

<b>Institution: University of Wolverhampton</b>
<b>Unit of Assessment: D27 Area Studies</b>
<b>a. Overview</b>

The Area Studies UoA has evolved from a European Studies UoA submitted in RAEs since 1992, with successively improved ratings from the first RAE to 2008, when 34.3% of outputs were rated 3\*. Subsequently, the UoA's experience base has contributed demonstrably to institutional initiatives to enhance the vitality and sustainability of the University's research environment. Since 01/2008, the UoA's community has diversified with the incorporation of researchers in Asian Studies and American and Other Anglophone Area Studies, to use UoA Area Studies terminology. What is more, the RAE-experienced core provided the credentials for the creation in 02/2010 of a Centre for Transnational and Transcultural Research (CTTR) that became the organisational, structural and intellectual nucleus for the UoA's researchers. The transnational, transcultural, pluri-disciplinary character of the CTTR mirrors appositely the principle of systematic heterogeneity embraced by the Area Studies UoA.

Coherence within the UoA's researchers' activity lies along multiple, intersecting axes:

- *Shared thematic principle:* Research about inter- and intra-cultural identities and ideologies with reference to regional contexts and communities from the late nineteenth century to the present day;
- *Geo-cultural focus:* the work of all the researchers aligns readily with the 'geo-cultural' designations of European Studies, Asian Studies and American and Other Anglophone Area Studies, and lies along the UoA's Humanities > Social Sciences trans-disciplinary axis;
- *Mission of the CTTR:* The intercultural and the transnational dimensions common to all the researchers' work find community in the CTTR as the UoA's hub.

This environment narrative will refer to a community of developing and established researchers, seven of whose outputs are recorded in REF2: Simon Constantine, Martin Dangerfield (Professor and Jean Monnet Chair), Meena Dhanda (Reader in Philosophy and Cultural Policy), Thomas Dickins, Martin Durham, Glyn Hambrook (Reader in Comparative and European Literature), and William Pawlett. The impact case studies of two, Dangerfield and Dhanda, are in REF3b.

<b>b. Research Strategy</b>
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**Current strategy:** The University's (hereafter UoW) current strategic plan includes a substantial investment in research and research support, to build on its achievements in successive RAEs. Within this dynamic context, the UoA's strategic priorities have been:

- to consolidate and enhance expertise in Central and Eastern European studies and comparative European literature, as projected in UoW's European Studies submission, RAE 2008. The on-going research (see REF2) of **Dangerfield** and **Dickins**, and now **Constantine**, demonstrate achievement in the former area, as do **Hambrook's** and **Pawlett's**, and the *Xenographies* project (see c. I: Context below), in the latter.
- to extend, with the advent of Area Studies, the scope of the UoA's research beyond European Studies. The incorporation of **Dhanda's** South Asian-focused research and **Durham's** work on the USA exemplifies this.
- to make full use of UoW and School support for researcher professional development. This has led to completion of doctorates by a UoA REF2 group member (**Dickins**, PhD by publication) and three developing researchers, successful applications to UoW's competitively allocated Early Research Awards Scheme (ERAS), senior promotion (two University readerships since 01/2008), successful application for internal sabbaticals by every UoA member, and other achievements detailed below in sections c.I and e.
- to sustain research student recruitment and to implement a post-PhD 'succession plan' using UoW's Honorary Research Fellow (HRF) scheme to provide institutional affiliation

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and support to applicants for postdoctoral awards. Two research students are currently affiliated to the UoA and three more have been recruited for enrolment in 2014. One HRF proposal to support a postdoctoral grant application will be shared with UoA D29.

- to use institutional support for the establishment of new research centres to create hubs of research expertise and experience with a developmental remit, hosting communities with cognate research interests. The creation of the CTTR in 02/2010 conforms to this.
- to deploy the UoA's repository of transcultural and transnational competence and experience to sustain and extend international collaboration, which is compatible with the transnational orientation of the UoA and mission of CTTR. Achievements in this domain are listed below in sections c.I and e.
- to generate external income. A Leverhulme Research Fellowship (**Dhanda**), a number of smaller grants, receipt of indirect financial support through participation in externally-led projects and recent successful applications expenditure from which will fall within the next REF census period (see section d, Research income, below) show achievement of this.
- to promote research within a framework that ensures effective engagement with national research evaluation while laying and building on research foundations beyond the UK and the REF. International engagement has played a fundamental role in creating this framework.

