

Institution: LANCASTER UNIVERSITY
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<p>a. Overview</p> <p>Politics, Philosophy and Religion (PPR) at Lancaster is a new department, formed in 2010, that unites academics from Religious Studies, Politics and International Relations, and Philosophy to explore the central roles that both religion and secularity play in the modern world. Founded on the recognition of the growing integration of our globalising world, PPR is focused on going beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries and the often unquestioned secularist assumptions that hinder understanding of the continuing moral, social and political force of religion. Our aim in PPR is to rethink and illuminate religion's continuing importance alongside and in engagement with secular ideologies, as these play into national and international political conflicts and into moral controversies, over new reproductive technologies for instance. By pursuing this innovative agenda PPR is becoming a world-leading centre for social, political and ethical engagement with religion.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>PPR is based in Lancaster's large, interdisciplinary Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). The decision to form PPR followed a thorough review of the research agendas of the Departments of Politics and International Relations, Philosophy, and Religious Studies (which submitted separately to RAE 2008 despite emerging cross-disciplinary connections).</p> <p>In 2008, Religious Studies, which was oriented towards sociological and anthropological approaches, had developed a focus on new religious dynamics worldwide and religion and ethics in a global setting. The Department sought to further enhance its global perspectives, especially in Asian religions, and its coverage of ethics and conflict. These goals prompted increasing collaboration with Philosophy, with its long-established expertise in applied ethics and bioethics (having co-housed a Centre for Bioethics and Medical Law since 2005), and with Politics and International Relations (which includes the Richardson Institute, the UK's longest-running peace centre, which has Quaker roots). These collaborations showed that there was an opportunity, by combining into an innovative interdisciplinary environment, to create a leading international centre for the study of religion, politics and ethics. Further inspiration came from the ESRC/AHRC Religion and Society programme, based at Lancaster, as a model of how multi-disciplinary collaboration can advance understanding of religion in society. Thus, PPR's official formation in 2010 was a natural progression of the growing research interaction.</p> <p>Once formed, PPR quickly established its distinctive research profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We <u>appointed 15 new staff</u> in strategic cross-disciplinary areas, beginning in 2010 with 2 lecturers (in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy); continuing in 2011 with 5 lecturers (in: World Christianity; Middle Eastern Politics; Asian Religions; British Politics and Religion; and Contemporary Islamism); escalating in 2012 with 3 high-profile Professors (Knott and Reader (0.33 FTE) in religious studies and Wilkinson in ethics and society), and 4 lecturers (in: Religion and Power in the Middle East; Political Theory; China in the World; and Security Studies); and adding 1 more lecturer (in Cross-Cultural Political Theory) in 2013. This 56% increase in staff numbers since 2010 demonstrates Lancaster's strong commitment to our research vision. • Our <u>appointments strategy</u> has been to strengthen our distinctive interdisciplinary profile and enhance our global perspectives (e.g. with appointments in Asian religions – Black, Jeremiah, Reader) while ensuring a balanced and mutually enriching representation of all our component disciplines. Balancing new and experienced researchers – 9 of the new hires are Early Career Researchers (ECRs) – has secured the future vitality of our environment. • We have created a <u>vibrant scholarly infrastructure</u> that has produced 21 conferences, 6 workshops, and 5 lecture series (with a further 20 conferences organised or co-organised by our staff and held outside Lancaster); and that hosts interdisciplinary structures such as the flagship £12m AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme and its associated activities. These include 24 programme conferences (7 held at Lancaster, others in Madrid, Copenhagen, and Novgorod, Russia) and the high-profile Westminster Faith Debates, which have drawn on the expertise of several PPR staff and were modelled on the initial Lancaster University Question Time event, <i>Debating Politics and Religion</i> (2011). The Debates' themes, Religion and Public Life (2012) and

Religion and Personal Life (2013) reflect PPR's combined focus on religion, politics and ethics.

