Appointments, Awards, Honours

Many warm congratulations to the following newly minted PhDs: Behar Sadriu who defended his thesis on “Legitimation strategies and Turkey’s post-Cold War engagement: the case of its role in the Albanian parts of the Balkans” in April; Richard Akum on borderland modes of informal organisation in Liberia; Hugh Lamarque on policing in the borderlands of Rwanda and DR Congo; and Weysi Dag, who was a Visiting Research Student in the Department of Politics during 2015 on “Stateless Transnational Diaspora Activism and Homeland Politics: Motivations, Opportunities and Challenges” (at the Free University of Berlin).

Congratulations to Hugh Lamarque, who even before his viva, had secured a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh. Also, Konstantinos (Kostas) Tsimonis, our very own MSc and then PhD (2013) student just been offered a position at Kings College London as lecturer in Contemporary Chinese society. Another PhD students, Dr Zaad Mahmood, has been offered a post as Departmental Lecturer, teaching South Asian Development, at the Oxford Department for International Development (ODID). He will be starting in July 2017.

PhD candidate Guy Eyre was awarded a Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) 2017 Travel Research Grant. (Guy Eyre will present a working paper at the BRISMES-MESNET Early Career Researchers’ Workshop at the University of Exeter in July.)

PhD candidate Lewis Turner was awarded a Wadad Kadi Travel Fellowship by the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) for their upcoming annual meeting in November 2017 in Washington, DC. He will present his research on Syrian refugee camps as spaces of economic activity.

In June Dafydd Fell was awarded a £64,000 grant by Shungye Museum of Formosan Aborigines to develop a research project on Contemporary Taiwanese Indigenous Peoples. This news was also reported extensively in the Taiwan media. For instance, see this Taipei Times feature.

Doctoral student Catherine Craven was awarded grants by the Royal Geographical Society and the International Council of Canadian Studies to complete fieldwork on the politics of diaspora engagement in Geneva, Toronto and Ottawa.

Catherine Craven has been appointed research associate at the Free University of Berlin’s Collaborative Research Centre on “Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

PhD candidate Kilhee Kwak (supervised by Tat Yan Kong and Leslie Vinjamuri) was selected to represent SOAS at two international conferences: IPAC Conference, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, February 2017; Worldwide Consortium for Korean Studies Conference, UCLA, June 2017.

In June, doctoral student Adélie Chevéé was awarded a scholarship by the Centre Marc Bloch in Berlin to conduct field research on the Syrian intellectual diaspora. In April, she received a fieldwork grant from the Council for British Research in the Levant, and the Fonds Sarah Andrieux.

Felix Berenskoetter was awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship (grant value of ca £50,000) for a project on ‘Friendship in International Relations’. The Fellowship will run from September 2017 until December 2018 during which Felix will focus on research for and writing his book.

This year’s cohort of attendees at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) at University of Syracuse included Manjeet Ramgoitra and doctoral students Luisa Barbosa and Nattaporn Sittipat.

New Publications

Rahul Rao published a review of Jyoti Puri’s Sexual states: governance and the struggle over the antidosomy law in India in the International Feminist Journal of Politics.

Doctoral candidate Emanuelle Degli Esposti has published an article in a special issue of the journal Politics. Entitled “The aesthetics of ritual – Contested identities and conflicting performances in the Iraqi Shi’a diaspora: Ritual, performance and identity change,” the article examines the significance of ethnographic methods in studying processes of identity change and is based on her doctoral research on the Iraqi Shi’a diaspora.

Charles Tripp took part in a panel discussion to launch the book that he co-edited with Paul Collins, Gertrude Bell and Iraq – a life and legacy (OUP for the British Academy, 2017). The book is a major re-evaluation of the life and legacy of Gertrude Lowthian Bell (1868-1926), the renowned scholar, explorer, writer, archaeologist, and British civil servant. The book examines Gertrude Bell’s role in shaping British policy in the Middle East in the first part of the 20th century, her views of the cultures and peoples of the region, and her unusual position as a woman occupying a senior position in the British imperial
administration. It focuses particularly on her involvement in Iraq and the part she played in the establishment of the Iraqi monarchy and the Iraqi state. In addition, the book examines her interests in Iraq’s ancient past. She was instrumental in drawing up Iraq’s first Antiquities Law in 1922 and in the foundation of the Iraq Museum in 1923.

Tat Yan Kong’s article “China’s engagement-oriented strategy towards North Korea: achievements and limitations“ was published online in The Pacific Review.

Vineet Thakur published a journal article ‘Liberal. Liminal and Lost: India’s first diplomats and the narrative of foreign policy’ in The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History. Making a case for writing new diplomatic histories of pre-independence India, the paper narrates how three little known Indian diplomats confronted Jan Smuts, arguably the most celebrated liberal statesman of the interwar era, on his country’s racism at international platforms and scripted the first success story of Indian diplomacy.

Stephen Chan’s new book (with Julia Gallagher who received her PhD from the Department), Why Mugabe Won, came out in June with Cambridge University Press. It has been the subject of fierce debate in the Zimbabwean press. The 2013 general elections in Zimbabwe were widely expected to mark a shift in the nation’s political system, and a greater role for the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), led by Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai. However, the results, surprisingly, were overwhelmingly in favour of long-time President Robert Mugabe, who swept the presidential, parliamentary and senatorial polls under relatively credible and peaceful conditions. In this book, a valuable and accessible read for both students and scholars working in African politics, and those with a general interest in the politics of the region, Stephen Chan and Julia Gallagher explore the domestic and international context of these landmark elections.

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more solidaristic, reparative and accountable to and with those who are the intended targets of assistance.

Kristin Surak published the article “At the Margins of Multiculturalism” in Nationalism and Ethnic Politics. The text critically analyzes multicultural debates in Japan. She also published a piece on the intersection of national experiences and materiality, “Engaging Objects: A Phenomenology of the Tea Ceremony and Japaneseness,” in the book National Matter: Materiality, Culture, and Nationalism, which just came out with Stanford University Press.