**Future strategy:** From 2014-19, the UoA will

- seek to increase the number of REF-eligible staff by supporting a significant cadre of next-time-round researchers to develop robust quality output portfolios and to gain experience of research student supervision, collaborative research opportunities and internationalisation, and by enhancing the UoA's impact factor. By this means the UoA will, barring staff change, build on its portfolio of expertise in the sociolinguistics of Eastern Europe and South Asian socio-cultural studies, and add to its European cultural studies portfolio European film studies, as well as realizing further substantial potential for impact through other-sector engagement;
- seek to initiate a postdoctoral research cadre using the aforementioned HRF mechanism to support postdoctoral grant/fellowship applications.
- exploit and extend links between the UoA and cognate groups in Europe, but particularly beyond to Asia and the Americas;
- exploit the CTTR's, and within it the UoA's own, multidisciplinary character to develop several clusters of subject-specific expertise, so that the UoA may simultaneously evolve in its own right and act as a seed-bed for potentially new UoAs in anticipation of the next REF.
- to develop, through the CTTR, *Wolverhampton Cosmopolis*, an outreach initiative exploring links with our singularly diverse local and regional community.

Details of the UoA's current and future strategy for impact are provided in REF3a.

<b>c. People, including:</b>
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<b>I. Staffing strategy and staff development</b>
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**Context:** Area Studies at UoW brings together researchers with common, cognate, or interpenetrating interests and competences on a conceptual and thematic rather than a rigidly organisational basis. This account of the UoA's 'people' and their interrelation will therefore eschew strict assignment to categories such as UoA sub-panel or discipline/subject, in favour of explaining how individual strengths and achievements have built an active and sustainable research community based on cohesive factors ranging from complementary diversity to concrete interaction and collaboration.

The UoA REF2 submission includes six researchers with previous experience of national research evaluation. **Constantine's** research explores the role of linguistic mediation in transcultural encounters in the context of war and conquest (SMC1, 2, 3) from the perspective of historical sociolinguistics. **Dangerfield's** work has focused on – and interlinked – EU relations with its Eastern neighbours and the evolution of Central European sub-regional cooperation since 2004. Building on work on the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) and sub-regional cooperation issues in the West Balkans, Dangerfield has concentrated on the evolution of the

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Visegrad Group, particularly its foreign policy cooperation vis-à-vis the EU's eastern neighbours and Russia. His articles on those topics (MVD1, 2, 4) have been widely cited. MVD3 developed the novel concept of *Optimal Integration Area* as a device for evaluating the accession fitness and readiness of EU aspirant members. His current work, which has been presented at all the main international events in EU studies (UACES, EUSA, ECSA-C), builds on research underpinning one of the UoA's impact case studies. **Dickins's** work on Czech language and lexicology, particularly concerning changes in public discourses and their social dimensions, informed his PhD by publication (2012). TD4 marks a move towards the analysis of language under and beyond Communism. **Durham**, author of the seminal study *Women and Fascism* (1998), is an international authority on extreme right-wing politics whose work now focuses largely on transnational aspects of extreme right ideologies (MDD2) particularly in the US (MDD1, 3). **Hambrook** conducts comparative research on European *fin de siècle* literary culture, particularly Hispano-French literary relations (GMH3). His internationally acknowledged expertise on the reception of Charles Baudelaire in *fin de siècle* Spain is exemplified by GMH1. **Pawlett**, an internationally recognised expert on the work of Jean Baudrillard whose field of interest now extends to Georges Bataille and Sade, has since 2011 been organiser of the annual School New Research conference.

The UoA has been enriched and its diversity and equality profile enhanced by the incorporation of a researcher for whom REF2014 is the first experience of national research evaluation. The work of **Dhanda** on Punjabi *Dalit* youth and contemporary Indian feminism brings together research, public engagement and advocacy and impact, as the inclusion of her case study in REF3b demonstrates

