

Centre for the Study of International Governance

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Introduction

The Centre for the Study of International Governance (CSIG) was established in December 2006. Located within the Department of Politics, History and International Relations (PHIR), CSIG builds on the international and national reputation of the former European Research Centre.

The work of the Centre proceeds from an assumption that in the absence of an over-arching political authority, debates on the principles and practice of international governance will be varied and often highly controversial. The concept of governance itself is contested and in this light the Centre welcomes a wide range of viewpoints and aims to embrace broad thematic coverage.

Now in its fourth year, 2010 saw CSIG continue to grow in terms of size with the much welcomed introduction of the new Securities and Intelligence Studies Group and the Sport and National Identity in Post-Conflict Societies research group, and funding for conferences on topics such as migration, taxation and political biographies.

CSIG Welcomes New Co-Director

In August 2010, CSIG welcomed a new Co-Director, Professor Dave Allen, to replace Professor Brian Hocking who, after starting and developing CSIG as a research centre, has retired from his role as Co-Director.



Professors Brian Hocking (l) and Dave Allen

Much of CSIG's growth, development and success can be attributed to Professor Hocking's vision and hands-on management style, and he leaves CSIG in a very strong and established position. Everyone at CSIG wishes to welcome Professor Allen to his new role.

CSIG Co-Director Awarded Prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in European Studies

The University Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES) has awarded its 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award for work in Contemporary European Studies to Loughborough's Professor of European Politics and Jean Monnet Chair, Mike Smith.



CSIG Co-Director, Professor Mike Smith, who was awarded the prestigious UACES lifetime Achievement Award.

Mike has been at Loughborough since 1994. From 1994-1997, he was UACES Chair at a time of great change for the organisation, and in 2008, Mike chaired the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) Sub-Panel for European Studies. Mike's career has been characterised by his leading scholarship, and by his selfless service to several generations of colleagues and students.

His reputation in the study of relations between the European Union (EU) and the USA is without parallel, and he has helped define the field of European Studies itself, putting Loughborough on the map as a pioneer and centre of excellence in the field. He has taught

countless students about his subjects, with patience and passion, and has set many doctoral supervisees en route for promising careers of their own. Testimonials from former PhD students collected for Mike's award all mention not only Mike's invaluable intellectual inspiration, but his kindness and insight as supervisor, colleague and friend. Everyone in CSIG and the Department of PHIR would like to express our own thanks to Mike for all of his efforts.

New in 2010/11

With the six research themes already established, 2010 saw CSIG develop into new areas with the introduction of SNIPS and the welcomed acquisition of SISG, which broadened CSIG's research interests into the area of security and intelligence studies.

1. *Sport and National Identity in Post-Conflict Societies (SNIPS).*

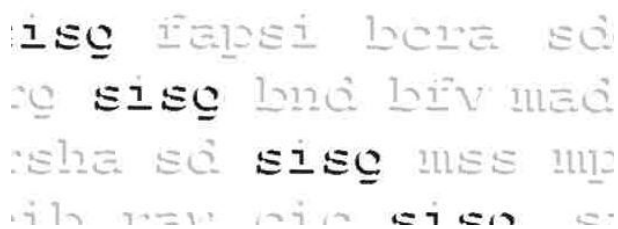
With the growth of the Politics and Governance of Sport theme and the Japanese Olympic team using Loughborough as its training base, the topic of sport and identity has brought together colleagues from six different departments within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities to create the Sport and National Identity in Post-Conflict Societies working group.

SNIPS has started working on the broader project of 'Sport and National Identity in Post-Conflict/Fractured Societies', and its members met in July to discuss potential research activity in this field. One immediate outcome was the creation of the 'Sport and National Identity' Seminar Series (SNIPS)'.

2. *Securities and Intelligence Studies Group (SISG)*

In September 2010, the Securities and Intelligence Studies Group (SISG) was re-

launched by Dr. Rob Dover 16 years after its original inception.



The New SISG Logo

Under its new guise, SISG will increase its focus to include areas such as terrorism studies, post-conflict reconstruction, regional security, security sector reform, defence studies, as well as traditional intelligence studies concerns.

The aim of the group is to bolster and widen out its membership to include the growing numbers of doctoral students working in this field. The new SISG will host an annual one-day research conference, which will bring together a community of scholars, doctoral students and active and retired practitioners into the one forum. The group will also seek to engage practitioner communities more directly, and through a variety of forums. Further information on SISG's activities can be found on its webpage <http://CSIG.lboro.ac.uk/SISG>.

Activities in 2010

- **The Challenges of Sports Governance**
University of Ghent, Belgium, 1st-2nd July 2010, Dr. Borja Garcia.

The Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union (Sport&EU) organised its 5th annual conference at the University of Ghent (Belgium) on the 1st and 2nd July 2010, coinciding with the Belgian presidency of the European Union.



