

Department of Politics



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Welcome to the Department



It's a pleasure to welcome students and staff to the Department of Politics this term. This is an exciting year for us. As well as our new undergraduate and postgraduate students, we are joined this term by no fewer than twelve new academic and administrative staff – with more due to join us later this year. We have a new Departmental space on the first

floor of Derwent College, including an outstanding reception area and some additional work space for our PhD students. This is also the first year that we welcome students on our new MA programme in International Relations, who join our flourishing postgraduate programme. Our commitment to continuous improvement of the student experience was reflected in a major rise in our score in the National Student Survey,

and more positive changes are on their way. I hope that this newsletter gives you an idea of the rich and stimulating range of activities in and around the Politics Department this term.



New MA in International Relations



The Department is delighted to have launched its new MA in International Relations this October. York has brought together existing and new expertise in the MA to create an exciting opportunity for students to explore and challenge how we understand and explain international politics and the most pressing issues facing global society.

The degree has a number of innovative features and is supported by the research-led teaching of staff in the Department's International and Comparative Politics research cluster. Dr Nick Ritchie said: "The great thing about convening the new MA in International Relations is meeting and engaging with students from across the globe, from the US to China and Nigeria to Norway, each with their own experiences, interests and

perspectives." New IR student, Alex Clackson said: "Being a Politics and International Relations student at Undergraduate level, I was excited to continue with my studies at York. I had high expectations knowing the excellent standard of the Politics Department and I was not disappointed. The tutors have made the seminars and lectures interesting and enjoyable."

NEWSFLASH

- The Morrell Theory Workshop on *Voice, exit and children's upbringing: A critic to Chandran Kukathas' Theory of Education* by Phd student Luis Rodrigues. Monday 7 November 12.15 in D/104
- El Hassan bin Talal Annual Lecture in Post-war Reconstruction and Development, Tuesday 15 November. Tickets available from: www.york.ac.uk/tickets
- Dr Tim Stanton is a participant in a successful AHRC network bid for a project on Popular Sovereignty, with colleagues from Princeton, Berkeley, London, Harvard, and Yale.
- The Morrell Centre for Toleration is now on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MorrellCentre and on Twitter @MorrellCentre
- **BREAKING NEWS:** David Miliband to visit the Department in December—details to be announced soon!

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Staff Activities, Publications & Awards

Baroness Afshar appeared on the Voice of America, talking about the special relationship between the UK and the USA.



Dr. Tim Stanton gave talks on freedom of conscience as a human right at Lund University in Sweden and about democracy in the twentieth century at the European University Institute, responding to a new book by Prof. Jan Werner-Muller from the University of Princeton.



Dr. Chris Wylde gave a talk at the 2011 Conference on New Directions in the Humanities at the University of Granada on meta-theoretical interpretations of the post crisis political economy of Argentina 2003-2007. In addition he published an article in the *Bulletin of Latin American Research* titled 'State, Society and Markets in Argentina: The Political Economy of *Neodesarrollismo* under Néstor Kirchner, 2003-2007'.

Dr. Carole Spary will be participating in a conference at the House of Lords/British Library on the 28-29 October.



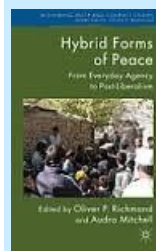
Prof. Werner Bonefeld gave a talk about the critical theory of modern anti-semitism at the European Sociological Association in Geneva in September. He published *State, Capital & Class: On Negation and Subversive Reason* in Korean with Galmuri of Seoul, and he edited with Michael Heinrich a volume about Marx's Capital and Critical Theory, entitled *Kapital & Kritik*, in German with VSA of Hamburg.

Dr. Sofia Vasilopoulou has co-edited a new volume with Dr. Daphne Halikiopoulou titled 'Nationalism and Globalisation: Conflicting or Complementary?' with Routledge.

Dr. Felicity Matthews co-authored a blog for the LSE politics and policy forum titled, '[Public appointments are still "male, pale and stale"](#)'

In 2011 **Dr. Louise Haagh** formed part of a 16-member task force under the American Political Science Association President-elect, Carole Pateman, on Economic Security, Democracy and Social Justice in a Volatile World. The task force is publishing its findings in 2012.