Behar Sadriu published “Grasping the Syria War, a view from Albanians in the Balkans” in Nationalities Papers.

Myung-Ja Kim’s book, titled The Korean Diaspora in Postwar Japan: Geopolitics, Identity and Nation-Building has been published by I. B. Tauris. Myung Ja Kim examines Japan’s changing national policies towards the Zainichi in order to understand why this group has not been fully integrated into Japan. Through the prism of this ethnically Korean community, the book reveals the dynamics of alliances and alignments in East Asia, including the rise of China as an economic superpower, the security threat posed by North Korea and the diminishing alliance between Japan and the US. Taking a post-war historical perspective, the research reveals why the Zainichi are vital to Japan’s state policy revisionist aims to increase its power internationally and how they were used to increase the country’s geopolitical leverage. With a focus on International Relations, this book provides an important analysis of the mechanisms that lie behind nation-building policy, showing the conditions controlling a host state’s treatment of diasporic groups.

Laleh Khalili’s “The Roads to Power: The Infrastructure of Counterinsurgency” was published in the World Policy Journal and she recorded a podcast about the article. Her long review essay about David Kilcullen’s Out of the Mountain was published in Historical Materialism. She also published an essay about the anti-Iraq War protests of 2003 in a book title Protest: Stories of Resistance, which paired scholarly articles with short stories about the same subject. Her essay was paired with a short story by Kate Clanchy. Laleh Khalili’s essay, “Carceral Seas” was published in the catalogue for an exhibition of Allan Sekula’s maritime and port photographs at Fundació Antoni Tàpies in Barcelona.

Research Centres, Clusters, & Networks

Centre for Taiwan Studies
The Centre for Taiwan Studies held the following events since the last newsletter:

23/02/17 - Film Screening of Documentary - Almost Home: Taiwan and Q&A with Director Victoria Linchong

07/03/17 - Film Screening and Talk on Laha Mebow’s Heartwarming Documentary Realism, Darryl Sterk

08/03/17 - Horace Ho’s The Tree Fort on Carnation Lane as a Nativist National Allegory-Bildungsroman, Darryl Sterk

09/03/17 - Gender and the Housing “Questions” in Taiwan, Dr Chen Yi-Ling
15/03/17 - Competition and Innovation: How Taiwan and China Struggle to Seek Competitive Advantages within the Cross-Strait IT Industry Cooperation, Dr Lee Chun-Yi

20/03/17 - Fingers Crossed for the Cross-Strait Relations, Dr Charles I-Hsin Chen (SOAS)

20/03/17 -- Taiwan 2.0: Digital Public Diplomacy in the Era of "Alternative Facts", Prof Gary Rawnsley

21/03/17 - Golden Harvest Awards in Taiwan, Dr Ming-yeh Rawnsley

04/04/17 - Alternative Politics in Taiwan: Challenges facing Taiwan's Green Party, Various Speakers

04/04/17 - Politics and Social Movements in Penghu 政治與社會運動在澎湖, Mr Sheng I-Che (冼義哲)

27/04/17 - Film Screening of Cape No 7 (海角七號) and Director (魏德聖) and Producer's (黃志明) Q&A, Director Wei Te-Sheng (魏德聖) and Producer Jimmy Huang (黃志明), Chaired by Dr Ming-yeh Rawnsley

16/05/17 - The U.S. - Taiwan Relations after the Trump-Xi Summit, Dr Lyushun Shen

15/06/17 - The Push Cart Lines of Taiwan: The Forgotten Key to The Island's Development?, Dr Michael Reilly

15/06/17 - The operation of the Alishan Forest Railway, Dr Hsu Nai-Yi

15/06/17 - Taiwan Sugar Railways: Decline and Heritage Preservation, Dr Hsu Nai-Yi

16/06/17 - Queer Lenses of a Taiwan Film Director, Film Director Hou Chi-jan

16/06/17 - Film screening: Green Island Serenade: Queer stories from Hou Chi-jan, Director Hou Chi-jan (侯季然) Q&A Chaired by Dr How Wee Ng

19/06/17 - A Review of Taiwan-China Relationship after One Year of Tsai Ying-Wen's Presidency, Dr Hsu Szu-chien, Dr Lai I-chung and Dr Lin Cheng-yi

20/06/17 and 21/06/17 - Documentary Film Screening of Attabu I & II (阿罩霧風雲 I: 抉擇), Film Producer Mr Lee Khan (李崗)

26/06/17 - Changing party support among Taiwan's indigenous communities: Structure or Fracture of Party Loyalty, Wan-Zi Lu

26/06/17 - Taiwan in the Age of Trump: Best of Times, Worst of Times, or Something in Between? Prof Shelley Rigger

26/06/17 - Civic Activism in Taiwan: From Ma's Undoing to Tsai's Headache, Mr J. Michael Cole

03/07/17 - 2017 SOAS Taiwan Studies Summer School, Speakers & Performers: Ado Kaliting Pacidal, Hsieh Ming-Yu, Tobie Openshaw, Valerie Soe, Chi Ta-Wei, Chang Tieh-chih, Meredith Schweig, Lin Chen-yu, Hsieh Chinlin

03/07/17 - Film and Homosexuality under Martial Law Taiwan, Assistant Professor Chi Ta-wei

03/07/17 - Tracing the Journey of Hoklo (Taiyu) Songs in Taiwan, Hsieh Ming-yu

03/07/17 - Polyphonic Adventures in the History of Taiwan Rap: Xiha, Raoshe, Liām-kua, Assistant Professor Meredith Schweig

03/07/17 - Concert by Ado, Ado Kaliting Pacidal

London Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Sciences

The London Asia Pacific Centre for Social Science (Co-Directors Tat Yan Kong, SOAS and Ramon Pacheco Pardo, KCL) hosted a discussion with a delegation led by Mr Moo-Il Lee, Director General of Bureau of Intelligence and Analysis, Ministry of Unification, Republic of Korea. Participants included Tat Yan Kong (SOAS), Mike Cowin (FCO and former UK Deputy Head of Mission in DPRK), Matthew Bates (Aminex Plc) and Hyun-Jung Kim (SOAS and Ministry of Unification, Republic of Korea).