Conference Participants.

Under the Treaty, the European Union will for the first time be equipped with a direct competence in the area of sport. Moreover, the implementation of the 2007 European Commission White Paper on Sport and the Action Plan Pierre de Coubertin is shaping and re-defining to some extent the policies of the EU towards sport. The last couple of years have featured a focus on the transformation of sport governance and the new roles of public authorities, governing bodies and stakeholders in the organisation of European sport. Sport&EU's 5th annual conference explored the latest research on the current challenges and possible solutions to improve sport governance.

- **East Midlands Intelligence and Security Group**

Loughborough University, 1st September 2010, Dr. Rob Dover.

In September, CSIG hosted the inaugural meeting of the East Midlands Intelligence and Security Group.



Conference Participants.

Convened by Dr. Rob Dover, the aim of the meeting was to bring together researchers (tenured academics and doctoral researchers) on intelligence and homeland security in the Midlands together to present their research and to find ways of researching together up to and including putting together funded collaborative research projects.

- **South African Migration to the UK: Exploring Dynamics, Identities and Prospects**

Loughborough University, 20th-21st September 2010, Dr. Dan Conway.

A two-day seminar for students, early-career and established academics interested in the dynamics of southern African migration to the UK, with a particular emphasis on South African migration.

Migration from the global South to the global North has been a key development over the last twenty years and has major developmental, social and political implications. The United Kingdom is a leading destination for southern African migrants for historical, political, linguistic

and economic reasons. During the apartheid era, political exile to the UK was common, but South African migration to the UK has increased dramatically in the post-apartheid era. South African born immigrants were the fourth largest non-EU incoming migrant group in 2001 and more South Africans migrated to the UK than from Pakistan, Canada, or New Zealand. The 2001 UK census revealed 140,201 South African born residents living in the UK (a 106% increase from 1991), although recent estimates suggest this may be as high as 550,000. Despite this large scale contemporary migration from South Africa to the UK, research on this group remains limited, often tentative and is disconnected. More thorough research has been conducted on the Zimbabwean community in the UK and more generally on migration from the global South to the global North and its development implications.



Conference Participants.

Given the absence of a concerted academic, popular or policy-based body of work on South African migration, this two-day seminar funded by CSIG supported by the [MRU](#), seeks to provide a platform for academics from diverse disciplinary backgrounds interested in South African migration to the UK to meet in order to share research, develop a network of researchers and identify future research agendas.

The papers from the conference are currently under review for a special edition of the Journal of Southern African Studies.

- **The Political Economy of Taxation**
Loughborough University, 29th September 2010, Dr. Jeremy Leaman.

The Conference on the Political Economy of Taxation attracted researchers from ten different countries, including the US, Kenya, Nigeria and Turkey and from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds: economists, political scientists, lawyers, accountants, area studies and political economy specialists. One paper was provided by authors from the UK Tax Justice Network, notably John Christensen, Nick Shaxson and Paul Sagar. The four sessions focused on issues relating, firstly, to Taxation and Taxation Reform in individual European countries, secondly to Tax Inequality and State Legitimacy, thirdly to the effects of tax avoidance and tax havens on developing countries, and finally proposals for recasting tax policy against the background of the general urgency of national and international reregulation following the global crisis. A contract for the publication of a slightly expanded set of papers has subsequently been agreed with Berghahn publishers. The volume will be edited by Jeremy Leaman and Attiya Waris. A follow-up conference is planned for 2012, hopefully in Loughborough.

- **Interpreting British Foreign Policy**
University of California, Berkeley, 4th December 2010, Dr. Oliver Daddow.

In December CSIG, the University of Plymouth and the University of California, Berkeley hosted an international conference on interpreting British Foreign Policy since 1979.

The aim of the workshop was to explore the fruitfulness of an interpretive approach to the study of UK foreign policy. This

interpretive approach is widespread in the study of British governance and domestic policy, but arguably it has not yet had much impact on studies of foreign policy. We will use the interpretive approach to explore UK foreign policy with particular emphasis on the period since 1979. Papers will also look forward to the kinds of beliefs and traditions that are likely to inform the foreign policies of the next government. Although the papers will typically focus on the post-1997 era, they will look to situate foreign policies of that time against a broader historical background and long-standing traditions.

- **Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies**
Delhi, India, 16th-18th December 2010, Dr. Siobhan Lambert-Hurley.

In partnership with the Arts & Humanities Research Council of the United Kingdom, CSIG hosted the second workshop in the broader Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies series.

The workshop sought to move outside the text to place it within a particular historical and geographical context. Hence, we take the theme of 'context and construction'. In simple terms, who writes, when, why, how and for whom? To ask these kinds of questions will lead the discussion into matters of production, publication and audience in order to judge the impact of these external factors on the style and structure of the text. Female authors will also be analysed in terms of their class, education, family background and location so as to identify motivations not only specific to the individual, but also in relation to broader socio-economic and cultural trends. Perhaps it will enable participants to identify why, for instance, it is only in the early twentieth century that Muslim women begin writing their life stories in ever greater numbers, even though there were some pioneers before that time.

