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PSAI Membership: €50/£35. Students: €30/£21 - includes a print subscription to *Irish Political Studies*. The online membership form can be accessed at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/fips-so.asp>

An online sample of the journal can be viewed [here](#).

If you are unsure about your current membership status, please feel free to contact Stacey Doran (stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk)

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EU profiler

In the light of the forthcoming EP elections, I would like to draw the attention of PSAI members to the newly launched Euprofiler. See: www.euprofiler.eu.

This is a voting advice application for the European elections which not only lets the voter see which party he/she is closest to in Ireland, but also in Europe as a whole. It's not only very learnsome, it's also fun.

Summer School: Political Parties and European Democracy

Applications by 1 June

<http://www.iue.it/SPS/Research/SummerSchoolPartySystemsSep09.html>

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ESRI Research Bulletin, April 2009

The ESRI is launching a new Research Bulletin to make ESRI research findings more accessible to a wide audience. The articles are short, non-technical summaries of work published by ESRI staff in journal articles, books and book chapters and research reports.

The first articles are now available on the ESRI website at www.esri.ie/bulletin, and will also be contained in the Spring Quarterly Economic Commentary (to be published 29 April). Future articles will be available for download from the website (www.esri.ie/bulletin) on publication, and an email with links to the articles will be sent four times a year to eNewsletter subscribers.

The articles are listed below, with the URL of the PDF.

"Why Worry About Climate Change?" at
<http://www.esri.ie/UserFiles/publications/20090421154843/RB20090101.pdf>
Tol, Richard S. J., ESRI Research Bulletin No. 09/1/1, April '09.

"School Leavers: How Are They Faring?" at
<http://www.esri.ie/UserFiles/publications/20090421154843/RB20090102.pdf>
Byrne, Delma,McCoy, Selina, ESRI Research Bulletin No. 09/1/2, April '09.

"Who is Paying for Regional Balance in Ireland?" at <http://www.esri.ie/UserFiles/publications/20090421154843/RB20090103.pdf>
Morgenroth, Edgar, ESRI Research Bulletin No. 09/1/3, April '09.

"What do We Know about Training at Work?" at <http://www.esri.ie/UserFiles/publications/20090421163535/RB20090104.pdf>
O'Connell, Philip J, ESRI Research Bulletin No.09/1/4, April '09.

Comments and queries relating to individual articles can be sent directly to the authors (email details are on the first page of the article).

For queries relating to the Research Bulletin, please email bulletin@esri.ie.

QUB, School of Politics, International Studies & Philosophy International Politics and Ethnic Conflict (IPEC)

NO PLACE APART? Celebrating Frank Wright and Comparative Approaches to the Study of Ethnic Conflict

A One-Day Symposium to be held at QUB,

Friday 15 May 2009

10 am – 6 pm, followed by a wine reception

All welcome

Speakers include: Adrian Guelke (QUB), Duncan Morrow (Community Relations Council), Marc Mulholland (Oxford), Róisín Healy (Galway) and Tim Wilson (QUB)

First Floor Conference Room, Institute of Irish Studies,

53-67 University Road

For more details, please contact Tim Wilson (t.k.wilson@qub.ac.uk)

All Politics is Local

Drs. Liam Weeks and Aodh Quinlivan of the Department of Government in UCC have just launched a new book on local elections in Ireland: All Politics is Local. The book is the first to provide a detailed account of local elections in Ireland, with particular reference to how they are conducted and what candidates do in their quest for a seat.

In the best political tradition the book was launched twice! Micheal Martin, Minister for Foreign Affairs did the honours at the PSAI Graduate Conference in UCC and Bertie Aherne was on hand in Buswell's Hotel in Dublin where a large crowd attended.

May Jobs

Post doc research fellowship

The Collegio Carlo Alberto of Moncalieri (Turin), Italy ([carloalberto.org](http://www.carloalberto.org) [<http://www.carloalberto.org/>](http://www.carloalberto.org/)) offers a Research Fellowship for the academic year 2009-2010. The candidate will carry out her/his research in the area of Political Studies (with a preference given to candidates whose research focuses on European Affairs) and will be affiliated with URGE, the research unit of the Collegio conducting research in this area (www.urge.it [<http://www.urge.it/>](http://www.urge.it/)).

Eligible candidates must have a doctorate in political or social sciences awarded not earlier than 2006, or must have defended their dissertations by the time of the start of the fellowship (September 1, 2009).

The research fellowship is awarded for one year, on a full-time basis. The gross salary is 36.000 euro per year. The fellowship may be renewed for one additional year by mutual agreement. If s/he so wishes, the fellow has the opportunity of spending the additional year (2010/11) at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) in Germany, run by the University of Bremen and the Jacobs University (www.bigsss-bremen.de [<http://www.bigsss-bremen.de/>](http://www.bigsss-bremen.de/)) (final acceptance to the BIGSSS Post-doc program subject to approval).

Applications must be sent through the Collegio's web site at www.carloalberto.org/rf_callforurge [<http://www.carloalberto.org/rf_callforurge>](http://www.carloalberto.org/rf_callforurge) and must include a CV with a list of publications, as well as a research proposal (4-8 pages).

The applications must be received by May 31, 2009. The complete call for application is available at http://www.carloalberto.org/rf_urge

PhD and Post Doc fellowships in electoral studies

Marie Curie Initial Training Network in Electoral Democracy ELECDEM
18 Research Positions Available

We are seeking to appoint 14 early researchers (PhD fellowships) and 4 experienced researchers (post-doc fellowships) to an EU funded training network on electoral democracy.