On behalf of the London Asia Pacific Centre for Social Science, Tat Yan Kong met a visiting delegation of senior social scientists from Jilin University on 21 June 2017.
Centre for Comparative Political Thought

Hagar Kotef and colleagues at the Centre for Comparative Political Thought organised the annual CPT workshop on June 10. Titled ‘Conceptual Itineraries: the roots and routes of the political’, the workshop adopted the format of the Political Concepts projects with an emphasis on how concepts travel. Each participant spoke to a single concept, addressing the ways in which it did or did not travel, while also exploring the conceptual innovation occasioned both by mobility and stasis. Concepts discussed during the day included home, world, use, number, sacred, modern, collectivity and nation.

Participants, drawn from a range of disciplinary backgrounds, included Hagar Kotef, Jeanne Morefield, Sara Ahmed, Jacques Lezra, Statthis Gourgouris, Supriya Chaudhuri, Shaul Setter and Sudipta Kaviraj (latterly of the Department) alongside colleagues Charles Tripp, Matt Nelson, Rochana Bajpai, and Manjeet Ramgotra.

On April 26th, the Centre for Comparative Political Thought hosted the Italian Marxist sociologist and political philosopher Professor Antonio "Toni" Negri, who gave a talk on the topic “Chi sono i Comunisti - Who are the Communists”. The lecture was chaired by Ed Emery (translator for Polity Press) and the discussant was Ivana Bevilacqua (MSc in Middle East Politics at SOAS). A video of the main lecture is available on YouTube.

Presentations and Conferences

On 7 June, the Department hosted the annual MPhil/PhD graduate conference. This year’s conference was titled “Re-thinking politics in Asia, Africa and the Middle East”. Opening remarks were delivered by Charles Tripp who explored how a “re-thinking” of the political can be achieved.

The conference featured five panels that gave first-year PhD students of the department an opportunity to present their doctoral research projects: 1) Foreign Policy and Negotiation Processes in International Relations (Kilhee Kwak, He Zhu, Sirada Khemanitthathai); 2) Structure and Agency in the Study of Development (Stephanie Hale, Magsud Mammadov, Hang Zhou); 3) Democracy, Participation and Contestation (Seiko Okayama, Timothy Joshua Simonson, Rob Kassemdjian); 4) Contentious Politics in Taiwan and Hong Kong (Leon N. Kunz, Chung Yin Kwan); 5) Decentralization in Southeast Asia and West Africa (Dwi Kiswanto, Ibrahim Al-Bakri Nyei). Felix Berenskötter, Kerem Nisancioglu, Julia Strauss, Malte Kaeding (University of Surrey), and Lawrence Sáez acted as
In April, doctoral student Mathilde Zederman co-organised the workshop “Producing Knowledge on Islam in Europe: Methodology, Epistemology and Reflexivity”, in partnership between SOAS and Cambridge University (winner of BRAIS prize 2017) at the University of Cambridge. In May, Mathilde presented at the seminar "Un paradigme tunisien? Histoire et Sciences Sociales en Révolution", Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales on her work "Exil et engagement politique des islamistes tunisiens en France : du régime de Bourguiba à l’ère postrévolutionnaire", and in June, she presented her paper "Islamic Tunisian Mobilisations in France under Ben Ali’s regime” at the conference ‘Political Remittances and Political Transnationalism: Narratives, Political Practices and the Role of the State’ at Oxford University.

Fiona Adamson participated in two roundtables -- “Migration States in the Global South” and “Changing Notions of Change in World Politics” -- at the International Studies Association (ISA) meeting in Baltimore in February. She also presented a paper on migration and global justice and acted as a discussant on three panels. Fiona also spoke at the conference “Beyond Diasporas from the Balkans and Refugee Routes Today: Academic and Policy Implications” at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York in March; presented a paper on diaspora politics and civil war at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) meeting in Chicago in April; and spoke at the conference “Globalization, Polarization and the Eroding Foundations of International Order” at Stanford University in June.

In March, doctoral student Veronica Ferreri presented a paper entitled “The camp is the home of our exile: social intimacy, normality and the power of (unofficial) documents” at the ACSS Conference “State, sovereignty and social space in the Arab region: emerging historical and theoretical approaches” in Beirut.

PhD student Sameen Mohsin Ali presented a paper titled “Wolves of the Antechamber”: Bureaucratic Politicisation and the Politics of Delivery in Punjab, Pakistan at the British Association of South Asian Studies (BASAS) annual conference held in Nottingham in April. Sameen also presented a paper titled ‘Patronage and Bureaucratic Discretion: From Localities to Lahore’ at the inaugural White Rose South Asia Network Graduate Workshop held in Leeds in May.

Michael Buehler spoke at a Panel "Unity in Diversity: Politics and Religion in Indonesia" at UCL in March, and delivered a talk at the LSE’s Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre on “Islamisation through Democratisation? Deciphering Calls for Islamic Law in Contemporary Indonesia.” In April Michael also participated in a panel discussion about “Jihad Selfie” at the Deptford Cinema in Lewisham, London, as part of the Indonesian film festival. In June, Michael delivered a lecture on Politics and Religion in Indonesia during SOAS Insight Day and another lecture on Islamic Populism during SOAS Outreach Day. The same month, he also participated at the SOAS- ASEAN Business Council Networking event.

Behar Sadriu presented at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen for a conference titled “Ambivalent Legacies: Memory and Anamnesis in Post-Habsburg and Post-Ottoman Cities” in late April. His essay explored the importance of shrine patronage to Turkey’s foreign policy.

