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Editor’s Welcome

Welcome to this issue of IR Spotlight. It is a great pleasure to be welcoming you as the new Head of Department.

We’ve had a busy year. There are many new exciting initiatives underway in the Department, ranging from the introduction of new research clusters (p.2), to a timely new lecture series on ‘Brexit: Implications for the UK, the EU and the international system’ (p. 3), to a new student organised event on the state of IR as a discipline (p. 19).

This issue of IR Spotlight also highlights our continuing commitment to world leading research. Dr Kirsten Ainley has been awarded an ESRC GCRF Strategic Networks grant (p. 5), Dr Spyros Economides and Professor Karen E Smith, have received funding from the EU’s Erasmus+ scheme (p. 6), and the ANTERO (Addressing the Needs on Teaching, Education and Research in EU Foreign Policy) Network held its annual meeting at LSE (p. 6).

The Department continues to grow and expand with the appointment of nine new staff members (p. 7), including three Assistant Professors and five LSE Fellows. In this issue, we also say farewell to Hilary Parker, who has managed the Department with great dedication for 40 years (p. 7). We wish her well in her new endeavours. We also welcome Nyssa Lee-Woolf as the new IR manager.

I would especially like to draw your attention to the Student Spotlight section on p. 9, which covers the recent success of two IR students. Their research won awards at the recent LSE Research Festival. In this section, we also hear from two IR students regarding their recent visit to Japan (p. 11), as well as a report on the Department’s annual Cumberland Lodge Conference (p. 12) – a highlight for students and faculty alike every year.

IR Spotlight is also delighted to share an interview with IR alumnus Dr Nathalie Tocci (p. 13), who shares her fondest memories from the Department in 2003.

These are tumultuous times. As I embark upon my first year as Head of Department, I sincerely hope that this newsletter will help us reconnect with our former students and strengthen the ties between our faculty, students and the many talented alumni who have studied at the LSE over the years.

Professor Peter Trubowitz, Head of Department, January 2017
Department Spotlight

New developments in teaching and learning

Department introduces new research clusters

Starting this academic year, the Department of International Relations has targeted areas of research excellence for investment and development, and has introduced four new research clusters: ‘Statecraft and Security,’ ‘Institutions, Law, and Ethics,’ ‘International Political Economy,’ and ‘International Theory’.

Each research cluster reflects a substantive research interest within the field of IR and within the department. They provide an opportunity to create intellectual ‘growth poles’, and help build a roster of globally competitive scholars and teachers in these areas of excellence.

This year Mark Hoffman, Peter Wilson, Tarak Barkawi, Janina Dill, Peter Trubowitz, Federica Bicchi, Karen Smith, James Morrison and Steve Woolcock are the convenors for the four clusters. Four PhD students – Pilar Elizalde, Aaron McKeil, Oksana Levkovych, and Asad Zaidi - have been appointed as workshop coordinators, responsible for arranging weekly seminar series’ with guest speakers.

This introduction of the research clusters has energised the department's research culture. Oksana explains:

“The greatest achievement is that the research clusters have brought together the academics and research students within and outside the LSE, breaking silos and resulting in an ever greater visibility to the cutting-edge social sciences research led by the IR Department.”

She continues, “In their first year, the research clusters have been set to deliver over eighty individual research sessions (successfully on track), and to launch an all-cluster event - ‘IR Roundtable: Restating the State of the Discipline’ (forthcoming 22-23 March 2017) - which brings together the UK and international IR academics, and is organised entirely by the IR research students”.

Our hope is that the research clusters continue to flourish, and form the broad contours of the department in terms of research and teaching going forward.
Lecture series on Brexit

In Michaelmas Term 2016, the Department of International Relations put on a series of 10 ‘pop up’ lectures for all students on ‘Brexit: Implications for the UK, the EU and the international system’, to explore the impact that UK withdrawal from the EU will have on international relations in Europe.

Organised by Professor Karen E. Smith, each week saw lecturers from the Department of International Relations, Government Department, and the European Institute, discuss topics including: the implications of Brexit for UK and EU trade and development policy; EU and UK foreign security and defence policies; EU enlargement; and global governance.

The series was a great success and the department will continue the debate as the future of the Great Britain unfolds.