The ITN will bring together 11 expert teams from 9 European countries to provide substantive and methodological training in elections research to a cohort of early stage and experienced researchers. Researchers will join a team that brings together world leading scholars in the cross-national study of elections and industry partners TNS-Opinion and Kieskompas to provide training and research opportunities. The research projects draw on cross-national election studies such as the European Election Study and the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems [CSES].

Start dates for early stage researchers will be October 2009 and experienced researchers to start as recruited.

In addition to the lead academics listed below, Professor Richard Johnston, Research Director of the Annenberg Election Study at the University of Pennsylvania, joins the network as a visiting scientist. Pippa Norris, McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, will serve on the advisory committee. Other associated partners include IPSOS Mori, Electoral Studies and Ian McAllister (representing the CSES), Professor of Political Science in the Research School of Social

Sciences at the Australian National University.

For more information see <http://huss.exeter.ac.uk/politics/electedem/>.

Summary of Research Projects Available by Location

- University of Mannheim, MZES Hermann Schmitt & Andreas Wust Contact: Hermann.Schmitt@mzes.uni-mannheim.de 2 PhD Positions
- University of Amsterdam, ASCoR and AASR Wouter Van der Brug & Claes de Vreese Contact: w.vanderbrug@uva.nl or C.H.devreese@uva.nl 2 PhD Positions
- University of Exeter, Politics Susan Banducci, Jack Vowles & Jeffrey Karp Contact: s.a.banducci@ex.ac.uk 2 PhD Positions • TNS-Opinion, Brussels Pascal Chelala Contact: pascal.chelala@tns-opinion.com 1 Post-doc Positions
- University of Vienna, Methods in the Social Sciences & Political Science Sylvia Kritzinger & Sieglinde Rosenberger Contact: sylvia.kritzinger@univie.ac.at 2 PhD Positions
- Central European University Gabor Toka Contact: gaborzs@ceu.hu 2 PhD Positions
- Oxford University, Politics & International Relations Sara Hobolt, Ray Duch & Geoffrey Evans. Contact: sara.hobolt@politics.ox.ac.uk 2 PhD Positions
- European University Institute, RSCAS Mark Franklin Contact: mark.franklin@eui.eu 1 Post-doc Positions
- IVO, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava Olga Gyarfasova Contact: olga@ivo.sk 1 Post-doc Positions
- Sabanci University, Political Science Ali Carkoglu Contact: alicarkoglu@sabanciuniv.edu 2 PhD Positions
- Kieskompas, Amsterdam Andre Krouwel Contact: APM.Krouwel@fsw.vu.nl 1 Post-doc Positions

Eligibility criteria

1. To qualify as an Early Stage Researcher applicants must be in the first 4 years (fulltime equivalent) of their research careers starting at the date of obtaining the degree formally entitling them to embark on a doctorate in the country in which the degree was obtained, or in the country in which the ELECDEM partner he/she is applying to is located.
2. To qualify as an Experienced Researcher applicants must: 1) be in possession of a doctoral degree or 2) have at least 4 years of full time research experience after obtaining the degree formally entitling them to embark on a doctorate in the country in which the degree was obtained, or in the country in which the ELECDEM partner he/she is applying for is located. Research experience may not exceed 5 (full time) years at the time of appointment.
3. An applicant cannot be a national of the State in which the ELECDEM partner he/she is applying for is located. In the case of an applicant holding more than one nationality, he/she will be able to be hosted by a partner in the country of his/her nationality in which (s)he has not resided during the previous 5 years.
4. At the time of appointment, the successful applicant may not have resided or carried out his/her main professional activities or studies in the country of the appointing partner for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to his/her appointment.

5. Positions are open to all nationalities.

For more information

For information on application deadlines or research projects, please contact each partner directly. For general information on the network, please contact Professor Susan Banducci (s.a.banducci@ex.ac.uk), coordinator of the ELECDEM training network. For further details see www.ex.ac.uk/politics/elecDEM.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS DIVISION INTERNSHIP OPENING

Women's Rights Division

Brussels Office

Spring/Summer 2009

Apply Immediately

Brussels Office

Graduate

Undergraduate

Internship Description: Human Rights Watch's Women's Rights Division is currently seeking a graduate or undergraduate for an internship in the Brussels office to assist with roughly three types of tasks:

* **Research:** the intern will assist the WRD Researcher for Europe and Central Asia with research into women's rights violations in the UK, France and Germany. Specific topics will include rights of migrant women, trafficking of women for forced labor or sex work and prostitution.

* **Monitoring and advocacy:** the intern will be occasionally asked to follow certain debates in the European Parliament, to participate in NGO network meetings, to assist with follow up advocacy of previously published reports and to follow European policy developments in the field of women's rights.

* **Administration:** The intern will also assist with some administrative tasks, including contact management, filing, drafting correspondence, updating databases and translating.

Internships are generally unpaid, although work-study funds are available. Students are often able to arrange academic credit, as HRW internships often offer direct exposure to the workings of an international human rights organization, close supervision by the HRW staff, interaction with other U.S. and international organizations and foreign and domestic government officials, and opportunities to attend lectures, trainings, and special events relating to human rights. Students should check with their individual academic institutions for requirements.

