



**Department of Politics and International Relations  
Research and Postgraduate Studies**

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**As a cosmopolitan community, with students from over 130 countries, we focus on the support and development of the individual. Our friendly campus, just 19 miles west of central London, provides a unique environment for university study.**

**We aim to provide an understanding of the modern world and equip students with the skills necessary to succeed in the careers of the future.**

# Politics and International Relations

The Department of Politics & International Relations (PIR) provides an outstanding environment to pursue postgraduate study. We offer a comprehensive MSc programme that includes a broad range of specialist pathways and a rigorous postgraduate research degree. Recent graduates have gone on to work, research and teach in top institutions worldwide. Our postgraduate teaching is supported by a thorough research skills training programme, four active research units, a new interdepartmental Centre for Social Sciences based in PIR, regular departmental research seminars, and a collegial and supportive academic staff that in a handful of years since its establishment has made the department an important centre in the field.

We warmly invite you to join us.

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It is also available as a PDF at:  
[www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/brochures](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/brochures)



# Postgraduate Studies in Politics and International Relations

Major investment resulted in the establishment of the Department of Politics and International Relations (PIR) in August 2004. Prior to that, politics and international relations were taught by a small group of staff within the multidisciplinary Department of Social and Political Science at Royal Holloway, but in fact teaching in these areas dates back to the Department of Social Studies and Economics founded in 1919.

Since 2004 the department has rapidly developed through the appointment largely of early and mid-career scholars, who have in turn played a major role in establishing PIR as a vibrant centre for teaching and research. Located in one of the top higher education institutions in the UK, with strong institutional commitment to high quality research and teaching, our aim is to continue our upward trajectory by further developing our research base, teaching curriculum and international profile.

We offer an exciting range of MSc streams:

- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy, Politics and Governance
- European Politics
- Global Politics
- International Relations
- International Relations Theory
- New Political Communication
- Transnational Security Studies

We also offer expert supervision for doctoral students across a range of subjects in politics and international relations, organised around four research units:

- The Centre for European Politics
- The Centre for Global and Transnational Politics
- The Contemporary Political Theory Research Group
- The New Political Communication Unit



“Studying an MSc Democracy, Politics and Governance really enhanced both my love and understanding of the subject. The course is wide enough to introduce you to a new range of ideas, concepts and experiences. At the same time the course has enough breadth to allow students to explore their own academic interests. I will be eternally grateful to the staff for encouraging me to think in different ways and enhancing my ability as a teacher, improving my evaluative and academic skills.”

**Nathan Scott, MSc Democracy, Politics and Governance 2008-10  
From the UK and now teaching politics at The Sixth Form College, Farnborough**

Our postgraduate programme provides a route for those seeking careers in the public services, national and international institutions, journalism and the media. We also offer a rigorous research training programme and organise regular seminars and conferences that create a stimulating intellectual environment.

The department currently has about 350 undergraduates, 45 taught postgraduates and 35 postgraduate research students. We also attract around 40 talented students from around the world onto our JYA/Study Abroad schemes. Philosophy was incorporated into the department in 2012, adding a further 120 undergraduate students and a growing number of students on the MA Modern Philosophy and in the Philosophy PhD programme.

The department is based in a suite of offices in Royal Holloway's famous Founder's Building. In addition, we have a London base at 11 Bedford Square, Bloomsbury, which is used for some postgraduate teaching and meetings, and which also serves as a social base for students using central London facilities.

As one of the institutions that make up the federal University of London, our students have access to an unrivalled group of libraries and institutes in central London. Students benefit from reciprocal reading arrangements and online resources with the libraries of most other colleges and schools of the University. Access to these and other academic libraries' catalogues is available directly from computer terminals on campus. University of London degrees have an international reputation for excellence and are valued worldwide.

Royal Holloway is within easy reach of the Public Record Office at Kew as well as central London resources such as the British Library. Our proximity to the country's major libraries, as well as governmental, legal and financial institutions, offers invaluable opportunities for researchers working in any field. London can be reached by train in about 40 minutes. Researchers conducting fieldwork overseas will appreciate the proximity of the UK's two major airports: London Heathrow (20 minutes drive) and London Gatwick (45 minutes drive).

### Research excellence

The department was ranked in the top ten small Politics departments in the UK in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), finishing 9th in the UK among departments of Politics with fewer than 20 researchers, and 2nd in the UK among those with fewer than 15. Overall, 70 percent of the

department's research publications were judged to be in the top three categories from 'internationally excellent' to 'world-leading' in terms of their 'originality, significance and rigour'. This was the first time Royal Holloway submitted a unit of assessment to the Politics and International Studies panel of the RAE.

Our research-active academics continue to publish articles in top-ranked journals and a substantial number of books. We have published monographs with major university presses, including Cambridge, Oxford, Yale, Columbia, Penn State, and Manchester, and commercial presses such as Continuum, Routledge, Sage, Lexington, and Polity. Articles have appeared in international peer-reviewed journals such as the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, the *European Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, the *European Journal of Political Research*, *Comparative Political Studies*, the *European Journal of Political Theory*, *International Affairs*, the *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Millennium*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Political Studies*, the *Review of International Studies*, *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, and *West European Politics*.



# Research in the department

The department has a strong research reputation across a number of fields in politics and international relations, and an exciting and diverse research culture. We run regular research seminars featuring academic members of staff, advanced PhD students, and visiting academics from other departments here and from other institutions. There is also an active Politics & International Relations Society run by undergraduate and postgraduate students, which also hosts visiting speakers and organises a variety of social events. The department publishes a Working Papers series which allows staff and research students to disseminate work in progress.

Members of the department are active in professional organisations including the Political Studies Association; the European Consortium for Political Research, the International Studies Association, the British International Studies Association, the American Political Science Association; the European Union Studies Association; the International Communication Association, and the Association for Legal and Social Philosophy. They are also active participants in the wider political science and international relations community, and have held visiting positions at the University of California-Los Angeles; New York University; George Washington University;

Wesleyan University; Potsdam University; the German Institute for International and Security Affairs; the Oxford Internet Institute; the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC; the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in Delhi; Universidad Simon Bolivar in Venezuela; the Centre for the Study of Political Change in Siena, Italy; and the Economic Development Foundation in Istanbul.

