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Dear Colleague,

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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ESRI Policy Seminar "Refugees and Illegal Arms Flows"

Venue: The ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Date: 04/03/2010

Time: 4 p.m.

Presenter: Dr Gaia Narciso, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin.

Each year millions of people are killed or wounded by small arms. The aim of this study is to enhance our understanding of illegal arms flows across countries.

The authors proceed in two steps. First, they measure the extent of illegal arms flows on the basis of official trade statistics, by considering the difference between export data reported by the exporter country and import figures recorded by the importer country. Second, they show that illegal arms flows are related to the degree of strain experienced by customs and borders on the importer side.

The authors provide evidence that refugee flows reduce the ability of the receiving country to patrol its borders and its customs. This might indirectly lead to an increase in illegal arms flows across the border into the importing country. Finally, they show that illegal arms flows take place both through underreporting arms' values and smuggling of particular arms' categories.

No booking required. All welcome.

ESRI Seminars are an opportunity for research staff to present work in progress. They are aimed at other researchers and those with a particular interest in the research topic. As presentations of work in progress, they do not report final conclusions and are not for quotation.

Geary Lecture "Social Mobility and Equality of Opportunity"

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Date: 11/03/2010

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Professor Richard Breen (Yale University).

The first Geary Lecture of 2010 will be given by Professor Richard Breen (Yale) on the topic of 'social mobility and education'. It will be held in the ESRI on 11th March. This is one of the special events being held during 2010 to mark the [Institute's fiftieth birthday](#).

Richard Breen is Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course at Yale University. He is also a Senior Research Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford and a Fellow of the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung. He works mainly on social stratification and inequality. Recent publications include *Social Mobility in Europe* (Oxford University Press 2004) and "Non-Persistent Inequality in Educational Attainment: Evidence from Eight European Countries", co-authored with Ruud Luijkx, Walter Müller and Reinhard Pollak which appeared in *American Journal of Sociology*, March 2009. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a Member of Royal Irish Academy.

Entrance is free. All are welcome. For planning purposes, please register by emailing your name, contact number and organisation to admin@esri.ie, or phone Bridget on 01 8632000.

The Geary lecture is organised each year by the ESRI and honours Dr R. C. Geary (1896 – 1983), the first Director of the Institute.

The Second ECPR Summer School on Organised Crime
‘Understanding and Fighting Organised Crime in the New Europe’

Leuven, Belgium, 28 June- 9 July 2010

With the support of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), its Standing Group on Organised Crime (SGOC) and the European Commission, the Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC) will be hosting a two-week summer school on *Organised Crime* in Leuven, Belgium from June 28 to July 9, 2010.

Part of a series of three, the Leuven Summer School is entitled “Understanding and Fighting Organised Crime in the New Europe”. During this two-week period, 25 selected students and practitioners will have the unique opportunity to enrich their knowledge, discuss and critically analyse the challenges posed by organised crime and its control in contemporary Europe with international experts.

An international team of renowned scholars and high-ranking practitioners will give cutting-edge lectures. Confirmed speakers include:

- Dr. Felia Allum, University of Bath, UK
- Prof. Dr. Cyrille Fijnaut, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
- Dr. Philip Gounev, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia, Bulgaria and London School of Economics, UK
- Prof. Dr. Dick Hobbs, London School of Economics, UK
- Prof. Dr. Jörz Kinzig, Tübingen University, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Edward Kleemans, Free University Amsterdam and The Netherlands Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands
- Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Krajewski, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
- Dr. Anna Markina, University of Tartu, Estonia
- Prof. Dr. Letizia Paoli, K.U. Leuven, Belgium
- Prof. Dr. Dirk Van Daele, K.U. Leuven, Belgium
- Prof. Dr. Henk van de Bunt, Erasmus University, The Netherlands
- Prof. Tom van der Beken, Ghent University, Belgium
- Prof. Dr. Frank Verbruggen, K.U. Leuven, Belgium

For more information on the summer school, visit

<http://www.law.kuleuven.be/linc/english/ssoc/> or

contact ssoc@law.kuleuven.be

The **final deadline** for applications will be **March 15, 2010**; see the website for further details.

Towards A Better Tomorrow? The Crucial Role of Social Science
The Royal Society , 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

6.30pm-8.00pm, followed by a drinks reception

Tuesday, 16 March 2010

(Please note change of venue) **Chair: Polly Toynbee**

Researchers, government and policymakers address how social science research can strengthen its involvement in policymaking, increase its impact and combat potential public expenditure cuts. While the social science disciplines play a crucial role in contributing to a better quality of life, this remains under recognised in many circles. Social scientists have an urgent need to demonstrate the value of their research and the power of their expertise – and convince those who constitute our future government about the short and long term contribution this makes to addressing the many national and international challenges of our age – exploring the human and social implications of scientific breakthroughs, analysing the consequences of proposed new policy directions and bringing the searchlight of high quality,

evidence based scrutiny to bear in seeking ways to improve our quality of life. **About the Speakers:**

Polly Toynbee is a political and social commentator for the Guardian. Previously she was the BBC's Social Affairs Editor. Her most recent book, written with David Walker, is *Unjust Rewards*. She has won the George Orwell Prize and the British Press Awards Columnist of the Year.

Michael Rutter is Professor of Developmental Psychopathology at the Institute of Psychiatry. Previously he was honorary Director of the MRC Child Psychiatry Unit from 1984 to 1994 and honorary Director of the MRC Social Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry research Centre from 1994 to 1998.

David Willetts is Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills, and MP for Havant. He has worked at HM Treasury, the Number 10 Policy Unit, the Centre for Policy Studies and served as Paymaster General in the last Conservative Government. He is a member of the Council of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and has written widely on economic and social policy, including his book on *Modern Conservatism*.

Ian Diamond is Chief Executive of the ESRC, and RCUK Chief Executives' Champion of Research Careers and Diversity. He is a social statistician who has worked on many aspects of official and social statistics. He becomes Vice Chancellor of Aberdeen University in the autumn.

