. In addition to our main weekly seminars and our history seminar series (which celebrated its fifth anniversary with a lecture by Chilean historian Iván Jaksić), we had a number of special events. Let me mention just a few. In October, thanks to Eduardo Posada-Carbó’s initiative, we hosted Jeremy Adelman. An Oxford alumnus and an enthusiastic supporter of the LAC, Professor Adelman delivered the Astor Visiting Lecture and participated in other events across the university. A few months later Sergio Jaramillo, one of the chief government negotiators of the Colombian government with the FARC in Havana, now Ambassador in Brussels, gave a talk about the achievements and challenges of the peace process in Colombia. During the first two terms, we also organised a series of lunches with Latin Ambassadors with support from the Dominican ambassador to the UK, Federico Alberto Cuello. The Brazilian Studies Program had its annual conference, ‘Rethinking Brazilian politics: new directions in research’, in February, and in May received former President of Brazil Dilma Rousseff. Speaking to a packed auditorium, President Rousseff reflected on her career, her controversial removal from office and Brazil’s future.

Our students were responsible for some of our most successful events. In December, Julia Zulver organised the conference ‘Colombia after the Peace Accords: new challenges, new paths forward from a multidisciplinary perspective’. This one-day event, which was supported by Andrés Salgado Ragan, combined plenary lectures by Mariana Escobar and Jorge Restrepo and panel presentations from doctoral students. In March, Adriana Unzueta and Sebastián Cajias invited former President of Bolivia, Eduardo Rodriguez Veltze, to discuss the maritime dispute between Bolivia and Chile with funding from the Malcolm Deas Fund. This Fund, supported by contributions from many alumni, also made possible the Malcolm Deas Annual History Seminar, delivered this time by Professor Hilda Sabato from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, as well as some research projects.

I could have written several additional paragraphs describing the highlights of the year. However, since this is my last report as director of the LAC, let me instead conclude with some reflections on our on-going strengths and some of our challenges. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such a great team of administrators (Elvira Ryan just celebrated 30 years working here) and academics. We also count on the support of a great team of librarians – thanks to their initiatives our collection has grown significantly. We continue undertaking path breaking research on many areas, including the role of the business sector in transitional justice, the characteristics of Coalitional Presidentialism around the world, the political impact
of remittances, the history of democracy in the region and the evolution of drug policy in Mexico, while maintaining our tradition of high-quality, personalised teaching.

The LAC is also in continuous renewal and full of new ideas. At the moment, we have a unique team of post-doctoral researchers: Simon Escoffier, Carlos Solar, Carlos Pérez Ricart – who completed his first year as post-doctoral fellow in Mexican history and public policy – and Francesca Lessa – who will return to Oxford in September after three years of fieldwork in the Southern Cone. We are also pleased to welcome Andreza de Souza Santos as Departmental Lecturer in Latin American Studies for the next four years. Additionally, the LAC not only receives great graduate students every year but it is also the second home for a number of doctoral researchers working on Latin American issues across history and the social sciences.

The LAC also occupies a unique position within the University of Oxford. We are part of the growing School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, recently renamed Oxford School of Global and Area Studies (OSGA), which will be led by Timothy Power from September 2018. In recent years, we have built growing links to other departments thanks to our affiliates programme, the Latin American DPhil seminar (this year led by Camila Mella from Social Policy), the History seminar series and other initiatives.

Lastly, we continue benefiting from our broad network of alumni in Europe and the Americas. I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of them this year in Peru, El Salvador and here in Oxford and have appreciated all the support they provide to the LAC. We have also built close collaborations with multiple Latin American institutions from FLACSO in Mexico (who is working with Leigh Payne in a Newton Fund) to the Universidad del Pacifico in Peru and the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez in Chile, to name just a few.

Of course, there is still much to do to build on our strengths, increase our research and policy influence and enhance our presence in Latin America. We would love to raise new funds for scholarships, partly to compensate for the end of the CAF scholarships after six years of generous support. Funding for our MPhil programme, which provides students with the unique opportunity to study in Oxford for two years and undertake fieldwork during the summer, is particularly urgent. We would also like to continue attracting post-doctoral fellows with dynamic research agendas and build an endowment for new posts. We hope to create new links to Latin American institutions, support some our most ambitious research projects, and increase our participation in policy debates.

It is an exciting agenda that we can only continue to develop with the support of our students and alumni. I know Eduardo Posada-Carbó, our new director, and David Doyle, our new course director, together with all my colleagues are excited to confront these challenges and look forward to remaining in contact with all of you in the upcoming year.

Diego Sánchez-Ancochea
Director, the Latin American Centre
MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

Following the tremendous success of the 60th anniversary reunion held in September 2017, the centre has continued to host a wide range of lectures, seminars, conferences and workshops. Our outreach activities through social media and podcasts has grown tremendously. We have revived our partnership with the College of Islamic Studies in Doha, and with the Chinese Middle East studies community. We continue to attract and train record numbers of masters and doctoral students. In addition, we have launched a new one-year master’s degree in Modern Middle Eastern studies, which attracted an excellent applicant pool and is already well over-subscribed.

Summary of lectures, seminars, conferences, workshops

The centre hosted over 40 public seminars in the course of the academic year and welcomed over 50 speakers. This includes the Friday seminars in Michaelmas and Hilary terms, and the Women’s Rights Research Seminar which meets twice each term. We also held seven film screenings, taking advantage of the outstanding facilities of the Investcorp Lecture Theatre.

In addition to our seminars and film screenings, the centre held three workshops, which brought a range of scholars to the centre:

- ‘Exploring Syria’s borders and boundaries’, convened by Dr Matthieu Cimino in November.
- ‘Communicating contentious politics: social movements and networked communication in the Arab World’, convened by Dr Sarah Richani in partnership with the Centre for Lebanese Studies in November.
- ‘Rethinking nationalism, sectarianism and ethno-religious mobilisation in the Middle East’, with the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies in January.

The centre co-hosted a celebration of the scholarship of Professor Ella Shohat of New York University with three events in the final week of Trinity term, co-hosted with Professor Yaacov Yadgar, Stanley Lewis Chair of Israel Studies (SIAS).

The 2018 George Antonius Lecture was given by Dr Moncef Marzouki, former president of Tunisia. His title was: ‘The Tunisian Revolution: achievement and disillusiones’.

Most events have been recorded and made available online as podcasts (see the Social Media Report below). Full details of all events are provided in the seminar lists (attached at the end of this document).

Investcorp Building

The MEC’s outreach also included giving guided tours of the Investcorp Building. From the start of this calendar year we have had over 120 visitors, mostly students of architecture or architects but we also welcomed some distinguished guests including Princess Anne’s husband – Sir Timothy Laurence. Moreover, the MEC took part in the Oxford Open Doors initiative and opened the building to over 300 visitors in autumn 2017.
Library and Archive

Dr Maria Luisa Langella went on maternity leave in May 2018. Her post as MEC Librarian is being covered by Mr Afzal Haus, who previously worked in the Middle East library at Exeter University. Miss Debbie Usher continues as MEC Archivist.