Members of the department have in recent years been academic consultants or advisers for the European Commission and the European Parliament; the UK Prime Minister's Office, the UK Home Office, Foreign Office and Department for International Development; the International Commission for Missing Persons; the Global Futures Foundation; the Swedish Royal Commission; the Turkish Prime Ministry; Secretariat General for EU Affairs; the BBC; the British Council; the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University; Oxford Analytica; the Center on International Cooperation at New York University; and the Ford Foundation. They have been invited to give lectures in Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Norway, South Africa, Turkey and the





United States, as well as across the UK; and in the last few years have organised conferences at Royal Holloway on cosmopolitanism, the margins of citizenship, the politics of web 2.0, development theory and practice, and citizenship education in higher education. The department also hosted the 2009 annual conference of the Global Studies Association and in 2013 will host the London Conference in Critical Thought and the *Media, War & Conflict* fifth anniversary conference.

Academic members of staff have recently received grants and awards from the Economic and Social Research Council, the Leverhulme Trust, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Nuffield Foundation in the UK; as well as the US National Science Foundation and European Foreign

and Security Policy Studies Programme. They have won prizes awarded by the Royal Historical Society, the American Sociological Association, the Association of Borderlands Studies, the International Studies Association, the Association for the Study of German Politics and the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, as well as Royal Holloway teaching prizes. Members of the department are on the editorial boards of a number of journals, including *Res Publica: a Journal of Moral, Legal and Social Philosophy*; *Media, War & Conflict*; the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*; and *Foucault Studies* and have broadcast on the BBC, Sky television and other major channels.

# Research Centres



Four departmental research units provide strong support for much of our research, and a new Centre for Social Sciences, now based in PIR, will provide even more. Each research unit brings together internationally regarded researchers and a growing community of PhD students, and seeks to build networks with other research centres in the national and international spheres. Prospective research students are strongly encouraged to find out more by visiting the Centre websites.

## The Centre for European Politics

**Co-Directors: Dr Alister Miskimmon and Dr James Sloam**  
<http://cep.rhul.ac.uk/>

The Centre for European Politics was officially launched by Lord Mandelson in September 2007, with the mission of producing research in two principal areas: the study of democracy in Europe and Europe as an actor in world politics. It has hosted a number of high-profile speakers, including Lord Mandelson, Professor Simon Hix (LSE), Roger Liddle (Policy Network), John Peet (*The Economist*), Sir Stephen Wall (former European policy advisor to Tony Blair), David Willetts MP (then Shadow Secretary of State for Innovations, Universities and Skills), and Vince Cable MP (then Lib-Dem Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer). The Centre has also organised numerous research events, including a workshop on 'Perceptions and Responses to Threats', a British International Studies Association conference on International Criminal Justice, a UK Political Studies Association inaugural Teaching and Learning conference on 'Youth, Citizenship and Political Science Education', and a HEFCE sponsored international conference, 'A Pedagogy of Civic Engagement for Higher Education'.

Recent funded research projects include: a European Union Committee of the Regions consultancy on EU External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy; an EU-funded Workshop on the Review of the European Union Budget; and Teaching Democracy.

The MSc streams in European Politics and Democracy, Politics and Governance are ideal preparation for doctoral research in the Centre for European Politics.

## The Centre for Global and Transnational Politics

**Co-Directors: Professor Sandra Halperin and Professor Chris Rumford**  
<http://cgtp.rhul.ac.uk/>

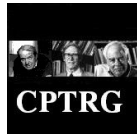
The Centre for Global and Transnational Politics is devoted to the multi-disciplinary exploration of global and transnational processes. Its central concern is to theorise and conceptualise the substance of, and connections between and among, political processes that operate at all levels or scales: the local, national, international, transnational, and global.

The Centre is now home to the Global Studies Association (GSA), which is chaired by Professor Chris Rumford. The GSA is a multi-disciplinary scholarly association that provides a forum for scholars to collaborate and explore social, political and economic transformations of global scope impacting upon the world today.

The Centre recently won £54,000 from NORFACE, a partnership of European Research Councils including the ESRC, for a pan-European research network on globalisation and the transformation of Europe's borders, and £20,000 from the joint AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme for a research network on the normative foundations of public policy in a multi-faith society. In 2009 it secured a three-year Leverhulme Foundation Research Grant for a project entitled *Global Development: the Role of Translocal Elites*, whose researchers include Professor Sandra Halperin, Dr Yasmin Khan (Oxford), Dr Stephanie Ortmann (University of Sussex). The Centre has institutional links with the British International Studies Association through its Working Group on Global and Transnational Politics, the Oxford Research Group, and with the global 'Space of Democracy/Democracy of Space' network.

In recent years, Centre members have organised a variety of seminars and workshops, including 'Borderwork' (supported by a grant from the Nuffield Foundation), 'New Directions in Development Theory and Practice' (organized in collaboration with Royal Holloway's Centre for Developing Areas Research), 'Twenty20 and the Future of Cricket' and 'Critical Reflections on Turkey-EU Relations'. The Centre also supports the *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies* that was founded by PIR graduate students in 2009.

The MSc streams in Global Politics, International Relations, International Relations Theory, and Transnational Security Studies are ideal preparation for doctoral research in the Centre for Global and Transnational Politics.



## The Contemporary Political Theory Research Group

[www.rhul.ac.uk/politics-and-ir/cptrg/](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/politics-and-ir/cptrg/)

The Contemporary Political Theory Research Group was founded in October 2009, as the development of political theory at postgraduate level and growth in academic staff numbers created the critical mass it required. The group organizes its activities collectively, and its work focuses on issues concerning contemporary pluralism, liberalism, democratic theory and radical politics. It brings together staff working in contemporary Continental philosophy, normative political theory, and American pragmatism, and its postgraduate members include students working on normative concepts of responsibility in the context of globalization, post-existentialist political theory, the event in Marxist philosophy, and the concept of meaningful work. The group also has ties to the College's Philosophy Team and the interdepartmental Humanities and Arts Research Centre. The main PIR academics involved in the group are Dr Nathan Widder, Dr Jonathan Seglow, and Dr Michael Bacon.