Professor Harvey Goldstein, FBA is Professor of Social Statistics at the University of Bristol. He is a chartered statistician, has been editor of the Royal Statistical Society's *Journal, Series A*, a member of the Society's Council and was awarded the Society's Guy medal on silver in 1998. He was elected a member of the International Statistical Institute in 1987, and a fellow of the British Academy in 1996. 6.30–8.00pm, followed by a reception. Registration is not required for this event. Seats will be allocated on arrival. This Panel Discussion is run in partnership with SAGE and forms part of the Festival of Social Science, 12–21 March 2010. For details of other events please go to

www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/esrcinfocentre/fss

<http://email.britac.ac.uk/act/link.php?mId=A8205354826784843416866293421&tId=8288835>

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

(30th Jul. - 14th Aug. 2010)

Social Science Methods: Between Unity, Diversity, and Complementarity

On line registration is now open

The unity of all science consists alone in its method, not in its material (Pearson)

The method risks to fetishize its cause and to become a fetish itself (Adorno)

A solid training in methods is the fundament of successful research. A researcher should know what a method does, how it works, and how it should be applied, but also what its potentials and what its limits are. Hence methods training is a tightrope walk between the perils of overconfidence in a method's capacity and underestimation of its potential.

The ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques provides ECTS accredited up to date training in specially selected methods in the whole spectrum of approaches used in the social

sciences. In particular, it emphasises those methods which are particularly salient for research questions in political science broadly defined. It deals with all stages of a project, it caters to the needs of research set at the macro and at the micro level, and it covers quantitative and qualitative designs.

Disrespecting traditional divisions of the discipline, among which the quantitative/qualitative and the analytical/interpretive polarity are the most prominent, the Summer School fosters dialogue between various persuasions. To this end, besides the courses (refresher courses, two week courses and one week courses), "openings" to other methods, evening presentations and debates on contentious methodological issues, with the input of the participants themselves, are also offered.

For any information about the summer school please contact [Sarah Goodman](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Ljubljana!

Prof. Bernhard Kittel (Universität Oldenburg) and Benoît Rihoux (Université catholique de Louvain), academic convenors

EITM Europe 2010 at Mannheim Summer School

Dates: June 21, 2010-July 5, 2010

Application Deadline: June 1, 2010

Location: Mannheim University

Website: <http://eitm.sowi.uni-mannheim.de>

After a successful first summer school on "Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models" (EITM) in 2009, I am very happy to announce the 2nd EITM Europe summer school, which will take place from June 21st to July 5th 2010 at the University of Mannheim. EITM Europe is organized in close cooperation with Washington University St. Louis by exclusively offering an equivalent program outside the United States in analytical politics to ambitious junior researchers (PhD and post-doc).

Besides methodological training the thematic focus of this year's EITM Europe summer school will be on experimental research in analytical politics. More specifically, Andrew Martin and Randy Calvert (WashU) will teach the Theoretical and Methodological Foundation classes,

followed by Mark Fey (Rochester) on Random Utility Models and Strategic Choices. Finally, Rick Wilson (Rice) and Catherine Eckel (UTexas) will present Experimental Applications.

To facilitate access to the ambitious EITM program, we additionally offer a refresher course in Mathematics and R taught by Martin Elff (Essex).

Please encourage your junior researchers to apply for EITM Europe, which only charges a tuition fee of 550 Euros, including accommodation. Thanks to the financial support of the MZES and GESS, we are able to offer this minimum fee for participation in the well-established EITM summer school.

For more information: <http://eitm.sowi.uni-mannheim.de>

March Jobs

University of Essex – Team Leader

The IDS is a leading global institution for research, teaching and communications on international development, based at the University of Sussex campus in Brighton, UK.

Team Leader, Governance Team - Ref 369

We are seeking a new Team Leader to join the Governance Team. We require an individual who has a well-established academic reputation and strong management experience, to contribute to the strategic direction of the Institute and provide intellectual leadership and direction to a strong team of professionals in conducting cutting-edge, policy-oriented research. The duties of this full-time position will be partly Team leadership (40%) and partly as a Research Fellow (60%) to develop and carry out a portfolio of research, teaching and consultancy activities.

Candidates must be able to contribute to the team's core research themes: public authority, state capacity, taxation and public finance, collective action, state fragility, formal/ informal security, justice provision, global governance. We will consider candidates from a range of disciplines (politics, economics, sociology, administration, development studies) and areas of expertise who have a commitment to research that seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of people living in poverty. Along with proven leadership and management skills, excellent written and spoken English is required.

Salary: £52,197 - £70,000 pa

Full time

Closing date: 16 March, 2010, 12.00 noon (UK time)

Phone interviews: 26 March, 2010

University of Warwick Assistant Professor of Political Theory

£36,715 - £43,840 pa

Ref: 70240-020

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Professor of Political Theory in the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS).

You will be required to deliver high quality publications in relevant areas of Political Theory and will be expected to develop bids for external funding of research. You will join a dynamic group within PAIS working on the relationship between normative enquiry and public policy. You will also play a role in the development of the Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs (CELPA), a PAIS-led research centre designed to address issues of public concern from the perspective of moral, legal and political philosophy. You will be required to teach political philosophy on undergraduate degree programmes such as Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

You will have a PhD or equivalent in a relevant discipline (awarded or near completion) together with an emerging record of high quality publications. Evidence of a clear research agenda and a strategy for developing individual or collaborative bids for external research funding is required.

For further details and an application form please visit our website below.

Minicom users: 024 7615 0554

Closing date: **10 March 2010**.

www.warwick.ac.uk/jobs

University of Warwick Assistant Professor of International Political Economy

£36,715 - £43,840 pa

Ref: **70239-020**

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Professor of International Political Economy in the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS).

You will be required to deliver high quality publications in the field of IPE and will be expected to develop bids for external funding of research. You will join one of the world's leading concentrations of IPE scholars. Any substantive or theoretical specialism in IPE will be considered. You will be required to teach IPE and related topics on the department's MA programmes and its undergraduate degree programmes

You will have a PhD, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline (awarded or near completion) together with an emerging record of high quality publications. Evidence of a clear research agenda and a strategy for developing individual or collaborative bids for external research funding is required.

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Closing date: **10 March 2010**.

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University of Warwick Assistant Professor of International Security

£36,715 - £43,840 pa

Ref: **70241-020**

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Professor of International Security in the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS). International Security is an area of strategic priority for the department and you will join an expanding group of scholars in this area. The department has particular strength in critical approaches to security studies together with a range of substantive regional and policy foci.

