

Institution: University of Sheffield
Unit of Assessment: 21 - Politics and International Studies
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>The Department of Politics at the University of Sheffield has an established reputation as a world-leading centre of research excellence in Politics and International Studies. The assessment period has seen an ambitious new phase in the Department's development associated with: significant enhancement of research capacity through new appointments; the securing of prestigious research grants; the launch of major new research centres and initiatives; further development of the Department as a recognised centre of excellence for research training; and maximisation of the wider societal and international impact of the Department's research. Researchers included in this return are all members of the Department of Politics with some Departmental research also located within the Politics-led Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI).</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>The Department's approach to research excellence is grounded in a shared commitment to political analysis as a mode of inquiry characterised by methodological pluralism, a broad conception of what constitutes 'the political' and shared attention to the location of power within social relations. Significant and sustained investment – both intellectual and financial – over a long period of time has maintained cohesion and prevented the dangers of the Department fragmenting along sub-disciplinary lines or becoming a collection of individual researchers with little or no interaction. Four Politics-led research centres are integral to this achievement; ensuring that the Department's research shapes intellectual agendas; engages across sub-disciplinary and disciplinary boundaries; links with cognate initiatives in other institutions; and connects with non-academic users of the Department's research.</p> <p>Research strategy for the current assessment period was informed by a review by Professors Mark Blyth (Johns Hopkins), Helen Wallace (LSE) and Charles Pattie (Sheffield) which took place in 2009. Starting from the RAE2008 future objectives, the review produced a series of recommendations which led to the establishment of key strategic objectives that have operated throughout the current assessment period. These have been: to reinforce capacity to produce agenda-setting research outputs through investment in the Department's research environment and the recruitment of outstanding staff; to increase external funding targeted at research centres and key research themes; to consolidate the Department's reputation as a leading centre for research training by securing support for a Politics and IR pathway within an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre; and to further enhance the already considerable non-academic impact of the Department's research.</p> <p>A key indicator of the successful attainment of these strategic objectives is the production of research outputs that have genuinely shaped scholarly debate and set new research agendas. Staff included in this return authored or co-authored 23 books, edited 16 books, authored 220 papers in refereed journals, edited 11 journal special issues and wrote 123 book chapters. Research excellence continues to be informed by the view that some of the most creative space for innovative work in Politics and International Studies lies at the contested boundaries of domestic and global politics. This vision has underpinned distinctive research on key themes in global politics including: the origins, effects and implications of the global economic and financial crisis; the future of the welfare state; environmental and social sustainability; challenges to democratic politics; global value and commodity chains; unfree labour; the politics of global migration; and new forms of regional and global governance. This provides a vantage point for a re-assessment of major disciplinary issues such as economic growth, globalisation, sovereignty, development, sustainability, rights, justice, democracy, depoliticisation and governance.</p> <p>We now highlight four key areas that exemplify achievements arising from this approach linked to the key role played by Politics-led research centres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Comparative and international political economy. The Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI) was created in 2011 to build on the achievements of the Political Economy Research Centre (PERC) established in 1994. Directed by Hay and Payne, SPERI secured support of £725k from the Vice Chancellor's Strategic Development Fund to bring together leading international researchers, policy-makers, journalists and commentators to develop new</p>

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ways of thinking about the economic and political challenges posed by the current combinations of financial crisis, shifting economic power and environmental threat.

Key achievements include: Hay's work on European welfare capitalism and on the pathologies of the Anglo-liberal growth model; Hindmoor's analysis of why political leaders and senior state officials did not see the economic and financial crisis coming; Phillips' contributions (supported by the award of a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship) to analysis of unfree labour and 'adverse incorporation' in the global economy; and work by LeBaron (appointed to a 3-year Vice Chancellor's Fellowship in the Department) on global recycling chains.

- **Changing patterns of governance.** The Centre for International Policy Research (CiPOL) (directed by Geddes) is a forum for work that seeks both to represent the constitution of governance systems conceptually and, through policy-relevant work, to analyse their adaptive capacities.