Partnerships: Doha, Shanghai, China generally

On 29–30 January, the centre welcomed Dean Emad Shaheen of the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad bin Khalifa University in Doha. This is the successor institution to our original partner in Education City, the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies. After two year’s hiatus, Dean Shaheen confirmed his faculty's interest in resuming formal exchanges of students and faculty between Doha and Oxford, initiated as a result of the endowment of the HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Chair in Contemporary Islamic Studies, currently held by Professor Ramadan. Dr Rogan is scheduled to visit Doha in September 2018 to run a doctoral application workshop, to interview potential exchange students, and to give a public lecture. He will meet with colleagues in the College of Islamic Studies to plan the rest of the exchange activities for the 2018–2019 academic year.

The MEC has deepened its engagement with the rapidly developing Middle East studies community in China. We agreed to co-convene the 6th International Forum on Asia and the Middle East, to be held in the Shanghai International Studies University on the weekend of 15–16 September. Four MEC Fellows will present papers at the conference (Eugene Rogan, Philip Robins, Michael Willis, Toby Matthiesen), along with Professor Sir Adam Roberts and Professor Charles Tripp as invited keynote speakers. While in China, the MEC delegation will visit Beijing to meet with faculty and students at Peking University, Tsinghua University, and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. This visit will follow the visit of a delegation from Tsinghua University to Oxford in April 2018 to discuss cooperation in Area Studies between the two universities. Professor Robins and Dr Armbrust welcomed the delegation to the Middle East Centre.

Activities of the MEC Fellows

Eugene Rogan

I continued as Centre Director for the academic year.

In September I was inducted into the Fellowship of the British Academy.

I gave lectures in Harvard (21 Sept), Prague (12 Oct), The Global Strategy Forum, London (7 Nov), University College London (28 Nov), Houston (1 Feb), the Israel Studies Seminar in Oxford (6 Feb), the Anglo-Omani Society, London (21 Feb), and gave the keynote address to the Ottoman Studies Conference, Cambridge.

I attended the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting in Davos, where I took part in five panels as speaker or moderator. I moderated a panel at the United Nations Forum on the Question
of Palestine with Hanan Ashrawi, Avraham Burg, Ilan Pappé and Victor Kattan at the UN Secretariat in New York in May 2018. I spoke at the Körber History Forum in Berlin in May.

I made several trips to the region in the course of the year. In October I attended an international meeting in Riyadh of Western institutions that have partnered with Saudi institutions (in the Middle East Centre’s case, with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Archives in Riyadh). I was in Amman in November to chair the Rhodes selection panel for Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine, and was invited by UK Ambassador Edward Oakden to address Jordanian government officials with HE Alistair Burt, Minister of State for the Foreign Office and for the Department for International Development. In March, I took part in the Emirates Festival of Literature in Dubai, where I gave two presentations.

I published a new edition of my book, *The Arabs: A History* with a new introduction and a new final chapter to address the changes in the region since the 2011 revolutions and the counter-revolution. *The Fall of the Ottomans* has now come out in Arabic and Turkish, with both books now in 18 foreign languages.

**Michael Willis**

Dr Michael Willis began the academic year with a trip to Lebanon for events to mark and promote the Arabic Translation of the book *Civil Resistance in the Arab Spring: Triumphs and Disasters* which he co-edited with Adam Roberts, Rory McCarthy and Timothy Garton-Ash and to which he contributed a chapter on Tunisia. He was accompanied by Adam Roberts and three of the other contributors. The group presented the book at the AZM Cultural Center in Tripoli and participated in a panel discussion at the American University of Beirut. Shortly after returning from Lebanon Dr Willis was diagnosed with soft tissue sarcoma cancer and took most of the following six months off from his duties at the Middle East Centre to pursue treatment. The treatment was a success and he returned to teaching at the centre in April. In May he contributed a presentation on Algeria to a workshop on civil wars in the Middle East held at All Souls College. He has also resumed work on his book on the politics of contemporary Algeria for Hurst & Co publishers which he hopes to complete next year.

**Laurent Mignon**

Dr Mignon is currently on sabbatical.

**Philip Robins**

I was on sabbatical leave from September 2017 to April 2018; the following are some of the activities undertaken during that period and since returning:

- I had an article entitled ‘Drugs of Choice, drugs of change: Egyptian consumption habits since the 1920s’ published in *Third World Quarterly* in November 2017
• I undertook three research trips to Jordan

• I have written two new chapters for second edition of my book *History of Jordan*, which are close to completion and publication

• I have fleshed out my new research topic on Leadership/Rulership in the Middle East, with chapter outlines, a literature review and research plans ready for funding applications

• I have completed an academic article on Leadership/Rulership to kick start my research topic, which is currently out with a variety of readers for comment before submitting it to prospective journals

• While on sabbatical, I continued to lead the work of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) Fellowship. I jointly convened the centrepiece of the SPF work, a conference held in conjunction with Pembroke College, Oxford which took place in January 2018 on religion, minorities and sectarianism in the Middle East. I also secured in MT 2017 funding for a further two years and two more research fellowships to take the Sasakawa programme to 2020

• I continued to supervise my PhD students while on sabbatical leave

• I have taught an MPhil course on International Relations: post-Cold War Era

• I have taught the undergraduate option on Middle East Politics for PPE and HP students

**Walter Armbrust**

Publications:


My greatest efforts over the past year in terms of publishing have been in finishing my book, *Martyrs and Tricksters: An Ethnography of the Egyptian Revolution*. The book is now in production with Princeton University Press, and will be out in 2019.

Presentations:

I participated in several activities at the University of Oslo. On November 10–12 I attended a workshop for a project titled 'In 2016'. This is an alternative history writing project run by Drs. Albrecht Hofheinz and Stephen Guth. It is inspired by the work of Hans Ulrich Gumbrecht (https://dlcl.stanford.edu/people/hans-ulrich-gumbrecht). The goal is to write a non-linear history that enables the reader to feel as if he/she is in a certain year and place. This project focused on Egypt and Tunisia. Each participant in the workshop writes a short entry based on sources from the target year on a topic that was prominent at the time. My entry for the workshop was ‘ashwa’iyyat. I have also committed writing further entries on ‘disasters’ and ‘the dollar crisis’.

A week after the ‘In 2016’ workshop I returned to Oslo to examine one of their doctoral students. The next day I gave a lecture in their Department of Cultural Studies and Oriental Languages seminar titled ‘Roots of Counter-revolution in Egypt: the immovable objects confronting the January 25th Revolution’s irresistible forces’.

On November 25th I gave a keynote address based on my pre-revolution research agenda at a conference titled ‘Media transitions and cultural debates in Arab societies: transhistorical perspectives on the impact of communication technologies’. This was sponsored by the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and the Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts. The title of my lecture was ‘Meandering through the magazine: new media in interwar Egypt’. The paper explored illustrated magazines in the mid-1930s, showing how contemporary media concepts such as flow, remediation and hypertextuality help us understand the cultural impact of “older new media.”

On April 12th I gave a keynote address at a conference titled ‘Locating Muslim cinemas: the politics of culture and identity’, at Michigan State University, for the Muslim Studies Program’s 11th Annual Conference. The title of my lecture was ‘Hints of piety: Egyptian Cinema from the 1930s to the Present’.