Qualifications: This position is open to law, European studies, social studies or international relations students or graduates with strong writing and research skills. Applicants should be well-organized, self-motivated and reliable, with a strong interest in women's human rights. Computer skills (i.e., Microsoft Office, Internet applications) are required.

Excellent oral and written command of English and French is essential, while proficiency in German is advantageous. Interns must be based in the Brussels

office and available to commit to this internship placement for a period of at least four months.

How to Apply: Please apply immediately by sending a letter of interest, resume, two names or letters of reference, and a brief, unedited writing sample (no calls or email inquiries, please) to wrd@hrw.org. Please use "WRD-Brussels Internship Application" as the subject of your email. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Human Rights Watch is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate in its hiring practices and, in order to build the strongest possible workforce, actively seeks a diverse applicant pool.

Human Rights Watch is an international human rights monitoring and advocacy organization known for its in-depth investigations, its incisive and timely reporting, its innovative and high-profile advocacy campaigns, and its success in changing the human rights-related policies and practices of influential governments and international institutions.

Human Rights Watch's Women's Rights Division was established in 1990 to monitor state-sponsored or state-tolerated violence against women and sex discrimination in all regions of the world. Much of its work consists of gathering detailed information on abuses against women and publishing reports that are as reliable, comprehensive and timely as possible, so as to effect change in repressive practices. The work of the division seeks to expand the scope of human rights work to address abuses against women that traditionally have been overlooked.

**Queen Mary
University of London
Department of Politics
Lecturer in International Relations
Ref 09146/SW**

The Department of Politics is looking for applicants who will contribute to the strengths and initiatives of its programme of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The department wishes to appoint a Lecturer who has expertise in core theories and themes in International Relations and preferably will have regional expertise in the international politics of either Africa or Asia. All applicants should have a PhD and should be able to demonstrate high levels of research achievement and potential.

For an informal discussion please contact Professor Ray Kiely, Head of Department by email: r.kiely@qmul.ac.uk or phone 0207 882 2849.

It is intended that the successful applicants will be in post for September 2009.

Salary for this full time indefinite post will be on the Lecturer scale in the range of £37,332 - £46,518 per annum inclusive. Benefits for these posts include 30 days annual leave plus 4 college closure days, interest free season ticket loan, childcare vouchers scheme and a contributory, final salary pension scheme.

For further information, please visit the Departmental web site at

<http://www.politics.qmul.ac.uk> For an application form, please visit the Human Resources web site at <http://www.hr.qmul.ac.uk/vacancies>

Applications quoting 09146/SW, should be returned to Recruitment Officer, Department of Politics, Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS. Please submit 2 hard copies of your application to the above address. If unable to send hard copies please send Electronic applications to politics@qmul.ac.uk.

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is Wednesday 13th May 2009 (5pm BST).

IBEI Postdoctoral Fellowship 2009

The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals is offering one postdoctoral fellowship for the 2009-2010 academic year (starting October), renewable for a maximum period of two years. To apply for this position, one must have a Ph.D. in Political Science, International Relations or the equivalent, obtained within the last three years.

The recipient of this IBEI postdoctoral fellowship will carry out their own research and will participate in the teaching and the tutoring which is done in the IBEI Master's degree programme in International Relations. The position provides recipients with 28,000 euros per year, gross. All applications must be sent in by **May 4th**, 2009, the date when the selection process will begin. Interested persons must send a letter of interest, their Curriculum Vitae, a sample of previous research, an statement about their research project, and two letters of recommendation to the following address:

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals
Research Coordination
Elisabets, 10
08001 Barcelona
SPAIN

or by e-mail postdoc@ibei.org

The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals is a graduate teaching and research institution recently created through the initiative of the CIDOB Foundation and five universities in Barcelona (the University of Barcelona, the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Pompeu Fabra University, the Open University of Catalonia, and the Technical University of Catalonia). The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals supports research in all fields of international political economics, international relations, international security, foreign policy and comparative public policy.

Further information about the IBEI, its Master's degree in International Relations and for reading the postdoctoral positions full call for applications, can be obtained through the following addresses: <http://www.ibei.org>

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Millennium Annual Conference: After Liberalism?

Call for papers

The annual conference of Millennium Journal of International Studies will take place on the 17-18 October 2009 at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The conference will focus on the role of liberalism today and in the future.

The discipline of IR has long had a strange courtship with liberalism. Indeed, it could be argued that liberalism has come in and out of intellectual fashion, largely as a response to world events. After two world wars and the Great Depression, the self-proclaimed founding fathers of IR sought to distance themselves from the unfulfilled promises of Wilsonian liberalism by taking a hard and 'scientific' look at power politics. A few decades later, policymakers, practitioners and academics heralded the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of bipolarity as beckoning in a new cooperative world order. Now, 20 years since the 'End of History', the liberal moment seems increasingly under threat. International and domestic norms and institutions are confronted with the War on Terror. Those who presented the International Economic Order as the road to global prosperity face one of the worst financial meltdowns in living memory. Cosmopolitan-inspired interventionism is juxtaposed with the failure to prevent and react to humanitarian crises, and democratic projects around the world have either stagnated or reversed. Finally, the (re-) emergence of distinctly illiberal great powers further questions the universality of liberalism in the post-Cold War world.