- Indicators of the vitality of PPR's environment include: PPR staff publishing 62 monographs and books, 239 journal articles and 202 book chapters in the period; giving 128 keynote and plenary addresses; winning more than 50 research grants worth over £4.5m; and a 27% increase in PGR recruitment since PPR's formation.
- Our knowledge exchange and impact activities contribute to the uniqueness and vitality of our environment. Besides the extensive publicity work of the Religion and Society programme, for example, our appointment of the Rt Hon Charles Clarke as Visiting Professor of Politics and Faith (2011-) has strengthened our knowledge exchange with policy makers and politicians. This adds to our many linkages with religious, voluntary, and policy agencies: Engage, Theos, the Nuffield Council for Bioethics, Demos, and others.

Through our combination into PPR, four main areas of individual and collaborative research activity have developed. Each unites academics from PPR's three disciplines and unites religion researchers with others whose work, while not on religion directly, contributes to our overall agenda. Since the areas overlap, many individuals contribute to more than one.

1. Religion and Society. This area includes the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme, directed by Woodhead, funding religion research across the humanities and social sciences and pioneering a new multidisciplinary approach to religion which inspires PPR's research mission and feeds into the vitality of our environment. Also encompassed here is our work on religious change – e.g., in modern Britain (Woodhead's major new collective volume *Religion and Change in Modern Britain*); India (Jeremiah, Misra); Japan (Reader); Latin America (Dawson, Misra); the Middle East (Naguib); South-East Asia (Kawanami) – and on religion, popular culture and media (Knott, Partridge, Reader).

2. Politics and Religion. Our work on security, conflict and peace-building is orchestrated by structures including the Richardson Institute for Peace Research, recently rejuvenated using an AHRC award and with a new management group drawn from across politics and religious studies who are developing a positive and comprehensive peace politics. This intersects with the Security Futures strand (directed by Lacy) of Security Lancaster – a c.£500k ESPRC Centre in security and protection science (including the GCHQ-ESPRC Centre of Excellence in Cybersecurity) – within which Security Futures addresses social, ethical and religious aspects of security agendas. Overall we particularly attend to ideological, imaginary, and religious dimensions of global insecurities and conflicts (Follis, Germond, Jeremiah, Knott, Lacy, Misra, Reader); here Knott holds a £376k Global Uncertainties Leadership Fellowship. Our religion and politics work also addresses democracy and public life (Steven, Woodhead) and race (Jeremiah, Misra, Partridge).

3. Conceptual and Theoretical Issues. This encompasses work on mind, self and subjectivity (e.g. by Ram-Prasad, PI on the £200k AHRC project *Self: Hindu Responses to Buddhist Critiques*, and Stone, whose work on maternal subjectivity was supported by a Philip Leverhulme Prize). Their work and that of others – Black, Hyman, Naguib – involves historically oriented textual interpretation. This motivated our 2012 conference *Dialogue as a Literary Form Across Philosophical Traditions* (co-organiser Black). Likewise, the question of modernity and the secular which unites much work in PPR prompted our 2011 conference *Confronting Secularism* (co-organisers Hyman, Stone), leading to the anthology *Confronting Secularism in Europe and India* (eds. Black, Hyman; Bloomsbury, 2013/4). A long-running Philosophy of Mind and Psychology cluster and reading group (involving Cooper, Manson) informs our work on selfhood.

4. Contemporary Ethical Debates. The Centre for Bioethics and Medical Law (co-housed in Law) co-ordinates our work in bioethics: interdisciplinary, philosophically informed reflection on contemporary issues of religious and moral concern such as new reproductive technologies (Wilkinson is PI on a £546k Wellcome Ethics and Society project in this area), consent (Manson), and health and well-being (Cooper, Geyer, Johnson); here PPR is a partner in the EU FP6/7-funded IDEFICs and I.Family projects (total £797k) on childhood obesity. Encompassed in this area too is our work on equalities issues, especially gender and ethnic minorities (e.g. Kawanami, Naguib, Stone, Woodhead), cross-cultural equality (Johnson) and economic inequalities (Sum, who co-directs Lancaster's Cultural Political Economy Research Centre: CPERC).