Dr. Haagh is currently working as expert to a project to consider a Renewed Strategy to Fight Poverty and Inequalities in Europe for the Council of Europe.



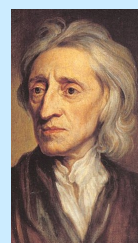
Dr. Audra Mitchell gave a paper on October 22 at the Millennium Conference in the LSE entitled 'Be(com)ing International: Authenticity in Applied International Studies'. She has co-edited a new volume with Dr. Oliver Richmond titled 'Hybrid Forms of Peace: From Everyday Agency to Post-Liberalism' with Palgrave.



Dr. Adam White's book, *The Politics of Private Security: Regulation, Reform, and Re-legitimation* (Palgrave, 2010) was runner up in the British Society for Criminology's annual book prize.

Dr. Neil Carter has been awarded £31,541 by the Leverhulme Trust for his project 'Blowing Hot and Cold: A Critical Analysis of Labour's Climate Policy'.

Dr. Matthew Johnson joined the Department in October as the recipient of a highly prestigious and competitive three year British Academy Post-doctoral Fellowship.



Dr. Tim Stanton was appointed Skinner-Balzan Fellow in Modern Intellectual History since 1500 at the University of Cambridge. He will spend the first half of next year in Cambridge, giving a public lecture on 'John Locke and the Fable of Liberalism'. There will be a symposium on the lecture, which will be published in the *Historical Journal* and in a book by Cambridge University Press.

Dr. Martin O'Neill was awarded a British Academy/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowship to work on fairness and financial institutions.

Prof. Sultan Barakat has won a grant from UNICEF to study Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education Sector in ESAR (jointly with the Institute for Effective Education). He is also leading a British Council project 'Out in the Open: Artistic Practices and Social Change in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia' with Dr. Luisa Gandolfo. Prof Barakat was awarded a Gold Award in this year's Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Achievement, in the Internationalisation category.

Student news

Dr. Lauren Leigh Hinthorne, who graduated from the Department of Politics in January 2011, has been awarded a three-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Centre for Communication and Social Change at the University of Queensland.

Vangelis Chiotis, a PhD candidate in the Department, spoke at an international conference at York University, Canada, on the work of the theorist David Gauthier.



Jonathan Horn (Politics with International Relations) has been awarded the Keith Alderman Prize for best performance across the four first year Politics modules. Amber Fuller and Martin Spurr were runners up.

Nawied Jabarkhyl (Politics & Social Policy) and Alexandra Dobra (Politics with International Relations) have been awarded the Graeme Moodie Prize for the best



dissertation.



Hugh Salway has been awarded the Politics prize for best overall performance after graduating with a 1st with Distinction.



Jack Martindale, whose skull was shattered in a car crash which killed his two friends has returned to his studies.. Despite his injuries and the loss of his friends, Jack said he never considered giving up his degree in English and Politics. We wish him all the best.



Politics students organised a pub quiz in week 2 in D bar. There was a great turnout, the winners of a £30 voucher for D bar were the Conservative society, with their teamed names Milk Snatchers. Another pub quiz is organised for next term. The success has spurred them on to think of some great socials and events for this term. There will be 'The Parody of the Party' themed social in week six, where students dress as the party they support. Students are also trying to arrange a trip to the Council Chambers. More details to follow.

Events

facebook The screening of 'How Facebook Changed the World' was a great success. The TFTV screening room (cinema) has a capacity of 143 but was packed, and 20 students had to be turned away (a further screening has therefore been arranged for these individuals). There was an interesting and well informed discussion of the Arab Spring with the producer, Ricardo Pollack afterwards.



There was another successful meeting of the **Transpennine International Political Economy Working Group** where Romain Felli, a Visiting Research Fellow of the University of Manchester pre-

sented a paper on 'Managing Climate Insecurity by Ensuring Continuous Capital Accumulation: "Climate Refugees" and "Climate Migrants".'



The Morrell Lecture
Professor Nicola Lacey of All Souls College Oxford delivered the 2011 WB & JB Morrell Memorial Address on Toleration on Thursday 27th October. Professor Lacey's title was "Toleration and Criminal Justice". In her Address, she considered not only the place of toleration in deciding what, and what not, to criminalize, but also whether the concept of toleration could help us to think through our practices of blaming.