Key achievements include: Flinders' analysis of how and with what effects the British state is 'walking without order' (winner of the Political Studies Association's W.J.M Mackenzie Prize in 2008 for the Best Book Published in Political Science); Bulmer's work assessing impacts of European integration on the British core executive; work by Geddes (funded by the ESRC, European Commission and Volkswagen Stiftung) that develops new ways of thinking about migration and mobility in the EU and about specific challenges posed by environmental change to migration; and Matthews' work (supported by a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship and the British Academy) on British state capacity. Funded projects include: ESRC-sponsored work on political change in South-East Europe; ESRC-funded collaboration on multi-level governance with the Transport Research Centre at the University of Leeds; and ESRC-funded work in collaboration with the University of Birmingham on 'shrinking the state'.

- **Challenges to democratic politics.** Sustained research excellence in this area has delivered a substantial body of research focused on the generation and interrogation of data on increasing levels of political disengagement and apathy. In 2013, the University launched the Sir Bernard Crick Centre for the Public Understanding of Politics (directed by Flinders). This is the first ever centre of its type in the UK focused on public understanding of politics.

Key achievements in the current period include: Hay's award-winning work (including the PSA's Richard Rose prize in 2009) exploring demand- and supply-side dynamics of political relationships, which has also produced new insights into the role of the tabloid media in generating political cynicism; analysis by Flinders of the politics of public expectations and of international democratic change (with a 3-part BBC Radio 4 series based on this work written and presented by Flinders attracting more than 1.7 million listeners); work by Matthews exploring the unrealised democratic potential of appointments to public bodies; and assessment by Roussias of the effects of electoral misconduct on political parties in Latin America and post-communist countries.

- **The ethical and normative boundaries of international relations and global governance.** The Centre for Political Theory and Global Justice (CPTGJ) provides a forum for issue-focused political theory concerned with global challenges, including health, environmental sustainability, bioethics and animal rights. Co-directed by Brown and Stevenson and facilitated by new appointments, the CPTGJ has developed a distinct intellectual agenda bridging political theory and international relations.

Key achievements include: Joseph's assessment of how influential social ideas contribute to global governance; the development by Hobson of a critique of the Eurocentric bias of international theory; Brown's outlining of a Kantian form of cosmopolitan theory; Parker's deployment (supported by a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship) of a Foucauldian lens to consider divergent market and legal cosmopolitan visions of Europe; Stevenson's assessment (recognised by the award of an ESRC Future Research Leader grant) of ecological outcomes arising from attempts to integrate global norms around climate change; and Cochrane's development of an 'interest-based rights approach' to animal rights.

In addition to the work carried out within these research centres, the Department's research environment continues to be informed by a plurality of approaches to the discipline that have shaped **new research agendas in political analysis** as a whole. This includes work by Flinders that models trends towards convergence in 24 democracies; Hay's insights into understanding of

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the structure-agency relationship; Grasso's development of multi-level methods to model variation at country level across Europe in generational effects on political participation; Bulmer's opening of a new research agenda on the EU 'timescape'; McCourt's analysis of role-playing which sharpens constructivist understandings of the links between role, identity, norms and action in IR; and Hamati-Ataya's assessment of pragmatism's potential to transcend the antagonism between positivism and post-positivism (supported by an EU Marie Curie Career Integration grant).

The Department is now planning the next ambitious phase in its development. The recent major financial and intellectual investment reported above will provide the organisational basis for further achievements and wide-reaching impact:

- SPERI will further enhance its capacity to play a leading role in debates on the British growth crisis, the architecture of the Eurozone, the rise of the BRICs, the G20's leadership of the global political economy and the impact of the environmental crisis on the growth agenda in general.
- CiPOL will maintain the strong tradition for outstanding work on governance, including the provision of an organisational base for Geddes' €2.1m European Research Council Advanced Investigator Grant on international migration governance.
- The CPTGJ will be further enhanced, including by the award to Stevenson of an ESRC Future Research Leaders award for her work on innovations in international environmental policy.
- The Sir Bernard Crick Centre for the Public Understanding of Politics will build upon Flinders' work that has examined the relationship between the governors and the governed to reveal the rise of 'disaffected democrats' and the emergence of populist parties and anti-political social groups, which suggest disconnection and disaffection from politics. Matthews' work on state capacity and Grasso's work funded by the EU Framework 7 programme on the effects of economic crisis on political participation will further reinforce the Crick Centre's agenda.