In February, Felix Berenskoetter participated in a workshop on ‘Social power and the Transatlantic Space’ at Concordia University, Montreal. Also in February, Felix participated in four panels at the International Studies Association (ISA) meeting in Baltimore. He was part of a roundtable on ‘The Problem of Change in Constructivist Theory’, co-presented a paper entitled ‘German-Israeli Relations: Is it Friendship’ and presented a paper called ‘Peace in Time: Unpacking Peace through the Concept of Utopia’. Felix also chaired a panel on ‘Rethinking Power in the Age of Power Transition’. In June, Felix presented a paper on ‘Concept Analysis and Theorizing in International Relations’ at the the British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference in Brighton. On 17-18 June, Felix hosted an international workshop at SOAS on ‘Identity in International Relations: Methods of Interpretation and Critique’. The workshop was funded by the BISA Working Group ‘Interpretivism in International Relations’, which Felix co-convenes, and aimed at Early Career Researchers. It generated stimulating discussions of high quality over two days, despite the heat outside!

Reem Abou-El-Fadl’s paper on “Resistance and Solidarity in the 1972-3 Egyptian Student Uprising” was accepted as part of a panel at the Annual Conference of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies in Edinburgh.

Matthew Eagleton-Pierce presented two papers at the International Studies Association conference in Baltimore in February 2017, under the titles: ‘The Making of Global Trade Justice: On the Professionalization of Oxfam’ and ‘On Neoliberal Resilience’. He was also invited to speak at LSE and Cardiff University on the relationship between expertise, scientific capital, and neoliberalism in the making of trade policy advocacy.
In May 2017, **Matt** organised an international, two-day workshop at SOAS under the title of: ‘The Political Economy of Management: At the Nexus Between Public and Private Governance’. The event featured scholars from a range of disciplines who sought to unravel the problem of managerialism and how, in particular, it offers a relevant research focus for the study of global political economy. A selection of the papers will be submitted next year to a special issue of *Review of International Political Economy*.

In June 2017, **Matt** attended a workshop at the University of Cambridge under the ‘Keywords Project’, a collaborative effort on the part of English theorists, cultural studies scholars, linguists, and social scientists to produce a new interpretation of Raymond Williams’ Keywords. The volume – titled ‘Keywords for Today’ – is set to be published next year.

In April, **Adélie Chevée** participated to a doctoral workshop at the International Symposium on Migrations in Turkey organized by IFEA-Istanbul, HUGO Hacettepe University and UNHCR in Ankara. In May, she gave a presentation on ‘Understanding Jumhuriya from Istanbul: an intervention in the Syrian intellectual dispute’ at the Institut Francais d’Études Anatoliennes, Istanbul. In March, **Charles Tripp** co-organised and chaired a roundtable on ‘Experiencing Violence’ at the British Academy as one of its emerging research themes; and presented a paper on ‘The Nation State as unfinished business: performative politics in the production and transformation of an institution’ at a conference on *The Nation State in the Arab World* at the American University in Cairo. In April, **Charles** gave a talk on ‘Art and the public sphere: contesting and producing knowledge in Tunisia’ at L’Art Rue, Dar Bach Hamba, Tunis and gave a talk on ‘Building National Identities in Divided States: Implications for Iraq’ at TBS, University of Tunis. In May, he gave a talk on ‘Violence as political communication: the case of Iraq’ at Swansea University.

**Kristin Surak** co-organized an international academic conference on investment migration held in Geneva in June. She also presented on the state of international migration today at the Investment Migration Summit in Dubai in February.

In May, **Leslie Vinjamuri** spoke at the *Global Strategy Forum* about the domestic and international politics of US policy in Syria on a panel titled ‘Russia And The West: Collision Course Or Simply Sparring?’ The panel was chaired by Lord Lothian. **Leslie Vinjamuri** spoke on a panel, “Post Truth, Post-Electoral, Post-Work, The Future of Open Society in a Digital World” at the YNOW Digital Transformation UnConference at Schloss Heiligenberg. The conference brought together around 60 leading CEOs from Europe and Silicon Valley to consider the implications of automation, machine learning and other technologies on the future of the economy and politics. Kenneth Cukier (digital editor, The Economist) moderated this panel. In June, **Leslie** gave a breakfast talk to Chatham House members on *Trump at 150 days*.

In June, **Leslie Vinjamuri** spoke about ‘Can liberal democracy and the liberal international order survive Donald Trump?’ at St George’s House, Windsor Castle to a group of clergy gathered for a 10 day consultation. **Leslie Vinjamuri** delivered two talks at the London School of Economics. In April she spoke on a panel with Gideon Rachman (*Financial Times*), Charlie Beckett (LSE) and Joan Williams (University of California) on ‘Trump at 100 days’. Podcast available [here](#). In June she spoke on a panel at the Alumni Weekend of LSE IDEAS on “Trump, the US and the Future of the International Liberal order” together with Brian Klaas (LSE) and Barry Buzan (LSE). **Leslie** also spoke at a workshop at The International Criminal Court in Active Armed Conflicts that brought together legal scholars, political scientists, mediators, NGOs, and members of the ICC staff. This meeting took place at the European University Institute and was hosted by Professor Jennifer Welsh. **Leslie** spoke on a panel on “Maintaining political unity at a time of strategic challenges” at the First Sea Lord and Chatham House Royal Navy Conference. **Leslie Vinjamuri** spoke in a SOAS Centenary Panel on “Diplomacy in a Polarising World” at the Emirates Diplomatic Academy in Abu Dhabi.

In March, **Phil Clark** delivered a lecture titled, “The Death of the ICC? The Politics of International Justice in Africa”, at Maastricht University. In May, **Phil** was a discusssant at a workshop on political economy in Rwanda hosted by the University of Manchester’s Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre. In June, **Phil Clark** was a panellist at the Oxford Transitional Justice Research 10th anniversary workshop at the University of Oxford, discussing the future of the field of transitional justice.