You will be required to deliver high quality publications in the areas of Security Studies and International Relations and will be expected to develop bids for external funding of research. You will be required to teach on the core MA programmes in International Security and/or International Relations and will make a contribution to the delivery of undergraduate courses. You will have a PhD, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline (awarded or near completion) together with an emerging record of high quality publications. Evidence of a clear research

agenda and a strategy for developing individual or collaborative bids for external research funding is required.

For further details and an application form please visit our website below.

Minicom users: 024 7615 0554

Closing date: **11 March 2010**.

www.warwick.ac.uk/jobs

University of Warwick Associate Professor of Public Policy

£45,155 - £52,347 pa

Ref: **70242-020**

Applications are invited for the post of Associate Professor of Public Policy in the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS). The department has strengths in the transnational and global dimensions of public policy, though applications from a substantive or theoretical area of Public Policy are welcome.

You will be a proven scholar of high calibre and will be required to deliver high quality publications in relevant areas of Public Policy. You will be expected to develop bids for external funding of research. You will lead the department's new MA programme in Public Policy and will be expected to make a significant contribution to University wide initiatives in this area. You will be required to teach the core module on the MA in Public Policy together with public policy and associated topics on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

You will have a PhD or equivalent in a relevant discipline, together with a record of high quality publications. Evidence of a clear research agenda supported, where appropriate, by external funding together with a strategy for developing individual and leading collaborative bids for external research funding is required.

For further details and an application form please visit our website below.

Minicom users: 024 7615 0554

Closing date: **11 March 2010**.

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Assistant Professor Sciences Po Bordeaux and CNRS

Field : Quantitative political analysis and comparative politics

Starting Date: September 1, 2010

Sciences Po Bordeaux (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux) and the CNRS (Centre national de la recherche scientifique) invite applications for a full time tenure track Assistant Professor (*maître de conférences*) beginning September 1, 2010 in quantitative political analysis and comparative politics. We seek to hire an outstanding young political scientist for this joint Sciences Po - CNRS position. The successful candidate, jointly selected by Sciences Po Bordeaux and the CNRS, will be recruited by Sciences Po Bordeaux as an Assistant Professor and will have a research mandate within the CNRS.

This mandate will allow the successful candidate to devote the majority of his/her time to his/her research while teaching a limited number of courses (64 hours per academic year). In addition to his/her salary (nationally negotiated salary scale), the successful candidate will be eligible to research bonuses and credits.

Teaching:

Profile: The successful candidate will hold a PhD in political science from a good international university or equivalent (and preferably hold teaching experience in the social sciences). (S)he will teach both lectures and seminars to undergraduate and graduate students at Sciences Po Bordeaux in quantitative political analysis, research methods in social sciences and comparative politics. The successful candidate will also teach more specialized courses to masters and doctoral students. As the institution is a part of many international scholarly networks, the candidate must be able to teach in both French and English (balance between French and English teaching to be discussed). Working knowledge of other languages would be an asset.

Research:

The candidate will be expected to develop collective international research projects (such as those funded by the ANR - Agence Nationale de la Recherche, ERC - European Research Council, European Union FP7 - Seventh Framework Programme, etc.) in the broad research area covered by the Joint Research Unit CNRS/ Sciences Po Bordeaux – SPIRIT (Science Politique Relations Internationales Territoire)

Location:

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux – Research Unit: UMR5116 SPIRIT - Science Politique Relations Internationales Territoire

Other information:

The successful candidate will be required to live within the Bordeaux metropolitan area.

In line with the international focus of Sciences Po Bordeaux, applications from non-French citizens are welcome. Non-French candidates who are either lecturers or researchers are not required to register on the qualification list of *maîtres de conférence* established by the French Ministry of Higher Education. Applications must be sent to the scientific council of Sciences Po Bordeaux.

A joint selection committee will establish a short-list of candidates on the basis of their application material and writing samples which will be evaluated by two political scientists (one from Sciences Po Bordeaux as well as one external). The short listed candidates will be interviewed on 13 April 2010.

To apply:

Qualified candidates should submit a curriculum vitae; a letter of interest specifying qualifications and experience and outlining the research agenda; three letters of reference, to : Catherine Blanc - Gestion du personnel enseignant

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Lecturer in Political Theory and International Politics

Birkbeck College, University of London

Purpose and Main Duties

The Department of Politics is highly rated for its teaching and research. This 3 year fixed term post (from 1st October 2010) is primarily to contribute to the School's teaching and research in the areas of political theory and international politics.

Candidate Requirements

The successful applicant will teach on existing modules in the department at postgraduate and undergraduate level. You may also be expected to develop new module(s) in your particular area of specialism. Applications are encouraged from candidates with expertise in political and social theory and an interest in its application to international politics. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the intellectual life of the Department, primarily through engagement with the research community in the Department and beyond.

Further Information

This job is full time and fixed term for 3 years. The salary quoted above is inclusive of London allowance. The initial salary award will be dependent on the skills and experience of the successful applicant. The appointment may be subject to a probationary period. Birkbeck also provides a generous final salary pension scheme, 31 days paid leave, flexible working arrangements and other great benefits. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 5th March 2010. Interviews are due to be held on Friday 19th March 2010.

Birkbeck is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Fully-funded PhD Fellowships

Central European University - Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations

Budapest (Hungary)

Full PhD fellowships for students enrolled in the PhD Program in Political Science at Central European University.

Central European University is an English-language, graduate-level institution in the social sciences, the humanities, law, management and policy studies. The university is accredited both in the United States and in Hungary.

We invite applications from outstanding candidates for our PhD Program in Political Science administered by the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations at Central European University, Budapest.

We offer five specializations (or ‘tracks’): *Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Economy, Political Theory and Public Policy.*

The program is designed to prepare graduate students for a career in research and/or university-level teaching. Doctoral candidates are encouraged to network with scholars in their field and to participate in major research projects. The department collaborates with a number of research centers at CEU, including the Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine, the Center for Media and Communication Studies, the Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracy, the Center for Environment and Security, and the Asia Research Initiative.

