POLIS News Bulletin

There will be a Faculty Postgraduate Open Day on 20 February (details and booking form at: http://www.essl.leeds.ac.uk/graduate-school/current-students/open-day-february.html) and a Departmental MA Open Day on 16 April (details to be announced later).

Anyone interested in taking an MA in POLIS is welcome to call into the Postgraduate Office for further information at any time.

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Samantha Parker in the Undergraduate Office who on 1st February had a baby girl who she has named Isobel Gwen. Everyone at POLIS would like to wish them all the very best.

Teaching Assistant and PhD Student Tim Page will be going to the University of Wolverhampton on February 6th to give a talk on "The Determinants of Russian Foreign and Security Policy towards North Korea: A Case Study of the Problems and Potential of North Korean Guest Workers in the Russian Far East".

The presentation is about the complexity of Russian interests on the Korean Peninsula and the potential of Russian-North Korean cooperation to improve the security situation in Northeast Asia.

Tim has also put up videos of the mock Russian parliamentary debate held last November as part of the Politics in Russia module on youtube. The link is www.youtube.com/politicsinrussia.

Recent Graduate or Post Graduate Student Cameroon work experience opportunity

Sarah Rank is a 2003 graduate of POLIS, Development Studies programme and is currently in the process of establishing her own development consultancy, which is working on a fully voluntary basis in Cameroon.

Sarah is looking to try and recruit a newly qualified graduate or postgraduate student for a voluntary work experience post in Cameroon, commencing in the summer.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Sarah directly on the contact details below.

Sarah Rank, Email pyapya.consultancy@googlemail.com, Telephone 00237 7485 4805.

A copy of the voluntary job specification is available, please email Sophie Johnstone at s.a.johnstone@leeds.ac.uk for a copy.
To All Mature Students

Further to our induction letter, a copy of which is appended for those of you who missed it, we write to enlist your support in the following and hope that you will respond positively, in large numbers.

The Society is currently campaigning for a mutual common room within the Union for all mature students on campus where they can meet other students and exchange views/experiences, have lunch, or simply relax in a quite area in between timetable schedules. Most mature students, who have contacted us, reiterate that they often feel isolated in the Union and consequently feel as if they’re not a part of it. It is believed that having our own space within the Union will mitigate this feeling and are asking as many of you as are able to contribute to our campaign.

To kick this off we are, this semester running coffee mornings in the Leeds University Union building as per the following schedule. Please feel free to attend any time during the allocated hours there is no stipulation on the amount of times you visit or the length of time you spend.

All Rooms are in the Union Building

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Bianco and I would like to invite all mature students full-time and part-time to join our mature students society group.

In order to function and improve things for fellow mature students, we need to hear from you as only by sharing your concerns and ideas can we be proactive in addressing areas that pertain to you. We need your input and feedback on issues that you would like discussed at the mature student committee meetings. The committee is presently seeking additional members and any mature or part-time student is welcome to attend the meeting to discuss any matter or idea. The outcome of discussions will be relayed back to the university.

We would like students to find some time to make themselves known to us through our on-line group, before we arrange our social areas we would appreciate some response. Share with us your experiences - most notable/least notable. Let us know what you would choose to change/improve if given an option and why?

Please respond by either going on line on the portal, to access - top right hand corner, (under Parkinson Bldg Logo) and click on groups then tick box that says LU MS. You can post any items there that you want to share, arrange to meet up with others or simply just read any other messages posted; or by e-mail:

Laurraine: eco8ly@leeds.ac.uk
Bianco: lw06bljc@leeds.ac.uk

We looking forward to hearing from you, Laurraine and Bianco.
**NEWS**

**Diasporas, migration & identities**

**Subverting Stereotypes: Asian women’s political activism in the Grunwick and Gate Gourmet disputes**

Thirty years ago, the workers in a photo-processing plant in North-West London – Grunwick – walked out in an industrial protest about low pay and exploitative conditions. The workers and the leaders of the industrial action were mainly women, and the majority of them first-generation Asian migrants to the UK. This strike became an iconic example of Asian women’s political empowerment in post-war Britain, but also was responsible for constructing a stereotypical image of ‘plain and waving sari-clad’ Asian women. Thirty years later, almost identical imagery was used in the coverage of the Gate Gourmet dispute, when workers in a food preparation firm providing airline meals for flights from Heathrow went on strike.

