

# POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter – March/April 2013

Welcome to the March/April newsletter about recent developments related to our suite of MA degrees in International Studies and the MA in International Law and International Relations.

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## Progress of Current Students

After a well-earned Easter break from classes, our current MA students are now in the final few weeks of their second semester. Their proposals for their dissertations have been submitted and everyone is looking forward to June and the Annual Postgraduate Day.

## Centre for Global Politics, Economy and Society Seminar Series

Many of our MA students have been regular attendees at our weekly seminar series. This semester we have welcomed a number of distinguished outside speakers. Highlights have included 'Fatal Attraction Revisited? NATO's Use of Air Power in Libya in 2011' by Dr. Bettina Renz (University of Nottingham) and 'We [For]got him: Narrative Forgetting and the Killing of bin Laden' by Dr. Lee Jarvis (University of Swansea).

## Latest Staff Activities

- Dr. Stephen Hurt recently published a chapter entitled 'African agency in world trade undermined? The case of bilateral relations with the European Union' in a collection edited by William Brown and Sophie Harman on *African Agency in International Politics* (Routledge).
- Dr Sarah Whitmore and Dr Rico Isaacs published a new article in *Democratization* on 'The limited agency and life-cycles of

personalized dominant parties in the post-Soviet space: the cases of United Russia and Nur Otan'.

## Scholarship News

Applicants to our MA programmes can apply for a John Henry Brookes Scholarship. Our faculty has announced that three awards of £1,500 and one award of £2,000 are open to UK, EU or International students across the Faculty for September 2013 entry. For further details of all scholarship opportunities go to <http://www.social-sciences.brookes.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/> and click on course information and fees/funding for more details.



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