Other Activities

I started the 2017–18 academic year as the Director of Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Oriental Studies. It became apparent that the Faculty lacked a co-ordinator for the upcoming Research Excellence Framework (REF). The REF is a British institution that is analogous to putting the entire country through tenure review. Since none of my colleagues were willing and able to take on the REF coordinator job I volunteered to do it on the condition that someone else take over the DGS role. Someone did step up to do that, so I became the REF coordinator for Oriental Studies, and that has now turned into becoming the head of the Area Studies Unit of Assessment for the whole university. This means I will be responsible for coordinating the REF return for both Oriental Studies and the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies. The REF coordinator role continues until 2021.

I was also the Subwarden of St Antony’s throughout the 2017–18 academic year.
Toby Matthiesen

I continued to work on a book with the working title: *The Sunni-Shii Divide: The Political Roots of Religious Conflict* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

I published the following book chapters in 2017/18


As well as a number of pieces in a Swiss newspaper, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.

I also gave a number of Radio interviews to Swiss, Australian and UK radio, including the BBC World Service’s Newshour, mainly on developments in Saudi Arabia and Saudi–Iranian relations.

I gave these public lectures:

- ‘Saudi Arabia and Shiism’, Central European University in Budapest, 10 May 2018.
- ‘How much do doctrinal debates and the early historical disputes matter in Sunni-Shi’i relations?’ Oxford
- Centre for Islamic Studies, 14 February 2018.

And these conference papers:
'Sectarianization and identity formation in the New Middle East: Sunni-Shi‘i relations after the Arab Uprisings', paper presented at conference on Understanding the New Middle East, UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, February 8, 2018.

I travelled to Najaf and Karbala, Iraq, as part of research for my book on Sunni–Shii relations in April 2018. I interviewed many clerics and visited the major shrines, libraries and mosques there. I also did a research trip to Beirut in June 2018.

Visiting Fellows:

The centre had one Israeli Visiting Fellow – Dr Avner Wishnitzer, who since 2015, is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University. His current project is titled ‘A dark history of the Late Ottoman Empire’, sponsored by the Israel Science Foundation. The study investigates the far-reaching transformation in late Ottoman nocturnal realities from the early 18th century to WWI, exploring a variety of themes, from the economic utility of darkness to material and political aspects of lighting. His previous work focused on temporality and his book Reading Clocks Alla Turca: Time and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire was published by the University of Chicago Press in 2015.

Dr Wishnitzer received his PhD from Tel Aviv University and was later a Fulbright post-doctoral fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle, a Lady Davis post-doctoral Fellow at the Hebrew University and a Krietman Post-Doctoral Fellow at Ben-Gurion University. He is the co-editor of the Social History Workshop, a public history blog in Haaretz Newspaper (in Hebrew).

MEC Awards

1. The centre offered two studentships this year: Hadid Studentship awarded to Jalal Imran (from St Antony's College) for his research on the Syrian Uprising and Pachachi Studentship given to Sophie Chamas (also from St Antony's College) for her research on the politics of contemporary Beirut.

The Hadid Studentship is available to continuing doctoral students working on the Modern Middle East while the Pachachi Studentship is available to continuing doctoral students working on the modern history (broadly defined) and the social sciences of the Arab world.
2. The Albert Hourani Studentship 2018 went to Malika Yates from the United Kingdom. Ms Yates was accepted to read for the MPhil in modern Middle Eastern Studies on the strength of an outstanding academic record from the School of Oriental and African Studies, where she completed her BA in Mid East studies with first class honours. She shifted to Middle Eastern studies after completing her certificate in pre-clinical medicine at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Her engagement in the Middle East includes Arabic language study in Amman and working with refugees with muscular dystrophy in Palestine. For the MPhil, Malika Yates plans to study Hebrew and to examine Arab-Jew identity, epitomised by Sayed Kashua’s Hebrew-language novel, *Exposure*. ‘Kashua’s work taught me just how complex the Arab-Jew identity is in Israel, with linguistics being one of the many factors in this complex equation’, she explained in her application. She will begin the course in October 2018 as a student of Wolfson College.

The Albert Hourani Studentship is an entirely alumni-supported scholarship that provides an award of £15,000 to support a student for the two years of the MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies (£7,500 per annum).

3. The Raghid El-Solh Travel Scholarship 2018 was awarded to Yasmina Abouzzohour (from St Antony's College).

The Raghid El-Solh Travel Travel grant is offered annually to DPhil students doing field research on League of Arab States member countries, to cover the following thematic areas: democracy and governance; justice and human rights; regionalism and parliamentary processes; and other relevant subjects in the politics and international relations of the Arab world. The current amount of the travel grant is £1000 and the award is made on a needs basis.

4. The Walter Zander Prize for the best performance in the MPhil examination was awarded to Calum Humphreys (St Anne’s).

The Walter Zander Prize is the highest honour given for the MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies. The prize is awarded to the student (or, when identical results, students) who achieved the highest result in the final written examinations for the MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies. The prize was established through a generous gift from Dr Walter Zander, a former Senior Associate Member of St Antony’s College. The first prize was awarded in 1988.

5. And finally the winners of the Azizeh Sheibani Essay Prize in Iranian and Persian-speaking World Studies are: in the undergraduate category: Marc Czarnuszewicz (Wadham College) for his essay titled ‘The social networks of a provincial town in early Seljuq Khurasan’ and in the graduate category: Nancy Ko (Magdalen College) for her essay on ‘Civilizing Omission: the Alliance Israélite Universelle and historical amnesia during and after the Iranian Constitutional Period.’
The Azizeh Sheibani Essay Prize is an annual award open to two categories, graduate and undergraduate students. The prize(s) are awarded to the best essay(s) in Iranian and Persian-speaking World Studies, in any discipline of the humanities or social sciences. Essays may be on any chronological period, ancient, medieval or modern. The prize will be re-advertised at the start of Hilary term 2019.
THE NISSAN INSTITUTE OF JAPANESE STUDIES

2017 marks a number of milestones and new beginnings at the Nissan Institute. Our MSc and MPhil programmes in Modern Japanese Studies celebrate their 10th anniversary. It’s amazing to see where our graduates have gone, and what they are doing. In terms of new departures, from October 2017 we brought together the social science-oriented MSc at the Nissan Institute and the humanities-oriented MSt of the Oriental Institute to offer a wider range of courses on a single master’s platform. In addition, the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, of which the Nissan Institute is a part, launched a new DPhil in Area Studies, creating another option for our master’s graduates. Both developments strengthen postgraduate Japanese studies at Oxford University.

In September 2017 Ms Izumi Tytler retired after over 30 years of service as the Head Librarian of the Bodleian Japanese Library. In her time in post, Izumi built one of the finest library collections on contemporary Japanese society in Europe and the Nissan Institute has benefitted hugely from her expertise and knowledge of the field. In his speech at her farewell event, Roger Goodman said it would be very hard to replace Izumi and indeed that has proven to be the case. The Institute has been very grateful to Yuki Kissick and her colleagues at the BJL who have looked after the BJL while the search for Izumi’s successor continues.