The group runs a successful reading group from our Bedford Square Building in central London, and has organised visits by two internationally renowned political philosophers, Professor Jane Bennett and Professor William E. Connolly, both from Johns Hopkins University. Recent conferences organized by the group include 'The Margins of Citizenship' (in collaboration with the Department of Politics, University of Leicester) and 'Time, Politics and Becoming: A One-Day Conference on William E. Connolly's *A World of Becoming*' (in collaboration with the Department of Politics, Exeter University.) Members of the group are organising the second annual London Conference in Critical Thought, which will be held at Royal Holloway on 6-7 June 2013.

The MSc stream in Contemporary Political Theory is ideal preparation for doctoral study with the Contemporary Political Theory Research Group.

## The New Political Communication Unit

Co-Directors: Professor Andrew Chadwick and Professor Ben O'Loughlin

<http://newpolcom.rhul.ac.uk/>

Founded in 2007, the NPCU's research agenda consists of three strands:

- Comparative and international political communication: the internet's impact on political mobilization, campaigning and identity; the relationship between media, war, new security challenges and conflict; audience reception studies in the context of the proliferation of media; the dynamic between citizens' changing uses of media and a transforming news environment; citizen journalism; technology and mobilities.
- Communication and comparative governance: e-government, e-democracy and the changing interface between representative institutions, public bureaucracies and citizens; changing organizational practices shaped by new patterns of communication.
- Comparative and international communication policy: Internet and new media governance and regulation; privacy, surveillance and security, the political economy of new media; cultural diversity policy; digital divide and development issues.

The MSc stream in New Political Communication is ideal preparation for doctoral study in the New Political Communication Unit.

## The Centre for Social Sciences

Director: Dr Oliver Heath

[www.rhul.ac.uk/centreforsocialsciences](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/centreforsocialsciences)

The Centre for Social Sciences (CSS) was established in 2012 and provides an institutional focus within Royal Holloway for the development of research and teaching throughout the social sciences. The Centre brings together staff and students working across different social science disciplines to develop rigorous methods and techniques for research in the social sciences, particularly in the area of quantitative methods, and to foster creative dialogue between the constituent departments in order to undertake high quality interdisciplinary research that can inform social policy and critical thinking in the social sciences.

The Centre's specific goals include:

- Strengthening the provision of training for academic staff and doctoral students in the design and analysis of social science research.
- Training in quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Promoting interdisciplinary research and collaboration.

# Taught Masters programme

The department's Masters programme offers a stimulating range of streams. All of these are also offered at Postgraduate Diploma level and can be studied on a part-time or full-time basis.

Our MSc programme offers an advanced grounding in political science, political theory and international relations. Drawing on recent scholarship and current research by members of the department, we encourage students to engage critically with a wide range of debates about the past, present and future of political life. The programme attracts students with backgrounds in a wide range of humanities and social science disciplines, and both recent graduates and mature students with work experience. A large number come from Europe and overseas and recent cohorts have included students from Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Germany, Greece, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, and the USA.

The presence of such diversity certainly serves to enhance the content of the courses on offer. It also provides all members of the course with excellent opportunities to obtain genuinely global perspectives through regular interaction with other course members. The programme is ideal for any student wishing to obtain a substantial grounding in domestic and international politics. Many of our graduates go on to register for research degrees at Royal Holloway and other prestigious institutions in the UK and abroad.

Each MSc stream consists of a mixture of core courses, stream options, a choice of free options and a 10–12,000 word supervised dissertation written over the summer. Teaching is conducted in small group seminars that meet weekly for two hours, supplemented by individual tuition for the dissertation. Students graduate with an MSc bearing the title of their chosen stream.

## Our current MSc streams are:

- Contemporary Political Theory
- Democracy, Politics and Governance
- European Politics
- Global Politics
- International Relations
- International Relations Theory
- New Political Communication
- Transnational Security Studies

## Stream structures

Each MSc stream combines specialisation in the stream area with flexibility and choice. Each is based on four units in total and conforms to one of two basic models

### Model 1

- Core Methods course (autumn term): 0.5 units
- Core Research Design course (spring term): 0.5 units
- Stream core course 1 (autumn term): 0.5 units
- Stream core course 2 (spring term): 0.5 units
- Free option 1 (autumn term): 0.5 units
- Free option 2 (spring term): 0.5 units
- Dissertation in the stream specialism: 1 unit

### Model 2

- Core Methods course (autumn term): 0.5 units
- Core Research Design course (spring term): 0.5 units
- Stream core course (autumn term): 0.5 units
- Stream core option (spring term – constrained choice from short list of cognate courses): 0.5 units
- Free option 1 (autumn term): 0.5 units
- Free option 2 (spring term): 0.5 units
- Dissertation in the stream specialism: 1 unit

(Note: Not all streams, courses or options are guaranteed to be available every year. Stream core options on Model 2 streams do vary from year to year.)

“Royal Holloway is the perfect place to study Political Theory, not only for the opportunity to combine challenging courses on continental political theory with current discussions on Anglo-American political philosophy, but also for the rare chance to engage with recognized and influential political thinkers without all the formal distance between academic staff and students that one finds elsewhere. In short, it was a truly gratifying intellectual experience.”

**German Eduardo Primera, MSc in Political Theory 2009-10**  
**From Colombia, Santander Abbey Studentship Award winner**  
**Now studying a PhD at the Centre national de la**  
**recherche scientifique in Paris.**

## MSc stream in Contemporary Political Theory

The MSc stream in Contemporary Political Theory is one of the few programmes in the UK that works across the Anglo-American/Continental divide in political thought. Students will explore conceptual issues related to order, justice, and liberty, key texts by Nietzsche and twentieth century European thinkers, and have option courses in human rights, culture and community, political philosophies of the New Left, applied political philosophy, and more.