Our strategy post-2013 is to continue innovating and developing our position as an international

beacon for the study of religion and secularity in the social world. Our plans include: strategic appointments to expand our coverage of world religions, regions, and ethical dilemmas; building ECRs further into our research culture, and including ECRs in a team supporting PPR's Research Director; intra-departmental workshops to foster grant applications, especially from newer staff; new postgraduate initiatives, such as joint masters schemes with Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, and expanded distance-learning provision to further internationalise our graduate community; an interdisciplinary seminar programme and new PPR graduate forum; progressive integration of our research and impact activities.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Uniting into PPR created an opportunity to consolidate our research-led staff development policies. PPR instituted a workload model that ensures research time for all staff and enhances it for ECRs. Teaching is arranged to facilitate research: staff are encouraged to concentrate their teaching into one term; teaching timetables allow each academic one research day or more a week; and all staff teach in their specialisations at third-year level and above. As per Lancaster University policy, all staff are entitled to one term in eight sabbatical leave; in total PPR staff have taken 264 months of sabbatical leave in the period. Since 2010, PPR has invested £10k per annum in staff research activities, conference travel, etc. As of 2013 all staff have a £700 per year personal research account. Further departmental, faculty and university funding sources are detailed in **section d**.

Staff development and career progression: 14 PPR staff have been promoted in the period including to Reader and Professor, reflecting our clear, effective mechanisms for developing staff careers. Central to these is annual Performance and Development Reviews with senior PPR colleagues, which provide individual advice on career trajectories, assess each individual's research plans and identify strategies for meeting their training needs (e.g., PPR has provided staff members with conversation partners in Arabic and Farsi). PPR has a senior staff member specifically dedicated to personnel and promotion issues who pro-actively seeks out, guides and supports promotion applications, supplementing regular University events on promotion such as annual Making Professor events. Broader training, career guidance and development needs are met at University level through a comprehensive programme of Research Development Framework courses and Faculty grant writing workshops.

Equal opportunities: In 2012 PPR was ranked 12 of 79 similar departments for female presence (source: *Politics* 32: 3). This reflects our active commitment to gender equality, ethnic diversity and other forms of inclusion. Our staff, of whom 18% are ethnic minority, originate from many countries including Egypt, Japan and India. 31% of PPR academics are female; women are well represented at senior levels, comprising 37.5% of Professors and 36% of Senior Lecturers. The PPR management committee and PPR appointments panels always include staff of both sexes. PPR accommodates flexible working requests (in the period, two PPR academics have worked flexibly) and counts neither maternity nor sick leave against sabbatical entitlement. The context is a University that has a unified equality strategy, has undertaken an equality self-assessment, provides many diversity training courses (which all new staff must attend) and has an Equality, Diversity and Disability Committee on which all departments are represented.

Early career researchers (ECRs). PPR's workload model allocates ECRs and new appointees a 33% reduction in teaching/admin in year 1 and 16% in year 2. Personal Development Reviews provide systematic guidance on career development, publication, and funding. Each ECR has an individually tailored probationary agreement which includes research targets and training needs; is mentored by a senior PPR academic; receives relevant training (most ECRs gain a Certificate of Academic Practice); and is required to prepare one grant application (with support and advice from senior staff). ECRs receive preferential allocation of University, Faculty, and departmental research funds (e.g., PPR has funded teaching relief for Germond and Steven from our Research Incentivisation Fund; ECRs may apply more often than senior staff for conference travel funds from Faculty). ECRs are fully integrated into our research culture: for example, one ECR now directs the Richardson Institute; another serves on the department's management committee with a research brief; Follis is an EPSRC-funded Security Lancaster research fellow for the first 5 years of her post.