For a full write up of the series, please visit: http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/internationalrelations/2017/01/11/implications-of-brexit-for-the-uk-the-eu-and-the-international-system-a-summary-of-the-2016-lecture-series/#more-1533

LTI wins Learning Technology Team of the Year

In September 2016, the Association for Learning Technology, the peak UK membership group representing nearly 200 Higher and Further Education organisations, announced Learning Technology and Innovation (LTI) at the LSE as the winner of the 2016 Learning Technology Team of the Year.

It is one of the highest honours in the profession, and along with their 2016 Campus Technology Innovator award earlier this year, recognises LTI and the projects they work on with academics as delivering sector-leading educational and technological innovation and practice.
The award recognised the School’s innovative Students as Producers project which engaged a significant number of departments and academics. It impacted thousands of students, including those studying IR318 – Visual International Politics - run by Professor William A. Callahan.

It reflects the hard work and passion of the LTI team over the last few years. Along with providing the School an incredibly reliable and resilient set of learning systems, they have engaged with departments and academics collaboratively and responsively to enhance the student experience, make education better and push the boundaries of innovation both within and outside the School. They have enabled a real sense of community within the School around technology and education.

This award also recognises the academics that have led and championed these projects, specifically including those from the IR department. Having worked closely with LTI over recent years, we offer our heartfelt congratulations on their recent success.

IR staff receive LSE Excellence in Education awards

In June 2016, five members of academic staff from the Department of International Relations were awarded an LSE Excellence in Education Award.

Designed to support the School’s aspiration of creating ‘a culture where excellence in teaching is valued and rewarded on a level with excellence in research’ (LSE Strategy 2020), the Excellence in Education Awards are made on the recommendations of Heads of Department, to staff who have demonstrated outstanding teaching contribution and educational leadership in their departments.

The awards, along with the Teaching Promotion awards, were celebrated at a reception in October 2016. Our five successful recipients included:

- **Mr Mark Hoffman** - outstanding educational leadership within the Department and LSE
- **Dr Jurgen Haacke** - outstanding teaching contribution
- **Dr George Lawson** - outstanding teaching contribution
- **Professor Jeffrey Chwieroth** - outstanding teaching contribution
- **Professor William Callahan** - outstanding teaching contribution

For further information on the Excellence in Education Awards, please visit: [http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/LSEServices/ESU/LSE-Excellence-in-Education-Awards.aspx](http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/LSEServices/ESU/LSE-Excellence-in-Education-Awards.aspx)
Dr Kirsten Ainley has been awarded up to £150,000 from the ESRC for a new strategic network on justice, conflict and development. Kirsten is one of 22 successful recipients of funding announced under the ESRC Strategic Networks call with £3 million funding allocated from the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF).

The network on justice, conflict and development will focus on one of the main ways in which states and the international community now approach conflict resolution: the promotion of justice initiatives.

Hosted by the LSE Centre for International Studies, the network will bring together 18 academic and non-academic experts, plus civil society project partners, stakeholder groups and arts organisations, to develop interdisciplinary research agendas, relationships, and capacities to understand the interactions between Transitional Justice (TJ) institutions and development in Fragile and Conflict Affected States (FCAS).

The network plans to develop ambitious and impactful comparative research agendas on justice and development in FCAS; synthesise, map and disseminate existing research and identify knowledge gaps, including by engaging alternative sources of knowledge; foster interdisciplinary engagement by capacity and relationship building; and engage with policy makers, advocacy groups and publics in case sites and elsewhere.

Accordingly, the network will organise various project workshops - to be held in Colombia, Sri Lanka, Lebanon and Uganda – as well as public roundtable discussions; meetings between network participants and policy makers, journalists, non-academic stakeholders and PhD students; and exchange visits to case sites. It will also encourage virtual engagement via an interactive project website, a series of blog symposia and a LinkedIn Group.

IR staff awarded funding from the EU Erasmus+ Scheme

Two IR department staff members, Dr Spyros Economides and Professor Karen E Smith, have received funding from the EU’s Erasmus+ scheme to participate in a three-year research and teaching network on EU-UN relations.