As a result of the conference, the organisers working on an edited book entitled: Speaking of the Self: Gender, Autobiography and Performance in South Asia.

- **Effective Multilateralism - The EU and International Institutions**
Loughborough, 13th - 14th January 2011, Simon Smith and Andreas Mullerleile.

The conference focused on the interplay between the EU and other international institutions with a strong focus on theoretical and conceptual models.



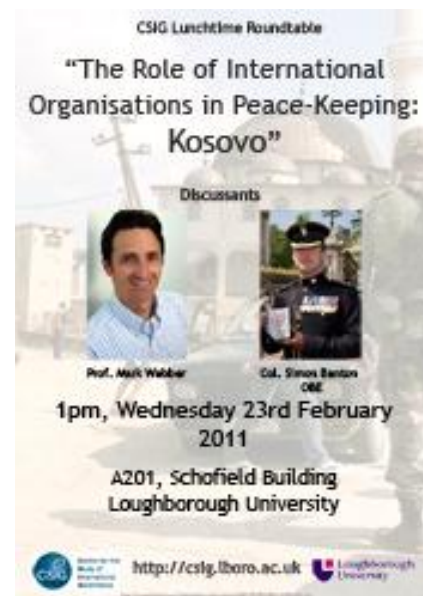
Conference Participants.

The EU has established different institutionalised relationships with a diverse range of international organisations. Examples include relations with organisations such as NATO, CoE and OSCE with an overlap regarding policies and members which are in sharp contrast to EU relations towards regional organisations (e.g. ASEAN, African Union). Moreover, EU institutions alongside its member states are active in global financial institutions (WTO, IMF) and in different UN organisations and governance regimes. These links are characterised by a varying degree of EU competence that results in different degrees of EU influence. Moreover, the Lisbon Treaty has transformed the international role of the EU considerably which raises a set of interesting questions

regarding the foreign policy role of the EU, the institutional mechanisms that are in place as well as the coordination practices between different EU member states.

- **CSIG Roundtable: The Role of International Organisations in Peace-Keeping: Kosovo.**
Loughborough, 23rd February 2011, Dr. Matt McCulloch.

Chaired by Professor Dave Allen, the event continued the CSIG tradition of roundtable lunchtime debates by inviting Colonel Simon Banton OBE, formerly the CO of 2nd Battalion, The Mercian Regiment, and Professor Mark Webber from the University of Birmingham to discuss the topic of Nato's involvement in Kosovo.



Both speakers focused on Britain's role as a Nato partner in Kosovo, with Col Banton outlining how British policy on nation building had evolved in a pragmatic manner since the mid-19th century, with many of the lessons learnt in the Balkans being used in the post-war rebuilding in Afghanistan. Professor Webber looked more broadly at the role of Nato as an international actor and, given the end of

the Cold War, what was Nato's role in the 21st Century?

Forthcoming Events

Dr. Phil Parvin

“Political lobbying, and the role of non-elected organisations in the democratic process.”

This conference will focus on the subject of political lobbying, and the role of non-elected organisations in the democratic process. The plan is to have it in Parliament and to draw together academic specialists in British politics and political theory along with lobbyists, campaigners, and the political media to debate the influence that campaign organisations, businesses, and other groups have in the development of policy in Britain and elsewhere, the amount of influence they should have, and whether the central place occupied by interest groups and other non-elected bodies in political life requires us to re-think our traditional notions of democracy, representation, and legitimacy.

Contact [Dr. Phil Parvin](#) for more details.

Dr. Simona Guerra

“Representing God: the Role of Religion and Religious Communities in the EU”

The proposed workshop on Religion and Politics follows the conference ‘Does God Matter? Representing Religion in the European Union and the United States’, organised by Dr Lucian Leustan at the Aston Centre for Europe, Aston University in November (12-13) 2010.

The main interest of the workshop is in the agenda-setting for future research activities on the role of religious representation and actors in Europe. The project aims to bring together researchers, scholars and practitioners, and it envisages a publication, and an individual (or large, if with Dr Lucian Leustan and Dr Giacomo Benedetto, Royal Holloway, as

discussed at Aston) research grant application submission - further research and publications.

It is a one-day workshop – planned at this stage (all TBC): three sessions with a keynote speech by Prof Grace Davie, University of Essex. The workshop will be open to non-paper givers, free to research students - fee for scholars and practitioners).

Contact [Dr. Simona Guerra](#) for more details.

CSIG continues to offer financial and organisational support to both staff and PGR students in the Department of PHIR. Ideas should be directed towards [Simon Smith](#).

Further information on CSIG can be found on our [webpage](#).