Across the UoA's research portfolio, hubs of convergence and nodes of intersection within a shared preoccupation with transnational and transcultural identities and ideologies can be identified. Points of contact include **Constantine's** and **Durham's** work on ideologies of the political right (MDD1-4, SMC3 in relation to proto-fascism), **Constantine's** and **Dickins's** interest in diachronic sociolinguistics (Germany and Czechoslovakia), **Dhanda's** and **Constantine's** work on marginalised communities (Caste in MD2, Gypsies in SMC4) and **Dhanda's** and **Pawlett's** on Radical Otherness (WP2; *Radical Otherness* symposium, UoW, 05/2012; grant support from Royal Institute of Philosophy: £800), a topic proximate to the convergence of **Dickins's** and **Hambrook's** research within *Xenographies*, a CTRR-based project on the representation of foreignness in literature and other discourses. Since its origin in collaboration (initiated by **Hambrook**) between the British (BCLA) and Spanish (SELGYC) comparative literature associations, *Xenographies* has generated two international conferences (Wolverhampton [2009], at which **Constantine** delivered the paper from which emerged SMC3; Barcelona [Pompeu Fabra], 2011, for which **Hambrook** and **Dickins** were members of the scientific committee), two themed issues of the refereed journals *1616. Anuario de Literatura Comparada* (2011) and *Comparative Critical Studies* (12.2 [2012]) and a volume of selected essays co-edited by **Hambrook** (2013, GMH4). This exemplifies fulfilment of UoA European Studies' aim in RAE2008 to extend the UoA's European comparative literature base through international collaboration, and, in turn, demonstrates the latter through organising and hosting forums for dissemination of research. The *Xenographies* framework now plays host to ALTERAE, a collaborative project on representations of foreignness in public discourse bringing together Spanish (Complutense de Madrid, A Coruña), German (Regensburg) and British (UoW) universities and funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (MICINN). **Dickins** and **Hambrook** are members of the UoW project coordinating committee. Beyond these material nodes of interaction, researchers are linked by common or cognate thematic foci, methodological practices, and contexts of operation: inter- and intra-community encounters – juxtaposition, contraposition, superimposition – through political, economic, sociolinguistic, social and cultural transition, conflict, migration, in relation to class, culture, social position, ethnicity, with specific reference to Europe (east and west, EU), South Asia and the US, including migratory communities, in transregional, transnational, translocal and transcultural contexts.

The UoA has therefore not only built on established strengths but also diversified into new areas of regional expertise.

### c.I.i. Staffing strategy and staff development

**Staff development strategy:** UoW's annual appraisal and workload allocation scheme for academic staff includes review of research activity and ensures support for appraiser-appraisee

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agreed research plans predicated on individual, research centre, institutional and UoA/REF objectives. Since 2009, particular emphasis has been placed at School level on active and systematic engagement with research by all staff. All new appointees, including internal promotions, have a one-year probation period of monitoring and support. All researchers at whatever stage have a designated mentor and are affiliated to one of the School's research centres.

**Support for and integration of researchers at the beginning of their career and returning researchers:** In addition to the aforementioned internal ERAS scheme for ECRs, established researchers have focused application on external schemes that support ECR development (e.g. a UoA 26 researcher's Leverhulme Fellowship supporting a Polish ECR on an Area Studies-eligible topic [2010], **Hambrook's** application for FP7 Marie Curie IEF to support a Spanish ECR [EURANGLIA, proposal 272131, 2010], which passed threshold level) or that facilitate the integration of ECRs and other developing researchers into projects and grants (ALTERAE – see c. Context above) An annual School New Research Conference, initiated by **Dhanda** and **Dickins** in 2009, provides an incentive and forum for new, developing and returning as well as established researchers to share new developments in their own research activity.

**Research and sabbatical leave:** Since 2009, a School-funded sabbatical competition has allowed successful applicants to undertake a semester-long period of research free of teaching and administrative commitments. Each of the researchers mentioned in this narrative has applied successfully to this scheme since 2008.

**Procedures for career progression:** Senior researcher career development is facilitated by a University-wide Readership and Professorship annual application round, preceded by a preparatory briefing programme. **Dhanda** and **Hambrook** have been successful applicants.

**Postdoctoral researchers:** Adaptation by CTTR of UoW's Honorary Research Fellow (hereafter HRF) scheme to provide institutional affiliation, mentoring and support to develop postdoctoral applications and/or publications has provided a mechanism by which to build a future postdoctoral cadre.

**Commitment to equal opportunities:** An institutional 'Women in Research' project designed to redress the national underrepresentation of female colleagues in RAE submissions is one clear example of UoW's commitment to equality of opportunity, as is its Equality and Diversity policy in relation to research.

**Exchange between academia and other sectors** has arisen as a matter of course from research activity. Dangerfield's engagement by EU policymakers; **Dhanda's** work with diverse national and international trans-sector bodies, logged in her impact case study, and her work as branch organiser of the Royal Institute of Philosophy's public lecture programme; **Dickins's** collaboration with the Czech Academy of Sciences; and **Hambrook's** interaction with public libraries and non-academic publishers in northern Spain (see REF3a) are cases in point. At institutional level, UoW's Project Support Office serves as a bridge to other sectors in accordance with its remit to advise on and promote collaboration with these.