The network will encourage an exchange of academic best-practice and create a trans-national research group on the EU and UN. This year, Karen will produce a ‘webinar’ on EU-UN relations in the area of human rights, part of a series of webinars that will be publicly available online. Later this year, Karen and Spyros will also teach a training session for government officials and civil society groups on politics at the UN, run a classroom simulation at the LSE on EU negotiations in the UN, and host a seminar and lecture by Professor Jan Wouters (Catholic University of Leuven).

For further information on the Erasmus+ scheme, please visit: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

ANTERO Network holds its annual meeting

On 16-18 November 2016, the ANTERO (Addressing the Needs on Teaching, Education and Research in EU Foreign Policy) Network held its annual meeting at LSE. In light of Brexit European foreign policy was at the top of the agenda, and over three days, participants poured over three crucial topics.

Coordinated by Heidi Maurer (University of Maastricht), the first session addressed how to use simulations in teaching as a way to better engage students. Following this, a research panel led by Helene Sjursen (ARENA, Oslo) engaged participants on how to address the issue of legitimacy in European foreign policy.

In the evening, Department of International Relations alumnus Dr Nathalie Tocci (IAI), Dr Sven Biscop (Egmont Institute), Professor Ben Tonra (UC Dublin) and Professor Karen E. Smith joined together for a public roundtable on ‘Brexit and the EU Global Strategy’.

The ANTERO Network are currently applying for their funds to be renewed, and they will meet again this coming May in Dublin to continue their work.
Message from Hilary Parker, formerly IR Administrative Secretary and Departmental Administrator, then IR Departmental Manager, 1976-2016.

Well! Little did I realise when I arrived fresh-faced in the Department of International Relations in the summer of 1976 that I would be sending a goodbye message to you all via something called The Internet some forty years later! Why on earth did she stay so long, I hear you ask. In truth, it's a question I have also asked myself.

In the late 1980s I almost ‘escaped’ when I took a year out to study for a teaching qualification, but then instead of heading off for new adventures I came back, developing English Language teaching as a side-line only. The reason I did so is actually very simple. I found that the Department, and my job as it developed over the years, offered me a wonderful working environment and experience where I felt entirely at home. Forty years have consequently slipped by in no time at all.

Michaelmas Term was always my favourite time of year - launching the ship, so to speak, and seeing so many new and enthusiastic faces. So I write now to thank you. I truly believe that successive generations of lively, smart, and impressive IR students have kept me young. Don't be fooled by the photo taken at an LSE reception a few years ago. I am still very much a big kid at heart! Thank you so much for having been part of my working life.

Hilary Parker

Department welcomes new staff members

The Department of International Relations is delighted to announce the addition of nine new staff members.

Dr Alexandra-Maria Bocse, Dr Martin Hearson, Dr Nivi Manchanda, Dr Chris Rossdale, and Dr Shuxiu Zhang have all joined the department as Fellows. Dr Katharine Millar has joined as Assistant Professor, whose new post is dedicated to research and teaching in the area of Gender and International Relations.
The Department has also appointed two new staff members; Dr Milli Lake and Dr Ranjit Lall. Milli Lake is currently Assistant Professor at Arizona State University's School of Politics and Global Studies, and will join LSE as the department’s new Assistant Professor on International Security. Ranjit Lall is finishing up his PhD in the Department of Government at Harvard University, and will join the department as Assistant Professor on International Political Economy.

The department is also delighted to welcome Nyssa Lee-Woolf as the new Departmental Manager. Nyssa joins us from LSE Law, where she was previously the Department Manager (Operations and Personnel). Before joining the LSE, she managed the Chevening Scholarship Programme on behalf of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

We wish all newcomers the very best in their roles in the Department.

IR staff to host panel at ISA 2017

Dr Martin Bayly and Dr Jonathan Agensky from the Department of International Relations will be hosting a panel on ‘Microhistories of global change: rethinking the ‘Global Transformation’‘ at the International Studies Association (ISA) Conference in Baltimore, USA, this February.

Drawing upon a range of interdisciplinary approaches from global history to microsociology, this panel will ask empirical and conceptual questions about how the knowledges, practices and political subjectivities typically associated with the long nineteenth century historically emerged. It will identify commonalities, differences, and disjunctures across both western/ non-western and colonial/ non-colonial sites and traces the roots and routes of contemporary international political thought and practice.