Lancaster has the European Commission's HR Excellence in Research award, underpinned by its commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers

implemented through Lancaster's Action Plan. Reflecting this in PPR, we integrate post-doctoral Research Associates (RAs) into our research culture and into Personal Development Reviews, mentoring and training. Consequently, our 6 RAs in the period have published books together with senior PPR staff, e.g., co-editing *Religion and Change in Modern Britain*, co-editing *Hindu and Buddhist Ideas in Dialogue* (Ashgate, 2012), and co-authoring *Childhood Obesity: Ethics and Public Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2013); they have served as PIs on funded projects, e.g. *The Young Atheists*, 2011-12, Jacobs Foundation; and they have progressed to subsequent academic posts, e.g. as Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Social Policy, McGill University.

ii. Research students

On formation PPR brought together 40.61 FTE PGRs and used their critical mass to build an integrated and vibrant PGR community, reorganising our PGR and PGT provision to exploit our multi-disciplinary expertise and strengthen our training provision, thereby securing increased PGR funding. The results include:

- 1) A sharp rise in PGT registrations: 51 MA students commenced in 2012/13 (compared to 20 in 2008/09: a 138% increase) with projected MA students in 2013/14 up a further 50%. This has helped us maximise the progression of excellent students to PGR: currently we have 51 FTE PGRs, compared to 40.61 FTE in 2010 (a 27% increase since PPR's formation).
- 2) Our interdisciplinarity gives us access to two major funding councils, the ESRC and AHRC, for both of which we participate in the North West Doctoral Training Centres. This has contributed to a sharp upturn in PGR funding: 46% of PGRs commencing in 2012/13 are funded and in total 30% of our full-time PGRs are funded as of mid-2013 (compared to 14% funded in the pre-2008 period). Funders include the Carnegie Trust, CONACYT (Mexico), and the Malaysian govt., with 4 PGRs funded by ESRC North West Doctoral Training Centre.
- 3) Strong PGR completions: with 59 completions in the period (an 11% increase on our pre-2008 completions), we have a strong, stable completion rate (with 4 years) of around 71%.
- 4) Greater international liaison: 26% of our PGRs come from outside the EU; long-term visiting PGRs have come from, e.g., Bologna, Helsinki, Mexico, and Singapore. Through enhanced interdisciplinary links we co-supervise PGRs with (amongst others) Law, English, Sociology, Gender and Women's Studies, and History.

We achieved these results by instituting:

- New flexible, interdisciplinary MA programmes, e.g. Religion and Conflict; Politics, Philosophy and Religion; Diplomacy and Religion; Religious Diversity and Social Work; Middle Eastern Studies. New distance learning routes commenced in late 2013.
- Enhanced research training provision. Each new PGR undertakes and updates a Training Needs analysis with supervisors on registration and through annual reviews, which also provide ongoing advice on progress and career development. This guides student choice from our MA modules, Research Training modules provided by the Faculty Graduate School, and courses offered through the Doctoral Training Centres. Students without prior research training take our new core MA module in Theory and Methods for Postgraduate Study. PPR also: runs annual induction events; ensures contact with supervisors every 2 weeks in term; and runs the annual progress reviews that complement a rolling Faculty on-line system of PGR progress review.
- Improved infrastructural provision: networked office space for all PGRs (shared by 2-4 students), accessible 24 hours; a termly PPR postgraduate newsletter; access to a total pool of £15000 conference travel funds from Department and Faculty. The Faculty Graduate School runs an annual programme of interdisciplinary PGR events and provides access to further funding sources and training and career opportunities.
- Integration of PGRs into our research culture. PGRs are expected to attend weekly speaker seminars; they run an annual conference and work-in-progress sessions, participate in PPR's research groups, and organise their own activities, e.g. a current reading group on Heidegger. PGRs regularly organise conferences, e.g. on *Atheism, Scientism and Open-Mindedness*. Such activities extend internationally: for example, one PGR co-organised a European Parliament conference on cybersecurity with the European Public Health Alliance.
- Internships offering PGRs opportunities to engage with research projects and collaborate with partners (e.g., one PGR was International Relations Officer at An-Najah National University,

Palestine, generating funding streams and diplomatic links). Developing this approach, PPR's Richardson Institute Internship Programme began in 2013, so far placing 30 students in research positions with Engage, the Ministry of Defence and other non-HEI organisations.

- Opportunities for select PGRs to work as Associate Lecturers in PPR. They receive office space, are mentored by academic staff, can bid for earmarked research funding, participate in the University's Learning and Teaching in HE programme, and contribute to departmental governance via an elected representative. The Faculty's regulatory framework ensures comparable treatment for Associate Lecturers across departments.