Model 1 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b>  <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>1 unit</b></p>
<p>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Dissertation on an aspect of contemporary political theory</p>
<p>Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p><b>Stream core option 0.5 units</b></p>	
<p>Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)</p>	<p>Contemporary Continental Political Theory</p>	
<p><b>Stream core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b>  <b>Choose one. You may choose from among the courses you did not take as your stream core option as well as the following:</b></p>	
<p>Political Concepts</p>	<p>Biopolitics and Security</p>	
<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b>  <b>Choose one. You may choose from among the courses you did not take as your Stream core option as well as the following:</b></p>	<p>Comparative Political Executives</p>	
<p>Africa and International Politics</p>	<p>Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East</p>	
<p>Foreign Policy of the European Union</p>	<p>Democracy in Comparative Perspective</p>	
<p>Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory</p>	<p>Global Security Governance</p>	
<p>The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism</p>	<p>Human Rights: From Theory to Practice</p>	
<p>Transnational Security and the Law of Targeting</p>	<p>Internet and New Media Politics</p>	
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<p></p>	<p>Media, War and Conflict</p>	
<p></p>	<p>Political Violence</p>	
<p></p>	<p>Sovereignty, Rights, and Justice</p>	
<p></p>	<p>Theories of Globalization</p>	
<p></p>	<p>United States Foreign Policy</p>	

## MSc stream in Democracy, Politics and Governance

The MSc Stream in Democracy, Politics and Governance provides an advanced grounding in contemporary political science, focusing on democratic theory, political institutions, and public policy across different political systems.

Model 2 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation						
<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>1 unit</b></p>						
<p>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Dissertation on an aspect of democracy, politics and governance</p>						
<p>Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p><b>Stream core option 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>							
<p>Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)</p>	<p>Comparative Political Executives</p>							
<p><b>Stream core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p>Culture and Community</p>							
<p>The Politics of Democracy</p>	<p>Democracy in Comparative Perspective</p>							
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## MSc stream in European Politics

The MSc stream in European Politics provides advanced analysis of contemporary European politics, examining the interaction between governments and institutions (including comparative and international perspectives) and a focus on the policies and institutions of the European Union.

Model 2 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	<b>Core course 0.5 units</b>	<b>1 unit</b>
Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)	Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)	Dissertation on an aspect of European politics
Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)	<b>Stream core option 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	
Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)	Comparative Political Executives	
<b>Stream core course 0.5 units</b>	Democracy in Comparative Perspective	
European Union Politics and Policy	<b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one. You may choose from among the courses you did not take as your stream core option as well as the following:</b>	
<b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one. You may choose from among the courses you did not take as your Stream core option as well as the following:</b>	Biopolitics and Security	
Africa and International Politics	Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	
Foreign Policy of the European Union	Contemporary Continental Political Theory	
Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory	Culture and Community	
The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism	Global Security Governance	
Transnational Security and the Law of Targeting	Human Rights: From Theory to Practice	
	Internet and New Media Politics	
	The Law of Cyber Warfare	
	Media, War and Conflict	
	Political Violence	
	Sovereignty, Rights, and Justice	
	Theories of Globalization	
	United States Foreign Policy	

## MSc stream in Global Politics

The MSc stream in Global Politics explores at an advanced level such issues as globalization, identity, borders, regionalism, transnational connections and mobilization.

Model 1 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>1 unit</b></p>
<p>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Dissertation on an aspect of global politics</p>
<p>Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p><b>Stream core course 2</b> <b>0.5 units</b></p>	
<p>Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)</p>	<p>Theories of Globalization</p>	
<p><b>Stream core course 1</b> <b>0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	
<p>Politics of Globalization</p>	<p>Biopolitics and Security</p>	
<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p>Comparative Political Executives</p>	
<p>Africa and International Politics</p>	<p>Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East</p>	
<p>Foreign Policy of the European Union</p>	<p>Contemporary Continental Political Theory</p>	
<p>Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory</p>	<p>Culture and Community</p>	
<p>The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism</p>	<p>Democracy in Comparative Perspective</p>	
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“The MSc in International Relations programme at Royal Holloway is stellar. The confluence of highly skilled staff, readily engaged students, and a meticulously crafted curriculum create an experience that is unmatched. Students are not only taught but supported. With each lecture and seminar one inevitably realizes how nuanced the world of International Relations truly is. Not only are students left with a deeper understanding of the discourse but are encouraged to shape their own opinions and re-evaluate existing paradigms. Upon completion of the programme, students are prepared to effect last change in whatever arena they see fit.”

**Ariel Eckblad, MSc International Relations 2011-12  
From the USA, Marshall Scholarship recipient**

## MSc stream in International Relations

The MSc stream in International Relations offers an advanced analysis of international relations, investigating the political, economic and social interactions of various actors in world politics.

Model 2 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>1 unit</b></p>
<p>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Dissertation on an aspect of international relations</p>
<p>Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p><b>Stream core option 0.5 units</b></p>	
<p>Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)</p>	<p>Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East</p>	
<p><b>Stream core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p>Critical Approaches to Global Environmental Politics</p>	
<p>Analysing International Politics</p>	<p>Media, War and Conflict</p>	
<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one. You may choose from among the courses you did not take as your Stream core option as well as the following:</b></p>	<p><b>Theories of Globalization</b></p>	
<p>Africa and International Politics</p>	<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one. You may choose from among the courses you did not take as your stream core option as well as the following:</b></p>	
<p>Foreign Policy of the European Union</p>	<p>Biopolitics and Security</p>	
<p>Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory</p>	<p>Comparative Political Executives</p>	
<p>The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism</p>	<p>Contemporary Continental Political Theory</p>	
<p>Transnational Security and the Law of Targeting</p>	<p>Culture and Community</p>	
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## MSc stream in International Relations Theory

The MSc stream in International Relations Theory is designed for those wishing to specialise in theoretical aspects of international relations, with an emphasis on sovereignty, rights, and justice, and global political economy.