The aim of this project is to explore the similarities and differences of the strikes in terms of the ways in which they were represented, who was involved and the consequences for their identities as both workers and Asian women in Britain.

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**www.diasporas.ac.uk/research.htm**

**Diasporas, migration & identities**

**A five year trans-disciplinary research programme funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council**

The programme aims to develop our historical and cultural knowledge about diasporas, migration and identities and how they are practised and represented, and to break new ground in how we study, theorise and model them.

The programme comprises forty-nine research projects, networks and workshops and engages with multiple partners in public organisations, community agencies, museums and galleries.

**Professor Kim Knott**
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- AHRC Programme Administrator
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**www.diasporas.ac.uk**
EVENTS

LUCAS Spring Seminars 2008

Wednesday 27th February
The Rise of China and the Challenge to Development Strategy in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Professor Raphael Kaplinsky (Open University), Venue: Beechgrove House (detached building opposite the Student Union).

Wednesday 12th March
The Long Road Home: Opportunities and Obstacles to the Reintegration of IDPS and Returning Refugees in Southern Sudan.
Sara Pantuliano (ODI), Venue: Beechgrove House.

All seminars take place on Wednesdays at 2pm. Everyone is welcome.
Enquiries: african-studies@leeds.ac.uk

International Relations and Security Research Group

The failure of security sector reform in post-conflict Africa
12th February 2008, 4pm, Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 1

Bruce Baker is Professor of African Security at Coventry University and Director of the African Studies Centre there. His current research focus is 'Informal and formal policing in post-conflict African states'. His latest book is Multi-Choice Policing in Africa, 2007.

"Perceptions of government, surveillance and privacy: UK Identity Cards"

A talk by Edgar Whitley, Research Coordinator from the London School of Economics 'Identity Project' on the cost and consequence of Identity Cards.

Hosted by Leeds University Unions Liberal Democrats and Liberty.

February 7th, 2008, Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 17, 5.30pm.

Re: Joint Israeli – Palestinian Summer Programme on:

Political Science and Middle East Studies
Galilee College, Israel, 2nd July - 5th August 2008

The programme is intended for students of History, Political Science, Middle East Studies and professionals interested in the Middle East. The course is aimed at extending the participants knowledge of conditions, developments and trends in Israel, Palestine and the environs.

The programme’s Academic Director is Dr. Mahmoud Yazbak, Senior Lecturer for the Department of Middle Eastern History, University of Haifa. The lectures are to be held by Palestinian and Israeli academics and experts and offer a balanced view of the situation in the region.

It would be appreciated should you bring this programme to the attention of the students and faculty at your university. A limited number of tuition scholarships will be available to qualified candidates. Students and faculty who are interested should contact the Programme Director – Ms. Shoshi Norman e-mail: snorman@galilcol.ac.il.
EVENTS

LEEDS DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
SEMINAR SERIES

Wednesdays at 4pm in Room 11.13
LUCAS Library, Social Science Building

Semester 2:

23rd January  The Use, Mis-use and Abuse of Theatre in Development
Prof Jane Plastow, Workshop Theatre, School of English

6th February  Why is Class an Important Issue in the Analysis of
Chinese Society Today?
Prof Flemming Christiansen, Chinese Studies, East Asian Studies

20th February  Political Integration of Mainland Turkish Migrants in the
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
Dr Zülfü Aydin, Development Studies, POLIS

5th March  Civil War in Disguise: Gender and Violence in Urban Brazil.
Polly Wilding, Development Studies, POLIS

23rd April  Cultural Industries and Development: Critical Questions
Dr Calvin Taylor, School of Performance and Cultural Industries