For further information on the conference, visit the event web page:

http://www.isanet.org/Conferences/Baltimore-2017
IR staff to convene panel at WISC conference 2017

Dr George Lawson will co-convene a section on ‘Theorising Historical Change in International Relations’ at the World International Studies Committee (WISC) conference in Taipei, on 1-3 April 2017.

The section will explore the concepts, theories, and images of change that underlie historical accounts of change in IR. It will critically engage questions of how to theorise change: Is there a way to fuse IR accounts of change with those found in global and transnational history? Are accounts of change better read as evolutionary, nonlinear or teleological? Do different historical periods require distinct accounts of change? Can new accounts of change in IR help the discipline to become more ‘global’? How useful is it to see change as bound up with ‘future’-related IR theory?

For further information on the WISC Conference, please visit:

Student Spotlight

Success for IR students at LSE Research Festival

Winners of this year’s LSE Research Festival have been telling the fascinating stories behind their successful competition entries. This annual celebration of LSE’s innovative and ground-breaking research in the social sciences has become a key feature in the LSE Calendar. For 2016 there were five categories: photograph, poster, headlined abstract, Booth prize and popular prize, which attracted a total of 80 entries.

Winner of the headlined-abstract prize (for announcing research to the public) was Caroline Tan, an MSc student in the Department of International Relations, for her headlined-abstract ‘Political Player or Passive Administrator? The Federal Reserve Board's Rise to Dominance’.
She said: “I’d done this research as an undergraduate and thought it would be interesting to share it with the public. I relied on Congressional testimony to trace the Federal Reserve’s lobbying efforts to consolidate power. It’s an interesting story of how an apolitical agency gets involved in day to day politics”.

Caroline was delighted to win her category. “It was really exciting – I haven’t done anything like this before. It all started when I went to a workshop organised by Professor Mary Morgan on how to make research more engaging. It was good to learn how to make it more digestible.”

The photography category was won by David Brenner, a PhD candidate in the Department, for his work ‘When War Becomes Reality’ which portrays three young rebel soldiers in North Myanmar.

He took the photograph while researching insurgency and the dynamics of conflict in the country. The judges said that the strong framing, symmetry and balance of this photograph drew the viewer’s attention into an engaging and arresting image that strongly conveyed the narrative of the research.

David commented: “I’m a hobby photographer but I think the visuality of a photograph gives a human face to the analysis we are doing. It can convey so many things so is a good medium to communicate and give greater understanding to your research. It brings an intimacy that we can’t bring by just writing papers.”

We offer our congratulations to the successful IR students, and wish them all the best in their continuing studies.

Further information on Caroline and David’s work can be found here: http://www.lse.ac.uk/IPA/ResearchAndEngagement/LSEResearchFestival/home.aspx
Two IR Postgraduate students, Philipp Aepler (MSc IPE) and Francisco Ambrogi (MSc IR), visited Japan in December 2016 as part of a short-term youth exchange scheme entitled ‘MIRAI’, organised by the Government of Japan.

The Government of Japan launched the MIRAI Programme in 2015 to invite to Japan graduate and undergraduate students from Europe, Russia, Central Asia and the Caucasus who are studying politics, law, history, international politics, economics, international relations, public policy, area studies (Asian Studies, Japan Studies, etc) or subjects in related fields with regard to Asia or Japan.

As part of their visit, Philipp and Francisco visited a number of Japanese universities including Waseda, and travelled to Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo.

Philipp Aepler reports:

“In October the great news came: just before Christmas, we would go to Japan with the MIRAI programme – an initiative launched by the Japanese government to enhance Japan’s relations with the young generations overseas, in business, academia, culture, and personally.”

“Together with four fellow LSE postgraduate students, we had the opportunity to mingle with scholars and students alike at Waseda and Kyoto Universities, to explore prominent sights including the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, to experience both Shinto and Buddhist religious practice, to wander the streets, markets and parks of Tokyo and Kyoto, and to get (a very superficial) glimpse of Japan’s everyday life.”