In January 2018 we welcomed Dr Mateja Kovacic to the Institute as our first British Academy Post-Doctoral Researcher. Dr Kovacic’s research focuses on robots and automated systems in urban and social spaces, and she is currently working on three projects: the politics of humanoid robots in Japan, the urban living labs for robot experiments with focus on Dubai, Singapore, California Japan, and medical delivery drones in sub-Saharan Africa. She is interested in the ways that the politics, economics, and various sociocultural factors shape the integration of robots into society.

Our Academic Visitors contributed actively to our schedule of events, listed below. Notably, Professor Gill Steel (Doshisha University) co-organised a conference titled ‘Beyond the gender gap in Japan’, while writer and film director and producer John Williams gave a presentation on his films, and about film making in Japan. The Japanese Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Koji Tsuruoka gave a presentation in November which set out very eloquently the concerns of the Japanese government and Japanese companies, which have invested heavily in the UK over the years on the assumption of the UK’s place in the EU, and which are in the process of making choices about where to place future investments. The discussant was Sir Ivan Rogers, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union until January 2017.

Our DPhil students were also active in organising a day and a half-long conference on ‘Ecologies of knowledge and practice’ which brought together 23 postgraduates, early career researchers and established scholars for an inter-disciplinary discussion on ‘Ecology and area studies’. This was supported by the Japan Foundation; TORCH; St Antony’s College; Japanese History Workshop and The Oxford Environmental History Network. And Hugh Whittaker organised a one-day conference with colleagues in the economic development cluster of SIAS,
focusing on *Compressed Development*, which is the title of a book he is co-authoring with three others and will be published by Oxford University Press. The co-authors discussants and participants focused on both opportunities as well as challenges for today’s ‘compressed developers’, and the changing roles of states and markets.

**Seminars**

Michaelmas term 2017: Sir Howard Stringer, Former Chairman, ‘Reflections on being the first foreign CEO of Sony’; Professor Sheldon Garon, ‘Transnational history and Japan’s “Comparative Advantage”’; Dr Penny Francks, ‘Japan and the Great Divergence’; Jeff Kurashige, ;The “Salaryman” Samurai: Japan’s medieval warrior and the “Birth” of the Early Modern world’; Olga Solovieva, ‘Akira Kurosawa’s reception of Tolstoy in the film *Ikiru (To Live)*, 1952) in the context of Postwar Japan’; Dr Thomas Garcin, ‘Mishima Yukio and Takahashi Kazumi: commitment and literature in 1960s Japan’; His Excellency Koji Tsuruoka, Japanese Ambassador to the UK and Sir Ivan Rogers, formerly Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union as the Discussant on ‘Japan and Brexit’; Mito Akiyoshi, Hiroko Takeda, Gill Steel, Sherry Martin and Susan Pavloska held a workshop on ‘Beyond the gender gap in contemporary Japan’; and a day and a half workshop in association on ‘Ecologies of knowledge and practice’ in association with TORCH; St. Antony’s College; Japanese History Workshop and The Oxford Environmental History Network, University of Oxford.


Miss Jane Baker remains the Institute Administrator, and 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. In 2017, as Distinguished Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, she held the positions of Director of the Japan Institute and Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics. At the end of 2017 she retired from ANU and became Emeritus Professor. She was subsequently appointed Professorial Fellow at the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University and became the inaugural Rio Tinto Fellow for the Foundation for Australia–Japan Studies. In that capacity she moved to the University of Tokyo in April and will spend two years in Japan establishing the FAJS and developing a program of support for collaborative research between Australia and Japan in fields that will benefit the future bilateral relationship. She spent Weeks 5 to 8 Trinity term in Oxford teaching revision classes for students of the Japanese economy.


PROFESSOR SHO KONISHI is a Governing Body Fellow of St Antony’s College. He has given keynote speeches for two international conferences this year. One, on the ecologies of knowledge, will be published as part of a short book, and the other, on the transnational intellectual history of virtue, will be published as a journal article. He has been elected as an External Faculty Member for the Institute on the Formation of Knowledge at the University of Chicago.

PROFESSOR IAN NEARY is the Course Director for the MSc/MPhil in Japanese Studies and has overall responsibility for students on this course. He was also Senior Tutor in college from September–March 2018. From March to July he was a visiting professor at Kyushu University where he worked on the completion of his textbook on Japanese politics for Polity and continued with field research on the implementation of Dowa policy. While there he acted as discussant at a seminar with Professors Snyder and Vinjamuri organised by Professor T Oga, in March, at the Department of Law, Kyushu University to celebrate the publication of Human Rights Futures, Stephen Hopgood, Jack Snyder and Leslie Vinjamuri (eds), Cambridge University Press. He gave a paper on ‘Dowa Policy: multi-culturalism and anti-discrimination in Japan’ at a conference on ‘Multi-cultural Democracy’, Kyushu University in May; gave two lectures on ‘Japanese Politics under Abe Shinzo’ in the Department of Law, Keio University in May and Kyushu University in June; and contributed a paper entitled ‘Key issues in Japan’s response to Chinese globalisation’ at a seminar held in the British Embassy on China’s Globalisation, 31 May 2018.

ARTHUR STOCKWIN, Emeritus Fellow, gave a lecture at the University of Cambridge titled: ‘A retrospect on the Abe Government, what went before, what it is trying to do, and what comes after’, and spoke on the topic: ‘Are neo-liberalism and nationalism mutually compatible? The cases of Japan and the United Kingdom’, at a conference in Paris organised

DR ANN WASWO, Emeritus Fellow, remains retired and therefore free from UK state pressure to conduct only what it deems to be ‘relevant’ research and required to monitor her students for any evidence of what the Home Office asserts are ‘dangerous ideas’. In her as-yet-unfinished second crime novel, a critique of the Japanese criminal justice system in a crime fiction wrapper, there’s more murder than in *Damaged Goods*, but the same Oxford DCI and Japanese art fraud expert. Stay tuned!

PROFESSOR HUGH WHITTAKER is the Director of the Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies; Professor in the Economy and Business of Japan and Admissions Officer and Fellow of St Antony’s College. He taught an intensive course on ‘Organizations and Innovation’ at Doshisha University in December 2017, and co-organised a conference on ‘Compressed Development’, the title of a book he is co-authoring with three others, at St Antony’s in May 2018. A chapter he co-authored with Rob Scollay (Auckland University) on ‘The Rebirth of Japanese Agriculture?’ was published in French in the volume *Transformations et transitions dans l’agriculture et l’agro-alimentaire*, edited by Gilles Allaire and Benoit Daviron, and another titled ‘Japanese Agri-Food in Transition’ will appear in an English-language volume by the same authors. He also updated his chapter on Japan for a new edition of Carola Frege and John Kelly eds *Comparative Employment Relations in the Global Economy*. 
RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

RESC Monday Seminars

MICHAELMAS TERM 2017 – FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON 1917
Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony’s College)