7th May  Making Sustainable Technologies Work with the Poor: Linking
People, Technology and Governance.
Dr Sam Wong, School of Earth and Environment
EVENTS

The Vietnamese Day 2008 will take place on February 5th, 2008 (today!) at the Riley Smith Hall, Leeds University Union Building starting from 11.30 am. This is a full day event, in which there will be a number of activities taking place in parallel:

11.30  Reception
12.00  Opening Ceremony
12.30  Presentation Vietnam: A Rising Image
From 12.30  Food Fair: Exotic Vietnamese Food
            Photo Exhibition
            Silk-ware and Handicraft Fair (from 12.30 to the end)
13.30  Traditional Singing and Dancing Performance
14.30  DVD shows on Vietnamese festivals and music instruments
15.00  Traditional games
16.00  Finish

The programme for this term's Theory and Application Research Group Meetings (all from 4pm in the Social Science Building):

- 27 February - Room 13.08 - Dr Derek Edyvane
  'Britishness, Belonging and the Metaphysics of Conflict'
- 12 March - Room 11.14 - Dr Jason Ralph
  'Carl Schmitt, the Laws of War and the State of the American Exception'

JMECE SEMINAR PROGRAMME, FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date: Friday 7th March, Time: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Venue: Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 25
Speaker: Richard Corbett, MEP for Yorkshire and the Humber
Title: The Lisbon Treaty
What happened to the EU’s draft CONSTITUTION? Is it the LISBON TREATY?
… or is the Lisbon treaty something else altogether? Should there be a referendum?

Richard will be discussing some of the key provisions and benefits that are expected to be gained from the new Treaty, and will also discuss some of the issues regarding ratification and referenda. ALL WELCOME.

International Relations & Security Research Group

Presentation by: Thomas Ansorg, Conflict Adviser, Saferworld
tansorg@saferworld.org.uk

Conflict Sensitive Approaches to Development

Wednesday 6th February, 2pm, Beechgrove House Seminar Room

Saferworld is an independent non-governmental organisation that works to prevent armed violence and create safer communities in which people can lead peaceful and rewarding lives. http://www.saferworld.org.uk/

Sometimes, well-meaning development programmes can have a negative impact on people's security because they are not based on a good understanding of conflict dynamics and local conditions. For example, some water provision projects have deepened conflicts between local communities over access to water and thus failed to build prosperity. Well-designed projects which are sensitive to the local context can have a positive impact on armed violence, address the causes of conflict and contribute to peace.
**EVENTS**

As part of the ‘democratic legitimacy of international law’ series, the Centre for International Governance is pleased to announce the following seminars.

Monday 18th February, 2pm (Law Building, LSR3)
Dr Çali Basak, Lecturer in Human Rights, University College London.
'The basis of the legitimacy of legal and quasi-legal international human rights bodies'

Thursday 28th February, 4 pm (Law Building, LSR1)
Holly Cullen, Reader in Law, University of Durham.
'Moving beyond the justiciability debate: Drafting an Optional Protocol on the right of individual petition for the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights'

All welcome. For further details, please contact Steven Wheatley, Co-Director Centre for International Governance (s.m.wheatley@leeds.ac.uk).

**Climate Change and Conflict Transformation**

Senator George Mitchell Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution Seminar Series

Wednesday 13 February, 6.30pm, Lecture Theatre E, Leeds Metropolitan University, Headingley Campus
Hugh Miall, Professor of International Relations, University of Kent

Humanity faces a double crisis: the depletion of fossil fuels and climate change. Both of these will become severe over the next half century. Conflicts of interest between rich and poor, fuel producers and energy consumers are impeding a collective response.

This lecture explores ways out, drawing on the tradition of thinking about conflict in peace and conflict research.

This is the second event in the Senator George Mitchell Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution lecture series. It follows the success of Ela Gandhi’s seminar, Gandhi: 60 Years On, delivered in the Gandhi Hall on 30 January 2008.