“The MIRAI programme certainly achieved its primary objectives: curiosity for more. We all said that we would return – whether for studies, work or travel. A great thank goes to the Japanese government for hosting us, and the IR Department’s admin staff for sharing the call for applications in late summer.”
For the LSE International Relations community, the last weekend of November is usually marked with a special event organised by the department; the Cumberland Lodge Conference. It is a moment in which IR students from all levels of study—Undergraduate, Masters, and MPhil/PhD—along with the department faculty gather to engage in intellectual discussion in an informal setting. Held in a remarkable former royal residence within the scenic Windsor Great Park on 25-27 November 2016, the forum focused upon whether or not we are living through a revolution.

Professor Michael Cox of LSE IDEAS opened the conference with a talk regarding the history of IR at the LSE. Noting the numerous key identities (including a rather multi-talented Olympian) who profoundly contributed both to the founding and growth of the department as well as the developing study of IR, Professor Cox reported the English School theory of international relations was but just one of many path breaking contributions to the field of IR by the LSE Department of International Relations.

The second day of the conference commenced with a session by three speakers from the LSE. Chaired by Dr James Morrison, Dr Katherine Millar and Dr George Lawson sought to define revolution; Dr Lawson reminded participants of the frequently regressive and harmful consequences of revolution, while Dr Millar challenged the underlying binary gender distinctions inherent within all social structures.

The second session, chaired by Professor Christopher Hughes, invited Professor Karen Smith of the department and Dr Yu Jie of LSE IDEAS to examine the topic of revolution within the international power system from the perspectives of the EU and China. A tasty lunch saw the end of the morning session, with a free afternoon providing participants an opportunity to
explore the remarkable countryside scenery of Windsor Great Park.

Dr James Strong chaired session four, during which Professor Christopher Coker and Dr Janina Dill discussed revolution within military affairs. The final session of the day followed dinner, during which Dr Martin Bayly chaired a panel comprising Professor Fawas Gerges and Dr Tomila Lankina on the subject of civil society movements in revolutions within the Middle East and Russia. Following a further intense and agitating academic discussion, lively evening drinks and a basement party session concluded the penultimate day of the conference.

The final day commenced with a Matins Service at the Royal Chapel, in which the presence of HM the Queen delighted and provided an unforgettable memory for all attendees. In what comprised a rather tough act to follow, five IR PhD students – Gustav Meibauer, Aaron McKeil, Emma Saint, Jonathan Freeman and Jackie Majnemer – subsequently concluded the conference with a final open discussion regarding the necessity or otherwise of revolution within the study of IR.

To read the report in full, please visit:
http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/internationalrelations/2016/12/07/cumberland-lodge-conference-2016/

Alumni Spotlight

Interview with..: Dr Nathalie Tocci

Dr Nathalie Tocci is a Department of International Relations alumnus, having studied for her PhD here in 2003.

She is now the Deputy Director of Istituto Affari Internazionali, Editor of The International Spectator and Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini, in charge of outreaching to think tanks and coordination of work on a new European Security Strategy.
You are currently Deputy Director of Istituto Affari Internazionali, Editor of The International Spectator and Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini, in charge of outreaching to think tanks and coordination of work on a new European Security Strategy. What are the main challenges of the job?

In 3 words: Reconciling all three. Juggling my time between three different worlds (on top I am honorary professor at the University of Tubingen), that is the policy world of think tanks, the world of institutions and practitioners, and the world of academia is the most complicated part of the work, but also the most rewarding. Policy analysts, practitioners and academics often work on the same issues, and yet inhabit different planets. The potential synergies between them are obvious to me, and it is what I try to do and promote in my daily work. But it certainly is a challenge!

Why did you choose to study for a PhD in the Department of International Relations at LSE?

I did both my MSc (International Development) and PhD at LSE, so when I chose my PhD programme I already knew the university well. In all honesty the main reason why I decided to pursue my doctoral studies at LSE was due to my PhD supervisor at the time, Lord William Wallace, one of the rare academics that thought that working in academia and in think tank at the same time was not only possible, but actually worthwhile.

How has LSE influenced your views and your professional career?

My studies at LSE both deepened my knowledge about Europe and EU integration but also widened my knowledge on the Middle East. Straddling Europe and the Middle East has marked my professional life ever since.