Doctoral Fellowships

Admitted students are eligible to receive the Full CEU Doctoral Fellowship. In 2009/2010, 97% of doctoral students were awarded the Full fellowship, which covers tuition, medical insurance, and living stipend for three years. Additional funding opportunities exist, including various research grants and travel funds. More information is available at:

www.ceu.hu/admissions/financialaid/doctoral

Entry Requirements for the PhD Program

- an application form
- curriculum vitae
- proof of English-language competency
- a 1,500-word research proposal
- a 100-word statement of purpose
- three confidential letters of recommendation
- relevant undergraduate and graduate transcripts and diplomas
- a summary of the MA thesis

For additional information, visit: www.ceu.hu/admissions/apply

Applications deadline to the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations: April 16, 2010

Information about language requirements www.ceu.hu/admissions/2010-2011

CEU’s online application form <https://apply.embarc.com/Grad/CEU/66/>

MORE INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

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IES Postdoctoral Researcher on European Foreign and Security Policy

Institute for European Studies (IES) - Brussel

The Institute for European Studies (IES) invites applications for one full-time postdoctoral researcher on European Foreign and Security Policy for a duration of two years (renewable).

Part-time employment may also be considered. The IES is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) specialising in European Studies. Its research focuses on the role of the EU as a global actor and on the interaction between the internal and external dimensions of EU policies and between EU policies and other international institutions and organisations. More information on the institute and its research strategy can be found at www.ies.be.

Within the overall research strategy of the IES, the successful candidate will conduct research related to European foreign and security policy and contribute to the further development of this research cluster under the guidance of the IES Senior Research Fellow for European Foreign and Security Policy (Prof. Dr. Eva Gross) and IES management. The tasks to be undertaken include:

1. Design and undertake post-doctoral research on European foreign and security policy in the area of the candidate's more specific expertise and research interest within the overall IES research programme. This work includes the preparation of substantive papers and the editing and authoring of (book) publications.
2. Assist in activities within the research cluster to raise external funds required for the realisation of further research projects and to organise events such as lectures.
3. Contribute to the supervision of the work of Ph.D. students and counselling with the project promoters of junior researchers.
4. Contribute to relevant teaching and training programmes of the IES (summer schools, study-abroad programmes, targeted trainings ...).
5. Assist in liaising with researchers in Belgian and foreign universities in these fields with a view to cooperation in networks or common research projects.
6. Perform other tasks as assigned by the IES Board and management.

Positions can be held preferably on a full-time or substantial part-time basis. Secondment from other Belgian or foreign universities can be envisaged.

Duration: Two years with possibility of renewal

Requirements: The successful candidate will have:

An advanced university degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) in political science or in another relevant discipline such as law or history (preferably with relevant international relations experience/expertise);

Research experience and publications related to the field of European foreign and security policy;

Ability to work harmoniously in a multicultural environment;

Fluency in English; a working knowledge of other European languages is desirable;

Experience with university-level research, teaching and programme development; with international organisations, scientific and research/training institutions; and in fund-raising for research will be considered strong assets.

Remuneration: post-doctoral level

The contract offered is a contract under Belgian law and subject to the Belgian tax system.

Applications including (1) a note on a potential project which the candidate would like to undertake (max. 10 pages), (2) a detailed Curriculum Vitae, (3) a list of publications and (4) two letters of references should be sent to the Academic Director of the IES (address below), email: academic.director@vub.ac.be, **before 31 March 2010**.

Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

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PhD Studentships

Department of Politics and International Relations

Royal Holloway, University of London

The Department of Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway, University of London, is offering postgraduate research scholarships starting in September 2010, for PhD candidates. The Department boasts a vibrant research community, which was recognised in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise as one of the top small departments in the UK. Applications are invited for the following awards which are tenable for up to three years for full-time study:

- The Reid Scholarship, which covers tuition fees at the standard Home/EU rate, plus an annual allowance of GBP13,250.
- College Research Scholarships, which cover tuition fees at the standard Home/EU rate.
- The College Maintenance Award, which provides an annual allowance of GBP6,000.
- The Crossland Scholarship, which provides an annual award of GBP5,000.
- The Departmental Research Studentship, which provides an annual sum of GBP10,000, in exchange for 4 hours of teaching per week.

Some fees and allowance awards may be combined. There is no separate application procedure for these awards. PhD applicants should indicate on their applications that they wish to be considered for these scholarships, and ensure that their applications are received by the Department by **15 March 2010**.

In addition, the Department is eligible to submit PhD applicants to the Open Competition for +3 ESRC awards, which provide full funding and living expenses for three years of PhD research for applicants who have already completed an ESRC-recognized Masters degree. All candidates who might qualify will be considered and the Department will approach any who it decides to support for an application to the ESRC.

Further information, including application procedures, may be found at http://www.rhul.ac.uk/Politics-and-IR/studying/Postgraduate_Research.html.

Departmental Lecturership Politics and International Relations of the Middle East University of Oxford - Faculty of Oriental Studies and Department of Politics and International Relations

Grade 7: Salary £28,983 - £35,646 p.a.

Applications are invited for a teaching position in Politics and International Relations of the Middle East. This fixed-term post is to commence on 1 September 2010 for three years.

The principal duties of the post are to give lectures and classes in the Politics and International Relations of the Middle East, to supervise and to examine. Candidates must have a primary field of expertise in the politics and/or international relations of the Middle East, focusing on one or more of the following regions: the Arabic-speaking world, Iran, Turkey, Israel; hold a doctorate in an appropriate field; and be able to demonstrate that they can teach politics and international relations of the Middle East at postgraduate level.

Further particulars, including details of how to apply, should be obtained from the website at <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/fp/> or from the office of The Faculty Board Secretary, Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford OX1 2LE (tel: 01865 288202; email: orient@orinst.ox.ac.uk). **Applications should reach the Faculty Board Secretary by email at the address given above, to arrive not later than Friday 19 March 2010.** Interviews will be held as soon as possible after the closing date

Lecturer in Political Economy of the Middle East Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies

University of Exeter - College of Social Science and International Studies
Salary £31,671 per annum

This full-time post is available from 1st September 2010 on a permanent basis.

The Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies is seeking to fill a number of posts to commence in time for the 2010 academic year and is interested in appointing a scholar who can make a major contribution to teaching and research in the field of Political Economy of the Middle East. The existing teaching and research interests of the Institute span the Social Sciences and Humanities, and it is hoped that this appointment will offer an exciting opportunity to applicants with initiative and vision who feel they can contribute to the activities of a multi-disciplinary department.

Applications are invited for a new appointment in Political Economy of the Middle East. We are seeking a scholar with an excellent research publication record or evidence of strong research activities and publication plans. Applicants should have a good first degree or equivalent, and a PhD obtained in a relevant field. A commitment to developing research grant applications, a record of research grant acquisition, evidence of administrative competence, and an ability to attract postgraduate research students will be an advantage, together with a commitment to and experience of delivering high quality undergraduate teaching. The appointee will be expected to play a full and active role in the Institute and shape the interaction between IAIS and other departments in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and other relevant departments across the University. This appointment is part of a broader university-wide commitment to world class research in the study of the Middle East and Islamic World which has seen extensive investment in recent years.

Candidates with interests and expertise in any field of the Political Economy of the Middle East may apply. However, preference may be given to candidates whose research encompasses one or more of the following categories: political economy of the Gulf region, Middle East economics, and Islamic economics and finance.

The successful applicant would undertake teaching and post-graduate supervision in a variety of modules embedded in IAIS and the wider School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Demonstrated ability or potential to work with an interdisciplinary team is essential.

The starting salary will be on Grade F, £31,671 to £35,646 per annum, points 32 to 36, subject to knowledge, skills and experience.

Successful candidates will be based at the university's dedicated Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies located in the Streatham Campus in Exeter.

Informal enquires to Professor Gareth Stansfield, Director of the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies: Tel 00 44 (0)1392 264105; email g.r.v.stansfield@ex.ac.uk.

Application packs are available from <http://www.admin.ex.ac.uk/personnel/jobs/E7821507.pdf> e-mail hradmin@exeter.ac.uk; quoting reference number **E7821507**.

The closing date for completed applications is 12 noon 17 March 2010.

The University of Exeter is an equal opportunity employer and promotes diversity in its workforce and, whilst all applicants will be judged on merit alone, is particularly keen to consider applications from groups currently underrepresented in the workforce.

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LOBBYING AND INTEREST GROUPS

A one-day conference to be held at Dublin City University on Friday 23 April 2010

The Interest Groups and Lobbying Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association of Ireland is holding a one-day conference at Dublin City University on Friday 23 April 2010.

Sessions will include panels on Irish interest groups, lobbying regulation, the development of the lobbying industry in both parts of Ireland, and papers on lobbying and interest groups in other nations/political systems. Proposals are welcome for papers on any aspect on lobbying and interest groups, in any context. We are particularly interested in receiving papers from practitioners. As well as the academic panels, we will have guest speakers from politics, journalism and the lobbying profession.

If you are interested in presenting at the conference, please send a 300-500 word abstract by Friday 5 March to both:

Gary Murphy	gary.murphy@dcu.ie
Conor McGrath	conor.p.mcgrath@gmail.com

Participants will be notified, and the full programme announced, in the middle of March.

The conference organisers are particularly interested in previously unpublished papers, as we will be seeking to identify publication opportunities for a selection of the papers. Full texts of the papers (up to 6,000 words) should be submitted to the organisers for distribution to all participants by Friday 9 April.

The conference is free for PSAI members and all students. For other attendees, there is a registration fee of €50/£35 (to cover one year membership of PSAI, including a subscription to our journal, *Irish Political Studies*).

If you will not be giving a paper at the conference, but would like to attend, please contact Conor McGrath at conor.p.mcgrath@gmail.com for a registration form. The deadline for registering is Friday 2 April.

The Interest Groups and Lobbying Specialist Group of the PSAI exists to promote academic and practitioner discourse on a developing aspect of Irish politics. It seeks to bring together all those interested in interest representation and lobbying, both generally and as it is conducted in Ireland, from a range of perspectives. Much practitioner writing is excessively uncritical; much journalistic writing on lobbying is superficial in the extreme; and much academic work is entirely theoretical offering few insights into the realities of the process. This specialist group hopes to redress all these imbalances to some extent, by encouraging dialogue between scholars and practitioners, and thereby develop a more rounded perspective on lobbying in Ireland.

Nationalism and Organised Violence

A conference of the Specialist Group on Peace and Conflict of the Political Studies Association of Ireland in association with the Centre for the Study of Nationalism and Organised Violence at NUI Galway.

Venue: NUI Galway

Dates: 24-25 September, 2010

Nationalist ideology and national identity are widely regarded as crucial elements in explaining and understanding the causes and character of modern warfare, revolution, rebellion, insurgency, guerrilla war, terrorism and other forms of organised violence. This conference addresses a series of key questions on the relationship between nationalism and various forms of organised violence. How important is nationalist ideology for mobilisation and for sustaining commitments to armed action? To what extent can nationalist ideologies and identities be accounted a 'cause' of violent conflict? And to what extent do they act as a hindrance to conflict resolution and peace-making efforts? How are nationalist ideologies deployed in efforts to end conflict and organised violence? Are there fundamental differences between the role of state-framed nationalism and counter-state nationalism in mobilisation for violent conflict? How is nationalist ideology related to other aspects of mobilisation, to other ideologies, to social networks and to social class?

Please submit an abstract of around 500 words to niall.odochartaigh@nuigalway.ie or k.hayward@qub.ac.uk by 12 April, 2010. We particularly welcome comparative work and papers with a theoretical focus. The conference will be limited to around ten papers. Participants are required to provide a draft paper of at least 3000 words by 31 July 2010 to be circulated to other participants prior to the conference. The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and improve their papers with a view to producing a joint publication.

For further information please contact the conference organisers:

Dr. Niall O Dochartaigh, School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway

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Party Politics: Still Relevant?

Call for Papers: The Second Political, Social and International Studies

Postgraduate Research Conference

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

Thursday 10 - Friday 11 June 2010

Debates about the health and relevance of political parties abound. The trend towards much lower levels of public participation in party politics is highlighted by falling party membership, and declining electoral turnout. Do these trends necessarily mean that people are becoming less 'political'? How central are political parties to political participation, and how we look to improve our lives?