‘Conflict Resolution and the Global Dimension’

28th February 2008 10.30am to 4.00pm to be held at Leeds Trinity & All Saints

**Do you want to explore:**

- What is conflict?
- What are the causes and effects of conflict
- Ways of dealing with conflict in the classroom
- How to teach about controversial issues
- The links between classroom and global conflict

**The course is free for PSHCE, Citizenship & Geography co-ordinators, teachers, teaching assistants, students & school governors. Participants will receive free resources.**

To book a place contact Judy Rogers, Craven DEC, Tennant House, Malham, N Yorkshire BD23 4DA. 01729 830 372 or E-mail JMR10@bigfoot.com
EVENTS

Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development, Leeds Institute of Health Sciences

International Health and Development Seminar

Tuesday 19th February 2008, 1.00–2.00 pm, Room 1.03, Charles Thackrah Building

Jeffrey W. Mecaskey, Head of Health & HIV, Save the Children will present on:

“Equity in Action: Developing practical tools for ensuring that health and social programming really reaches the poor.”

Jeffrey Mecaskey has worked in the effort to improve global health for nearly 30 years. Trained at London, Liverpool and Harvard Universities, Jeff's work has focused on the intersection of community priority setting, national policy, and the political economy of international development. He has worked with international, academic and non-governmental organizations in several different countries and has served on scientific committees and boards related to infectious disease research; equity, gender and health; and community development. He is now the Head of Health with Save the Children UK.

As the seminar takes place over lunchtime, you are welcome to bring and eat your lunch/sandwiches.

The next WUN Contemporary China virtual seminar will be taking place on Thursday 7 February at 5pm:

Title: Vulnerability to Environmental Change: Linking Local Cases with Global Models

Speakers: Dr Evan Fraser and Elisabeth Simelton from the University of Leeds

Location and time: Roger Stevens Lecture Theatre 16 at 5pm

The abstract for this talk is available at http://www.wun.ac.uk/chinacenter/seminars.html.

General information on WUN virtual seminars can be found at http://www.leeds.ac.uk/international/wun/wun_seminars.html.

Dr Evan Fraser is Senior Lecturer in Sustainable Development and ESRC Rural Economy and Land Use Research Fellow. He has a PhD (2002) in Environmental Studies from the University of British Columbia, Canada, an MSc (1997) Forestry, University of Toronto, Canada and a BA (1996), Anthropology, University of Toronto, Canada.

‘RED AND BLUE ON THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE’

A panel discussion of the race for the US presidency.

Speakers include William Barnard, UK chairman of Democrats Abroad; Dr Christine Harlen, POLIS; Dr Simon Hall, Department of History. Tuesday February 12th.

6 pm at the University of Leeds, Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, Michael Sadler Building.
CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

A group of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the universities of Oxford, Leicester and the LSE have built an online 'portal' for Politics and International Relations students. e-International Relations (www.e-ir.info) aims to be an educational resource and a repository of practical information.

e-International Relations (www.e-ir.info) is seeking to expand its editorial board. The newly built site, which has the support of numerous academics, aims to be an educational resource and a repository of practical information. It contains political blogs, news feeds, jobs, editorial comments, essays, lecture podcasts and reading lists, as well as departmental and research information – all specifically targeted at politics and IR students.

Anyone who might be interested in writing for or editing the site, should contact info@e-ir.info. It provides a route for students to gain contact with established journalists, academics and policy makers. Time commitment is flexible and no knowledge of web design is necessary.

EU Information & Resources Session - Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 12:30 to 14:00

The European Union (EU) produces enormous amounts of information, in many formats, in many places and often in multiple languages. This session aims to help navigate you through these difficulties to find the information you need.

Concentrating on online resources, the session will look at finding information on:

- Primary legislation, e.g. Treaties
- Secondary legislation, e.g. EU Directives
- Finding out about the institutions of the European Union, EU policy, and proposals for new policies
- Finding case law from the European Courts
- Finding statistics from the EU.

Location: Edward Boyle Library Level 8 training room. The workshop is free; to book a place on a first-come-first-served basis please go to http://www.skillscentre.leeds.ac.uk/workshops.php

Email: infolit@leeds.ac.uk if you have any questions about the workshop.