The Millennium 2009 Conference, marking the 20th anniversary since the end of the Cold War, presents a unique opportunity to put recent developments in international relations into theoretical perspective. If the first twenty years crisis sounded the 'death toll' of liberalism, do events today once again mean a victory for realism? Is the liberal moment announced in 1989 now over? To what extent can IR 'learn from history', or like Wilsonian liberalism after WWI, will the end of this liberal order bring very different outcomes and results?

Finally, in light of recent scholarship integrating political philosophy and IR, what value does liberalism as an ideology, celebrating the normative primacy of the individual, have in guiding us through current international problems?

This conference seeks to address the role and critiques of liberalism in IR theory and practice today. It actively encourages debate between IR's different intellectual traditions, and looks forward to discussion on all aspects of the merits or problems of liberalism in IR.

Keynote Speaker: Professor G John Ikenberry (Princeton)

Opening Address: Professor Mick Cox (LSE)

Suggested Panel Topics:

- * Capital or Kapital? The 2008 Financial Crisis and the Neoliberal Consensus
- * The First Debate Revisited: The 'End of History' or 'Back to the Future'?
- * The Rise and Fall (and Rise?) of Offensive Liberalism
- * Time to Learn Russian and Mandarin? The Rise of Illiberal Powers
- * When the Emperor had No Clothes: Re-evaluating Explanation, Forecasting and Prediction in IR Theory since 1989
- * Kant's Long (but Fading?) Shadow: Re-evaluating Liberal Theories of International Relations
- * Conflict Resolution as State-Building: Institutionalising Neoliberalism in Post-Conflict Societies
- * Emancipation and Ideology in the 21st Century: Will the 'Last Man' Please Stand Up?
- * Political Philosophy meets IR Theory: Liberalism versus Republicanism

A selection of the conference papers will be published in Millennium: Journal of International Studies, vol. 38, no. 3.

Please submit your abstracts by 30 April 2009 to millennium@lse.ac.uk

Please access the attached hyperlink for an important electronic communications disclaimer: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/secretariat/legal/disclaimer.htm>

**Interdisciplinary Workshop on 'Disciplining Dissent'
University of Bristol, 18-19 September 2009 Call for Papers**

Recent years have seen an upsurge of scholarly interest in the activities and significance of the activist groups and resistance movements which have come to be associated with 'anti-globalisation' politics. Whilst analyses of the diverse assemblages, solidarity movements and activist networks involved in resisting neoliberal globalisation and promoting alternatives are an important addition to literatures on globalisation and global politics, there has been a tendency in some of this work to romanticise the activities and transformative capacities of these groups and networks. What is often missing from the analysis is consideration of the formal and informal forms of discipline that operate towards, within and through resistance movements - be it through coercive repression, through interventions to co-opt social movements, or through the production of particular resisting subjects.

We are organising an interdisciplinary workshop at the University of Bristol on 18-19 September 2009 that will explore the different forms of discipline and power that operate towards, within and through contemporary resistance movements. The workshop builds on a panel session at the British International Studies Association Annual Conference in Exeter in December 2008 and a collaborative workshop held at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in New York in February 2009 that explored these themes. It will bring together scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds who share an interest in the ways in which contemporary forms of political dissent, such as those represented by 'anti'- or 'alter-globalisation movement(s)', are both disciplined and disciplining.

We are currently seeking proposals for papers that address any aspect of the formal and informal ways in which contemporary forms of political dissent are disciplined and disciplining, including but not limited to forms of discipline based around class, gender, sexuality, race, law/exception, militarism and capital. We welcome predominantly empirical as well as predominantly theoretical papers.

Selected papers from the workshop will be published in a special issue of the journal Globalizations, which will be dedicated to the theme of Disciplining Dissent.

Titles and abstracts of proposed papers (max 200 words) should be sent to Lara Coleman (lara.coleman@bristol.ac.uk) and Karen Tucker (karen.tucker@bristol.ac.uk) by Friday 29 May 2009.

Registration details and a call for workshop participants will be sent out nearer the time. The workshop fee will be £30 (with a discounted rate of £20 for research students/low incomes) and will include lunch and

refreshments on both days. We will have some funds available towards overseas and domestic travel costs for selected paper-giving participants.

Exploring Feminist Dilemmas: A Problem-Centred Workshop
Thursday, 25th of June 2009, University of Nottingham

Abstract deadline 1st of May 2009

There are a number of issues that arise when conducting 'feminist research' in terms of power, representation, emotional labour and ethics. However, due to the demands of academia, the problems feminist researchers face within the course of their research are not always openly and explicitly discussed. This workshop is intended to be a space where those more invisible issues are made visible and are addressed. The workshop is open to both PG students as well as early-career researchers. Themes/questions include:

- * Power- how do we negotiate power between ourselves as the 'researcher' and the people that we research?
- * Representation- how should we represent our research participants in our work?
- * Emotional labour- in the research process this often overlooked. How can we effectively handle the emotions involved in conducting research?
- * Ethical issues- as researchers we have a duty to be critical but we also have a duty to be ethically sensitive. How do we balance these two sometimes contrasting demands?
- * Problems with analyzing/interpreting- how can we analyse/interpret our data accurately and how do we deal with complexity and nuance given the limitations of language?

The workshop will be used to investigate different approaches to these questions. The workshop will be 'problem-centred' and as such participants will be asked to think about how these things have impacted their own research and how they have dealt with these issues. We would like the workshop to be an open space to discuss these problems that happen as we conduct research, but we would also like to find a way to resolve some of these issues. Sharing research experiences and discussing ways to work through some of these questions will enable for better research practices to emerge will hopefully establish some notions of good practice within new feminist methodologies.