Our PGRs' strong records in both employment and publication show the success of these arrangements. In employment: many of our post-2008 graduates are now lecturers, both UK-based – in, e.g., Theology, University of Lincoln; Christian Studies, University of Chester; as Vice Principal, Lancashire and Cumbria Theological Partnership; and overseas, e.g. at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kobe University, University of Ottawa, and Monash University. In publication, our PGRs and ex-PGRs have authored books (e.g. *Church, Gospel and Empire*, Wipf and Stock 2011; *The Realisation of Divine Love*, Ashgate 2013; *The Ethics of Śankara and Śāntideva*, Ashgate 2013), anthologies (e.g. *Intensities: Philosophy, Religion and the Affirmation of Life*, Ashgate 2012) and peer-reviewed journal articles in, e.g., *International Politics*, *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Political Theology*, *Synthese*.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

The critical mass gained by uniting into PPR has enabled us to win research awards totalling £4,532,276 in the period. These awards have funded extensive staff time on research, RAs and PGRs, and administrative support for projects and dissemination. All areas of research are involved, as noted below. Figures refer to awarded values. Highlights are:

- the £12m Religion and Society programme (Religion and Society research area), bringing awards of £1.2mil to Lancaster from 2008-13: a cluster of 75 research projects, funding 240 academics, researchers and PGRs from 29 disciplines, directed by Woodhead. The project funded Woodhead at 70%, one full-time RA (2009-12) and an administrator.
- Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award in Ethics and Society (Contemporary Ethical Debates research area), PI Wilkinson, 2012-17. £546,839 funds Wilkinson at 50% for 5 years, one three-year RA, and one PGR.
- RCUK Global Uncertainties Leadership Fellowship (GULF), *The Role of Ideology, Belief and Commitment in Motivations, Justifications and Catalysts for Action in the Face of Uncertainty* (Politics and Religion research area), PI Knott, 2013-15. £376,917 funds Knott at 50% and one full-time 30-month RA.
- EU FP6 *IDEFICS: Identification and Prevention of Dietary- and Lifestyle-Induced Health Effects in Children and Infants* (Contemporary Ethical Debates research area), 2006-12. £250,548 to Lancaster funded 3 full-time MA students and three RAs from 2007-11.
- EU FP7 *I.Family: Determinants of Eating Behaviour in European Children, Adolescents and their Parents* (Contemporary Ethical Debates research area) 2012-17. £446,971 funds the PPR-based PI at 50%. In this second phase, Lancaster's budgetary share and involvement have considerably increased.
- AHRC project *Self: Hindu Responses to Buddhist Critiques* (Conceptual and Theoretical Issues research area), PI Ram-Prasad, 2008-10. £200,215 funded Ram-Prasad at 18%, one full-time one-year RA and one full-time PGR.
- Ram-Prasad, as CI for Lancaster's new £3.5m ESRC research centre *Corpus Linguistics and the Social Sciences*, is funded (£85,133) at 10% with one 18-month RA to study religion and integration amongst immigrants (Religion and Society research area);
- British Academy BARDA award, *Cultures of Competitiveness in India and China* (Contemporary Ethical Debates research area), PI Sum, 2008-10, £74,256.
- Of prestigious, competitive individual awards, UOA members have won one AHRC Fellowship, two British Academy mid-career fellowships, one British Academy post-doctoral fellowship, and one Leverhulme research fellowship, besides a range of other smaller awards.

Scholarly infrastructure:

PPR's events, managed by the Research Director with a dedicated budget of around £5k annually, include: an integrated programme of weekly visiting speakers; weekly staff and student work-in-progress sessions; a branch of the Royal Institute of Philosophy running annual conferences and public lecture series; plus many conferences, workshops and lecture/seminar series (for highlights see **section e**). In addition, our interdisciplinary research structures – the Religion and Society programme, Cultural Political Economy Research Centre, the Richardson Institute, Security Lancaster, and the Centre for Bioethics and Medical Law – all run their own events: e.g., the Richardson Institute holds annual peace lectures, seminars and film screenings and workshops. All PPR staff also participate in Faculty- and University-wide clusters (e.g. African Studies Group, Latin America cluster) and work with relevant centres, e.g. the China and India Centres, Centre for Mobilities Research, Centre for Gender and Women's Studies. Staff contribute to many joint initiatives, e.g. *Culture, Politics, Eschatology: A Symposium*. We collaborate with, *inter alia*, Law via the Centre for Bioethics, Software Engineering via Security Lancaster, and Linguistics via the Corpus Approaches to Social Sciences centre.