ACADEMIC AND ACADEMIC-RELATED STAFF…

Just how much do you manage to do in a day?
How do your activities compare to those working around you?

HELP WITH OUR RESEARCH AND FIND OUT!

We are interested in the activities that University staff engage in and the factors that influence how (and how well) they manage them

WE’LL ASK YOU TO:

Complete checklists of your activities for 2 days and complete a questionnaire pack

YOU WILL RECEIVE:

An INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY PROFILE showing how your daily activities compare to others in our sample
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CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Pleon are seeking an Undergraduate Intern for a Graduate Account Executive role. Pleon, owned by Omnicom, specialise in strategic communications and consultation such as PR, change management, corporate communications and media.

Pleon is a European Communications consultancy, with over 1,000 employees. The London office employs about 30 staff. For more info on Pleon, go to http://www.pleon.com.

Pleon are looking for an intern to join the Consumer Team in London for 3 months (flexible with the university summer holidays). The successful applicant will be stepping into a Graduate Account Executive role. Through this opportunity, they will have the chance to:

• Gain a good understanding of the range of services Pleon offers;
• Work with Account Managers to develop activity plans and compile activity status reports;
• Develop presentation skills through participation in 'lunch & learn' sessions;
• Participate in non-client activities, such as task forces or research projects;
• Build media relations skills – making and keeping contacts; handling journalist enquiries; knowledge of the media landscape; proactively develop network of contacts;
• Demonstrate ability to adapt writing skills dependant on appropriate styles – editorial & business copy; briefing materials, releases, features, case studies, newsletters, web site copy, mini-proposals etc.

Pleon are looking for someone who...

• Develops growing understanding of industry-sector and is proactive in carrying out research and background reading to improve knowledge;
• Understands importance of being 100% client focussed;
• Develops a good working relationship with clients;
• Develops good team relationships; communicates in a constructive and timely fashion;
• Can help contribute to the team in terms of research for new pitches, brainstorming, media relations and day to day running of client accounts;
• Is bright and bubbly and can offer fresh, creative ideas.

Interested students should email Alexandra Marsh at Alexandra.Marsh@pleon.com their CV with the subject line 'Consumer team intern opportunity' and include a SHORT cover note about themselves.

Alexandra Marsh of Pleon is a former POLIS student (BA International Relations, 2005).

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CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

You can now sign up on-line to be notified of future studies run by the University of Leeds Institute of Psychological Sciences. The majority of studies pay participants or offer prize draws in return for your time. Sign-up and complete a quick questionnaire at: http://www.psyc.leeds.ac.uk/q/signup. Researchers will then check your details against their study eligibility requirements and if you're eligible, you'll receive an email with more details about that study. You can unsubscribe from the mailing list at any time.

**Current study - EARN £5:**
I'm currently running a study examining cognitive processes in relation to fruit and chocolate. You can earn £5 and it takes about 30mins in the psychology department (although you will also be required to arrive at the psychology department 10mins before your study slot begins). You'll be asked to complete a questionnaire and a computer task. You'll also be given a brief 7-day food diary to take away with you and complete (should take no more than 15mins for the whole week). You will only need to report any fruit and chocolate snacks you consume. You can still take part even if you don't eat and fruit or chocolate.

I'm afraid you can't take part if you are dyslexic or not a UK national,

Let me know if you would like me to book you an appointment or if you have any questions (email: k.ayres97@leeds.ac.uk).

The following appointment slots are currently available:

- Monday 4th Feb at 1130
- Thursday 7th Feb at 1130
- Friday 8th at 1030 or 1530
- Monday 11th Feb at 1130
- Wednesday 13th at 1400
- Friday 15th at 1030 or 1530

If you are unable to attend any of these slots, please email me and I should be able to book you in at a different time. Many thanks, Karen Ayres, PhD Research Student, Institute of Psychological Sciences, University of Leeds. Tel: 0113 343 6697, Email: k.ayres97@leeds.ac.uk.

National Volunteering Week

Want to get involved in a volunteering project but not sure what you want to do?