In addition, the Department has a strong foundation from which to maintain its reputation for outstanding research training and development of early career researchers, including those based in the Crick Centre, SPERI and linked to Geddes' ERC Advanced Investigator Grant. The Department will play a leading role in the enhancement of capacity in the area of quantitative methods within the Q-Step Centre (designed to promote a step-change in quantitative social science training) with funding to Sheffield of £1.28 million from Nuffield, HEFCE and ESRC.

c. People:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

The Department has undergone renewal and growth over the current period with the appointment of 16 new staff from large, highly competitive and international fields. A key aim was to ensure sustainability and development of the Department's research culture and environment and this has been achieved through the swift alignment of new appointments with the Department's strategic objectives.

Staffing strategy is based on three key components which have helped to sustain the Department's world-class research environment:

- the appointment of senior staff to provide research leadership both within the Department and the wider profession;
- the recruitment of new lecturers to renew and reinvigorate the Department through appointment of the next generation of research leaders; and,
- support for career development at all levels, including early-career researchers and funded research fellowships.

Indicators of the success of this strategy can be seen as follows:

Senior appointments have significantly enhanced research capacity and leadership. Phillips strengthens capacity in the areas of political economy, IR and governance while playing a key leadership role within the profession, including within BISA. Hindmoor had significant experience in research leadership at the University of Queensland before joining the Sheffield department. His work links political economy with governance. Both Phillips and Hindmoor align closely with SPERI. Joseph bridges the applied aspects of the CPTGJ with CiPOL's focus on international policy, governance and governmentality. In addition, staff have been recruited with a strong track record of securing funding for their research. Phillips, Parker and Hindmoor moved to the

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Department while holding grants from the Leverhulme Trust and Australian Research Council. Matthews held an ESRC post-doctoral fellowship at Exeter (2007-8) and a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship at Sheffield (2008-10).

A number of excellent appointments have been made, recruited nationally and internationally from leading institutions to provide a basis for **future leadership**. For example, Cochrane joined the Department from the LSE, Hamati-Ataya from the American University of Beirut, Matthews from York, McCourt from UC Berkeley, Parker from Warwick, Roussias from the Juan March Institute, Madrid and Stevenson from the ANU. In addition, support is provided for mid-career development, including two Mid-Career Faculty Fellowships awarded during the current assessment period.

The Department has an excellent track record of **career development**. During the assessment period, five staff were promoted to Professor and one to Reader. The Department benefited significantly from the contributions of the eleven members of staff who either left or retired during this assessment period. Of these, six moved to chairs in other institutions. All former staff were replaced and overall the Department has continued to grow.

Prestigious, competitively awarded **research fellowships** during the assessment period have contributed directly to individual development and that of the Department. For example, Geddes was awarded a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship and Robert Schuman Fellowship, both at the European University Institute, Florence, and a visiting fellowship at the Free University of Berlin, all of which contributed directly to the preparation of a successful ERC Advanced Investigator Grant application and a Marie Curie Fellowship award to Korneev (ex EUI) in 2013 for work on international migration governance (mentored by Geddes). Phillips held a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship for work on human trafficking and unfree labour and held visiting fellowships at the Australian National University and the Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia. During her time at UBC, Phillips collaborated with LeBaron, who was subsequently awarded a 3-year Vice-Chancellor's Research Fellowship by the University of Sheffield in 2013. On his appointment in 2012, Parker held a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (2011-13) that complemented and enhanced existing expertise on both European integration and migration. The recognition of excellence that these fellowships represent and the establishment of one of the strongest groups working on global migration of any department either in the UK or internationally creates a positive multiplier effect with scope for further collaboration and project development.