Lancaster University Library holds c. 87,986 items in Philosophy, Politics and Religious Studies and funds 900 inter-library loans annually for PPR. 1442 e-journal subscriptions are in PPR, as are two specialist collections, the Quaker collection: Quaker materials going back to the 18th century; and the Socialist collection: books and pamphlets on socialist and trade union history and thought. Another element of our infrastructure is our critical mass of spoken and textual language skills – including, besides French and German, modern and classical Arabic, Japanese, Mandarin, and Sanskrit. Several staff members work in more than one language, expanding our global reach.

This rich environment has attracted regular visiting academics including: Mark Bailey, author of *Mythology, Globalization and World Order* (Routledge, 2013); Jayeel Cornelio, post-doctoral research fellow at the Max Planck institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity; Laurence Hemming, author of *Heidegger and Marx* (Northwestern, 2013); Markus Moberg, post-doctoral researcher in comparative religion at the Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland; Alison Scott-Baumann, author of *Ricoeur and the Hermeneutics of Suspicion* (Continuum, 2009).

Organisational infrastructure: PPR's Research Director manages the research environment, overseeing and supporting research plans, projects and grant applications, disseminating funding and research-related information, and liaising with Faculty Research Committee. The Faculty Research Fund permits bids for up to £4000 from each staff member annually and its Overseas Conference Travel Fund permits bids for over £1000 annually (twice annually for ECRs). The annual University Small Research Grants scheme funds projects up to £7000. Recently this has funded projects by Misra and Naguib feeding into their publications, e.g. Misra's *Between Pogrom and Peace: Christian-Hindu Communal Violence in Eastern India* and Naguib's *Muslim Women Reading Religious Texts*.

PPR's Research Director strategically manages the department's Research Incentivisation Fund, an additional fund that selectively awards small grants for interdisciplinary projects involving ECRs. The fund (est. 2010) comprises £7000 annually. Projects funded so far include the conference *Confronting Secularism*, leading to the forthcoming book *Confronting Secularism in Europe and India*, co-eds. Black and Hyman (Bloomsbury); and the conference *Civil Society Rapprochement and High Politics Stalemate: Mapping the Future of Armenian-Turkish Relations*, leading to a special issue of *Patterns of Prejudice*.

Operational infrastructure: The University has made a substantial investment in buildings and facilities since 2008, providing fully renovated office space into which PPR moved in 2010. All staff have up-to-date networked IT equipment; Information Systems Services includes a Faculty IT team who provide support at all times and have helped with projects in PPR such as the new distance learning PGR and PGT programmes. Of PPR's 6 administrative staff, 3 in part support research.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Collaborative arrangements within the HEI sector: highlights are:

(1) Research programme direction: Woodhead directs the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme and follow-up dissemination activities (2007-13) and Knott directed the AHRC Diasporas, Migration and Identities programme (2005-10), overseeing 49 projects.

(2) PI and CI roles on multi-partner funded projects: e.g. *Religion, Discourse and Diversity: UK/Canada Collaboration*, ESRC, £22,089, 2012-14 (PI Knott); *Concepts of Health, Illness and*

Disease, AHRC Network, £29,725, 2009-11, resulting in *Illness and Disease: Philosophical Essays* (co-ed. Cooper, Acumen 2012) (CI Cooper); *The Future of Consent*, AHRC Network, £29,225, 2009-10 (PI Manson); *Women, Culture and the 25th January 2011 Egyptian Revolution*, CBRL-BRISMES, £10,000, 2012-13 (CI Naguib).