This years National Volunteering Week takes place between 25th Feb and 2nd March. Find out about the range of opportunities on offer during this week full of volunteering opportunities.

Call into the Students Union and collect a copy of the Give it a Go programme for full information on what's going on!

Support your fellow students

Do you want to help out your fellow students while gaining valuable skills for your CV? Develop your interpersonal skills? Learn the basics of contract/property law? Be an expert when doing your own house hunting? Help less experienced students avoid being ripped off by landlords?

The Advice Centre are looking to train volunteers to offer housing advice and support to other students in the next couple of weeks. Training only takes 20 minutes, you could do fit it into a lunch break. Once you're trained we'll fit your volunteering around your timetable. If you're interested please contact Tim Knighton at the Advice Centre in the union or by email t.knighton@luu.leeds.ac.uk.
FAQ… Rachel Heydecker, Politics and Parliamentary Studies, 2nd Year

What made you decide to do this course?
I chose to do PPS because it was the only course to include a placement year in both Washington, D.C. and Westminster, which is such an amazing opportunity to experience politics as it happens. I also realised that it would be the Presidential election in my third year, which meant that I would be in D.C. as everything happened, which is very exciting!

What do you think of your course so far – How has it matched your expectations?
I’m enjoying my second year more than my first year, I know what is expected of students now and there is a much wider choice of very interesting modules. The preparation for my year abroad is exceeding my expectations, there is a lot of work going into making sure people on the course are organised and know what to expect, and the Parliamentary Studies module is especially useful.

What have you enjoyed most about the course so far?
I have enjoyed studying political theory in more depth than I did at A Level, and I have enjoyed meeting lots of international students through POLIS and the UNA.

What would you say about the facilities in the School and at the University in general?
I think the School has good facilities, and all my lecturers and tutors have been approachable and provided useful feedback. I think Leeds as a University has fantastic facilities, especially since the Refectory has been refurbished. There are so many opportunities to get involved in societies, I’m a big fan of ‘Give it a Go,’ and I think the new sports centre will add even more to the Uni.

What would you say to anyone thinking of applying to your course?
I think being confident and being able to hold your own when your opinions are being challenged are two things that would be very useful for any prospective PPSers, as people can be quite opinionated!

Tell us about your favourite lecturer
It has to be Professor Kevin Theakston. He taught me last year and I have just started British Central Government this semester, and he seems to know everything about British prime ministers and Westminster in general which is my favourite area of politics. He also seems to learn everyone’s names in seminars, which I think makes a difference.

What do you hope to be doing once you graduate?
I want to work at Westminster, possibly as a civil servant or an MP’s assistant.

Can you tell us a little more about the United Nations Association and why you got involved?
I joined in my first year after seeing the UNA stall at the Fresher’s fair. The UNA is one of the largest societies in the Union and offers a really wide range of activities, such as the possibility to take part in Model United Nations, the chance to meet people from around the world and the Education subcommittee, which I’m the most involved in. I was one of the 33 members of the UNA who went to Geneva at the start of term. Avnish and Steph, the President and Vice, organised some very interesting talks at the WTO, UNAIDS and UNHCR to name a few!

Can you tell us about your role as Education Officer for the UNA?
As the Education Officer, I am the head of a small group of students who are interested in going into schools in Leeds and teaching year 9 pupils about topics which are relevant to the UN and the National Curriculum for PSHCE. Last year we gave a lesson about Children’s Rights, and linked it to the UN’s Rights of the Child charter. The lessons are always great fun, and the children seem to enjoy them and get a lot out of them. The Education subcommittee make the lesson plan and are actively involved in all of the processes.

Can people who are interested in the Education programme get involved?
Definitely! If anyone is interested in taking part get in touch with me through the UNA Facebook group, which is http://leedsac.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2251929841

What are your plans for the future?
We are hoping to go into two or three schools in the LS6 area with a new lesson plan, which we are creating at the moment.

Is there anything you would change about POLIS?
I think if the seminars were slightly longer it would give students more time for discussion and debate.