The aim of the workshop is to have involved discussions about the topic issues- participants will be asked to submit relatively short pieces of work (1000-3000 words) in which they reflect on the questions raised in the Call for Papers. Once the papers have been submitted they will be sent out to all workshop participants to read before the session. The intention here is that the papers will serve as a jumping-off point to discuss relevant themes facilitated by a discussant. Our aim is to have an in-depth discussion about our key topic areas- this means that paper presenters will receive detailed feedback about their work, but also means that we can discuss issues related to feminist methodologies/feminist research in great depth. The day will consist of 3 workshops which each will last for 1.5 hours; the day will be concluded with a discussion led by Dr. Srila Roy, University of Nottingham about resolving dilemmas in the research process.

The number of participants of the workshop will be restricted to 20 participants.

Due to the generous support of the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Nottingham, workshop participation is free with lunch provided. There will also be some funds available to help offset travel expenses for attendees.

Abstracts of max 250 words should be submitted by the 1st of May to Sara de Jong at: ldxsd1@nottingham.ac.uk <<mailto:ldxsd1@nottingham.ac.uk>>

**Democratization in Africa: Retrospective and Future Prospects
Conference at the University of Leeds
4-5 December 2009
CALL FOR PAPERS**

Almost two decades have passed since the ‘third wave’ of democratization began to roll across Sub-Saharan Africa in the early 1990s, and while the holding of regular elections has become relatively well-established in many countries, perhaps most successfully in Ghana, electoral processes have also been deeply flawed in recent instances such as Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. It is also unclear how many African states are moving closer to ‘democratic consolidation’, or instead inhabit the ‘grey zone’ between democracy and autocracy as ‘defective democracies’ or ‘electoral authoritarianism’.

It is thus timely to reflect back on the relative successes and shortcomings experienced and to look forward to future prospects for democratization on the subcontinent. How does multi-party politics actually work on the sub-continent and how democratic are African ‘democracies’? Does a democratic façade merely conceal authoritarian leadership? Do results merely reflect an ethnic or religious census? Are ‘winner-takes-all’ elections and centralised governments the best frameworks for Africa, or do broad coalitions and/or federalism provide a better way forward? It is also appropriate to ask broader questions about the nature of democracy in Africa. Is democracy only seen in liberal and procedural terms and is this simply the ‘democracy of alienation’, as suggested by Claude Ake? Or are there prospects for more substantive forms of democracy that place participation and socio-economic inequalities at the centre of analysis? To what extent is democratic sovereignty a sham, with economic policy still dictated by international financial institutions and Western governments?

These questions will provide the basis of a two-day conference to be held at the University of Leeds in December 2009, organised by Dr Gabrielle Lynch and Prof Gordon Crawford of the School of Politics and International Studies and the Leeds University Centre for African Studies (LUCAS). Papers are invited that address any of the above questions, including country case-studies. Accepted papers will be organised into panels, with the following themes likely to be included:

- Voting, Parties and Identity: Africa’s Curse?
- Multi-Party Elections and Violence: Solution or Cause?
- Decentralisation and Federalism: Effective or Failed Strategies?
- Democracy in Post-Conflict Societies: A Sensible Choice?
- Democracy & Traditional Authority: Compatible or Mutually Exclusive?
- External Agents: Facilitators or Obstructionists?
- Democracy as Second Liberation: Procedural or Substantive?

Abstracts (200-300 words) should be submitted to Dr Karen Cereso, LUCAS administrator, email: African-Studies@leeds.ac.uk

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 18 May 2009. Information on the acceptance of paper proposals will be communicated by early June 2009.

Submission of full papers (7000-9000 words) by 16 November 2009. The conference organisers, Prof. Gordon Crawford and Dr. Gabrielle Lynch, intend that selected papers will be published in a journal special issue on the topic of *Democratization in Africa*.

IMMANENCE AND MATERIALISM CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PAPERS

Date: 23 June 2009

Venue: Queen Mary, University of London

Call for papers deadline: 22 May 2009

All papers and enquiries to: s.j.choat@qmul.ac.uk

Keynote speakers:

Professor James Williams (University of Dundee)

Dr Ray Brassier (American University of Beirut)

Dr Alberto Toscano (Goldsmiths, University of London)

The concepts of immanence and materialism are becoming increasingly important in political philosophy. This conference seeks to analyse the connections between these two concepts and to examine the consequences for political thought. It is possible, as Giorgio Agamben has done, to make a distinction within modern philosophy between a line of transcendence (Kant, Husserl, Levinas, Derrida) and a line of immanence (Spinoza, Nietzsche, Deleuze, Foucault). If we follow this distinction, then 'the line of immanence' might include Spinozist interpretations of Marx, Althusser's aleatory materialism, and Deleuze's superior empiricism. But what is the value of this work and is it useful to distinguish it from 'transcendent' philosophies? Distinctions between materialism and idealism are equally complex: Derrida, for example, might as easily be classed a materialist as an idealist. And where can we place more recent work like the critiques of Deleuze by Badiou and Žižek, or Meillassoux's speculative materialism?

Papers may wish to consider the following questions:

- What is materialist philosophy? How can it be distinguished from idealist philosophy, and is it useful to do so? Are all philosophies of immanence necessarily materialist?
- Is it legitimate or useful to make a clear distinction between philosophies of immanence and philosophies of transcendence?
- How have the concepts of immanence and materialism traditionally been conceived within political philosophy?
- What, if any, are the political consequences of pursuing a philosophy of immanence?