(3) Participation in multi-national funded projects, e.g. Plureligion: European Network on the Investigation of Religious Pluralism, NORFACE, 2009-11 (Knott); *Canadian Research Network on Terrorism, Security, and Society*, c \$1.2m from SSHRC, Canada Public Safety and Canadian Defence Dept, 2012-14 (Reader); *Religious Studies in Japan*, MEXT (Japan), UK value c. £375,000, involving 12 staff in Japan, UK, and NZ, 2011-14 (Reader); *Religion at the European Parliament*, ULB/FNRS, €70,000, 2010-13 (Steven); *The VEIL Project*, EU FP6, £37,937 to Lancaster, 2006-9 (Woodhead);

(4) Participation in funded and/or multi-national research networks, e.g. in Ayahuasca, Islamic Law, Islamic Studies, New Thinking on Alienation, Pilgrimage Studies, Religion and Popular Music, Ritual Studies. (Staff involved include Dawson, Naguib, Partridge, Reader, Stone, Sum.)

(5) Collaboration on publications, e.g. Germond's work with maritime piracy experts led to *Global Policy* 4 (1) 2013; Kawanami's work with Dr Brac de la Perrière (CNRS/CASE Paris) led to them co-editing *Asian Ethnology* 68 (2) 2009; Partridge's collaboration with Prof. Cohen (Liverpool) on the Religion and Popular Music network has led to their co-editing a monograph series, *Studies in Religion and Popular Music* (Bloomsbury); Ram-Prasad's work with Kasturirangan (NIAS Bangalore) led to publications on Indian philosophy and cognitive science in, e.g., *Phenomenology and Cognitive Science*; with Dr Baffelli (Manchester) Reader has co-authored two journal articles and five chapters and co-edited two volumes.

The many kinds of expert committees and research boards on which UOA members serve include:

Advisory boards for funded projects, e.g. Terrorism, Security and Society network, Canada (Reader); Religious Diversity and Secular Models in Europe, EU FP7 project (Woodhead);

Boards of graduate studies, e.g. annual doctoral commission, Ghent Centre for Buddhist Studies (Kawanami); advisory board, Finnish Graduate School of Theology and Comparative Religion (Knott);

Funding councils: e.g. AHRC and ESRC peer review college membership (6 staff members); ESRC Council and European Research Council Panel SH2: Institutions, Values, Beliefs and Behaviour (Woodhead); EU FP6 Panel: New and Emerging Technologies (Geyer);

Subject advisory boards: e.g. HEFCE Islamic Studies advisory board (Naguib), AHRC India Consultation (Ram-Prasad);

University advisory boards, e.g. Faith and Globalisation Programme, Durham University (Black), Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies (Ram-Prasad);

Individual consultancy roles on, e.g., design of a new research programme, for RCUK 'Connected Communities' Programme (Knott); professorial appointments, at, *inter alia*, Chester, Hong Kong Institute of Education, McGill, Miami, NIAS Bangalore, Oregon; tenure and promotion cases at, *inter alia*, Harvard, Malta, Rutgers, San Diego State, St Lawrence University NY, Sussex.

Visiting appointments: PPR staff have held 10 visiting professorships, at Aarhus, Anahuac Mexico, Autonomous University of Barcelona, COLVER Veracruz, Hannover, Las Americas Mexico, Lucerne, Madrid, the Mind & Life Summer Institute in New York, and McGill (where Kawanami was Numata Visiting Professor of Buddhist Studies); 8 visiting research fellowships, at Copenhagen, Lund, Mansfield College Oxford, Ottawa, Queensland, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Berlin, Sophia University Tokyo, and the Pierre du Bois Foundation Switzerland; and 7 visiting lectureships, including Woodhead giving the Wilde Lectures, University of Oxford 2011 (to become a monograph, *Religion in Public: Realignments in State, Society and Market*).