In April 2017, **Dr Rochana Bajpai** presented a paper ‘Challenges of Muslim representation in majoritarian India’ (co-authored with Dr Adnan Farooqui, Jamia, Delhi) at the British Association of South Asian Studies Annual Conference, Nottingham. In May 2017, **Rochana** served as chair and discussant for a panel at the Kings College London’s India Institute Graduate Conference.

**Laleh Khalili** presented on maritime transport in the Middle East at the *Mine Your Own Festival* in Rijeka; “Quartermasters of Capital” at the Université libre de...
Bruxelles; on “Carceral Seas” at University of California, Davis; and “Ship” at the Global Art Forum at Art Dubai. She held a conversation with “weird fiction” author China Miéville at Waterstones’ Gower Street about Miéville’s new book on the 1917 Revolution.

In March, Ini Dele-Adeleji spoke at the Africa Research Forum seminar (Centre of African Studies, University of Cambridge) where he delivered a Paper titled “Re-imagining the Boko Haram Sect as a Purveyor of Public Services in Northern Nigeria”.

Tat Yan Kong participated in a panel discussion on the situation on the Korean Peninsula at Chatham House on 17 May 2017. Tat Yan Kong briefed the Republic of Ireland ambassador-designate Mr Julian Clare on North Korean politics, economics and international relations on 24 May 2017.


In March Dafydd Fell gave a paper titled, ‘Limited Breakthrough: The Green Party Taiwan and Social Democratic Alliance in the 2016 Elections,’ at the European Association of Taiwan Studies, Venice. Also in March Dafydd gave a talk titled, ‘Political Communication in Taiwan’s 2016 Elections,’ at the University of Leeds.

Rahul Rao participated in a roundtable titled ‘Queer Inter/national’ at the Law and Society Association conference in Mexico City on 20 June. He delivered a keynote lecture entitled ‘Queer in the time of Homocapitalism’ at a conference on ‘Politics of Sexuality: Claims, Belonging, Partisanship’ organised by the Department of Philosophy, Sapienza Università di Roma in June. Also in June, Rahul chaired the opening keynote panel entitled ‘Decolonising Queer Theory’ at the Queer Asia conference in SOAS. Panel members included Nur Abou-Assab, Nikita Dhawan and Ben Murtagh. He also participated in a roundtable entitled ‘Decolonising beyond buzzwords and co-optation: the power and pitfalls of definition’ at the BISA conference in Brighton; in a public dialogue with Roderick A. Ferguson on ‘The Return of Marxism in Queer Theory: Queer of Colour Perspectives’ organised by the Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies at Utrecht University; and in a workshop entitled ‘Interventions: Politicising Political Thought’ organised at Oxford Brookes University on May 4-5, with a presentation entitled ‘What is Comparative Political Thought?’ Rahul also presented a paper entitled ‘Dysfunction and dysphoria: anxieties of, and about, rising members in international society’, at the International Feminist Journal of Politics conference in New Delhi in April and organised a talk by Maurice Stierl entitled ‘Drowning as Deterrent: EU Migration Control and its Contestation at Sea’, which took place at SOAS on 12 June. Rahul Rao also organised a panel discussion around the themes of the book Echoes of Empire: Memory, Identity and Colonial Legacies edited by Kalypso Nicolaidis, Berny Sebe and Gabrielle Maas. At the event, held on 27 April at SOAS, editors Kalypso and Berny were in conversation with Michael Collins and Olivia Rutazibwa.

Seyed Ali Alavi, final year PhD candidate, delivered a speech at The American-Austrian Foundation Conference held in Vienna in April 2017 on Middle East politics, with focus on two separate topics of the Iranian Revolution and the Rise and Fall of Islamic State.

PhD candidate Lewis Turner presented his work on the markets of Syrian refugee camps in Jordan at the International Studies Association annual meeting in Baltimore in February, and to the University of Oxford Refugee Studies Centre conference in March. The paper analyses refugee governance through an exploration of refugee camp markets, critically interrogating the idea of ‘camp entrepreneurship.’ He was invited to return to the Refugee Studies Centre in June to present the research to a two-day workshop on refugee self-reliance and entrepreneurship. Lewis also presented research, conducted jointly with Katharina Lenner of the University of Bath, on the Jordan Compact and the work permits initiative for Syrian refugees. This was presented at the University of Oxford Refugee Studies Centre conference in March, and to a workshop on refugee economic integration at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels in June. Lewis Turner was invited by the
Cambridge Migration Society to present his research on the Syria refugee response in May. His paper argued that Syrian men occupy an undefined and uncertain position in humanitarian work.

Arshin Adib-Moghaddam engaged in a debate about “Multiculturalism” with Prof Hande Wright of UBC in Canada upon invitation of “The Muslim Debate” in Islamabad, Pakistan. The debate was held over one month according to the Oxbridge format. Adib-Moghaddam won the motion 60 to 40. Arshin also gave a lecture at Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge about the political thought of Ayatollah Khomeini as a part of the “Global Intellectual History” lecture series organised by SOAS alumni, Dr Shruti Kapila. Arshin also gave a major policy speech about peace in the Persian Gulf at this year’s Doha Forum in Qatar. The Forum was attended by several Presidents and Prime Ministers from all over the world and also by Valerie Amos, the Director of SOAS.

In May, Yuka Kobayashi was invited to give a talk on China’s One Belt One Road Initiative at Oxford University. She spoke about the recently unveiled plans for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its regional and international security and economic implications. In June, Kobayashi was invited to University of Westminster to give a talk on “Politics of the ‘Other’: Western Concepts in non-Western Contexts” where spoke about Human Rights in China. She traced the history of human rights from a Western import via Japan, and its evolution through the process of localisation to eventually becoming a Chinese ‘export’ post-Tiananmen.

Manjeet Ramgotra presented her research on ‘Postcolonial republicanism: the revival of a paradigm’ at the Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law at the University of Edinburgh on 2 May 2017. Manjeet also gave a workshop on ‘Decolonizing and Re-gendering Our Curricula’ at the Gender Research Centre at the University of Bristol on 16 May 2017.