What role do 'new' actors such as single issue, lobby and other third sector groups play? Do new technologies such as the Internet exacerbate or mitigate these trends? And what does this mean for democracy and power? Is this a positive move 'beyond party politics' and 'beyond ideology', or an obfuscation of necessary antagonisms that should inform the genuinely political questions?

Conference Themes and Issues

Some questions that this conference seeks to address, include, but are not limited to:

- * Why has public participation in party politics fallen?
- * How do 'old actors' (such as political elites, trade unions, professional groups, religions) act in new ways?
- * What role and function do new political actors play?
- * Do media concepts and terms still shape political debate and structures?
- * What role for Britain in the new European structures post the Lisbon Treaty?
- * Does the emergence of Respect and the British National Party mark a new development in identity politics in Britain?
- * How well has the United Kingdom reacted to the greatest economic challenge for a generation?
- * Is it the case that the liberal democratic model that characterised 'the end of history' is under pressure, or is it merely a restructuring of how citizens involve themselves in the political process?
- * How has an emerging British Islam been treated by the UK's existing party political and state structures?
- * Is our work and role as postgraduate researchers in anyway affected by a change in who holds the keys to Number 10?

The conference is open to all post-graduate researchers. While this is an election year in the UK, the conference will not focus exclusively on UK-related questions. The organisers therefore welcome papers relating to other countries that are relevant to the issues under consideration.

Send a 300-word abstract of your proposed paper, and your contact details to Henry Allen and Paul Stott at ueapostgradconference@googlemail.com by 5pm on Wednesday 17 March 2010.

Successful applicants will be notified by the beginning of April and are required to submit their final papers of 8,000 words by 4 June 2010.

Possibilities for publication of presented papers will be discussed during the conference.

Global Media and the 'War on Terror': an international conference

Organized by Communication and Media Research Institute (CAMRI) of the University of Westminster, London, in collaboration with the Department of Media and Communications, Goldsmiths, University of London.

Venue: University of Westminster, 309 Regent Street, London

Dates: Monday 13 - Tuesday 14 September 2010

Conference organizers: Professor Daya Thussu, University of Westminster, and Dr Des Freedman, Goldsmiths, University of London.

As we enter the tenth year after the events of 9/11, it is an appropriate time to evaluate the media's relationship to a changed geo-political environment and to pose questions about media performance and influence in relation to this post-9/11 period. Have the media contributed to exacerbating the political, cultural and religious divides within Western societies and the world at large?

Has the digital revolution given voice to a multiplicity of views that have helped to counter hegemonic media discourses? How can media be deployed to enrich not inhibit dialogue and to what extent has the media, in all its forms, questioned, celebrated or simply accepted the unleashing of a ‘war on terror’? This international conference brings together leading scholars and eminent journalists from across the globe to examine and discuss how the world’s media have been influenced by 9/11 and its aftermath.

Although nearly a decade has passed, the continuing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the persistent phenomenon of terrorism, and the domestic repercussions of the ‘war on terror’ (including Islamophobia, a growing surveillance culture and restrictions on civil liberties) still shape media discourses around the world today.

Suggested topics for papers include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- Rethinking the politics of terrorism – global and national perspectives
- Representations of terrorism in popular culture – from TV to gaming
- Public opinion in the post-9/11 era
- Surveillance, spying and subversion of democracy
- Comparative studies of global terrorism
- Cultural contexts of 9/11—demonization of Islam and the West
- Spinning the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Reporting and conducting the wars online
- Media strategies of terrorists
- Frontline forum – journalistic experiences of covering terrorism
- Hollywoodization and Bollywoodization of the ‘war on terror’
- Evaluating the ‘al-Jazeera effect’

Keynote speakers:

Professor Todd Gitlin
Columbia University, USA

Professor Tariq Ramadan
University of Oxford, UK

Professor Barbie Zelizer
Annenberg School of Communication, USA

Other plenary speakers to include Professor Jean Seaton, University of Westminster; Professor Rune Ottosen (Norway); Dahr Jamal (US-based independent journalist); Professor Stig Arne-Nohrstedt (Sweden); Professor Elena Vartanova (Russia) and Professor Lena Jayyusi (UAE).

The conference reflects the substantial and growing research in international journalism within CAMRI which runs numerous innovative and international conferences every year. In its 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, the UK’s Higher Education Funding Council ranked CAMRI as the best media and communication research centre in the country.

Conference fee: £150, with a concessionary rate of £50 for students, to cover attendance at all sessions, refreshments and lunches as well as conference documentation. Conference registration will be open to all and not conditional upon presenting a paper.

Abstracts: These should be between 200-350 words and must include the presenter’s name, institutional affiliation, email and postal address, together with the title of the paper and a brief biographical note. Two copies of the abstract should be sent, one to Professor Daya Thussu at D.K.Thussu@westminster.ac.uk and another to Helen Cohen, Events

Administrator for the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at journalism@westminster.ac.uk.

Deadline for abstracts: Friday, 26 March 2010. The abstracts will be peer reviewed and successful submissions will be notified by the end of April. A selection of the best papers will be published in a book and in a special themed issue of the journal *Global Media and Communication*, which is supporting the conference.

***Theoria* Special Issue: ‘Democracy, Rights and Judicial Review’**

In constitutional democracies, rights-based judicial review, in the course of which judges test legislative enactments for their consistency with bills of rights, is commonly justified as necessary to prevent the ‘tyranny of the majority’, that is, the violation of the rights of individuals by majorities. Two important objections have nevertheless been advanced against the practice of rights-based judicial review. The first originates in the ‘counter-majoritarian difficulty’: because unelected and unaccountable judges are authorized to invalidate enactments of an elected branch of government, judicial review suffers from a deficit of democratic legitimacy. The second objection rests on a claim about the superior epistemic competence of legislatures relative to courts in constitutional matters: compared with large and diverse modern legislatures, courts are epistemically inferior, it is claimed, because of the relatively small number of judges, because of the judiciary’s lack of professional diversity, and because of the limited information resources available to judges.

Several important questions arise concerning the democratic legitimacy and desirability of rights-based judicial review:

To what extent is rights-based judicial review undemocratic?