The annual Morrell Address is organised by the Morrell Centre on Toleration. Details of Professor Lacey's Address, as well as of previous Addresses in the series, can be found on our Website <http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/centres/morrell/>. Photos and updates on the life of the Centre will feature on a more informal site soon <http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~poli4/>. Finally, you can find the Centre on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/MorrellCentre> and you can follow us on Twitter @MorrellCentre

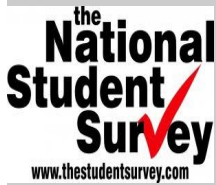
David Miliband to visit the Department
It has just been announced that the former Foreign Secretary will visit York on 3 December and will conduct a question and answer session with Politics students and staff. More details to follow.



Politics and the Media - 9 November 6.15pm. Steve Richards, Chief Political Commentator at *The Independent* and York alumnus, hosts high profile guests in an interactive debate which will explore the symbiotic relationship between politics and the media.



The National Student Survey: Your views count



The 2011 NSS survey saw a major jump in the Politics Department's score in this survey, which offers Finalists a chance to give their opinions about the student experience in the Politics Department. Overall satisfaction with the Department rise from 76% to 89%, and Politics went up in every category and Politics was by some margin the most improved in the University. The league table puts us ahead of Exeter, Durham, Leeds, Manchester, LSE, Southampton and Queen Mary, among many other departments. York made it into the top 10 for Organisation and Management, putting us

ahead of Oxford, Cambridge and Warwick, and coming 17th for the Personal Development section of the survey put us level with Oxford and a long way ahead of Warwick.

These improvements are important. But we want to continue to improve and to make sure we offer the best possible University experience to all our students. From late January to April 2012 our current third year students have the opportunity to complete this year's NSS. The views expressed here are very important to us: they help us to identify the things that we're doing right and the things that we could do better. The results are also published on the Unistats website, where prospective students use the information to make in-

formed choices of what and where they wish to study.

The NSS survey information (alongside other audit data) has led directly to recent major improvements over the last year including:

- Teaching hours increased in the first year by 100% from 2010-11
- Teaching hours increased in the second year 60% from this year
- A much greater choice of specialist 20-credit modules in the third year from this year
- An additional individual meeting added to the dissertation
- Personal feedback sessions on assessments with markers
- Piloting electronic submission of assessments in selected modules
- A new Student-Staff committee
- More careers guidance and events
- Better sources of informa-

tion and support – from the VLE, the web and the Department Office, as well as from your supervisor Improved communication – including this newsletter!

This year we'll be continuing to work to improve the student experience. Working with your student representatives, the Department is radically reducing the time it takes to get feedback on your written work, rolling out the electronic submission of written work, new initiatives on careers and employability, and a range of other improvements. So next time you are invited to give your views please do take a few minutes to let us know what you think – it really is the case that your views count.

Politics careers events & opportunities

- **Individual Politics Careers Appointments**

Tues 8/11/11, 1.15-3.30

Your chance to book an individual appointment with your departmental Careers Adviser - Anne Smith - to discuss your future plans; your CV or other careers related issues Book a 15 minute slot through the Interactive Careers Service.

www.york.ac.uk/careers/ics

- **Writing an effective CV**

Weds 16/11/11 at 11.15 in Derwent GCR (Derwent General Common Room -formerly D/013)

Is your CV fit for purpose? Does it market you for graduate vacancies or internship/work experience/volunteering opportunities? This session will help you to understand what employers are looking for in a CV

- **Global York Week - Week 5**

Series of talks focusing on study opportunities across the globe. Visit www.york.ac.uk/globalyork

- **Student-led Postgraduate Journal**

Politics PhD students, Dan Bailey and Matty Garber at the University of Sheffield are putting together a small, student-led, post-grad journal. It would essentially serve as a platform for the work of exceptional quality produced by the MA and PhD students within the Politics departments of the White Rose Universities, and targeted primarily at the post-grad students in York, Sheffield and Leeds in an attempt to foster an intellectual community between departments. Dan and Matty are hoping to bring on board two or three PhD students from each University to form part of the editorial team. If you have any questions about this journal, please feel free to get in touch: daniel.bailey@sheffield.ac.uk

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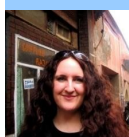
New staff welcomed to the Department



Dr. Alex Bavis-ter-Gould is a contemporary political theorist. After at-

tending the York for his BA and MA, Alex stayed to complete his doctoral thesis (under the supervision of Professor Sue Mendus) on "The Significance of Conceptions of Conflict in Contemporary Political Philosophy". Since then he has been a lecturer and teaching fellow. Alex enjoys spending time with his young son and socialising with friends.