The Department has an outstanding track record of support for **early career researchers**. In total, 10 early career fellowships were funded during this assessment period. External funding was secured for a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship, 4 ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellowships and 2 EU Marie Curie fellowships. In addition, the Department has secured funding from the Faculty and University amounting to c. £450k for the appointment of research fellowships that, following a 3-year research-only period, have a transition to lectureships in the Department. The Department secured 2 out of a total of 6 Faculty Research Fellowships from a highly competitive selection process across all 13 constituent departments/schools. Rushton complements existing strength offered by Brown in the area of global health. Tepe-Belfrage works on gendered political economy to further strengthen the SPERI agenda. LeBaron was selected as a Vice Chancellor's Fellow from a highly competitive cross-University competition with over 800 applicants. In 2012 the University was awarded the HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission and is committed to applying the 7 principles of the UK Concordat for the Career Development of Researchers.

The Department's **staffing infrastructure** is geared towards the achievement of research excellence. The Department's work allocation framework (WAF) provides for a minimum 45% time allocation for research. The University's financial incentive structure means that grant income facilitates teaching buy-outs, reduces teaching loads and supports the general research infrastructure. This combines with a research leave system under which staff are eligible for one semester of leave dedicated to research for every seven semesters served allowing production of larger pieces of work or more ambitious applications for research funding. Thus, over an 8 semester cycle, staff are allocated at least 50% of their time to research. Applications for research leave specify expected outcomes which are then monitored by the Department's Research Committee. All members of staff have a senior colleague as research mentor to help guide future research plans. Additionally the Department's four research groups - Political Economy, Governance and Participation, International Politics and Political Theory - act as the primary

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means of integration of the Department's wider research community and serve as incubators for new project ideas.

All staff participate in an annual Staff Review and Development Scheme (SRDS) that includes reporting on **research objectives and their attainment**. The Department also utilises fixed-term teaching posts to help absorb pressures linked to the expansion of teaching programmes and successful grant awards. All staff appointed to fixed-term posts as University Teachers have a senior member of staff as a research mentor and provision of unallocated time within their work allocation allowing them to benefit from the research culture and facilities as part of their career development.

Generous financial provision is made by the Department, Faculty and University to support research. All members of staff receive a personal research allowance (£650 in 2012-13) to support individual research. The Department's Conference Support Fund provides support of up to £1300 to individual staff on an annual basis. In addition, the Department's Training and Primary Research Fund provides support of up to £500 p.a. for advanced quantitative training or fieldwork in support of the development of new projects. The Faculty of Social Sciences additionally supports new projects. For example, Grasso received £900 to facilitate preparatory work for a successful Framework 7 application.

Policy guidelines on **equality and diversity** issues are set by the Faculty of Social Sciences Equality and Diversity Working Group. The chairs of all interview panels are required to undertake training, which includes equality and diversity. Of the 16 new staff appointed to the Department during this assessment period 8 are women. In addition, the University has comprehensive policies on Good Research Practice and Research Ethics. The University Research Ethics Committee (UREC) retains oversight of the University's approach to research that involves human participation. Matthews represents the social science disciplines on UREC.

ii. Research students

The Department has further enhanced its position as one of the UK's leading centres of excellence in research training as follows:

- The Department played a leading role in the successful bid in 2011 for the White Rose Doctoral Training Centre (WRDTC) with the Universities of York and Leeds. The £18.5m bid was led by Payne as Faculty Pro-Vice Chancellor and Smith as Faculty Director of Research and demonstrates the Department's major contribution to Faculty leadership.
- Between 2008 and 2010 (prior to the creation of the WRDTC) the Department had one of the largest allocations of ESRC studentships (11) in the discipline. The Politics Subject Area Panel commented at the time that: 'this is a model application – an outstanding example of research training within British political science and international studies'.
- Within the WRDTC, the Department has received 9 PhD studentships for the period 2011-13. It was also awarded 9 studentships for Home and Overseas students in cross-University competition. In addition, the Department secured studentships from SPERI (2), The Leverhulme Trust, ESRC-CASE and the Centre for Animals and Social Justice (50%).
- 59.5 PhD students were successfully supervised to completion (compared to 50 in the longer RAE 2008 period). Graduates have secured prizes and awards that reflect the high quality of their work, including the PSA's Walter Bagehot and Ernest Barker prizes and the *New Political Economy* prize. During the assessment period, 12 journal articles were published by staff members working with PhD students, including prize-winning work published in *Local Economy* by Flinders and Moon.
- The Department has provided a strong basis for career development with its graduates moving into academic careers, both in the UK and overseas, or into employment with government, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and international organisations. In the UK, this includes academic appointments at Bath, Brighton, King's London, LSE, Leeds, Manchester, Plymouth, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam, Warwick and York. Internationally, this includes the University of Aveiro Portugal, University of Botswana, Chinese Academy of Governance, Erasmus University Rotterdam, FLACSO-Ecuador, University of Malta, Nanhua University of Taiwan and University of the West Indies. Graduates are also employed in a range of governmental, non-governmental and international organisations, including the Institute for Public Policy Research, the German Institute for Japanese Studies, Tokyo, the TUC Economic