Bhavna Davé gave a lecture on “China’s Silk Road Strategy and Soft Power in Central Asia” at Centre of Eurasian and Central Asian Studies at Seoul National University on 29 June 2017. She met with experts on Russia at Seoul National University and Hanyang University to gain an understanding of South Korean investments in the Russian Far East. Bhavna was also invited to present a paper on “Perceptions of Chinese Norms and Developmental Practices in Kazakhstan” at a Workshop on “Central Asia Migrants’ Struggle to Live and Work Legally in Moscow” at a roundtable discussion on Russian Migration Law in Practice at Nazarbayev University, Astana on 14 June 2017.

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Bhavna Davé gave a lecture on “Central Asia Migrants’ Struggle to Procure the Right to City” at the Central Asia programme at Humboldt University, Berlin on 25 April 2017. Bhavna Davé was invited to present a paper on “Implementing OBOR: Opportunities and Challenges for the Border Regions in Eurasia” at a Workshop on The Role of Local Actors in Chinese Cultural Diplomacy: Central Asia, Middle East, Southeast Asia and Central Europe at Oriental Institute of Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 23-24 February 2017.

Bhavna Davé and Yuka Kobayashi were invited to participate at a workshop Regional Cooperation Initiatives in the Asia-Pacific and the Emergence of New Eurasian
**Geopolitics** organised by the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore on 9 April 2017. Bhavna Davé gave a presentation on “China’s Silk Road Strategy: Reflections on China’s Rising ‘soft power’ in Central Asia” and Yuka Kobayashi talked about “Domestic and international forces driving China’s Belt and Road Initiative”.

**Current Research**

In July and August, Meera Sabaratnam will be a Visiting Scholar at the School of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) at the University of Queensland, Australia. During this time she will collaborate with Dr Heloise Weber on a project reviewing recent UK and Australian policies in international development aid.

Charles Tripp carried out fieldwork in Tunisia as part of his ongoing research into the re-invention of the republic and the re-thinking of republicanism in post-revolutionary Tunisia.

Bhavna Davé visited the Khorgos Special Economic Zone and International Centre of Boundary Cooperation along the Kazakhstan-China border as part of her research on the China’s investment in the Silk Road Economic Belt and effects on Central Asia.

In April, Yuka Kobayashi conducted fieldwork in Singapore, examining the impact of China’s One Belt One Road Initiative in Singapore. She also had discussions with Singaporean officials and academics working on the trade and security dimensions of China’s One Belt One Road.

Kobayashi is currently conducting a survey of China’s investments in Myanmar in the key regions of Kyaunkpyu, Mandalay, Naypyitaw, and Yangon, which are the key areas of focus for China’s Belt and Road activities in Myanmar. She has been advising various EU and Asian governments on aspects of this Initiative.

Reem Abou-El-Fadl travelled to Cairo in April to conduct interviews with former student activists of Cairo and Alexandria Universities as part of her ongoing research into the 1972-3 student uprisings in Egypt during the presidency of Anwar Sadat.

**Outreach**

In March, Phil Clark continued a DFID-funded programme on training Rwandan researchers through the Aegis Trust in Kigali. In May, he convened a week-long SOAS training course on Sub-Saharan Africa for the Ministry of Defence at the Henlow RAF base. Stephen Chan and Tom Young taught sessions on the course.

Leslie Vinjamuri participated in the annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the Institute for Integrated Transitions, and the annual Away Day of the Council of Chatham House, and a meeting of the LSE IDEAS advisory board.

Leslie Vinjamuri attended the Oslo Forum, a meeting of senior conflict mediators, high-level decision makers and key peace process actors. The Oslo Forum is widely regarded as the leading international network of armed conflict mediation practitioners. Co-hosted by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD). Participation is by invitation-only. John Kerry, Javad Zarif, and Federica Mogherini spoke on the opening panel. Leslie Vinjamuri also attended the annual meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations (National conference) in New York City.

In March 2017, Dr Rochana Bajpai travelled to Ottawa, Canada, for the launch of the Global Centre for Pluralism’s new series Accounting for Change in Diverse Societies. Encompassing six world regions, each “change case” focusses on moments in time when a country altered its approach to diversity, either expanding or eroding inclusive citizenship. Rochana’s country study of India was published as part of the project.

Professor Lawrence Saez and Dr Bhavna Dave organised a colloquium with Russian academic research centre directors and staff in May 2017. The purpose of this colloquium was on developing links between Russian research institutions and the Department’s Centre for the Politics of Energy Security (CEPES). At the colloquium, we identified concrete avenues for research collaboration relating to energy security in Central Asia and the geopolitical challenges posed by China’s One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative. CEPES shall be co-hosting a workshop around these research themes in the 2017-2018 academic year.

Stephen Chan spent much of June in Washington DC and the University of Virginia, being consulted by both the State Department and UVa’s flagship project on religious
violence. This was occasioned by the publication earlier this year of his *Plural International Relations in a Divided World*.

Stephen Chan was included in a small number of guests comprising mostly former African Presidents and Ministers at a private retreat in Italy, in May, to discuss improved electoral observation. He spoke about improved rigging techniques which observation, in its present form, cannot detect.

In May, Meera Sabaratnam helped to organise and run Thiruvalluvar Celebration Day, celebrating the famous Tamil sage and poet, and commemorating the presentation of his statue to SOAS by the Indian High Commission. The event drew a crowd of over 150 attendees from Indian and Sri Lankan Tamil communities in London. She chaired the closing roundtable on ‘The Future of Tamil Studies’.

In March, Ini Dele-Adeedje was a participant in a Roundtable consultation on security in Nigeria organised by the U.K. Cabinet Office/Foreign Commonwealth Office. In June, Ini was a discussant in an event organised by Whitehall, RUSI (Royal United Services Institute) titled ‘Boko Haram: Technically Defeated, or ongoing Threat?’. During this event, Ini discussed ‘The Resilience of Boko Haram’.