Model 1 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p><b>Core course 0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>1 unit</b></p>
<p>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p>Dissertation on an aspect of international relations theory</p>
<p>Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)</p>	<p><b>Stream core course 2</b> <b>0.5 units</b></p>	
<p>Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)</p>	<p>Sovereignty, Rights and Justice</p>	
<p><b>Stream core course 1</b> <b>0.5 units</b></p>	<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	
<p>Analysing International Politics</p>	<p>Biopolitics and Security</p>	
<p><b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b></p>	<p>Comparative Political Executives</p>	
<p>Africa and International Politics</p>	<p>Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East</p>	
<p>Foreign Policy of the European Union</p>	<p>Contemporary Continental Political Theory</p>	
<p>Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory</p>	<p>Culture and Community</p>	
<p>The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism</p>	<p>Democracy and Politics in India</p>	
<p>Transnational Security and the Law of Targeting</p>	<p>Democracy in Comparative Perspective</p>	
	<p>Global Security Governance</p>	
	<p>Human Rights: From Theory to Practice</p>	
	<p>Internet and New Media Politics</p>	
	<p>The Law of Cyber Warfare</p>	
	<p>Media, War and Conflict</p>	
	<p>Political Violence</p>	
	<p>Theories of Globalization</p>	
	<p>United States Foreign Policy</p>	

“The MSc New Political Communication programme is a well-planned course that allows students with different perspectives and backgrounds to develop and improve their debating and critical-thinking skills, focusing on the emergence and establishment of ‘new media’ and how it affects the sphere of world politics. The Department always promotes challenging discussions, provides up-to-date seminars and lectures about different aspects of the world’s politics, and engages students in research and academic activities that surely will make a difference in our academic and professional careers. It’s a fantastic learning environment, well-equipped with high quality professionals who are really invested in sharing and acquiring knowledge from the interaction with their students.”

**Rebecca Di Polito, MSc New Political Communication 2011-12  
From Brazil, Santander-Abbey Studentship Award winner**

## MSc stream in New Political Communication

The MSc stream in New Political Communication is for those seeking to understand the interplay between digital new media and communication technologies, political institutions, behaviour and public policy, with emphases on citizen engagement, mobilization, campaigning, and the role of new media in the global system.

Model 1 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	<b>Core course 0.5 units</b>	<b>1 unit</b>
Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)	Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)	Dissertation on an aspect of new political communication
Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)	<b>Stream core course 2</b> <b>0.5 units</b>	
Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)	Internet and New Media Politics	
<b>Stream core course 1</b> <b>0.5 units</b>	<b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	
New Political Communication	Biopolitics and Security	
<b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	Comparative Political Executives	
Africa and International Politics	Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	
Foreign Policy of the European Union	Contemporary Continental Political Theory	
Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory	Culture and Community	
The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism	Democracy in Comparative Perspective	
Transnational Security and the Law of Targeting	Global Security Governance	
	Human Rights: From Theory to Practice	
	The Law of Cyber Warfare	
	Media, War and Conflict	
	Political Violence	
	Sovereignty, Rights, and Justice	
	Theories of Globalization	
	United States Foreign Policy	

## MSc stream in Transnational Security Studies

Questions about security – what drives it and what undermines it – shape global politics. Terrorism, conflict, environmental catastrophe, weapons of mass destruction and weak states are all security issues that are reflected in our media, dominate policy-making in international politics, and increasingly impinge on our daily lives. The MSc in Transnational Security Studies is an exciting new degree that brings together many of the existing strengths of the Department of Politics and International Relations, including expertise in the areas of security studies, comparative politics, international law and conflict, political theory, and global politics. The core of the programme traces the security studies discipline from its traditional approaches through its evolution to include ever more transnational dynamics. The programme can be tailored to specific interests through option courses in subjects such as political violence; biopolitics; media, communication and conflict; international law of targeting; and regional international politics. The degree will provide students with both a firm academic foundation in the security studies discipline and a base of knowledge for careers in fields of policymaking, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and more.

Model 2 stream.

Autumn	Spring	Dissertation
<b>Core course 0.5 units</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	<b>Core course 0.5 units</b>	<b>1 unit</b>
Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Politics and IR (0.5)	Research Design in Politics and IR (0.5)	Dissertation on an aspect of transnational security studies
Theories and Qualitative Approaches in Politics and IR (0.5)	<b>Stream core course 2</b> <b>0.5 units</b>	
Foundations of Contemporary Political Theory (0.5)	Biopolitics and Security	
<b>Stream core course 1</b> <b>0.5 units</b>	Critical Approaches to Global Environmental Politics	
Transnational Security Studies	Media, War and Conflict	
<b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	Political Violence	
Africa and International Politics	<b>Free options (all 0.5 units)</b> <b>Choose one:</b>	
Foreign Policy of the European Union	Comparative Political Executives	
Identity, Power and Radical Political Theory	Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East	
The Politics of Ethnic Multiculturalism	Contemporary Continental Political Theory	
Transnational Security and the Law of Targeting	Culture and Community	
	Democracy in Comparative Perspective	
	Global Security Governance	
	Human Rights: From Theory to Practice	
	Internet and New Media Politics	
	The Law of Cyber Warfare	
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# Postgraduate Diploma

All MSc streams are also offered at Postgraduate Diploma level (full and part-time) for those who do not have the academic background necessary to begin an advanced Masters course. The structure of the Diploma streams is identical to the MSc structures except that students do not write a dissertation. Students who are successful on the Diploma may transfer to the MSc subject to academic approval.

## Entry requirements

The standard entrance requirement is a first or upper second class degree (or its overseas equivalent) in politics, international relations or a related humanities or social science subject. We also consider strong lower second class results. Related subjects include, but are not restricted to: sociology, history, communication, economics, geography, information science, law, media and cultural studies, management, social anthropology, social policy, philosophy, psychology and technology studies.

Students who are not native English speakers normally also require an English language test score that meets our minimum requirement. IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge Advanced Certificates are all accepted. For IELTS the minimum requirement is a 6.5 overall score with 7.0 in writing.