### c. ii. Research students

**Context:** Since 08/2008, five PhDs (three by thesis, two by publication) creditable to the UoA have been successfully completed, and UoA members are currently engaged in the supervision of fifteen research students within and outside the CTTR.

**Integration and preparation:** Since 2003, a holistic approach at School level to the research student experience has promoted completion of the thesis *in conjunction with* participation in research culture and professional development – an ethos that anticipated aspects of the *Concordat* for post-doctoral research. Research students receive a University and School induction on enrolment including a skills audit. Thereafter, skills development is delivered through University and School-based programmes, the latter managed by the LSSC's Postgraduate Tutor (**Hambrook**) and delivered by staff including UoA researchers (**Dangerfield, Dickins, Hambrook**). The Postgraduate Tutor, working with the School's research student representative, recently initiated the first School international multidisciplinary postgraduate conference on 'Deviance' (09/2012). A working party supported by the first conference team has been convened to organise a second.

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This provision has been enhanced by validation of an MA in Research in Human Sciences (MRes), co-prepared by **Dhanda** and **Pawlett**, to prepare burgeoning researchers for PhD study.

**Recruitment:** Research students affiliated to the UoA or supervised by its members proposed their own topics (sometimes in consultation with potential supervisors) and were enrolled via the University-wide application procedure, according to which formal Expressions of Interest, if deemed viable and within supervisory capacity, are developed into research proposals in consultation with potential supervisors. Proposal approval, following formal assessment and interview, involving due consideration of equal opportunities, leads currently to enrolment in October or February, but points of entry are poised to become more flexible. South Asian studies, including the region's diasporic communities, is an identifiable growth area.

**Exchange between academia and other sectors:** From 2012, the possibility of incorporating into doctoral programmes a variant of an optional Professional Development Award already tested institutionally at undergraduate level is being studied.

**Monitoring and support of progress and completions** is enacted at supervisory level through a stipulated minimum number of supervisory meetings (ten per year for full-time and six for part-time students), the proceedings of which are logged electronically, and through a Student Management Board, which also conducts an annual progress review of research students.

### d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

**Research income** during the assessment period has come primarily from **Dhanda's** Leverhulme Research Fellowship (2010-2012, £44942 awarded) and another UoA's researcher's Leverhulme Trust Visiting Fellowship (**Dr A. Galasinska**, £27450 awarded) credited to this UoA. The potential to capture further external income, including non-HESA, is demonstrated by **Dhanda's** recent Equality and Human Rights Commission grant (2013, £33646) to lead a team from five universities (D. Mosse, SOAS; S. Whittle and A. Waughray, Manchester Metropolitan; R. Green, Goldsmiths; D. Keane, Middlesex), for a project, *Caste in Britain*; and Hambrook's Visiting Fellowship to the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (01-04/2009, 9000 Euros), as well as the aforementioned Spanish-funded ALTERAE project (total 25000 Euros);

Human capital has an important place in **the scholarly infrastructure supporting research:**

- UoA experience base: the former European Studies researchers' experience was a crucial requirement and credential for the creation of the CTTR – and by so being, supported the expansion from European to Area Studies and the creation of a new UoA, English Language and Literature (D29);
- UoA skills base: The UoA's researchers are qualified to take the lead in promoting and sustaining international collaboration. They bring established associations with networks, institutions and individuals that facilitate collaborative activity, and collectively constitute a hub of substantial transcultural/intercultural expertise, not least as a repository of foreign language competence, which the British Academy has argued to be crucial for UK Humanities researchers' professional credibility since its 2009 position paper 'Language Matters'. UoA members are, collectively, professional-level users of eleven European and three non-European languages.

The international profile of the **scholarly network** is enhanced by six UoA-affiliated **Honorary Research Fellows** from universities in Bulgaria, France, Poland and Spain, the Institute of International Relations in Prague and the Slovak Foreign Policy Association. In their formal capacity as affiliates on the basis of scholarly relevance and eminence, they have actively supported and participated in conference organisation, preparation of project and funding bids, facilitated UoA members' access to research networks, involved UoA staff in international PhD supervision and examination, and otherwise maintained a regular and fruitful collaborative contact with the UoA and CTTR communities.

The CTTR's seminar series is another means of maintaining contact with the broader scholarly community and has included such distinguished speakers as Marina Warner (05/2011).