On 25 July 2017, Research Associate Steve Heder will be making a presentation on his current research on the rise of the Khmer Rouge and its research methodology to 100 Cambodian university professors and lecturers from 40 higher institutions as part of a seminar sponsored by the Documentation Center of Cambodia at the National Institute of Education.

**Media and Blogs**

Bhavna Davé was interviewed by a Kazakhstani expert on China on the expansion of Shanghai Cooperation Organization to include India and Pakistan, and on geopolitics of the Central Asian region on *Radio Mediametrics* on 26 June 2017 in Almaty.

In June, Yuka Kobayashi was interviewed by the online business magazine *Quartz* on China’s One Belt One Road Initiative. She commented on knowledge-transfers and the University Alliance of the Silk Road which is part of Xi Jinping’s Belt and Road Initiative.

In March, *Deutsche Welle* interviewed Phil Clark about escalating violence in eastern Congo; *World Politics Review* interviewed him about the build-up to the Rwandan presidential election in August; *The East African* quoted Phil on possible ICC investigations into Ugandan government crimes in Kasese district; *Newsweek* interviewed him about the extension to the UN peacekeeping mandate in eastern Congo; *The East African* interviewed Phil about the breakdown in talks between the DRC government and opposition over the holding of elections; Phil was quoted by *the New African* on whether the International Criminal Court is a tool to recolonise Africa.

In April, *Newsweek* interviewed Phil Clark about Zambia’s possible withdrawal from the International Criminal Court; *Deutsche Welle* quoted him on the banning of opposition protests in the DRC; *Newsweek* interviewed him about the prosecution of a Ugandan academic for insulting President Museveni and about the US and Ugandan militaries ending their hunt for rebel leader Joseph Kony; *The East African* quoted Phil on whether the French election result will mean that France apologises for its role in the Rwandan genocide; *Newsweek* interviewed him about the murder of two UN investigators in eastern Congo; *IRIN News* interviewed him on the US and Ugandan withdrawal from the military hunt for Joseph Kony; *Newsweek* interviewed him on disarmament talks in Central African Republic and about the trial in Senegal of former Chadian dictator, Hissene Habré; the *Guardian* interviewed Phil on the end of the hunt for Joseph Kony and the future of the Lord’s Resistance Army.

In May, Phil Clark was a guest on *Monocle* 24’s “Midori House” show, discussing Brexit, Hamas and other headline stories; the *Guardian* interviewed him about the murder of two UN investigators in DR Congo; his comments on the UN investigators’ murder were quoted in an analysis piece on the *Politico* website; *The Gulf Times* quoted him on the end of the military hunt for Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony; he did the *Monocle* 24 “Globalist” news review on Macron’s victory, the Russia-Trump Senate inquiry in the US and the Chibok girls in Nigeria; *Newsweek* interviewed Phil about the possibility of Presidents Trump and Bashir sitting across the table in Saudi Arabia; *L’Indro*, an Italian newspaper, quoted Phil about the impact of Macron’s election for Africa; Phil did a podcast interview for the *Bright Blue* website on human rights violations committed by the Ugandan army in Central African Republic; did the *Globalist news review on Monocle* 24 (25:00), discussing the possibility of a UK hung parliament, Rwanda vetting opposition candidates’ social media and Australia changing legislation to define coal as ‘green’; was a guest on *Monocle’s Midori House programme*, discussing Russian hacking, Trump and the Paris Agreement, and the UK election.

In June, the *Guardian* quoted Phil Clark on allegations that Ugandan soldiers committed rape in Central African Republic; the *Guardian* and *The Week* quoted him on the refusal by Saudi footballers to observe a minute’s silence for the London attack victims before a World Cup qualifier against Australia yesterday; *The East African* quoted him on two Rwandan opposition parties backing President Paul Kagame before the August election; he was a guest on *Monocle* 24’s “Midori House” programme, discussing the Finsbury Park attack, the US shooting down a Syrian fighter jet and the DUP pushing for an amnesty for British security forces during the Troubles; the *Guardian* and *The National* in Scotland quoted Phil Clark on justice for gender- and sexual-based violence in DR
Congo: Deutsche Welle printed an interview with Phil Clark on escalating violence in the Kasai provinces of DR Congo; was interviewed by Quartz magazine about the upcoming Rwandan presidential election.

In March, Ini Dele-Adejji was quoted in a piece by Bloomberg News on US-Iran relations, and how Nigeria factors into the equation and in June appeared on TRT World’s “Insight” programme to discuss the release of some of the abducted Chibok girls.

Dafydd Fell and Chang Bi-yu appeared on the BBC World Service’s show Witness discussing Taiwan’s modern history. This appearance also received attention in Taiwan’s media.

In March, Meera Sabaratnam was interviewed for the website E-International Relations on her intellectual journey, efforts to decolonise the university and her new research. In June, she was interviewed for coverage of the London Bridge attacks by the German online newspaper Zeit.

After General McMaster – a counterinsurgency guru – was appointed as Trump’s National Security Advisor, Laleh Khalili was interviewed by Radio France International, CNN, BBC’s Weekend Programme, and the Left Business Observer. She wrote a blog on her research for SOAS, was quoted by The Nation on the political pressures on Middle East Studies in the US, and was interviewed by Salvage Magazine on her past and present research and by a Croatian online magazine about her work on logistics and maritime transport. Laleh’s reflections on work in the Lebanese arts sector was published in Arabic in Thawra Da’imiyya.

Arshin Adib-Moghaddam gave half a dozen front page interviews to the Tehran Times which were also published in Persian by Mehr News Agency, the biggest syndicated news agency in Persian speaking countries. In his interviews, Adib-Moghaddam talked about human rights, democracy, US foreign policy and regional peace. He gave an interview to the International Policy Digest in Washington DC covering the new Presidency in Iran; gave an exclusive interview to Publico, Portugal’s biggest newspaper, about the terror attacks in Iran.