Applications from those with non-standard qualifications are also welcome. All applications are assessed promptly and on the basis of academic transcripts, reference letters, personal statements, and other supporting documentation.

## Fees

Information about tuition fees is available at: [www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate), then select fees and funding and tuition fees.

## Funding

A small number of fees-only Royal Holloway studentships may be offered on a competitive basis for the MSc programme. There are also a small number of additional scholarships including the Royal Holloway International Excellence Scheme offered by our International Office. For further details see: [www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate), then select fees and funding and sources of funding.

## Further information

Further information is available from the Masters Coordinators:

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# Research degrees MPhil and PhD

There are two types of research degree for which students may register within the department:

A University of London PhD is awarded to students who produce a substantial piece of original research in the form of a thesis of up to 100,000 words. Candidates for a PhD are normally registered for three years full-time, with submission within not more than four years, or six to seven years part-time. Students must remain registered and pay an appropriate fee until submission.

An MPhil is awarded for original research and submission of a thesis of up to 60,000 words. Candidates must normally be registered for two years (full-time) or four years (part-time).

Research students are normally registered for the MPhil degree initially and can be upgraded to PhD registration subject to satisfactory progress.

We encourage applications from suitably qualified and highly-motivated candidates. We welcome informal enquiries about research degrees via the Director of Graduate Study, Dr Evelyn Goh (evelyn.goh@rhul.ac.uk). In the first instance you should forward your CV and a short research proposal for consideration. UK-based candidates whose research interests match those of the department may be invited here to discuss their research proposal and to meet their prospective supervisor(s). We place great emphasis on matching prospective students to supervisors' interests, building on our existing research activities.



Examples of some current and recent PhD topics:

- The Clausewitzian Trinity: A theory of war for the modern world? A Balkan Case Study
- The Political Economy of Nationalism under the NDA Coalition in India, 1998–2004
- Analysing Security in South Asia: Non-State Actors and the Securitisation Framework
- Alternative Driving Forces in Regionalism in Southeast Asia: Bilateralism and Civil Society
- Institutions, Hierarchy, and East Asian Regional Society
- The Event in Marxist Philosophy
- Post-Existentialist Political Theory: Nietzsche, Sartre, Foucault
- Responsibility's limit?: Understanding and attributing responsibilities in a globalized world
- A Comparative Analysis of Turkoscepticism in the EU and Euroscepticism in Turkey
- Turkey-EU Relations from a World Polity Perspective
- The Europeanisation of Social Democratic Party Organisation – convergence or divergence?
- The European Union as a 'Promoter of Peace?'
- The influence of new EU members on the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU: Poland and the Eastern Dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)
- International Change, National Grand Strategy and the Future of European Power: Britain, France and Germany and the Evolution of the European Union common Security and Defence Policy and NATO (2001-2009)
- Reciprocal Tribal Dynamics across the Durand Line
- Online Mobilisation and Identity Building: A Case Study of Nosamo, a Supporters' Network for the 16th President of South Korea
- A Comparative Study of Factors Influencing the Adoption and Impact of E-Campaigning in the US and UK
- Exploring Social Media and 'Slacktivism'
- The framing of human rights discourse in UK news media

- Interactional Dynamics Among Political Institutions: How Actors Adapt to the Internet in Democratic and Non-Democratic Regimes
- Partition Memories and Ethnic Conflict in India
- Justice, Democracy and Meaningful Work
- The Possibilities for World Government
- Environmental Initiatives as a Source of National Security
- National Thinking in the Politics of Belonging in Contemporary Japan

### Supervision

Each research student has a specialist supervisor and an advisor, both of whom form part of a supervisory board whose role is to provide support and to review and monitor progress. All research student activity in the department is overseen by the Director of Graduate Study. We believe that careful supervision, appropriate research and subject training, and a supportive academic environment are crucial to the successful completion of research degrees. Supervisors and the department's Director of Graduate Study take primary responsibility for the academic and welfare needs of our research postgraduates. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with Royal Holloway's administration, support, and regulations for postgraduate research students.

### Sources of funding

PIR is part of the Southeast UK Doctoral Training Centre (DTC), which was established in collaboration with social science departments at Royal Holloway, Reading, Kent, and Surrey Universities. Through this our doctoral programme is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and we have access to ESRC 1+3 studentships allocated to the consortium. We are also recognised for ESRC CASE studentships and welcome proposals for CASE studentships from individual students and third-party organisations. There is strong competition for these prestigious awards and applicants who wish to be considered should begin early to locate a potential supervisor in the department and begin working on a project application. Details of the Doctoral Training Centre and its studentships can be found at <http://southeastdtc.surrey.ac.uk>

In addition there are a small number of Royal Holloway scholarships available, ranging from fee waiver awards to maintenance awards. Our most prestigious research student award, the Reid Studentship, covers Home/EU tuition fees and provides a maintenance award of over £15,000 per annum.

For more information about these opportunities for funding and for facilities and support, visit:

[www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/researchdegrees](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/researchdegrees)



# Research training

## Taught courses

First and second year research students must attend the department's PR9000 Professional Development and Research Seminar, which meets on a fortnightly basis. New research students also attend, where appropriate, the quantitative, qualitative, or political theory research training courses taken by MSc students, which are supplemented by further specialist research training courses for MPhil/PhD students, some of which are linked to our membership in the Southeast DTC. The department is committed to research skills training for its research students, and to that end encourages participation in the Research Skills Programme provided by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Further details can be found at: [www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/researchdegrees/facilitiesandsupport.aspx](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/researchdegrees/facilitiesandsupport.aspx)

## Teaching opportunities

Opportunities to undertake paid undergraduate seminar tutoring may be available for suitably qualified research students, normally in years two and three of full-time registration. Postgraduate teacher training is provided by Royal Holloway for this purpose, and the department has an established 'Teaching Circle' where postgraduate student teachers and academic staff share teaching experiences and examples of good practice.