Are courts more likely to uphold individual rights than legislatures?

Is the judicial invalidation of legislation on constitutional grounds likely to result in a weakening of the processes of education and persuasion associated with the activities of legislators?

Is the loss of ultimate responsibility for determination of the questions of rights likely to make legislators and citizens more apathetic and irresponsible?

Do courts lack epistemic competence relative to the elected branches of government, and if so, is this a telling objection to rights-based judicial review?

Is the judicial enforcement of socio-economic rights, in the course of which judges are required to make difficult policy choices about resource application and strategy, particularly objectionable from the perspectives of democracy and epistemic competence?

Does either the superior democratic legitimacy or superior epistemic capacity of legislatures relative to courts suggest that courts should show deference to legislatures in constitutional adjudication?

Aside from the issue of deference, what modifications to existing practices of judicial review are the judiciary in a position to make in order to answer concerns about the democratic legitimacy and epistemic competence of courts?

Should legislatures be permitted to override judicial interpretations or applications of rights with which they disagree?

Article submissions (in English) are invited for a special issue of *Theoria* devoted to these and related questions.

7th Conference on Applications of Social Network Analysis
Zurich, Switzerland, September 15-17, 2010
ETH Zurich & University of Zurich

Keynotes by

Thomas W. Valente, University of Southern California

Frans N. Stokman, University of Groningen

Workshops on

SIENA by *Tom A.B. Snijders & Johan Koskinen, University of Oxford*

visone by *Ulrik Brandes & Jürgen Lerner, University of Konstanz*

SNA and Behavior Change by *Tomas W. Valente, University of Southern California*

Conference Theme: Dynamics of Social Networks

The 7th Conference on Applications of Social Network Analysis (ASNA) has the goal to assess the state of the field and discuss current developments and innovations in social network research. As for the previous years, ASNA 2010 will primarily provide an interdisciplinary venue with focus on applications of social network analysis. However, submissions on theoretical and methodological issues are also welcome. There are no limitations with respect of scientific disciplines and research questions. However, contributors are especially encouraged to address the conference topic of “dynamics of social networks”.

Social network analysis (SNA) suggests broadening the focus from individual actors to a set of actors and the relations among them. Hence, the characteristic paradigm of SNA is to include “the context” to understand phenomena’s in various scientific disciplines like sociology, political science, communication science, social psychology, anthropology, economics, biology, physics, and others. In recent years increasing awareness arises that “the context” also includes a temporal dimension. Hence, it is of interest whether and how the structure of a network is dependent on previous structures or which future dynamics can be assumed to happen based on a given network. Also most cross sectional research include implicit assumptions about dynamic processes of networks. Hence, contributors are encouraged to reflect on this issue even though they might not use longitudinal data.

Since the mid 1990ies both 2010 ASNA keynote speakers have contributed significantly to describe and understand dynamics of social networks. We invite people to reflect their work and discuss it throughout the venue.

Keynotes

Thomas W. Valente is Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Public Health Program at the University of Southern California, Department of Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine. He is well known for his book on „Network models of the diffusion of innovations“ (2005) and his great engagement for the international network community (INSNA). He has organized several Sunbelt conferences and is editor of the Journal „Connections“

Frans N. Stokman is Professor of Social Science Research Methodology at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. He is the winner of the 2004 Georg Simmel Award and is well known for his work on policy networks and collective decision making.

Workshops

Social Network Approaches for Behavior Change

Tomas W. Valente, University of Southern California

This workshop will be conducted in 2 sections. Section 1 will review existing evidence for the utility of using social network data for behavior change in a variety of settings including health behaviors and organizational performance. We present a typology of such efforts. Section 2 will demonstrate existing software programs for implementing social network interventions. The workshop will be conducted by Tom Valente who has developing and implementing network based interventions for over 10 years.

Analysis and Visualization of Social Networks

Ulrik Brandes & Jürgen Lerner, University of Konstanz

This is a hands-on introduction to visone, a graphically oriented software tool that combines comprehensive means for analysis with unique visualization capabilities. After a brief introduction to its design and features, we will explore some of the core functionality of visone using exemplary network analyses; step-by-step from data input to presentation of results. Some elementary knowledge of social network analysis is required for this workshop, and it is advisable to bring a laptop running Windows, MacOS, or Linux. visone (ital.: mink) is written in Java and freely available from www.visone.info. It features many standard and non-standard methods for analysis and visualization of networks, and a powerful graphical user interface. It's native file format is GraphML, allowing for arbitrarily many attributes of nodes, links, and networks, but other formats such as CSV tables, UCINET DL, Pajek .net, etc., can be imported. Visualizations can be exported as pdf, png, tiff, svg, or Windows metafiles.

The Analysis of Longitudinal Social Network Data using SIENA

Tom A.B. Snijders & Johan Koskinen, University of Oxford

The workshop will give an introduction to statistical modeling of longitudinal network data and demonstrate the basics of using the RSiena program. Attention will be paid to the underlying statistical methodology, to examples, and to the use of the software. The first session (Wednesday morning) is intended for those without previous experience with this method, and will focus on the intuitive understanding of the model and operation of the software. The second session (Wednesday afternoon) is intended for those with previous experience with the method and the software, and also for those who followed the first session. It will present models for the simultaneous dynamics of networks and behavior and other more advanced topics such as model specification, multivariate networks, structurally determined values, and goodness of fit checking.

To get maximal profit out of the workshop, participants are advised to bring a laptop with a recent version of R installed. No previous knowledge of R is necessary. It will be possible to register only for one or both sessions of the workshop.

Submission, Presentation, and Registration

ASNA 2010 accepts two different kinds of **submission types**. The two formats differ with respect to submission criteria, presentation and discussion time, and consideration for publication. Both types require the submission of an **extended abstract** (700-1'000 words) **by June 1**, and receive notice of acceptance by June 13, 2010. If you submit a full paper (15-30 pages, double spaced) you will automatically be assigned to a full paper presentation. You will benefit from a longer presentation time (20 min), a discussion by a respondent (5 min) and an extended timeslot for the discussion in the panel (5 min) which totals to 30 minutes. Only full paper presented at the conference will be considered for publication in the conference proceedings (book or journal format).