Paper titles and a 300-word abstract should be sent by Friday 22 May 2009 to Simon Choat at s.j.choat@qmul.ac.uk, Department of Politics, Queen Mary.

SECURITY INSECURITY AND MIGRATION IN EUROPE

Organised by IMEPO (Hellenic Migration Policy Institute) and the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester.

Venue: University of Leicester, 1819 September 2009

The end of the Cold War division of Europe and the recent enlargement of the European Union (EU) have generated new, complex forms of population movement and have reconfigured refugee and asylum issues. The forces that determine these movements are

powerful (for example, growing disparities in the level of prosperity and human security experienced by different societies), and in the current economic climate, the ability to modify them is limited. The national states and supra-national institutions of Europe have been presented with massive challenges as they have sought to grapple with the evolution of new forms of mobility and migration within and into the EU and its western satellites. These unfolded against the continuing redefinition of relations with the non-European world. These complex and shifting forms of population movement both questioned established notions of identity and citizenship and created challenges for different scales of governance in both sending and receiving states in the light of emerging divergences between the interests of migrants and states trying to control their entry as well as between governments, NGOs and civil society.

After the events of the 9/11 security concerns are high on national and international agendas, including in the context of the movement of people. Migration issues, having often been framed in terms of security concerns, they have simultaneously given rise to issues of insecurity: on the one hand, security of borders, political, societal and economic security/insecurity in the host country; while on the other hand, concerns about human security, that is social, legal, economic and other conditions of (in)security for EU citizens and for migrants who enter or have entered Europe. In terms of state security, migration is a core target of increasingly globally networked surveillance capabilities. In terms of human security, it exposes the gap between the protections that migrants formally enjoy under international law and the realities they experience as they travel and work across different countries and hence a human rights deficit.

Hence, irregular migration poses difficult challenges for states as well as exposing migrants to insecurity and vulnerability. This conference will discuss both the concerns of states in this respect and the need to protect the fundamental rights of migrants. Against this background, the conference aims to explore a number of related themes:

- o The dilemmas involved in framing policy-making on migration in Europe.
- o The implications of the securitisation of migration and migrants.
- o The extent to which irregular migration constitutes a real or perceived threat to state security and human security.
- o Migration, economic in/securities and the informalisation of European labour markets.
- o Migration, societal in/securities and rise of racism and xenophobia in Europe.
- o The living conditions and security needs of migrants in European countries.
- o Processes of inclusion/exclusion.
- o Gender and Migration.
- o Role of social capital in negotiating spaces of control.
- o Human trafficking as a threat to security; who is insecure?
- o Politics of diversity and multiculturalism.
- o Migrants as objects of globally networked surveillance.
- o The implications of state structures and institutional capabilities for the migration-security balance sheet.

Organisation: Registration fee: £130 (this includes conference package including papers presented at the conference, coffee breaks and lunches, reception and conference dinner on Friday evening). Student subsidized fee: £95. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Jane Russell. Email jer13@leicester.ac.uk

Proposals for papers with one page abstract should be sent by **30 May 2009** to Dr. Lazaridis. Email gl36@leicester.ac.uk

CALL FOR PAPERS

**WORKSHOPS IN POLITICAL THEORY,
SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEPT 2-4, 2009.**

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Following the successful fifth annual series of Workshops held in Manchester, September 2008, at which a hundred and eighty papers were given by participants from over twenty countries, another conference is being held this year. These workshops reflect the wide diversity of interests and idioms within the discipline and give delegates plenty of time to discuss their papers in a relaxed setting as well as to attend other panels. There will be a conference web-site (www.hlss.mmu.ac.uk/pap/events/wpt) where papers and conference details will be posted.

If you are interested in giving a paper, please contact the appropriate workshop convenor as indicated below.

The workshops and convenors are as follows:

1 *Politics, Morals and Economics in Adam Smith.* Fotini Vaki (Ionian University, Corfu, fvaki@ionio.gr) and Raquel Lázaro (University of Navarre, Spain, [:rlazaro@unav.es](mailto:rlazaro@unav.es))

2 *Ethics in environmental health research and public health applications.* Birgit Dumez (Center for Human Genetics, Leuven, Belgium, Birgit.Dumez@med.kuleuven.be) and Casteleyn Ludwine, Center for Human Genetics, Leuven, Belgium, Ludwine.Casteleyn@health.fgov.be),

3 *Conflict and compromise.* Peter Jones (Newcastle University p.n.jones@newcastle.ac.uk) and Ian O'Flynn (Newcastle University, i.j.o'flynn@ncl.ac.uk)

4 *Political Theory and the Darwinian Revolution.* Graeme Garrard (Cardiff University, garrardg@hotmail.com)

5 *'Age Discrimination'?* Geoffrey Cupit (University of Waikato, New Zealand, CUPIT@waikato.ac.nz)

6 *International Political Theory* Peter Sutch (Cardiff University, SutchP@cardiff.ac.uk)

7 *Liberal Realism: Political Theory in an Age of Insecurity.* Derek Edyvane (Leeds University, d.j.edyvane@leeds.ac.uk) and Matt Sleat (Sheffield University, m.sleat@sheffield.ac.uk)

8 *Beyond Borders: Drawing New Lines around Political Order.* Noel Parker (University of Copenhagen, NP@ifs.ku.dk) and Nick Vaughen-Williams, Exeter University, N.Vaughan-Williams@exeter.ac.uk)

9 *Roundtable on Julia Kristeva and Political Thought.* Birgit Schippers (St. Mary's University College, Belfast, b.schippers@smucb.ac.uk)

10 *Children, families, and justice.* Philip Cook (LSE, P.A.Cook@lse.ac.uk)

11 *Hobbes.* Michael P. Krom (St. Vincent College, Pennsylvania, michael.krom@stvincent.edu)

12 *Feminist Theory.* Janice Richardson (Exeter University, Janice.Richardson@exeter.ac.uk) and Annelies Decat, University of Leuven Annelies.Decat@hiw.kuleuven.be).