## PhD student views

"I applied to do a PhD in the Department of Politics and International Relations after completing a Masters degree at Royal Holloway. My choice to apply here was driven by the department's ability to effectively supervise my research area, which was quite unusual (the impact of institutional structures on the adoption of the Internet in electoral campaigns in different societies). The friendly and welcoming nature of the department was also important to me; I knew I could only produce my best work somewhere where I would be happy and comfortable. I was also lucky enough to be awarded a three year fees scholarship by the college to continue my studies, which made doing a PhD financially much easier. The department is also supportive in the facilities it offers. During my studies I had access to a spacious and comfortable office, which I shared with three other doctoral students. This made working day-to-day much easier."

**Dr Nick Anstead, PhD student from 2005-2009 and currently a Lecturer in Media and Communication at the London School of Economics**

"After completing my Masters degree in Politics, Democracy and Governance at Royal Holloway, I had no intention of leaving to undertake my PhD elsewhere. The Politics and International Relations department provides the perfect environment for postgraduate study, not just because of its excellent academic reputation, but also because of the friendly and welcoming manner of the people who study and work there. All members of the academic staff are very active within their respective fields of research, and this makes for a particularly exciting and stimulating department. My PhD (a multidisciplinary study concerning the relationship between border processes and identity) is made easier because of sound and well-structured supervision, consisting of regular meetings with my primary supervisor and an advisor who I can approach when needed. The department also provides excellent teaching opportunities, as well as ample encouragement and opportunities to publish, for those considering entering academia. All in all, the Politics and International Relations department at Royal Holloway is a great place to be, providing a solid foundation for my doctoral studies not just in terms of a dynamic environment and reliable support, but also future success."

**Anthony Cooper, PhD student from 2007-2012**

"Royal Holloway provided me with an excellent research environment within which to pursue my PhD on non-traditional security challenges in South Asia. As a Thomas Holloway scholar, I also benefited from invaluable financial support from the Department of Politics and International Relations (PIR) towards my doctoral studies. I had a high level of guidance and support throughout the degree. Through various intra-departmental activities such as the staff-student research seminars and workshops on academic research and writing skills, the department provided numerous opportunities for PhD students such as myself to tap into the wealth of experience and expertise held by academics in the department. Efforts to develop and publish research were also supported by way of opportunities to present working papers to staff and other research students in PIR and receive feedback. During the PhD, I worked as a teaching assistant in PIR and was given the opportunity to acquire a postgraduate degree in teaching and learning skills, which proved to be an asset when applying for academic positions following the degree."

**Dr Monika Barthwall-Datta, PhD student from 2006-2010 and currently a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney, focusing on regional food security**

Situated on a spacious campus in a beautiful parkland setting, students have access to an impressive range of modern and social facilities. We also run a range of training programmes to ensure you get the most out of your time here.

## Libraries

Royal Holloway's library is an essential part of its support for students and staff. Most politics and international relations books are housed in the Bedford Library, located at the heart of campus. In addition to the substantial collections on campus, postgraduates also have access to other libraries of the University of London, including Senate House and the London School of Economics.

## Computing facilities

The Computer Centre on campus has a wide range of computing facilities, open 24-hours a day. In addition to this, there are numerous computer rooms across the campus and at our central London base, 11 Bedford Square. All postgraduates have access to central computing facilities. All doctoral students have access to desks in shared offices with networked computers.

## Royal Holloway International

Royal Holloway International offers a Pre-Masters Diploma for International Students. It is designed to enable those who are unfamiliar with the requirements and complexities of postgraduate study in the UK to acquire the academic skills needed to succeed at graduate level.

It also offers Pre-sessional and In-sessional English Language Programmes, available to all non-native English speaking undergraduates and postgraduates, including courses tailored specifically to the study of politics and international relations. Pre-sessional study gives students the opportunity to develop their academic language skills and to familiarise themselves with the academic environment at Royal Holloway before beginning their studies. For further information visit: [www.rhul.ac.uk/international](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/international)

## Location

The campus adjoins the A30 and is close to junctions of the M25, M3 and M4 motorways. Fast trains to Egham from London Waterloo Station take about 40 minutes and connect with a Royal Holloway bus during term-time. There are also good train connections to Reading. It is ideally situated for travel to and from other European countries, with Heathrow Airport being only a few miles from the campus, and Eurostar services departing from London St. Pancras.



# Admissions

Further information and application forms for both taught (MSc) and research (MPhil/PhD) postgraduate degree programmes are available from the following address:

Postgraduate Administrator  
Department of Politics & International Relations  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Egham, Surrey TW20 OEX  
T: +44 (0)1784 443687  
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pir-admin@rhul.ac.uk

Completed application forms should be returned to:

Postgraduate Admissions  
Registry  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
Egham, Surrey, TW20 OEX  
T: +44 (0)1784 443350  
F: +44 (0)1784 473662

Supporting documents such as transcripts of studies to date should be included.

Alternatively, you can apply online at:

**[www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/howtoapply](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/postgraduate/applying/howtoapply)**

Further information can be obtained from the Postgraduate Prospectus, copies of which can be found at:

**[www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/prospectus](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/prospectus)**

## Language requirements

Royal Holloway and the department require that all overseas students are sufficiently competent in English that they can complete an advanced postgraduate course. For applicants with IELTS, we require an overall score of 6.5 (with 7.0 in writing); for TOEFL the requirement is 600 (or 250 in the computer-based test). Cambridge Proficiency in English is also accepted at a minimum of grade C.

The terms and conditions on which Royal Holloway, University of London makes offers of admission to its programmes of study, including those covered in this booklet, may be found in the Undergraduate and Postgraduate prospectuses, copies of which can be found at:  
**[www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/prospectus](http://www.rhul.ac.uk/studyhere/prospectus)**



# Academic staff and research interests

## **Dr Nicholas Allen, BA (Warwick), MA, PhD (Essex)**

Nicholas Allen is a Senior Lecturer in Politics. He has research interests in British politics, with a particular focus on political integrity and ethics regulation, mass and elite political behaviour, the British constitution and the British prime ministership.