PPR staff have given 128 keynote and plenary lectures in the period. Besides the UK, US, all of Western Europe and Scandinavia, countries covered include Brazil, Canada, China, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Mexico, Singapore and South Africa. Venues included the First International Conference on Contemporary Esotericism; the Inaugural Lecture in Comparative Theology at Harvard; and the 2011 conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

In addition, Hyman's work on atheism was the subject of a conference at Abo Akademi,

Finland; Partridge's theory of occulture was the subject of an issue of *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism* 2013; an author-meets-critics session on Stone's work became a critical exchange in *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 2008; Wilkinson's *Choosing Tomorrow's Children* was the subject of a Battle of Ideas public debate; and Naguib's work inspired a House of Lords seminar, at which she spoke, on *Women's Right to Know*. This adds to several awards and prizes: Philip Leverhulme Prize, 2008-10 (Stone); best article prizes in, e.g., *European Foreign Affairs Review* and *Politics* (Germond, Steven); one MBE, 2013 (Woodhead).

UOA members' leading positions in professional subject associations and learned societies include: Secretary, British Society for the Philosophy of Science (Cooper); Fellow, Royal Geographical Society (Germond); General Secretary, European Association for the Study of Religion (Knott); Hon. Treasurer, Society for Applied Philosophy (Manson); Co-Chair, British Association for Islamic Studies (Naguib); Fellow, Royal Society for the Arts (Partridge); Distinguished Academic Board member, Dharma Association of North America (Ram-Prasad); Secretary, Hegel Society of Great Britain (Stone).

Our 21 conferences organised and held at Lancaster in the period have ranged across all our research areas, addressing, for example, Asian Religions and Social Justice, Classical Indian thought, and ordinary language philosophy: we held the first international conference on J. L. Austin. Some of these conferences were hosted on behalf of scholarly societies (e.g. the UK Kant Society; the Conflict Research Society; and the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties 100-strong specialist group of the Political Studies Association). Our 6 further workshops and 5 lecture/seminar series have covered further themes that reflect our innovative research agenda including, *inter alia*, New Sciences of Protection and *What Complexity Can Do for Public Health Policy* (with £13k ESF funding). High-profile speakers have included Julian Baggini, Robert Fisk, Johann Galtung, Martha Nussbaum, Ziauddin Sardar, and Clare Short; delegates have come from Canada, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, and the USA. Amongst 20 further conferences that our staff have co-organised elsewhere are: *Encounters and Intersections: Religion, Diaspora and Identity*, University of Oxford; *Women, Culture and the 25th January 2011 Egyptian Revolution*, Universities of Manchester and Cairo; *Transatlantic Security Issues from the Cold War to the Twenty-First Century*, University of Geneva. 24 additional conferences have been organised, and held at Lancaster and other UK and overseas venues, by the Religion and Society programme.

All PPR staff review for academic presses, such as Oxford, Cambridge, Chicago and Columbia University Presses; also Acumen, Ashgate, Blackwell, Continuum, Palgrave, Polity, Routledge, and Sage, amongst others; and for national and international research councils and like bodies including the AHRC, Australian Research Council, ESRC, ESRC, European Science Foundation, European Research Council, German Academic Exchange Service, Irish Research Council, SSHRC Canada, and the Wellcome Trust. PPR staff have externally examined 74 doctorates at, *inter alia*, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Liverpool, London School of Theology, LSE, Manchester, Oxford, Queens Belfast, SOAS, and Warwick; and, amongst overseas universities, Malaya, Melbourne, Paris, Queensland, SUNY at Stony Brook, Trinity College Dublin, Turku.

Leading editorial positions: In the census period PPR staff have edited or co-edited 11 book series including *Breaking Feminist Waves* (Palgrave), *Dialogues in South Asian Traditions* (Ashgate), *Religion and Society* (Ashgate), *Religion, Travel, and Tourism* (Routledge), *Studies in Popular Music* (Equinox), *Studies in Religion and Popular Music* (Bloomsbury) and *Conflict, Security and Politics* (Routledge); have edited 10 journals including *Fieldwork in Religion*, *Global Discourse*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Religion Compass*; and have served on 64 journal editorial boards including *Asian Ethnology*, *Bioethics*, *Diskus*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Fieldwork in Religion*, *International Journal for the Study of New Religions*, *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Nova Religio*, *Religion*, *Religion and Society*, *Religions of South Asia*.