HILARY TERM 2018 - POST-SOVIET POLITICS AND SOCIETY
Convenors: Paul Chaisty (St Antony’s College) and Stephen Whitefield (Pembroke College)
Graeme Robertson (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) – ‘Building autocracy from above and below: emotional engagement and politics after Crimea’; Sarah Whitmore (Oxford Brookes University) – ‘Disrupted democracy in Ukraine? Protest, performance and contention in the Verkhovna Rada’; Christopher Gerry (St Antony’s College) – ‘Health and well-being in Russia: new approaches, new challenges’; Sergei Guriev (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) – ‘The challenges to growth in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe’; Jeffrey Kahn (Southern Methodist University, USA) – ‘After 20 years: Russia and the European Convention on Human Rights’; Alexey Bessudnov (Exeter University) – ‘Ethnic hierarchy in the Russian labour market’; Anastasia Shesterinina (University of Sheffield) – ‘Mobilising under uncertainty: from fleeing to fighting in wartime Abkhazia’; Joanna Szostek (Royal Holloway) – ‘The influence (and limits) of Russia’s strategic narrative during “information war” in Ukraine’

TRINITY TERM 2018 - LITERATURE, SOCIETY AND FILM
Convenor: Oliver Ready (St Antony’s College)
Uilleam Blacker (SSEES, UCL) – ‘Cultural responses to the war in Ukraine’; Panel discussion – ‘Vladimir Sharov’s Rehearsals (1986–88; trans 2018)’ Speakers: Aulikki Nahkola (Wolfson), Philip Bullock (Wadham) and the novel’s translator Oliver Ready (St Antony’s). Chair: Andrei Zorin (New College); Rebecca Reich (Cambridge) – ‘Psychiatry, dissent and the art of diagnosis after Stalin’; Robert Chandler (Queen Mary, University of London) – ‘Vasily Grossman’s ‘Stalingrad’: censorship and speaking silences’; Tamar Koplatadze (University College) – ‘Postcoloniality and russophone women’s writing from the Caucasus and Central Asia’; Mark Lipovetsky (University of Colorado-Boulder) – ‘The lost revolution: transformations of the revolutionary narrative in Russian film since the 1960s’.
Other RESC events 2017-18

29 November 2017 Tornike Koplatadze (UCL) – 9 years of displacement (film screening and talk). Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony's)

4 December 2017 Alexander Cooley (Harriman Institute, Columbia University) – ‘The rise and decline of Central Asia's multivector foreign policy’. Convenor: Julie Newton (St Antony's)

5 February 2018 Book launch for Dan Healey’s Russian homophobia: from Stalin to Sochi. Convenor: Dan Healey (St Antony's)

23 February 2018 Konstantin Zamyatin (University of Helsinki) – ‘Ethnic representation in the republics of post-Soviet Russia: agency-driven and structural factors’. Convenor: Paul Chaisty (St Antony's)

28 February 2018 Leila Alieva (St Antony's) – ‘How autocracy impedes de-securitization, or why democracy matters: the case of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict’. Convenor: Roy Allison (St Antony's)

12 March 2018 Aurel Braun (University of Toronto) – ‘The intractable drivers of Russian foreign policy and strategic divergence in the Arctic’. Convenor: Roy Allison (St Antony's)

1 May 2018 Katerina Tertytchnaya (St Anne's) – ‘The autocrat's dilemma: domestic terrorism and the divided electorate in Russia’. Convenor: Paul Chaisty (St Antony's)

2 May 2018 Sirke Mäkinen (St Antony's) – ‘Global university rankings and the quest for national sovereignty’. Convenor: Roy Allison (St Antony's)

5 July 2018 Agnia Grigas (Atlantic Council, Washington) – ‘Beyond Crimea: Russian ambitions and toolkit since 2014’. Convenor: Alex Pravda (St Antony's)

Other News

Chris Gerry arrives

Robert Service awarded Danube Prize 2017

Dan Healey publishes Russian Homophobia from Stalin to Sochi

Director

Roy Allison

GB Fellows

Paul Chaisty; Dan Healey; Chris Gerry

Research and Visiting Fellows

Julie Newton; Oliver Ready

Emeritus Fellows

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

Norman Davies

Academic Visitors

Sally Cummings; Rick Fawn; Nazrin Mehdiyeva; Sirke Mäkinen

Fellows Activities

PROFESSOR ROY ALLISON, Professor of Russian and Eurasian International Relations published ‘Protective integration and security policy coordination: comparing the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Collective Security Treaty Organisation’, The Chinese Journal of International Politics, 11: 3 (July 2018). He took part in a Cabinet Office seminar on European security challenges. He gave the Keynote Presentation for the annual NATO Parliamentary Assembly Rose-Roth regional seminar, held in Batumi, Georgia in April 2018. He presented also at the annual UC conference, organised with the Kennan Centre, in Washington D.C.; at an intergovernmental conference under the aegis of the United Nations in Samarkand, on security in Central Asia; and at the International Studies Conference in San Francisco. He also took part in a Ditchley Park conference on Russia. Among media activities he took part in a live BBC Radio 4 ‘Start the Week’ discussion on Russia and the Middle East in December 2017. He was also very pleased to take part in the 1980s Antonians’ Gaudy in college in September, as one of two GB fellows (along with the Warden) to have been a student in that decade.

PROFESSOR ARCHIE BROWN, Emeritus Fellow, delivered a paper on ‘The Top Leader Fixation in British Politics’ at the Anthony King Memorial Conference, University of Essex in May 2018 which will be published in a collective volume in 2019. He gave lectures to the Oxford International Politics Summer School and to the Southern Methodist University Summer School. He continued to work on his book on Gorbachev, Reagan and Thatcher and the End of the Cold War. His The Myth of the Strong Leader appeared in translation in Germany, Japan and Spain in the course of 2018. Archie Brown spoke at the June 2018 launch of the Spanish edition in Madrid, at which the main speech was given by former vice-president (deputy prime minister) of Spain, Alfonso Guerra.

PROFESSOR PAUL CHAISTY University Lecturer in Russian Politics, presented papers at Moscow State University; the Higher School of Economics, Moscow; the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration; Charles University, Prague; the European Consortium of Political Research Workshop, Cyprus; the International Political Science Association Conference, Brisbane; the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston. He published (with Nicholas Cheeseman and Timothy Power), Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective: Minority Presidents in Multiparty Systems (Oxford: Oxford University Press). He also published (with Stephen Whitefield) ‘Critical Election or Frozen Cleavages? How Voters Chose Parties in the 2014 Ukrainian
Parliamentary Election', Electoral Studies, 56. He was awarded the title of Professor of Russian and East European Politics in the University’s Recognition of Distinction exercise.

He published, with Professor Nic Cheeseman and Professor Timothy Power, *Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective: Minority Presidents in Multiparty Systems* (Oxford University Press) in February 2018. This book provides the first cross-regional study of an increasingly important form of politics: coalitional presidentialism. Drawing on original research of minority presidents in the democratising and hybrid regimes of Armenia, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Kenya, Malawi, Russia, and Ukraine, it seeks to understand how presidents who lack single party legislative majorities build and manage cross-party support in legislative assemblies. It develops a framework for analysing this phenomenon, and blends data from MP surveys, detailed case studies, and wider legislative and political contexts, to analyse systematically the tools that presidents deploy to manage their coalitions.