Who was your favourite LSE academic – and why?

Fred Halliday: a great mind, with rare integrity: a great loss to us all.

What did you enjoy most about studying at LSE?

Meeting and working with such a diverse group of people and being offered plenty of opportunities to widen your field of studies across different areas and disciplines, shaking each student out of his or her comfort zone.

Catch up with LSE podcasts and listen to Nathalie Tocci discuss ‘Brexit and the EU Global Strategy’: http://www.lse.ac.uk/website-archive/newsAndMedia/videoAndAudio/channels/publicLecturesAndEvents/player.aspx?id=3660
Find Policy: Quick Access set up by IRD alumnus

Dr Hans Gutbrod, who studied for both his BSc (1994) and PhD (2000) in the Department of International Relations, has created Find Policy – a search engine enabling quick access to research from leading think tanks.

Think tanks offer a valuable addition to academic research. Between the day-to-day commentary of journalism and the year-on-year of academic publication, think tanks provide topical in-depth analysis on essential policy issues. The variety of information available however, can be overwhelming. Hans created Find Policy as a search engine which focuses solely on think tanks. He explains,

“It is a bit like Google Scholar, but with a focus on policy research... You get search pages grouped according to topic, or geographic focus. Of most interest to people at LSE likely are the Foreign Policy search page, and also the country-pages under More Search, which give easy access to think tanks from around the world.”

Hans continues:

“You want to see what think tanks in India have to say on Pakistan? How think tanks in South Africa respond to the ascending Democratic Alliance? What German think tanks say on Ukraine? All this and much more are easily accessible, at Find Policy.”

Other features include toggling from ‘relevance’ to ‘date’ to get the most recent results, and a page for searching foreign policy experts.

In an age where available information online is ever-increasing, this tool is sure to be of use to any student, academic or policy professional.

Visit Find Policy now via: http://www.findpolicy.org/
Alumni: In Pictures

Students from IR318 celebrate their graduation with Professor William A. Callahan. (From left to right: Alexandra Tyan, William A. Callahan, Eser Sarachoglou)

Gifts to the IR Department

Alumni play a significant role in LSE life - especially as volunteers within the alumni community and as ambassadors through the lives you lead after graduation. This contribution is recognised and greatly appreciated by the School. By giving back to the School philanthropically, you can also make an investment in the future and help to maintain LSE’s global reputation for excellence.

The LSE Annual Fund, the School’s regular giving programme, is an essential resource that helps LSE to maintain its status as a world class university. The generosity of alumni,
parents, governors, staff and friends of LSE enables the Annual Fund to support essential projects and initiatives on campus every year.

You can support the Department of International Relations by stating it as your preference when making your gift. All contributions will be extremely valuable for delivering a range of projects and initiatives which require flexible or additional funding.

Find out more and make a gift to support the Department online at: http://goo.gl/yRIUry or by emailing: annualfund@lse.ac.uk

Calling all IR Alumni!

The next edition of IR Spotlight is due for release in June 2017. If you have memories or photos of your time at LSE which you wish to share, we would love to hear from you.

Please e-mail them to S.Wise3@lse.ac.uk.

If you have any questions about the newsletter or would like further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks in advance and we hope to hear from you soon!

Publications and events

Recent publications

The Handbook of Global Climate and Environment Policy
(Paperback)
Dr Robert Falkner, Wiley, September 2016

The Handbook of Global Climate and Environment Policy presents an authoritative and comprehensive overview of global policy on climate and the environment. It combines the strengths of an interdisciplinary team of experts from around the world to explore current debates and
the latest thinking in the search for global environmental solutions.

For further information, or if you wish to purchase the book, please visit: 

The Oxford Handbook of Carl Schmitt
Dr Jens Meierhenrich and Oliver Simons, Oxford University Press, January 2016

The Oxford Handbook of Carl Schmitt is uniquely located at the intersection of law, the social sciences, and the humanities. It adopts a truly interdisciplinary approach to the difficult oeuvre of Carl Schmitt, and highlights the trinity of Carl Schmitt's thought, i.e., the mutually constitutive relationship among his political thought, legal thought, and cultural thought. It assembles virtually all leading scholars of Carl Schmitt from disciplines as diverse as art, law, literature, philosophy, political science, and history.