Standard presentation	Full paper presentation
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Submission	Extended abstract of 700-1'000 words by June 1	Extended abstract of 700-1'000 words by June 1
Notice of acceptance	June 13, 2010	June 13, 2010
Full paper submission	-	July 31, 2010
Timeslot	15 min	30 min
Consideration for publication	No	Yes

Submission deadline: June 1, 2010

Conference and workshop registration deadline: July 31, 2010

Democracy in the First Decade of the 21st Century (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa) 

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

South African Association of Political Studies

The University of Stellenbosch will be hosting the bi-annual conference of the South African Association of Political Studies (SAAPS) in Stellenbosch from 1-4 September 2010. The Theme for the Conference is Democracy in the First Decade of the 21st Century. Abstracts in Political Science, International Relations, Policy Studies and related fields are welcome.

The deadline for abstracts is 30 March 2010.

Abstracts can be sent to: saaps2010@gmail.com

For further information, contact: agl@sun.ac.za

Identity and Affiliation in a Volatile International Landscape

Dates: June 1 & 2, 2010

Call for Proposals Deadline: March 10, 2010

Location: Paris, France

Website: www.ags.edu

The American Graduate School in Paris and the Graduate Student Conference Committee is proud to present:

AGS Graduate Student Conference, 2010

June 1 & 2, 2010

Evolving Borders: Identity and Affiliation in a Volatile International Landscape

As a field of inquiry which took for granted the centrality of the state in world affairs, no issue has so agitated contemporary International Relations as the possible decline of state relevance. The major IR debates of the 20th Century focused on the relationship between the state and the individual, between hegemonic and peripheral states, and between blocs of states linked together in political superstructures. However, as states authority declines, and new post-state forms of organization arise, it seems inevitable that other modes of human affiliation must also arise. Transportation, communications, migration, and evolving economic and legal structures all tie humanity together across national borders. Religion, language, ethnicity, ideology, geography, culture, trade relations, and countless other

constructions provide means by which people can understand themselves and form identities, and by which groups can include some people and exclude others. If the borders of the 20th century separated the territory of nation-states, what will new borders separate? Will national citizenship remain a valuable piece of identity, or will new affiliations take precedence? If states retain their central role in IR, how will they cope with interstate and non-state forces, and how will borders and state identity be affected? Along what fault lines, if any, must world affairs ultimately be re-organized? How will we think of ourselves, and what will be the future of “us” and “them?” The volatile 21st Century world demands answers to these pressing questions.

Abstracts and Papers may be submitted to conference@ags.edu. Abstracts of 500 words will be accepted for determination of participation. If entire papers are submitted, please include a 500-word abstract. All participants will be required to submit a full paper 4 weeks before the conference.

Questions can also be addressed to conference@ags.edu.

Location:

American Graduate School, Paris, France

Deadlines:

Abstracts: March 10, 2010

Completed Papers: May 9, 2010

Fees and Conditions

A participation fee of 25 Euros may be paid upon acceptance at www.ags.edu.

The Graduate Student Conference Committee will provide visa letters upon request Housing with AGS students is possible Travel grants are available to a limited number of participants

Presentations are in English

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March alerts

Sinking or Swimming? The crash, the crisis and Ireland's changing environment.

Conference website address: <http://cig2010.wordpress.com>

FRIDAY APRIL 30 – SUNDAY MAY 2, 2010

The Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth in association with ICARUS, The National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) and The National Centre for Geocomputation (NCG) and The Geographical Society of Ireland (GSI) is proud to host the 2010 Annual Conference of Irish Geographers.

The theme of this year's conference will be:

Overview

Ireland faces into a post-Celtic Tiger period of economic recession and ongoing environmental challenges. This conference offers an opportunity to geographers to reflect on, and respond to, these challenges with a view to informing relevant contemporary debates and policy formulation. We invite papers from human and physical geography which speak to this research agenda.

In keeping with the inclusive traditions of the annual meeting, the conference also provides opportunities for new and established researchers to report on ongoing research in any area. We strongly encourage graduate students to present research papers. First or second year graduate students, who may not wish/be in a position to present at the conference, are also welcome to submit a poster presentation based on their research activities.

The conference welcomes and promotes international speakers. Our idea of 'Irish Geography' is 'unbounded'. We encourage papers that look at comparative issues, interdisciplinary questions, and critical approaches to a broad set of national and international challenges and concerns.

This year's Key Note Speaker(s) will include Wendy Larner (Bristol) – another Key Note Speaker (for Physical/Environmental Geography) will be *confirmed at a later date*.

Location

The National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM) campus is located approximately 25 km west of Dublin City and is easily accessible by rail and bus. The main conference activities will take place in the John Hume Building, which is located at the heart of the university north campus (located just off the Kilcock Road).

Call for Papers and Posters

Papers/posters submission is now open. Paper/poster title, affiliation and a 200 word abstract should be submitted to Adrian Kavanagh (adrian.p.kavanagh@nuim.ie). The deadline for submission of papers is March 15th 2010. Speakers should aim to speak for a *maximum* of twenty minutes. Digital projectors will be available at the conference centre and presenting delegates are advised to bring (PowerPoint) presentations in electronic format (memory stick or CD) so that these presentations can be loaded onto computers in the conference rooms. Speakers who have additional audio visual requirements should contact the Conference Organisation team to clarify their needs.

Calls for Organised Paper Sessions

The conference is happy to facilitate organised sessions. If you would like to submit an organised session, please contact Adrian Kavanagh (adrian.p.kavanagh@nuim.ie) or any other member of the Conference Organisation before March 1, 2010, in order to be facilitated.

Conference Registration

Registration is now open. Registration and payment for the conference can be done online before April 15th 2010.

Secure online payment can be processed using Debit and Credit Cards. There are separate online registration pages for Full Time and Concessionary attendees, as noted below:

- https://www.maynoothcampus.com/conference_booking.php?con_id=57 – for Full Time Employed attendees

- https://www.maynoothcampus.com/conference_booking.php?con_id=59 – for Concessionary attendees (students, retired, unwaged and minimum waged)

An additional *late registration fee* of 20% for all class of participations will apply after April 15th 2010.

Please note that attendance at the Conference will be by pre-registration only.