PROFESSOR DAN HEALEY, Governing Body Fellow, published his Russian Homophobia from Stalin to Sochi (London & New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2018). He spoke on queer archives and the importance of queer history for ex-Soviet countries at Dotyk-2018 International Festival of Queer History, Minsk, Belarus (April 2018); and in June 2018 at the ‘Queer Narratives’ conference accompanying Baltic Pride in Riga, Latvia; and in a public lecture for Kyiv Pride in Ukraine. UK embassies in Latvia and Ukraine supported Healey’s participation. Audiences at the Davis Center, Harvard, and Wesleyan University heard versions of these papers too. At Eton College he spoke to students from the Russian and LGBT societies about his latest book; and he gave interviews to Open Society and New Books Network. Russian Homophobia was warmly reviewed in TLS, and Los Angeles Review of Books among others. In the centenary year of the Russian Revolution, Healey participated in conferences devoted to this anniversary, at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, and the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan. At both, he challenged the received view of a ‘sexual revolution’ driven by Bolshevik ideology. He gave a public lecture at Southampton University on Russian sexual mores during the Great War as part of the university’s ‘Great War, Unknown War’ series. The centennial of the Revolution sparked interest in his work in Latin America, with publication of a Spanish version of his first book, Homosexualidad y revolución, translated by Mario Ibarren (Buenos Aires: Final Abierto, 2018), and an article for Revista Outubro, on the Soviet sexual revolution appearing in Brazilian Portuguese.

DR CHRISTOPHER J GERRY, Associate Professor in Russian and Eurasian Political Economy, arrived as Governing Body Fellow in September 2017. He was appointed as Dean of the College in April 2018 and so joined the College’s Senior Management Team.

A number of journal articles were published during the year reflecting collaborative work undertaken with Russian colleagues in health economics and public health including: ‘The effect of chronic conditions and multimorbidity on self-assessed health in Russia’ (Scandinavian Journal of Public Health); ‘Sources of bias in Self-Assessed Health’ (Pharmacoeconomics: Modern Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacoepidemiology); ‘Convergence or Divergence? Life expectancy patterns in Post-Communist countries, 1959-
2010’ (Social Indicators Research); ‘Too many and too few: the paradoxical case of physicians in the Russian Federation’ (International Journal of Health Planning and Management); and ‘Reforming voluntary drug insurance in Russian healthcare: does social solidarity matter?’ (Health Policy).

He gave papers in Prague (3 Oct), St. Petersburg (16 Dec), the Oxford Russian and Eurasian Studies Seminar (29 Jan), the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing Seminar (1 Mar), St. Petersburg (16 May), Regensburg (21 Jun) and Moscow (28 July). He was also invited to attend a special WHO Workshop on ‘The culture and reform of mental health care in Central and Eastern Europe’, where he spoke on the economics of mental health reform in Russia.

Professor Gerry undertook several short trips to the region during the year. In December, he was invited to National Research University Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg to lecture on Health Economics and to develop a research application to the Russian Science Foundation. In February, he visited Moscow, where he received confirmation that the ‘Laboratory for Health Economics and Management’ (of which he is Deputy Director) at the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) would receive funding for a further year (it was established in 2013). In May, he was invited to National Research University Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg to present at an international conference on the role of digital technologies in Higher Education. During this trip, he was appointed to the International Advisory Board of the University’s Faculty of Economics and Management. During July, he visited Moscow to explore new data sources and to participate in a workshop at RANEPA.

PROFESSOR 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 have 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 (see pp. ??) 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 nineteenth-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 Russia and its Islamic World: From the Mongol Conquest to the Syrian Military Intervention (Hoover Press) in September 2017. It is an examination of how Russia and the Russians have dealt with Islam and Muslims at home and abroad – from the 13th century to the new millennium.

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). Gave a plenary talk at ConCort 2017 Annual Conference at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow (Oct 2017). Co-authored ‘Toward an Infrastructure for Data-driven Multimodal Communication Research’, Linguistics Vanguard: A Multimodal Journal for the Language Sciences (2018).
COLLEGE PROGRAMMES

VISITING PARLIAMENTARY FELLOWSHIP

Fellows 2017–2018: Baroness Finn and Lord Mendelsohn

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 Fellowship Seminar Series Hilary 2018

‘How did things ever get so far? The long and winding road to Brexit’
Baroness Simone Finn, Lord Jon Mendelsohn, Lord Norman Lamont PC, Baroness Julie Smith
16 January 2018
‘Tales from the war rooms: the Brexit Referendum 2016’
Nick Varley (Ground manager of the 'Leave' campaign), Will Straw (former executive director of Britain Stronger in Europe), Tim Shipman (Sunday Times political editor and author of All Out War and Fall Out)
23 January 2018

‘Building a New Jerusalem: are British institutions up to the Brexit Challenge?’
Lord Francis Maude (Minister for the Cabinet Office, 2010–2015), Peter Riddell (Times journalist and Commissioner for Public Appointments), Professor Gillian Peele (Emeritus Professor in Politics and Tutorial Fellow, Lady Margaret Hall)
30 January 2018

‘Nationalism, Populism, and the New Europe’
Peter Kellner (Journalist and Former President of YouGov), Gisela Stuart (Chair of the Vote Leave Campaign Committee; MP for Edgbaston, 1997–2017), Nick Timothy (Joint Chief of Staff for Theresa May, 20162017)
06 February 2018

‘The UK in the World: rise or decline of an independent Britain?’
Baroness Catherine Ashton (High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and First Vice President of the European Commission in the Barroso Commission from 2009 to 2014), Jonathan Freedland (Columnist for the Guardian)
20 February 2018

‘The new relationship: EU negotiations and the Interim Agreement’
George Bridges (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union 20162017), Henry Newman (Director of Open Europe), Hartmut Mayer (Director of European Studies Centre, St Antony's College), William Wallace (Lib-Dem Lords Spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, 2015–2016)
27 February 2018

‘Britain in 2030: “You'll Be Back?”’
Michael Gove MP (Conservative Party, Secretary of State for Environment), Chris Bryant MP (Labour Party, Former Shadow Leader of the House of Commons), Ian Birrell (Contributing Editor, ‘Mail on Sunday’)
17 May 2018
## STUDENT ADMISSIONS

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OBITUARIES

Sir James Craig September 2017

First association with St Antony’s 1970; Senior Member here from 2000–2003. Honorary Fellow in 2008


Professor Avi Shlaim (Emeritus Fellow) gave the following tribute:

‘The FCO ‘Camel Corps’ has produced many accomplished Arabists, some of them are present here today. James, however, was probably the greatest Arabist in the annals of the British Empire.

In this country most of the spies come from Cambridge and most of the Arabists come from Oxford. James was very much an Oxford man. He started his academic career with a first class degree in Classics and Oriental Studies at this college and he ended up as a Visiting Professor of Arabic at Pembroke College.

James was a brilliant linguist, not only in Arabic, but Arabic was his life-long passion. He was a lecturer in Arabic at Durham University for seven years before taking up the post of Principal Instructor in Arabic at the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies in Shemlan, a post he held for 11 years. Only then did he start a second career as a diplomat.

After retiring from the Diplomatic Service, James became a regular visitor to the Middle East Centre at St Antony’s College and in 2008 he was elected Honorary Fellow. By this time he had become an iconic figure, almost a legend in his own lifetime. Doctoral students who encountered him in their archival research were thrilled to talk to him and visitors from the region were excited to be able to put a face to the famous name.