13 *Eurocentrism in Political Theory.* Efe Can Gurgan (Koç University, egurcan@ku.edu.tr)

14 *When Should Philosophy be Practical: On Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory.* Robert Jubb (University of Oxford Robert, robert.jubb@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) and James Gledhill, (London School of Economics.

15 *Marxism.* Mark Cowling (University of Teesside, c.m.cowling@tees.ac.uk)

16 Anarchism. Ruth Kinna (Loughborough University, r.e.kinna@lboro.ac.uk)

17 Green Political Theory. Stijn Neuteleers (Leuven University, Stijn.Neuteleers@econ.kuleuven.be) and Corey Maciver, Oxford University, corey.maciver@nuffield.ox.ac.uk)

18 Human Enhancement and Justice. David Hunter (University of Keele, d.hunter@peak.keele.ac.uk), Michael Selgelid (Australian National University, Michael.Selgelid@anu.edu.au) and Anthony Mark Cutter (amcutter@uclan.ac.uk).

19 Democracy: Theory and Practice. Stephen Elstub (University of the West of Scotland, stephen.elstub@uws.ac.uk)

20 Contesting Recognition. Atre Alleyne (University of Delaware, atnreakn@UDel.Edu) and W.A. Rivera (University of Delaware, warivera@udel.edu)

21 Vilfredo Pareto. Joe Femia (University of Liverpool, femia@liverpool.ac.uk) and Alasdair Marshall, (University of Southampton, A.Marshall@soton.ac.uk).

22 Justice in Work and Production. Keith Breen (Queen's University Belfast, k.breen@qub.ac.uk) and Russell Keat (University of Edinburgh, russell.keat@ed.ac.uk)

23 The Problem of Dirty hands. Stephen de Wijze (University of Manchester, dewijze@manchester.ac.uk)

24 British Idealism. David Boucher (Cardiff University, boucherde@cardiff.ac.uk)

25 Art and Politics: Towards a Culture of Solidarity? (Larry Wilde, Nottingham Trent University, lawrence.wilde@ntu.ac.uk) and Ian Fraser (Nottingham Trent University, ian.fraser@ntu.ac.uk).

The Conference fee is £170, this includes dinner on the evening of the 2nd. September and lunches on arrival and 3rd of September. Should you require accommodation, the total fee is £ 228 for two nights B&B in Halls of Residence, and £ 327 B&B ensuite in local hotel. Post Graduate fee is £125 (£180 B&B in Hall of Residence). There will also be a wine reception.

The organisers are: Professor Joe Femia (School of Politics and Communication Studies, University of Liverpool, femia@liv.ac.uk) and Professor Jules Townshend (Department of Politics and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University, j.townshend@mmu.ac.uk)

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The deadline for registration is 30th July 2009. Delegates registering after this date will be subject to a £10 late registration fee. Registration will not take place after 14th August 2009.

May Alerts

Conference of Irish Geographers at UCC May 15-16th

University College Cork

Conference of Irish Geographies 2009, 'Prospect and Retrospect'

UCC, May 14-16th 2009

120 papers and Programme Available at:

http://www.ucc.ie/acad/geog/pages/2009_ProgramAbstracts.pdf

Keynote Speakers:

Dr Mary Kelly, Director, Environmental Protection Agency: 'The Green Economy: Future Challenges for the Environment in post Celtic Tiger Ireland'

Prof Jean Robert Pitte, ex President of Sorbonne, Paris IV: 'Geography for a New Europe'

Prof Edward Soja, University of California Los Angeles: 'Geographies After the Crash'

Secure online registration available here:

<http://conferencing.ucc.ie/conference/index.php>

Annual Meeting of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP)

Dates: 28-30 August 2009

Call for Papers: 8 May 2009

Location: University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland

Website: <http://www.epop09.com/>

We would like to request proposals of either complete panels or individual papers for the 2009 meeting of the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) section of the of the Political Studies Association, to be held at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. As with all EPOP conferences, we are interested in receiving proposals relating to any aspect of the fields of public opinion, elections and parties research, whether focused on the UK or a broader comparative perspective. Our main interest is to feature quality, rigorous research regardless of methodological approach.

Panel and Paper proposals should be submitted using the online forms at

<http://www.epop09.com>. Please be sure to fill in all boxes. Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

If you are proposing a panel please note that all proposed panels should have a minimum of three papers and a maximum of four. All panel proposals should be completed using the online form, including an abstract for each paper.

If you are proposing a paper, please submit an abstract of no more than 200 words using the online form.

Please visit <http://www.epop09.com> for more details and to submit a paper proposal.