After the publication of his book, the launch of Michael Buehler’s book “The Politics of Shari’a Law” was covered by the BBC Indonesia along with a review of the book and an interview with Michael. His book was also mentioned by the New York Times, Asia & Pacific Policy Forum, the Pakistani newspaper The News, and by BBC Indonesia in an article on government plans to revoke local laws that violate the constitutional rights of Indonesians. The book was also reviewed in “Democratization” by Adita Gunawan. In June, Elizabeth Pisani and Michael Buehler’s research paper “Why do Indonesian politicians promote shari’a law?” was mentioned by Voice of America (VOA) in an analysis titled “Hard-line Islamist Groups Meet Official, Popular Roadblocks in Indonesia”.

Ryan Brading has published “How Venezuela’s revolutionary dream descended into chaos” in The Conversation.

Doctonal student Lewis Turner appeared on ‘The Newsmakers,’ the flagship news program of TRT World, to discuss the situation for Syrian refugees in Jordan. The interview focused on work opportunities and the threat of deportation for Syrians.

Between April and June, Leslie Vinjamuri made regular appearances on CNN to discuss US politics and foreign policy, including especially the ongoing investigations of Russia’s cyber-attacks on the US presidential elections, the US withdrawal from the Paris Accords, US policy in Syria and North Korea. Leslie Vinjamuri has also made regular appearances on Bloomberg TV’s Surveillance program to discuss US politics and foreign policy, especially the politics surrounding the investigations of Russia’s cyberattacks and Trump’s possible collusion, but also the US withdrawal from Paris, and the politics surrounding the Muslim Ban. She was also interviewed by National Public Radio and also Public Radio International for the To the Point program on Trump’s foreign policy. Surrounding the 100 days of Trump’s Presidency, Leslie Vinjamuri published an opinion piece on CNN, “Trump’s rhetoric is eroding America’s moral authority.” She then also gave a series of interviews. Among these one highlight was an interview with Carolyn Quinn for BBC Radio 4 PM to discuss the first 100 days of the Trump Presidency. Leslie had also sat with Carolyn Quinn to discuss Trump’s inauguration so this was a return, follow-up, appearance. In June, Leslie Vinjamuri gave a breakfast talk to Chatham House members on Trump at 150 days.

In the aftermath of the US airstrikes on Syria (in response to the chemical weapons attacks), Leslie appeared on BBC’s Newsnight program to discuss the US strikes on Syria in response to the chemical weapons attack on Idlib. She gave further TV and radio interviews on CNN and BBC. Leslie Vinjamuri also published an opinion piece “Donald Trump has 3 options for dealing with Assad, but none of them are easy” in The Telegraph. She also gave a video interview to The Telegraph News to discuss the US airstrikes on Syria in the aftermath of the chemical weapons attacks and a radio interview on RTE Radio (Ireland) for the Today with Sean O’Rourke program.

Leslie Vinjamuri was also quoted in Newsweek about the US airstrikes in Syria. More recently she appeared on BBC World News (TV) to discuss the US strategy in Raqqa and Mosul.
On the occasion of Donald Trump’s first foreign trip, Leslie Vinjamuri gave a series of radio and TV interviews. Leslie was interviewed by RTE Radio for the Today with Sean O’Rourke program on the occasion of Trump’s first foreign trip. Vinjamuri was interviewed alongside Lyse Doucet (BBC) who was on the ground in Israel.

Leslie Vinjamuri has published opinion pieces, and given a series of TV and radio interviews for CNN, BBC, and Bloomberg TV on the ongoing investigations into Russia’s cyberattacks on the US presidential elections, and the possible linkages between Trump’s team and Russia. Leslie Vinjamuri published an opinion piece in The Telegraph on former FBI Director James Comey’s testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee. She also published an opinion piece in The Independent “This is the way Congress could hold Trump to account over the Comey affair.” She was also quoted in The Independent on the Senate Intelligence Committee investigations into Russia and Trump. Leslie Vinjamuri was interviewed by BBC Ulster to discuss former FBI Director James Comey’s testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Leslie Vinjamuri was interviewed by BBC’s Ritula Shah for The World Tonight about the role of human rights in the UK’s summit diplomacy. Vinjamuri was interviewed alongside Oliver Letwin MP. Vinjamuri was quoted in an article by NBC News on the future of the US-UK relationship. Leslie Vinjamuri was quoted in Bishop Paul Colton’s Diocesan Synod Address 2017.

In April, PhD student Sameen Mohsin Ali was interviewed on the BBC’s regional British South Asia radio programs in Derby, Stoke, Manchester, and Sheffield on the Panama Leaks case judgement in Pakistan.

Tat Yan Kong participated in discussions on Korean Peninsula issues on Chinese Global Television Network.

There was also an appreciation of Charles’s service to the school and a farewell party for him and Dr Nelida Fuccaro of history (who is leaving for NYU-Abu Dhabi) at the London Middle East Institute.

Colleagues at the 28 June departmental meeting bid a very sad farewell to Marina English, Academic Support Officer and then Department Manager from 2014 to 2017, whose contribution and warmth were greatly appreciated by all. Colleagues wished Marina well in her next adventures, especially aboard the Trans-Siberian Railway. Several Graduate Teaching Assistants then took the lead in organising a farewell party for Marina on 30 June.

In bidding farewell to Caroline Strickson the Department got together to sing karaoke:

At the last department meeting of the 2016/2017 Academic Year, the department presented various gifts to Charles Tripp in appreciation of everything he has done for the Department. A video of Lawrence Saez explaining the wine box given to Charles Tripp is available here.
Much singing was done by all, even by those of us who are perpetually out of tune:

Matt Nelson held his annual dinner for his undergraduate course on *Islam and Democracy* in March.

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Apart from providing students with a firm grounding in the discipline, the department has particular strengths in the following areas:

- Regional Politics: Middle East, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and Africa
- International Relations: IR theory, security, human rights, transnational justice, international migration, IPE
- Comparative Politics: comparative political sociology, comparative political economy, comparative political thought
- Political Theory: political Islam, non-western political thought, multiculturalism

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