For further information, or if you wish to purchase the book, please visit: 

Chinese Economic Diplomacy: Decision-making actors and processes
Dr Shuxiu Zhang, Routledge, 2016

*Chinese Economic Diplomacy* provides an understanding of the processes and practices of China’s economic diplomacy, with multilateral economic negotiations as the primary basis of analysis, specifically the UN climate change talks and the WTO Doha Round trade negotiations.

For further information, or if you wish to purchase this book, please visit: 
Reviews and prize-winners

**Ulrich Sedelmeier** was awarded the prize for (joint) best article of the Journal of Common Market Studies published in 2014. He obtained the prize for his article ‘Anchoring Democracy from Above? The European Union and Democratic Backsliding in Hungary and Romania after Accession’, Journal of Common Market Studies 52(1): 105-121. The jury praised that “… Sedelmeier's article illustrates that academic research on European integration can be rigorous, timely, and relevant to societal problems at the same time.”

‘The Global Transformation’ (2015), a book published by **Professor Barry Buzan** and **Dr George Lawson**, has won the Francesco Guiccardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations awarded by the International Studies Association (ISA). The award will be formally presented at the next meeting of the ISA in Baltimore in February 2017.

**Dr Janina Dill** won second prize in the 2016 Peter Birks Prizes for Outstanding Legal Scholarship with her book ‘Legitimate Targets? Social Construction, International Law and US Bombing’ (Cambridge University Press). The standard of the entries was extremely high and only six books were shortlisted.

**ISIS: A History** by **Professor Fawaz Gerges** is listed as one the Best Nonfiction books of 2016 by Kirkus Reviews.

Forthcoming events

The following events are free and open to all, with no ticket or pre-registration required. For a full list of our forthcoming events, or further information, please visit: [http://www.lse.ac.uk/internationalRelations/events/events.aspx](http://www.lse.ac.uk/internationalRelations/events/events.aspx)

**LSE Arts Exhibition**

*Thinking Visually, Feeling Visually: Student Films from the International Relations Department*

**Monday 30 January - Friday 24 February 2017, Atrium Gallery, Old Building**

In ‘Visual International Politics’ (IR318), International Relations students don’t just watch movies – they make their own films. This exhibit screens six short documentary films that address topics ranging from the global politics of beards (‘Beard Goggles’), to a behind the scenes look at London’s Russian elite (‘Bliny vs. Scones’), to a political ethnography of passengers on ‘The Night Bus’.
IR Public Lecture

*The Future of Global Governance and the Fall of International Organisations*

Wednesday 15 March 2017, 6.30 – 8.00pm, Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building

Professor Jon Pevehouse

Jon C.W. Pevehouse is Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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IR Public Lecture

*The Distribution of Identity in World Politics and Hegemonic Transition*

Monday 20 March 2017, 6.30 – 8.00pm, Clement House, Room 5.02

Professor Ted Hopf

Ted Hopf is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the National University of Singapore.

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IR Roundtable

*Restating the State of the Discipline*

Thursday 23 March 2017, 4.00 – 6.00pm, Shaw Library, Old Building

The first annual LSE IR Roundtable is convened to culminate the research clusters initiative of departmental collaboration and inclusivity. Speakers are invited to reflect on what innovations have developed in recent years, the politics and promise of these trends, and to indicate their future horizons.

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IR Book Launch

*Public Opinion, Legitimacy and Tony Blair’s War in Iraq*

Thursday 27 April 2017, 6.30 – 8.00pm, Clement House, Room 6.02

Dr James Strong, Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, and Professor Juliet Kaarbo

How was it possible for Britain to wind up fighting a war in Iraq that so many British people considered illegitimate? An illuminating new book by LSE Fellow Dr James Strong attempts to offer some answers.
IR and European Foreign Policy Unit Symposium:
*Symposium in Honour of Professor Christopher Hill*
Friday 12 May 2017, 2.00 – 6.00pm, venue TBC to registered attendees

This symposium explores the contribution Professor Christopher Hill has made to the study of European foreign policy and foreign policy more generally.

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