

POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Newsletter – October-December 2016

Welcome to the October-December newsletter about recent developments related to our suite of MA degrees in International Relations.

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Current Students

Our current MA students are coming to the end of the first semester of the new academic year and will soon be able to enjoy a well-earned break. Before Semester 2 starts they will be off on a four-day study trip to Brussels and The Hague.

Seminar Series and Book Launch

Our Centre for Global Politics, Economy and Society (GPES) ran another highly successful research seminar series during Semester 1. Dr Duncan Green (Senior Strategic Adviser at Oxfam GB) began the series with a talk to launch his new book *How Change Happens* (Oxford University Press). A video of this event is available at: <https://youtu.be/4Ci1BQjO9Jc>. Other highlights included Dr Meera Sabaratnam (SOAS) who spoke on 'Decolonising Intervention: International Statebuilding in Mozambique' and Dr Ian Bruff (University of Manchester) on 'Neoliberalism and authoritarianism: always intertwined, contemporary manifestations'. The seminar series resumes in Semester 2.

Politics at Work Seminars

A new series of events aimed at students who may be considering a career in the areas of international development, aid and peacebuilding was launched in October. The 'Politics at Work' seminar series brings practitioners, with extensive experience in these areas, to campus to speak to students about their careers. Our excellent first

speaker was Dr Wale Osofisan (Senior Technical Advisor in Governance for the International Rescue Committee). More events in this new series are planned for future semesters.

GPES: Bits and Blogs

Our research centre blog pages have lots of recent additions. These include the thoughts of a number of staff on the significance and potential implications of the recent election of Donald Trump in the United States. You can read more at: <http://gpesbitsandblogs.blogspot.co.uk/>.

Semester Dates

Download at: <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying-at-brookes/learning-and-teaching/semester-dates/>



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