James was a wonderful raconteur. Over dinner he would regale us and our guests with stories and vignettes. My favourite story is of his encounter with Golda Meir that Hooky Walker already referred to. The other men at the meeting were the British ambassador to Tel Aviv who had gone native and Lord Balniel, the junior minister at the FCO, who was not the sharpest tool in the box. Golda harangued her visitors, as was her wont, asking aggressively ‘Who started the Six-Day War?’ The ambassador remained silent. Lord Balniel had heard of ‘the Hundred Years’ War’ and the ‘Thirty Years’ War’ but he had not heard of the Six-Day War. So he too kept his peace. James felt constrained to reply and all he said was: ‘Mrs Meir, you fired the first shot!’ All hell broke loose. Later the ambassador said to James with some glee: ‘It is never a good idea to talk to anyone de haut en bas, especially when it is de bas en haut’.

James was a frequent participant in many of our seminars at the MEC but he was never Politically Correct. I think he rather enjoyed provoking people and that sometimes he deliberately cultivated the image of an old buffer. On one occasion he argued that democracy is not suitable for Arabs. I took him to task for his Orientalist bias but he curtly dismissed my protests by saying: ‘I don’t believe in democracy for this country either!’.
James was a pedant. Pedantry is a virtue in a scholar. I instil it in my students as James used to instil it in his. He once wrote me a letter on what he kindly described as my ‘splendid’ biography of King Hussein of Jordan. But he also drew attention to ‘a feature of your prose which we pedants call the sequence of tenses, drilled into us at school during our Classical Studies. Eg, p582 three lines from the bottom, “may” should be “might”. Similarly, on p 650 in note 9, “may not” should be “might not”.

The letter continued: ‘Please forgive the niggling. I am that rare phenomenon, a man in love with grammar. Only today I made Bernie cross because I corrected her when she said: ‘I see you have mowed the lawn’. Should be “mown”! How would Gwyn tolerate such hair-splitting?’.

The answer is that Gwyn adored James, she enjoyed his iconoclasm, and she took delight in his quirkiness. Her favourite story was from James’ time as ambassador in Damascus. One evening, after dinner, James strolled in the street with his hands behind his back, whistling. A soldier who was guarding one of the foreign embassies with a mounted sub-machine gun, shouted at him in Arabic: ‘Don’t whistle!’ James replied nonchalantly, ‘I am the English ambassador and if I want to whistle, I’ll whistle’.

Gwyn and I always thought that this would be (or is it “might have been”?) a splendid title for the memoirs that James never wrote. Yet, this line is still a fitting epitaph for an extraordinarily talented, stubbornly individualistic, charmingly old-fashioned, and endlessly fascinating man.’

Alfred Stepan September 2017

Visiting Fellow in 1978, and held several categories of membership until made Honorary Fellow in 2006.

Author: Archie Brown, Emeritus Professor of Politics (University of Oxford) and Emeritus Fellow (St Antony’s College)

Professor Alfred Stepan

Alfred Stepan, who was one of the most outstanding political scientists of his generation, an Honorary Fellow of St Antony’s and good friend of the college, died yesterday (27 September 2017) at his home in New York at the age of 81. His wife Nancy, son Adam, and daughter Tanya were with him when he died. Al (as he was known to all his friends) had been as active as ever until this summer when he was hit by fast-developing cancer. Up until his last few weeks he was working on a book on Islam and democracy, aimed at a readership broader than the political science profession, which he believed was all the more needed in the light of the pronouncements and policies of Donald Trump.

Al Stepan’s first degree was at the University of Notre Dame, followed by PPE at Balliol. In quick succession, he was an assistant professor, associate professor and full professor of political science at Yale (at a time when it had the strongest Political Science department in the USA). In 1983 he returned to Columbia University, where he had gained his political science PhD, as Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs. A decade later he moved to Budapest to serve from 1993 until 1996 as the first Rector and President of the Central European University. Between 1996 and 1999 Al held the Gladstone Chair of Government at Oxford and a Fellowship of All Souls. During his all too brief Oxford years, he spent a lot of
time at St Antony’s (where he had earlier been a Visiting Fellow in the 1978–79 academic year) and his meetings in this college and his seminars at All Souls are fondly remembered by many graduate students as exceptionally stimulating, even exciting, occasions. When Stepan left Oxford, it was for the Wallace S Sayre Professorship of Government at Columbia where he became both the founder and Director of the Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration and Religion.

Stepan’s books and articles on comparative politics were exceptionally broad-ranging, perceptive and innovative. He began as a Latin Americanist, with a particular focus on Brazil and Peru, and he retained his strong interest in the area. The range of his intellectual curiosity and restless comparison became, however, quite exceptionally wide. The important book he co-authored with his great friend and frequent collaborator, Juan Linz, *Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: Southern Europe, South America, and Post-Communist Europe* (1996) was just as illuminating on Southern and Eastern Europe as on the area of Stepan’s primary speciality. An article he published on American politics, ‘Comparative Perspectives on Inequality and the Quality of Democracy in the United States,’ in a journal of the American Political Science Association, *Perspectives on Politics* (Vol 9, No 4, 2011) attracted wide attention. The outgoing editor of that journal, Jeffrey C Isaac, in a valedictory article published this month (‘Making America Great Again?’, Vol 15, No 3, 2017), noted that the Stepan and Linz contribution had enhanced a much-needed understanding that the United States was a problematical polity among many rather than ‘some exceptional “city on a hill”’.

Al Stepan wrote on many countries, but never in a desk-bound way. He was a frequent visitor to the countries whose politics he studied. When there, he would ask probing questions of politicians and scholars who, before long, were asking Al for guidance, having become eager to draw on his own knowledge of how particular institutional arrangements had worked elsewhere. In recent years Stepan made half a dozen visits to Tunisia and published a number of articles on that country where, notwithstanding its ‘difficult neighbourhood’, more of the democratic upsurge of the ‘Arab Spring’ survives than anywhere else. Among the several scholarly articles which emerged from this particular focus was ‘Multiple but Complementary, Not Conflictual, Leaderships: The Tunisian Democratic Transition in Comparative Perspective’, *Daedalus*, Vol 145, No 3, 2016.

Al Stepan was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1991 and (at the earliest possible moment after he became eligible as a result of his move to Oxford) a Fellow of the British Academy in 1997. His numerous other honours included the 2012 Karl Deutsch award from the International Political Science Association. This is given out only once every three years for exceptionally distinguished work in Comparative Politics. Stepan was following in the footsteps of scholars of similar eminence who received the Deutsch award – Juan Linz in 2003, Charles Tilly in 2006 and Giovanni Sartori (2009).

Al Stepan returned to Oxford often – for conferences, to see friends, to consult scholars on questions that interested him, and to attend the annual Honorary Fellows’ Dinner at St Antony’s. For his many friends, not least in this college, his death is a great loss. He will be hugely missed, and to Nancy, Al’s children and grandchildren, for whom the loss is still greater, we extend our deepest sympathy.

For a much fuller appreciation of Alfred Stepan’s achievements, see Douglas Chalmers and Scott Mainwaring, *Problems Confronting Contemporary Democracies: Essays in Honor of*

Jack Hayward December 2017


Obituary – Jack Hayward

I remember it as if it were yesterday. Jack Hayward strolled into my office in the Social Studies Faculty in Oxford. Beaming, sat down, and declared, ‘I’ve decided to review this dreadful book’. He then proceeded to critically assess the various chapters that Vincent Wright and I had gathered together in a Festschrift in his own honour. Jack clearly thought this was the funniest thing ever. And he’d also clearly read the whole thing in the 24 hours since I’d given it to him.