As regards **organisational and operational infrastructure**, custodianship of the Area Studies UoA lies with the CTTR. The Centre is managed by a Steering Committee, chaired by the two Co-Directors (one of whom is Hambrook), which reports to UoW's Research Committee. The Steering Committee reviews bi-annually members' research activity from outputs to impact and membership category (REF group, developing researcher), considers funding requests on the Centre's budget

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(approximately £6000 per annum, from European Studies RAE 2008 QR funding) and delegates UoA management, which, for Area Studies, falls to Hambrook and Dangerfield, who is also a member of the CTTR's Steering Committee. Other CTTR roles assumed by UoA members include coordination of the CTTR's Output Critical Reading Group and ECR mentor (Dickins) and coordination of public/other sector outreach initiatives (Dhanda).

At institutional level, a Research Hub created in 2013 brings together the University Research Policy Unit, the Project Support Office, training and support for research students, and the Research Librarians. This facility has been designed to maximise interaction between research students, staff researchers and support services. It provides support for established researchers and an environment to mentor developing and early-career researchers, particularly to develop a track record for funding. A dedicated research student area facilitates private study and networking. It provides a one-stop-shop for researchers and research students across UoW.

The Research Policy Unit develops, implements and monitors research strategy and is responsible for research governance, management (including REF submissions), ethics, and investment. It also has a remit (with the International Centre) to internationalise research at UoW by helping to develop networks for Horizon 2020 and other European initiatives. Furthermore, it works to redress gender imbalance in research leadership and provides the framework to support researcher development at every career stage.

The Project Support Office provides expertise and guidance to develop and submit research grant applications with an emphasis on European funding, and has recently opened a Research Office in Brussels.

**e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base**

**Collaborations and partnerships** include **Dangerfield's** involvement in the EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network sponsored by UACES and BASEES. Outputs include a special issue of *Europe-Asia Studies* (ed. J. Gower and G. Timmins, with a contribution from Dangerfield); a BASEES-UACES EU-Russia Research Network Workshop, *EU-Russia Relation after the War in Georgia* (11/2008); a book, *National Perspectives on Russia: European Foreign Policy in the Making* (2013) including a contribution from Dangerfield on the Visegrad states; **Dhanda's** recent EHRC collaborative research project, and work on the conceptual relation between caste and race with the University of Michigan and the Center for Development Economics, New Delhi, in the preparation of a UKIERI Trilateral Research in Partnership award (which although unsuccessful, led to Dhanda's inclusion in a conference project [06/2014] on *British Philosophy of 'Race'* co-ordinated by UCL with funding from the Aristotelian Society and the Analysis Trust); and **Hambrook's** collaborative initiative between the British and Spanish comparative literature associations through the *Xenographies* project described in c.1 above. In addition to this, the UoA is currently exploring through the CTTR collaboration with cognate centres such as the Irish Centre for Transnational Studies (Limerick), the Centro de Estudos Interculturais (Polytechnic Institute of Oporto) and the Transcultural Identities Research Group, Dalarna University, Sweden.

As regards **refereeing**, **Dangerfield** has been invited to review grant proposals for the ESRC (03/ 2009). He is an Expert Referee for the European Science Foundation, reviewing a proposal in 04/ 2009 and specifically, the 2010 competition of the *European Collaborative Research Projects* scheme in the social sciences (ECRP VI; Proposal entitled *The Roles of the Black Sea Regional Cooperation Initiatives in the European Neighbourhood Policy*). He has also been a European Commission Expert Referee for the evaluation of Jean Monnet projects (2012, 2013). **Dhanda** has reviewed proposals for the ESRC (04/2012), **Hambrook** is a registered project assessor for the French Ministry of Education projects.

The UoA has established a presence on **subject associations** and **learned societies**: **Dhanda** sits on the Executive Committee of the UK Society for Women in Philosophy and is an elected Council Member of the British Association of South Asian Studies. **Hambrook** sits on the Executive Committee of the aforementioned BCLA.

As regards **editorial positions**, **Dickins** serves on the editorial board of the Czech applied linguistics journal *Studie z aplikované lingvistiky*. **Hambrook** is an external member of the Publications Committee of a Spanish learned society, the Real Sociedad Menéndez y Pelayo, a member of the editorial boards of France's prestigious *Revue de Littérature Comparée* and *Ángulo*

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*recto* (Madrid) and co-edits the BCLA's refereed journal *Comparative Critical Studies*. **Pawlett** is affiliated to the editorial board of the *International Journal of Baudrillard Studies*.