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and Social Affairs Department and the Democratic Alliance in South Africa.

Departmental Research Training and Support Grants are made available to all non-RCUK-funded students. In addition, the Department provides support for PhD students to attend a major conference (to a maximum individual value of £1300 in 2012-13) plus a Postgraduate Research Travel Fund that makes available resources to PhD students to support travel and fieldwork. All PhD students actively participate in the Department's four research groups (see above) which typically help develop collaborations with staff and provide opportunities for PhD students to make presentations and receive feedback.

Overall strategy and implementation are guided by a Director and Deputy Director of Postgraduate Research Studies and the Graduate School Committee which has research student representation.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Research income is valued at £1,761,153, compared to a total of £1,510,040 in the previous assessment period, representing growth of 17% in a highly competitive funding environment and shorter assessment period. There was also impressive growth in mean income on an annual basis, which grew by 36%. The overall total of externally-funded research income secured in the period by staff employed in the Department at the time of the award amounts to £3.9m.

The successful integration of new staff is made evident by funding success for new appointees with Grasso successful in an EU Framework 7 consortium award valued at €282k to Sheffield; Stevenson receiving a £247k ESRC Future Research Leaders award; Hamati-Ataya being awarded a €100k Marie Curie Career Integration Grant and Matthews securing British Academy funding to scope future work on coalition politics and the constitution.

Senior staff have sustained their record of attracting funding to support their work. Flinders received funding from the ESRC and British Academy to support projects on: party patronage, governance and reform; a collaboration with the Transport Research Centre at the University of Leeds; and a collaboration with the universities of Birmingham and Southern California that examines the reform of arm's length public bodies in an age of austerity. In addition to the award of an ERC Advanced Investigator Grant, Geddes has attracted funding of around £250k to support his work on international migration. This included support from the Volkswagen Stiftung to work with Erasmus University Rotterdam, the University of Vienna, the University of Turin and the University of Bamberg on science-society dialogues on migrant integration in Europe; an ESRC post-doctoral fellowship on labour migration; and European Commission funding for analysis of the nexus between admissions and integration policies in Europe. Hay has attracted more than £250k for projects, including ESRC funding for collaboration with the University of Southampton and the Hansard Society on anti-politics; an ESRC post-doctoral fellowship on citizen education; and the mentoring of an EU Marie Curie fellow mapping terrorist risk perceptions comparatively. Phillips benefitted from the award of a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship for her work on trafficking, forced labour and the contemporary UK economy. Awards were also won from: the ERC Advanced Investigator Grants scheme to work on gender and institutional change; the ESRC First Grant scheme to support work on the promotion of trade-related capacity; from ESRC to fund analysis of the security industry; and from the ESRC post-doctoral fellowship scheme for two fellowships analysing tourism, development and global political economy and children's rights, respectively.

The research environment is supported by excellent **infrastructure and facilities**. The Department is based on a single site, the Elmfield Building, with investment of £130k from the Faculty Infrastructure Fund for refurbishment of the Department's Graduate School, including provision of work spaces, ICT resources and common areas. In addition, the University Infrastructure Fund provided a further £345k for an upgrade of all the Elmfield seminar rooms to provide state-of the art facilities for seminars, workshops and conferences.