## **Dr Michael Bacon, BSc (Econ.), MSc, PhD (LSE)** **MSc Coordinator (Politics)**

Michael Bacon is a Senior Lecturer in Politics. His research interests are in contemporary political theory, in particular political liberalism, pragmatism, and theories of democracy.

## **Dr Giacomo Benedetto, BA (Sussex), MSc, PhD (LSE)**

Giacomo Benedetto is a Lecturer in Politics. His research interests include the European Parliament and comparative legislatures, EU budgetary policy, political parties, European elections and Euroscepticism.

## **Dr Michelle Bentley, BSc, MSc, PhD (Southampton)**

Michelle Bentley is a Teaching Fellow in International Relations. Her research focuses on the construction of and political responses to extreme threats (particularly weapons of mass destruction), US foreign policy and international terrorism.

## **Professor Andrew Chadwick, BA (Birmingham), MSc, PhD (LSE)**

### **Co-Director, New Political Communication Unit**

Andrew Chadwick is a Professor of Political Science. His research to date has explored the internet and new media as they relate to three broad areas: political communication, governance, and public policy.

## **Dr Tom Dyson, BA (KCL), MSc, PhD (LSE)**

Tom Dyson is a Lecturer in International Relations. He works in the areas of neoclassical realist international relations theory, European defence and security, military alliances and cross-national defence capability in the Euro-Atlantic security area.

## **Dr Julia Gallagher, BSc (Manchester), MSc, PhD (SOAS)**

Julia Gallagher is a Lecturer in International Relations. Her main research interests are African politics, British foreign policy, and normative international relations theory.

## **Dr Evelyn Goh, MA (Oxford), MPhil (Cambridge) DPhil (Oxford)**

Everlyn Goh is a Reader in International Relations. Her research interests range across international relations, security studies, diplomatic history and area studies. Her recent research activities include the diplomatic history of U.S.-China relations; East Asian security and international relations; and the implications of the rise of China for the Asia-Pacific region.

## **Professor Sandra Halperin, MA, PhD (UCLA)**

### **Co-Director, Centre for Global and Transnational Politics**

Sandra Halperin is a Professor of International Relations. Her research interests include the causes and conditions of war and peace, the sociology of international relations, global and comparative political development, and Middle East politics.

## **Dr Oliver Heath, BA (Sussex), MA, PhD (Essex)**

### **Director of Royal Holloway's Centre for Social Sciences**

Oliver Heath is a Senior Lecturer in Politics. His research interests include comparative democracy, with a focus on voting behaviour and political stability in second wave democracies, political participation in Britain, and research methods in the social sciences.

## **Dr John Mattausch, BA (Warwick), PhD (Edinburgh)**

John Mattausch is a Lecturer in Sociology. His interests are in ethnicity, in particular the relations between different ethnic groups in contemporary British society. He is also interested in explanatory social theory and in particular the roles played by chance in effecting sociopolitical change.

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**Dr Alister Miskimmon,  
BA (Stirling), PhD (Birmingham)**

Co-Director, Centre for European Politics

Director of Graduate Study

Alister Miskimmon is a Senior Lecturer in European Politics and International Relations. His main research interests lie in the fields of German politics, European integration and security studies.

**Dr Lara Nettelfield, AB (UC-Berkeley), MA, MPhil,  
PhD (Columbia)**

Lara Nettelfield is a Lecturer in International Relations. She works in the area of international law and post-conflict societies, with a focus on the Balkans and the role of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

**Professor Ben O'Loughlin,  
BA (Northumbria), MSc (Warwick), PhD (Oxford)**

Co-Director, New Political Communication Unit

Ben O'Loughlin is a Professor of International Relations. His current research interests lie in the area of international political communication, particularly the relationship between media, war, new security challenges and conflict.

**Professor Chris Rumford,  
BSc (Middlesex), MSc (Birkbeck), PhD (City).**

Co-Director, Centre for Global and Transnational Politics

Chris Rumford is a Professor of Political Sociology and Global Politics. His research interests include the transformation of contemporary Europe, Turkey-EU relations, borders and spaces, and globalisation and cosmopolitanism. He has published widely in these fields.

**Dr Jonathan Seglow,  
BA (Oxford), MSc (LSE), PhD (Manchester)**

Jonathan Seglow is a Senior Lecturer in Political Theory. His research interests are in contemporary political theory. He has written on liberalism, multiculturalism, theories of recognition, altruism and the ethics of immigration restrictions.

**Dr James Sloam, BA (Sussex), PhD (Birmingham)**

Co-Director, Centre for European Politics

James Sloam is a Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations. His principal areas of interest are: German politics, political parties/ European social democracy, youth participation in democracy and civic education.

**Dr Tsering Topgyal, BA (Berea College), MPA (UC-San Diego), PhD (LSE)**

Tsering Topgyal is a Teaching Fellow in International Relations. His research interests include security studies, with special attention to its non-traditional aspects, identity politics, nationalism and ethnic conflicts, state-building, and Sino-Tibetan and Sino-Indian relations.

**Dr Nathan Widder,  
BA (Johns Hopkins), MSc (LSE), PhD (Essex)**

Head of Department (2009-2013)

Nathan Widder is a Reader in Political Theory. His teaching and research covers the history of Western political thought and philosophy and contemporary Continental philosophy. His work focuses on questions of difference, pluralism, power, identity, and knowledge.

**Dr Michael Williams,  
BA (Delaware), MA (Berlin), PhD (LSE)**

Michael Williams is a Reader in International Relations. His research focuses on war, strategic aspects of international relations and US foreign policy/transatlantic relations.

**Administrative staff**

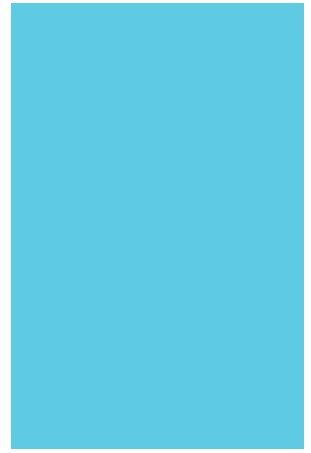
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