Dr Luisa Gandolfo is the Altajir Lecturer in Post-war Recovery Studies in the PRDU. Dr



of culture at the University of Queensland and University of Iceland, conducting research into Aboriginal Australian communities at the former. He is currently conducting research into the public policy applications of a theory of cultural evaluation, specifically with regard to cultural interventions. Matthew is currently overjoyed at Newcastle's footballing success and unexpectedly numbed to the England test match cricket team's universal dominance. He enjoys talking about ways of life and engaging with eccentric people and has an enduring interest in vegetating in front of TVs and reheating leftovers.

Gandolfo joined York from Durham University's Institute for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies where she was a CASAW (Centre for Advanced Study of the Arab World) Post-doctoral Research Fellow studying the online activism and identity construction in the Arab blogosphere. Luisa's research interests reside in the Levant and North Africa, with particular foci on identity, nationalism, online activism, conflict and inter-faith relations in Palestine/Israel, Jordan and Tunisia.

Dr. Nick Ritchie researches and teaches in the areas of international relations and international



Dr. Sofia Vasilopoulou is a political scientist with a strong background in the wider fields of Comparative Politics and European Union Politics with specialization in the sub-field of Party Politics and particular interest in social research methodologies. Her PhD entitled 'Euroscepticism and the radical right: domestic strategies and party system dynamics' examines the interaction of European integration and domestic politics. Sofia is always keen to learn new moves in pilates. She loves the sea, shopping and electronic music. She does appreciate



security. His particular focus is on nuclear disarmament, proliferation and arms control and US and UK national security. After completing his PhD at the University of Bradford in 2007 on the evolution of US nuclear weapons policy after the Cold War, Nick spent four years researching and teaching at Bradford's Department of Peace Studies before joining York. He previously worked for five years at the Oxford Research Group, an independent Non Governmental Organisation working with policy-makers and independent experts. Nick spends his time amassing rules for his 4-year old. Today's, for example, was

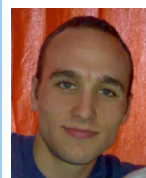
a good glass of wine once in a while...

Dr. Carole Spary joined the Department of Politics in October 2011 as Lecturer in Politics. Her research and teaching focuses on aspects of democratic politics and development, particularly gender, development and political representation, with a specialism in politics and policy in India. Carole enjoys catching up with friends over cake and trips to Delhi's fabric markets.



'don't put shreddies on your sister's head' (Rule#1148). Other than that he enjoys cooking, mainly Indian and Thai.

Dr. Matthew Johnson is a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow working on issues of cultural diversity and human wellbeing.



His central project is the development of a perfectionist theory of cultural evaluation. He has also written on contemporary Marxism and separately, male circumcision and potential comparisons with female genital mutilation. Before coming to York in 2011, Matthew completed his PhD at Newcastle University and taught modules in political theory and the politics



Miss. Sue Leatt has joined the Administration Team as Assessment and Feedback Administrator, assisting Lisa

in all functions of examinations and assessments for undergraduate modules. Sue was previously employed by Abbey/Santander, and has many years experience as a HR & Training Resource Planner & Scheduling Specialist. Sue enjoys nothing more than traipsing around a car boot sale when the rest of the world are still in bed. She's always on the look-out for a vintage bargain!

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Dr. Chris Rogers is a political economist interested in the evolution

of social democracy in an era of globalization. He received his PhD in Politics from the University of Warwick in 2009, and has recently completed an ESRC-funded post-doctoral fellowship which examined the role of the International Monetary Fund in shaping British economic policy during the 1970s. Chris enjoys films by Ethan and Joel Coen, supports Swindon Town Football Club, and is learning to play the guitar.