Two of the four Politics-led research centres have received significant investment totalling approximately £1.35 million from the Vice Chancellor's Strategic Development Fund:

- SPERI support includes 2 post-doctoral fellowships and 2 PhD studentships. In the words of Ed Miliband MP at the inaugural SPERI Annual Lecture in 2012: *'I think the most important thing to say is that this is the right institute, at the right time, in the right place'*.
- The Sir Bernard Crick Centre for the Public Understanding of Politics is led by Flinders to build on sustained excellence in this area. Funding includes provision for dedicated PhD

studentships and fellowships.

All staff are provided with high quality facilities, including: high specification PCs; software including a STATA site licence with automatic upgrades to newer versions; and desktop access to outstanding library facilities, including the new STAR Plus search engine, specialist research libraries and the student-focused Information Commons.

The Department benefits from the substantial investment in the Interdisciplinary Centre of the Social Sciences (ICOSS) which was funded by a £5.9m award from the Science Research Infrastructure Fund. ICOSS houses state-of-the-art IT infrastructure, meeting rooms, exhibition space and specialised support for social science research. SPERI is housed within ICOSS. The Sheffield Select Committee Suite, a dedicated facility within ICOSS, was inaugurated in November 2012 to host the McKay Commission on 'The Consequences of Devolution for the House of Commons', to which Bulmer gave evidence. ICOSS is also the base for the University's Research Exchange for the Social Sciences (the Faculty's knowledge-exchange hub, of which Geddes served as founding Director).

Faculty research support is substantial and growing, providing help with funding proposals, enhanced PGR management and new opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration. The Department works closely with the University's Research and Innovation Services which has staff aligned with the Faculty, including a Faculty Research Manager and Faculty Income Capture Officer. Funding is available for pilot research, network creation, conferences and seminars, the development of research proposals and the pursuit of major research initiatives. Three members of staff won competitive awards from Faculty research enhancement funds to support the creation of international research networks and to write successful grant applications.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

The Department has maintained its strong commitment to the delivery of public goods with contributions made by staff at all levels of seniority.

Interdisciplinary Research: An outstanding track record of inter-disciplinary collaboration both nationally and internationally has enhanced the Department's capacity to produce agenda-setting research outputs, secure prestigious research grants and maximise the international impact of its work. For example, Geddes' various projects on aspects of global migration have involved international collaborations with climate scientists, economists, geographers, lawyers and sociologists. Brown's work on global health inequalities has been funded by the International Development Research Council of the Canadian government in cooperation with the EQUINET Africa NGO, involving collaboration with health economists and social policy experts from Zambia, Tanzania and Canada. Flinders' collaboration with economists at Leeds University's Transport Research Centre has been supported by ESRC. EPSRC support was secured for work on technical, regulatory and governance issues associated with diffuse water pollution. Phillips led an international network of development economists, philosophers, social anthropologists and sociologists to develop new insights into unfree labour. SPERI's key research themes are framed to encourage interdisciplinary research, with 20 University of Sheffield staff (drawn from the Departments of Economics, Geography, Psychology and Sociological Studies and the Schools of East Asian Studies and Management) carrying out some of their research under its auspices. Grasso will collaborate on an EU Framework 7 project with an international team including sociologists, social psychologists and economists.

Existing Networks and Clusters of Research Excellence Collaboration: Politics staff serve on many advisory boards or expert groups for governments, international organisations, think tanks and NGOs. Selected examples only are cited. Phillips served as a member of the Home Office's Joint Strategy Group on Human Trafficking and on the advisory board of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Contemporary Slavery Programme. Flinders was appointed to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority's Panel of Experts. Brown has been appointed to the Best Practice Forum within the East, Central and South African Health Community and to the International Development Research Council. Geddes was a member of the Lead Expert Group for the UK Government Office for Science Foresight report on Migration and Global Environmental Change. Additionally, academic advice and guidance has been provided to international organisations, including to the US Department of Labor (Phillips), the European Commission (Geddes), the Government Office for Science 'Foresight' project on the Future of Identity in the UK

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(Grasso), the UK Parliamentary Committee on Standards in Public Life (Grasso), the Irish National Economic and Social Council (Matthews), the Swedish National Institute of Public Health (Brown) and the Government of Thailand (Flinders and Matthews).