The incident comes back to me now because it highlights all that I most loved and admired about the man. The peerless intellect hardly needs remarking upon. His writing was clear, frequently acerbic, and always to the point. His knowledge of Europe and of France in particular, was encyclopaedic.

In terms of this journal, he was a frequent and valued contributor on everything from Trade Unions (1980) to political counter cultures in France (1978). He edited an extremely successful special issue on the ‘Crisis of Representation in Europe’ in 1995, which contains much of relevance to the Europe of today.

He was a foe to be reckoned with. As a child, he was interned by the Japanese near Shanghai. And the experience came back to haunt him when, after the government had decided to compensate those who had survived that experience, they further decided Jack himself was not sufficiently British to qualify. His response merits rereading:

‘The Japanese did not inquire whether I had a blood-link to the United Kingdom. Had the British government at the time alerted them to the fact that I was a third-class British subject who didn’t deserve to be put in incarceration because they were not real Britons. It might have been of some interest to my family’.

I (almost) pitied the poor government minister he subsequently dissected on the Today programme.

He ceaselessly encouraged others to be equally clear and to the point. He handed back the first book review I had written with his trademark pencil written comments, remarking ‘you obviously didn’t like the book, why don’t you just say so?’. Nor did he spare himself. A colleague once recounted how, having shown Jack a draft of something in which he had made a claim ‘in contrast to Hayward’, Jack had encouraged him to turn this into a full-blown critique of his own work.

Beyond his intellectual contribution, Jack of course did an enormous amount for the profession. He transformed the department of Hull. And much has been written about the ‘Oxford
insurgency’, or ‘colonel’s revolt’ within the Political Studies Association which saw Jack elected as its President after a rebellion by younger academics against the old guard.

To his credit, Jack himself never turned into one of the staid old guard his coup replaced. He never took neither himself nor his discipline too seriously, commenting once that political science was a discipline with ‘the capacity to offer a little insight and almost no foresight’.

Jack was a fantastic colleague. If he said he’d do something he'd do it, and immediately. He spoke his mind and encouraged other to do so. He encouraged me, advised me, and inspired me. I was privileged as an academic starting out on a career studying France and Europe to spend so much time with him and his close friend Vincent Wright. I learned more in my evenings listening to the two of them bicker over some arcane aspect of French politics than I could have myself in a lifetime.

I will treasure the memories of sitting in his little flat, often with Vincent, as the latter rolled his eyes as Jack stuck the Tom Lehrer record on. Vincent’s pain was lessened noticeably by drinking a bottle of one of the wines Jack was ‘testing’ in his role as wine Fellow at St Antony’s – a position he relished. He will be greatly missed.

Jack Ernest Shalom Hayward was born 18 August 1931 and died 8 December 2017. He was a Professor of French Politics and Fellow of St Antony’s College between 1993 and 1998 and an Emeritus Fellow until his death.

By Anand Menon (MPhil IR 1988–1990)
Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at Kings College London
Lecturer in European Politics and Fellow of St Antony’s College (1996–2000)

Anthony Kirk-Greene (b 1925)

Died aged 93 on 8 July. Above all Tony was an enormously hardworking and committed historian of Africa and of the colonial era. As a young man he served in the army in India, during and immediately after the war, and then followed a successful career in the Colonial Service in Nigeria (1950–60). He also taught as a founding member of staff at Ahmadu Bello University (1961–65). This background gave him a lengthy and distinctive experience in Africa that few British-based Africanists now replicate. He learnt Hausa and he saw colonial rule from the inside in an area where it was relatively short-lived and constrained. Tony was in some respects a man of his time and yet in important ways transcended this.

He is best-known for his extraordinary knowledge and prolific writing on the British colonial service. Yet his earlier work especially demonstrated his ethnographic interests (Adamawa Past and Present, 1958); his expertise in Hausa language and culture (A Modern Hausa Reader, 1967); and his concern to explain the complexities of Nigerian civil war and Nigerian politics. In addition to papers he produced an invaluable sourcebook on Crisis and Conflict in Nigeria (1971) and An Introduction to Nigeria since 1970 (1981). His work on the colonial service has provided a very valuable resource for scholars in many fields of African history and, despite his immersion, he could be sharply critical of individuals and gently sceptical about its
structures. Tony came to St Antony’s in 1967 on a five-year fellowship. He taught undergraduates on the African papers for PPE and Modern History and supervised many students doing topics in African and colonial history.

With the strong support of College Warden Raymond Carr, he was reappointed as a Senior Research Fellow till retirement in 1992 and he taught enthusiastically throughout his appointment. He also directed the Foreign Service Programme. Tony understood and accommodated the increasingly Africanist perspectives in British and American African Studies. He built and nurtured a strong network of colleagues in the United States as well as Britain and Africa. Throughout his career, he was a wonderful resource for those studying West Africa and hosted a wide range of visitors from Nigeria, till well after retirement, who showed him great affection and respect.

He helped to make St Antony’s a key centre for the study of Africa within the university. Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi visited the African Studies Centre, on Monday 27 November 2017. The monarch of Ile-Ife, in Southwestern Nigeria, which is considered the cradle of the Yoruba people in Nigeria and the Diaspora – including in the Americas and the Caribbean – is the 51st Ooni of Ile-Ife. He was crowned on 7 December 2015. The Ooni, who is an accountant, is also the Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. His visit to the African Studies Centre was geared toward establishing cultural and educational links between Nigeria and Oxford University. The visiting monarch was welcomed to Oxford University by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Robert Easton.

One of Tony’s major legacies to the University was his assiduous work on the Colonial Records Project at Rhodes House and on its successor, the Development Records Project, as Director 1980–84. He wrote countless letters, organised workshops and meetings and succeeded in regenerating this unparalleled archive with a large number of collections, particularly relating to agriculture, education and medicine. As just one small example of this legacy, papers were secured on education in colonial Nigeria including material from British teachers at Umuahia College, the leading school in south-eastern Nigeria. These and other materials in Oxford provided a rich resource for a recent prize-winning study by (former SAM) Terri Ochiaga about Chinua Achebe and his friends in their youth and the making of Nigeria’s first generation of literary giants.

When I first came to the college in 1997, Tony was a supportive member of the African Studies seminar and programme. He attended many Thursday seminars and made an effort to get to know a new generation of staff and graduate students studying Africa. He was particularly generous in supporting a junior research fellowship, travel grants for students to research in African countries, as well as a prize for dissertations on Africa. When we established a full African Studies Centre in the university for the first time (2002), with continuing close links to the college, and were eventually able to secure a building, we named a Kirk-Greene seminar room in recognition of Tony’s sustained support for African Studies. He contributed important building blocks. During his time at the college, there were two or three Fellows specialising in Africa. There are now 8 or 9 with such expertise. Raufu Mustapha – sadly recently deceased –
David Pratten and Wale Adebanwi have ensured that Nigeria specifically remains an important focus of attention at the college.
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