Dr Kerri Woods first came to York as a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow in



Dr. Simona Davidescu is a Teaching Fellow in Environmental Politics, working

on public policy and the environment. She is interested in European Union and Central and East European politics and policies, with a focus on enlargement, democracy and environmental policy-making. She received her PhD from Queen's University Belfast in 2009. Before moving to York in September 2011, she has been a Lecturer in European Politics at the University of Aberystwyth (2008-2010) and a Teaching Fellow in Environmental Politics at the University of Southampton (2010-2011). She has worked at the University of Aberystwyth on a

2008. Prior to that she did her PhD at the University of Glasgow. She works mostly on problems in moral and political philosophy and their application to contemporary issues in international politics, in particular human rights, global justice and environmental sustainability. At the moment I am working on the following:

1. The motivation and justification of cosmopolitan normative claims
2. Climate change and individual duties
3. Personhood and environmental human rights.

ESRC funded project on 'Europeanising or Securitising the 'Outsiders'? Assessing the EU's Partnership Building Approach with Eastern Europe', led by principal investigator Dr Elena Korosteleva. She is currently conducting research on sustainable development policies and renewable energy in Eastern Europe, with a comparative focus on the new EU member states and the Eastern Partnership countries. Simona enjoys cooking, socialising with friends, and likes to travel and experience different cultures.



Dr Nicholas Worsfold investigates the causes and consequences of

biodiversity loss from both an ecological and public policy perspective. He completed his doctorate at the University of Sheffield in 2008. His thesis explored the way in which extinctions may cascade through communities as a consequence of the complex linkages between species. Since completing his PhD, Nicholas has worked as an ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Politics.



Dr. Chris Wylde works on the political economy of development in Latin America with an

associated interest in post-crisis scenarios and the space that these open up for paradigm changes. He received his PhD from the University of Leeds in 2009 and has worked in the University of Northern Malaysia and FLACSO Argentina. He joined the Department of Politics as a Teaching Fellow in International Political Economy in October 2011. Chris is interested in travelling throughout Latin America and enjoys cricket.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

My name is Max Walter, I'm the Chair of the International Development Society. We are an independent student society with the aims of bringing people with an interest in international development and global justice together, promoting an understanding of the issues involved, giving members a platform to get active in related fields, and helping members find and obtain volunteering, internship and career opportunities. Our facebook group is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/113814115330733/>

We host discussions every Friday evening, but we have moved our first one of the term to Wednesday 9 November at 6:30pm (venue TBC). Chris Wylde and Carole Spary will be speaking at this first event.

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Student elections—meet your representatives

Undergraduate

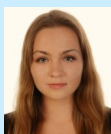
1st years:



Matthew Newman—Politics with International Relations

[mcn506](#)

Daria Jarczewska—Politics with International Relations [dj583](#)



2nd years:



Philip Brown—Philosophy and Politics [pgb502](#)

Maurice Dunaiski—Politics with International Relations [rd504](#)



3rd years:



Andrea Jamborova—Politics with International Relations [aj573](#)

Fergus Tevlin—Politics with International Relations [fmt504](#)



Please feel free to email your representatives with any issues, ideas or concerns which you may have.

Postgraduate



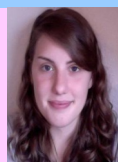
Alexander Clackson—MA in International Relations [ac1117](#)

As an undergraduate at Hull University, I was a student representative. I was also involved with the Advice Centre (a volunteer organisation to provide financial, academic and housing advice to all students). I realise that a large number of graduate students in the Politics department are international students. Even though I am a British student now, I myself moved to this country a few years ago, so I know how hard it is to adapt sometimes to a new environment. During my time at Hull University, I was part of International Student Association where I helped international students settle in. I will make it a top priority to ensure that all international students are settled in well.



Karolina Kroliczek—MA in Public Administration and Public Policy [kk652](#)

I came about month ago to York and finally settled down. I previously studied a BA in Political Science. I was also an intern in UNDP and Civic Platform Party. My election statement is to be better connected. I have created a Facebook departmental website and I am going to use it to promote societies and events – so that everyone knows exactly what's going on in the department. My priority will be to develop the departmental Facebook page so that every student will be able to know what's going on in Department of Politics, connect with students, friends and other departmental societies!