National and International Collaborations: Flinders was appointed in 2013 to a Distinguished Visiting Chair in Public Policy at Murdoch University; Hindmoor is an Honorary Professor at the University of Queensland; Geddes was a Visiting International Professor (2012-13) at LUISS Guido Carli, Rome; Bulmer serves on the board of two German think-tanks (the *Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik* and the *Institut für Europäische Politik*). In 2010 the Faculty of Social Sciences established a strategic collaboration with the University of Sydney that supported a research visit by Flinders to Sydney and, with additional support from the British Academy, by Dr Anika Gauja to Sheffield. The international standing of members of the Department has been recognised through the award of visiting fellowships, including the National Research Council of Italy (Brown); the Australian National University (Hay and Phillips); the Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC (Phillips); a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship in the Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI (Geddes); the Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science, Free University of Berlin (Geddes); and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI (Geddes). The Department funds a visiting programme for national and international scholars, with visitors coming from Denmark, Japan, Australia and the United Nations Research Institute in the assessment period.

Seminar Series, Journal Editorship, Conferences: The role played by staff as editors of leading international journals plays a key role in supporting the research culture within the Department. The following journals were edited during the assessment period: *Political Studies*; *Political Studies Review*; *New Political Economy*; *British Politics*; *Comparative European Politics*; *Medicine, Conflict and Survival*; and *Policy and Politics*. Members of staff serve on the editorial boards or international advisory boards for 15 journals. Members of staff also edited high profile book series, including: the Manchester University Press *Studies in European Public Policy* series; the SPERI 'PIVOT' series on *Building Sustainable Recovery* with Palgrave; the Lynne Reiner *International Political Economy Yearbook*; the Palgrave *Globalisation and Governance* series; the Theory section of the *International Studies Encyclopedia*; and the Routledge *Studies in Critical Realism* series. The Department's research groups, centres and Departmental seminar series provide the foundations for a vibrant research culture that locates the Department at the heart of the discipline. The Department and affiliated research centres hosted 28 workshops and 8 conferences plus regular seminars, the Warrender Lecture, the SPERI Annual Conference and Lecture and the Graduate School Commencement Lecture. Speakers have included Isabella Bakker, Iain Begg, Jean Blondel, Mark Blyth, Alan Buchanan, David Coates, Andrew Dobson, Michael Doyle, Keith Dowding, Andrew Gamble, David Held, Ian Holliday, Andrew Hurrell, Beate Jahn, Bob Jessop, Mary Kaldor, Peter Katzenstein, Robert Keohane, Brigid Laffan, Vivien Lowndes, David Marquand, Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Ronan Palan, Robert Peston, Anne Phillips, Thomas Pogge, Robert Peston, Thomas Risse, Vivien Schmidt, Gerry Stoker, Helen Thompson, Paul Whiteley and Antje Wiener.

Contribution to Professional Associations and Developmental Initiatives: Phillips served as Vice-Chair (2013-2014) and is Chair-Elect (2015-2016) of BISA. Hay was appointed Chair of the Politics and International Studies panel for REF 2014, with Phillips also nominated to serve on the panel. Bulmer was a member of the ESRC Training and Skills Committee 2005-10 and the ESRC International Advisory Committee 2006-9. Flinders serves on the Board of the Campaign for Social Science. Hay was a member of the Romanian RAE external evaluation panel, while Geddes was a reviewer for the Italian National Evaluation of the Quality of Research. Geddes was appointed as Chair of the Immigration Research Network of the Council of European Studies. Flinders serves on the PSA's Executive Committee. Rushton is Secretary of the ISA Global Health Section. Stevenson convenes the BISA Environment Working Group.

Co-operation and Collaborative Arrangements for PGR Training: As already highlighted, the Department played a key role in the award of the ESRC WRDTC with collaboration on a Politics and IR pathway with the universities of Leeds and York. The Department has made pro-active use of internships to support PhD research, maximise engagement with research users and support career development. This includes internships with the House of Commons, the Cabinet Office, the CBI, the Social Enterprise Coalition, Harewelle International and the British Library.