**PhD examinations:** Four external UK and three overseas PhDs have been examined by **Dangerfield** (West of England, 10/2010, PhD by Publication; Leeds, 04/2011; Cambridge, 04/2011; Helsinki, 09/2011; and Staffordshire; 05/2013); and **Hambrook** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 05/ 2010; Salamanca, 01/2013 [both European Doctorates]), who will also examine a PhD at the University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria (09 & 12/2013) as has been pre-viva evaluator for PhDs at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (05/ 2009, 05/ 2011).

**Scholarly encounters:** **Dangerfield** has organised three annual Jean Monnet forums in addition to symposia, and one BASEES-UECES Network Workshop on EU-Russia relations. **Dhanda** and **Pawlett** received a Royal Institute of Philosophy grant of £800 to organise a conference on Radical Otherness (UoW, 05/2012). **Hambrook**, in addition to initiating and co-organising the two aforementioned *Xenographies* conferences, co-organised with **Dr B. Colbert** (UoA 29) and three HRFs from Bulgaria, France and Spain an international seminar, *On the Wane* (UoW, 06/2012). Looking ahead, Hambrook is currently co-organising with a Bulgarian HRF a conference in the *Borders and Crossings/Seuils et traverses* series on literature and the transnational (Veliko Turnovo, 07/2014) and has for UoW won hosting of the British Comparative Literature Association's triennial conference in 07/2016.

**Fellowships:** **Hambrook** was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (01-04/ 2009).

UoA researchers have received nearly forty **invitations to participate in international forums** during the assessment period to date, of which seven were keynotes or equivalent. **Dangerfield's** invitations include select Jean Monnet Conferences (e.g. Zagreb, Brussels, Madrid); the exclusive 6<sup>th</sup> *Atelier* of the EU's Committee of the Regions in 2009 (as Chair and Introductory Speaker); the Forum at the Committee of the Regions on *Europe's macro-regions: Integration through territorial co-operation*, Brussels (04/2009), as keynote speaker sharing the platform with the EU Commissioner for Regional Policy; invited expert participant at international conferences on Visegrad (05/2008; 11/2009) and Czech foreign policy (Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 10/2010); round table speaker at the conference *Fading Nation States?*, Jagiellonian University (Kraków) (03/2011); invited speaker at the conference *Economics of the Cold War*, Institute for Social Research, Hamburg (09/2009). **Dhanda** delivered special guest lectures to the *Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism*, Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, 01/2013) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (Regional Centre), Panjab University, (Chandigarh 01/2013); invited lectures to international colloquia of experts at the International Institute of Asian Studies (Leiden, 12/2012), at Uppsala University's *Forum for South Asian Studies*, (Sweden 11/2012), at *Internationalisation of Dalit and Adivasi Activism* (SOAS, London, 06/2012), to the *International Seminar on Prominence of Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System* (Agra, 03/2012), on 'Runaway Marriages' at CWDS (New Delhi, 01/2012), at the conference *Annihilation of Caste*, Institute of Advanced Studies (Shimla, 11/2012), and *Genetic Revolution and Human Rights* organized by Dev Samaj College, Ferozepur (Punjab, 03/ 2011); as an invited expert and contributing author on '*Honour' and Women's Rights* (Six-country IDRC project at Kathmandu, 09/2010); 'Challenging Caste Prejudice' at Sanghol Education Institute, Punjab, 10/2010). **Durham** delivered a keynote lecture at Northampton University's Radicalisation and New Media Research Group's conference *A Special Relationship of Hate? 50 Years of the Anglo-American Far-Right* (University of Northampton, 09/2012). **Hambrook** has delivered two plenaries, at the symposium *Bibliotecas para la ciudadanía europea* (Libraries for Citizens of Europe), Real Sociedad Menéndez y Pelayo, (Santander, 06/2010) and *Filología románica hoy* (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 11/2011). He has also delivered by invitation papers at the international colloquium *Baudelaire dans le monde*, organised by the Sorbonne, Sorbonne Nouvelle and the W.T. Bandy Center for Baudelaire and Modern French Studies (Vanderbilt University, USA), Paris (12/2011) and at the international symposium *Dickens y el mundo moderno* (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 04/2012). **Pawlett** has delivered two keynotes, at the Swedish Defence College's colloquium *Baudrillard and War* (Stockholm, 10/2013) and at the conference *Screens of Violence*, jointly organised by the British Board of Film Classification and UoW (UoW, 11/2013).