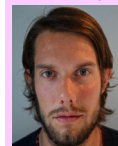
Sydney Calkin—PhD in Politics [sac525](#)

I am researching

Middle Eastern NGOs that work on women's equality and empowerment issues. I'm looking forward to representing students and helping make their voices heard. During my time as an undergraduate and MA student at St Andrews, I was a student representative to the Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies Department, relaying feedback and coordinating with students to propose changes to modules. I really enjoyed this experience and will use these skills to liaise between students and staff here. As a student rep, I will work to ensure good communication between students and staff. It seems like the crucial issues for PhD students at the moment are facilities and workspace so I hope to work with the department to continue to improve

these. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to give any feedback!

Dominic Spengler—PhD in Philosophy, Politics & Economics [des500](#)



I will continuously drive forward the idea of a more closely-knit research community. I have set up a weekly Work-In-Progress meeting for PhD students in Politics and related disciplines. For this year, I had participated in negotiating for an inclusion of student-led seminars as part of the 4x4 seminar series in the Politics department. I will happily continue to represent the (Politics and PPE) PhD community in the department as an active member of the committee. I will make a point of bringing every matter you mention to me to the attention of the committee.

Student Interview: Second Year Undergraduate Tom Byrne (BA Politics)



How did you get into politics?

Although it's a pretty typical answer for someone involved with politics I got involved because I wanted to change things. Coming from an area that's dominated by a certain type of politics (The Durham Miners Gala was a highlight of my year, every year.) I really wanted to explore what alternatives there were to what I was told on a day to day basis. From there I started to read academic political work, as well as get involved with politics on a party and grassroots level: there's nothing more fun than professional arguing.

Do you know what you'll do after you graduate?

Teaching. It may change as I realise I'm completely unsuitable for the job but going into primary education is something I've thought about a lot especially as teachers are starting to get more freedom to teach and experiment with different methods. Teaching in a primary school would be the best place because that's where educational inequality sets in. Kids don't get a second chance, and they deserve the best chance they can get.

What brought you to the department of politics at York?

The opportunity to have my own views challenged. I looked up the staff and their academic work before I came here and realised that if I were to attend then I'd be able to engage in debate with all sorts of people I disagreed with fundamentally. I can say that the staff so far has helped to change my views, I can only hope I've left them with food for thought too.

What do you enjoy most about being here at the department of politics?

There's no use having a great group of lecturers if the student body isn't great as well. As far as I'm aware York has the most political societies on campus in the country and it really is thriving. Not just party politics, but a place to delve into policy and specific interests as well. Obviously it's not all about work, we somehow always end up at The Willow (the key word being end up) after a fun night that gets everyone involved.

Student roles—Vanbrugh College Tutor



James is currently researching for a PhD in Political Philosophy in the department, looking at the grounds and limits of the authority of the State over its citizens. But when he's not knee-deep in reading, or teaching seminars in the department,

he is also responsible for the welfare and guidance of 150 undergraduate students in Vanbrugh College.

“Being a tutor is a real privilege for me, because it

allows me to make a massive and positive impact in the lives of students at a crucial period of their lives. We all remember our first days and weeks at university, and for many of us we were a bundle of nerves and insecurity. The real joy of being a tutor, for me, is to watch students grow, change, and develop as individuals during their time here, and to play a supportive role in their lives at this crucial juncture. It's not always easy to have a student crying down the phone at 3am when you've got to be up for a 9.15 seminar the next day, but it's these moments that make a real difference to their lives here. It's also a real pleasure to live on campus, and to spend time with people with a more youthful perspective on the world. After a long day of reading, teaching and researching, it's refreshing to sit for a chat. It helps me to realise that there's more to life than Plato (or John Rawls for that matter!).”

Global Derwent films



A series of films and documentaries on international issues.

Global Derwent films is a collaboration between Derwent College, the Department of Politics and student societies (Amnesty, IDS, People & Planet, Politics Society, SPS Society, Stand for Peace and UNA).

Mondays 7.30pm P/L/001 except on 17 October. All welcome.

Monday 17th October – Ricardo Pollack (producer) presents

How Facebook Changed the World (BBC, 2011)

Ricardo will be available to answer questions after the film

Monday 24th October

The Yacoubian Building (Marwan Hamed, 2005, Egypt)

A beautiful adaptation of the novel, which turns one of Cairo's oldest buildings into an intricate depiction of the city at broad- a lively, sometimes harsh and often funny look at modern Egyptian society.