Political Violence and Collective Aggression:

Considering the Past, Imagining the Future

Featuring: 3rd Annual CICA-STR International Conference

Co-organised by:

SPRI (Social and Policy Research Institute, University of Ulster)

CICA (International Colloquium on Conflict and Aggression)

STR (Society for Terrorism Research)

Dates: 2-5 September 2009

Location: University of Ulster, Jordanstown campus (Northern Ireland)

OPEN to All Interested Persons

About the Co-organising Organisations:

[SPRI \(Social and Policy Research Institute\), University of Ulster](#)

The Social and Policy Research Institute seeks to harness and develop the highest quality research undertaken in the Faculty of Social Sciences within the broad areas of social and public policy, social work, education, politics and international affairs. It provides an institutional framework for undertaking high quality research and for the development of a vibrant research culture through organising seminars, colloquia and lectures and a forum for engaging with policy makers and those involved with service delivery in the public and voluntary sectors.

CICA (International Colloquium on Conflict and Aggression)

Since 1983, CICA has promoted and supported a multidisciplinary understanding of conflict and aggression through international, residential colloquia on the relationship between the brain and the social context of aggression.

[STR \(Society for Terrorism Research\)](#)

STR was launched in mid-2006 as an international, multi-disciplinary organisation of theoretical and empirical researchers in the behavioural sciences. STR's mission is to enhance knowledge and understanding of terrorism through the integration of findings from the fields of anthropology, biology, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, law and other behavioural sciences.

About the conference

The conference is concerned with interdisciplinary understandings of political violence and collective aggression and seeks to bring together experts from the social and behavioural sciences.

Tentative schedule

Wednesday, 2 September – mid-late afternoon registration

Thursday, 3 September – full day of conference presentations

Friday, 4 September – full day of conference presentations

Saturday, 5 September – half day of conference presentations

Ground Transportation

The [Jordanstown campus](#) of the University of Ulster is located some 7 miles outside of the city of Belfast. Belfast is served by two airports, the [George Best Belfast City airport](#) (airport code BHD) and [Belfast International Airport](#) (BFS). Both airports are served by regular bus services into the city centre and taxis are available from outside the terminal buildings – for more information follow the link on the respective airport websites to getting to and from the airport. For those intending to take taxis directly from the airport to the Jordanstown campus, you do not need to go via the city centre. The journey from the Belfast International airport to the campus is approximately 20-25 minutes and should cost in the region of £20 to £30 depending upon time of day and from the George Best City airport 15-20 minutes and approximately £10 to £30. [Dublin airport](#) (DUB) is 100 miles away. Buses are available from Dublin airport to Belfast city centre, depending upon which bus company is used a return ticket is around £15-20 return. The bus journey takes approx. 2 hours and 25 minutes.

[Call for Papers](#)

We welcome individual papers, symposia with recommended panellists and poster presentations on topics related to political violence and collective aggression.

Submission Instructions:

Please e mail the following information; include information for each presenter and co-presenter.

1. 150-300 word abstract in English
2. Your contact information:

Name:

Address:

E mail address:

Telephone number:

Affiliation:

Title:

3. Where did you hear about this announcement?
4. Indicate type of presentation format: Paper/Poster/Symposium
5. Please send proposals via e mail to r.monaghan@ulster.ac.uk and put "CICA/STR Proposal Submission" in the subject line. Please also cc proposals to Tali Walters (STR) tkwstr@gmail.com and Martin Ramirez (CICA) mramirez@med.ucm.es

Submission due date: 31 March 2009

Conference Fee/Registration:

EARLY BIRD registration package - payment before 31st May 2009:

	Professional	Student or Accompanying Person
With Accommodation	£290	£240
Without Accommodation	£190	£140

REGULAR registration package - payment after 31st May 2009:

	Professional	Student or Accompanying Person
With Accommodation	£330	£250
Without Accommodation	£230	£150

Information concerning the methods of payment are available on the [registration form](#) – if you wish to pay by bank transfer please contact cpdu@ulster.ac.uk for details.

With Accommodation includes attendance at all conference sessions, refreshments, breakfasts, lunches and evening reception/dinners, and lodging in a single room with en suite facilities in the University of Ulster's new Dalriada Student Village for September 2, 3, and 4, 2009. These rooms are located in five-person apartments with a shared communal kitchen/living room and are a 5 minute walk from the main building of the University. A small number of two person rooms and rooms equipped for disabled persons are also available on request. Please e mail any special requests to cpdu@ulster.ac.uk

Without Accommodation includes attendance at all conference sessions, refreshments, lunches and evening reception/dinners for September 2, 3, and 4, 2009. For those opting for the early bird and regular registration without accommodation, the University has special rates with a number of hotels locally. Please contact the hotels directly and ask for the University of Ulster rate (this is subject to availability):

[The Clarion Carrickfergus](#) (approx. 2.5 miles away)

[Jury's Inn](#), Belfast

Alternatively, hotel accommodation can be sourced and booked by the [Belfast Visitor & Convention Bureau](#) or through any of the room booking web pages to be found on the internet.

Visas

For those participants requiring visas to enter the United Kingdom, please apply for these in able time. For more information please visit the [Home Office's Border Agency](#) homepage for current requirements. If you require a letter confirming attendance at the conference, this will be provided once registration fees (including accommodation) have been paid and funds cleared.

Cancellation Policy

Please note where cancellations are received less than one month before the commencement of the Conference, a cancellation fee will be charged at 50% of the registration package paid to cover administration costs.

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