Monday 31st October – introduced by Audra Mitchell

The Power of Nightmares Part 1 "Baby It's Cold Outside" (Adam Curtis, 2004)

Monday 7th November – introduced by Chris Rogers

Inside Job (Charles Ferguson, 2011)

Analysing the global financial crisis the film highlights the conflicts of interest at the heart of the financial and political system as the borders between Wall Street and Washington dissolved.

Monday 14th November

War Don Don (Rebecca Richman Cohen, 2010)

Focussing on the war crimes trials in Sierra Leone, War Don Don puts international justice on trial.

Monday 21st November – Ricardo Pollack (director) presents

18 with a bullet (Ricardo Pollack, 2006)

Ethnographic documentary on the lives of gang members in San Salvador and the Los Angeles style gang culture brought back by former refugees deported from the US.
Ricardo will be available to answer questions after the film

Monday 28th November – introduced by Luisa Gandolfo

Under the bombs (Philippe Aractingi, Lebanon, 2007)

In the wake of Israel's 2006 bombardment of Lebanon, a determined woman takes a risky journey around the scarred region in search of her sister and her son.

Monday 5th December

The Age of Stupid

Monday 12th December

Persepolis (Marjane Satrapi, 2008)

Realism in Political Theory

2011 York Graduate Conference in
Political Philosophy



Wednesday, 16th November (Week 6)

Lecture Room K/159, The King's Manor, York

Begins: 9.00 am, Ends: 6.00 pm

Keynote Paper given by Dr Mark Philp (Oxford)

To register, email jdh511@york.ac.uk before 1st November

The 2011 conference is made possible thanks to the kind support of the White Rose Association for Political Philosophy (go to: www.wrapp.ac.uk).

Graduate Politics Society

Open to all PhD/MA students in Politics

Meet: Thursdays (fortnightly), 5pm

We are looking for staff members to talk -
and students to help run and develop the society.

Interested? Email Lucy (lhh501) or Steve (sh546)

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DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS THIS TERM

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politics/
research/
research-events](http://www.york.ac.uk/politics/research/research-events)



Monday 7 November MORRELL POLITICAL THEORY WORKSHOP

Luis Rodrigues

Voice, exit and children's upbringing: A critic to Chandran Kukathas' Theory of Education

12:15 in Derwent D/104

Thursday 10 November CONFERENCE ON FORCED DISAPPEARANCES

Centre for Applied Human Rights (University of York) and Amnesty International School of Law and Management, Heslington East, University of York.

Wed. 16 November GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL THEORY

*'Realism in Political Theory', *Call for Papers* (further details see website)*

Monday 21 November MORRELL POLITICAL THEORY WORKSHOP

'The Right to Rule', Daniel Viehoff (Philosophy, Sheffield)

12:15 in Derwent D/104

Monday 12 December MORRELL POLITICAL THEORY WORKSHOP

Malcolm Thorburn (Law, Queen's University, Canada)

12:15 in Derwent D/104

Wed. 16 November DUTCH THE CONFESSOR: CAMBODIA'S KILLING FILEDS ON TRIAL

Thierry Cruvellier. Author, Le Maitre des Aveux and Court of Remorse.

17:30 pm, Law and Management Building, LMB/030/031, Heslington East Campus.

Tuesday 13 December Human Rights on the Front Lines in Libya and Egypt.

Peter Bouckaert, Director, Emergencies Program, Human Rights Watch.

17:30 pm Law and Management Building, LMB/030/031, Heslington East Campus.

The Departmental Newsletter & Alumni

If you have engaged in an activity, or simply wish to write a short article on an interesting topic, then our team would very much like to hear from you. Been somewhere interesting over the summer? Worked in a challenging internship? Attended a conference, seminar, workshop, or symposium? All items are most welcome. This is your newsletter too and we would welcome any contributions that you may wish to make. We may amend items for content or length. You can send your news to poli-news@york.ac.uk

There is always something happening at the Department of Politics and we want to keep alumni up-to-date with latest news, events and publications. We would be particularly interested to hear from Politics alumni.

Please do email us with your news, information and/or articles: poli-news@york.ac.uk