

Institution: University of Sussex

Unit of Assessment: UoA 32 Philosophy

OVERVIEW

Philosophy at Sussex is in the School of History, Art History and Philosophy, which was formed in 2009. Since 2008, the Department has continued to build upon its distinctive position within UK Philosophy as a Department characterised by expertise in a variety of different philosophical traditions – ancient, Anglo-American, post-Kantian, classical Indian – in friendly, open dialogue about shared questions within metaphysics, aesthetics, ethics, political philosophy, and mind and language. There are 14 faculty (13 f/t; 1 p/t): two Professors (Morris and Ganeri); three Readers (Davies, Staehler, Stock); four Senior Lecturers (Allais, Deligiorgi, Finlayson, Sawyer) and five Lecturers (Besson, Booth, Chitty, O'Brien and Wilson). Ramachandran left in 2012. Stock is currently Head of Department (2010–14); Sawyer was HoD from 2007–10.

RESEARCH STRATEGY

Within the last five years, the Department has cemented four research clusters, developing existing research formations in directions that fit our current composition, and which continue to represent our distinctive multi-traditional approach to Philosophy. These clusters are:

- Kantian and Post-Kantian philosophy;
- Mind, Language, World;
- Aesthetics, including the Philosophy of Fiction and Literature; and
- Ethics and Political Philosophy.

The Departmental strategy over the next five years will be to:

- develop and support these four research clusters, working across the boundaries of traditional area demarcations, in order to facilitate original, historically informed thought of the highest quality, and to continue to build on the Department's and the University's reputations for multi-traditional and cross-disciplinary research;
- foster stronger connections with other disciplines in the Humanities and the Social Sciences – such as medicine, art history and economics – with the aim of furthering cross-disciplinary interaction, in line with Sussex's guiding ethos; and
- build creative partnerships and links with non-academic institutions and user-groups who might benefit from faculty research, identifying new areas of collaboration as well as furthering existing work such as engagement with schools in the South East, Allais's collaboration with HIV medics, Booth's work in the banking sector, and Davies' involvement with local galleries.

Developing and supporting the four research clusters

Kantian and Post-Kantian (incorporating the research emphasis described in the 2008 RAE as 'Phenomenology and Critical Theory')

The KPK group aims to build upon Sussex's growing influence in Kant and Kantian scholarship, and an established reputation in post-Kantian thought, including Husserlian and Heideggerian phenomenology and its developments. Core members of the group are Allais, Deligiorgi, Staehler, Davies and Finlayson. To support this research cluster, we plan to facilitate the production of several research projects and activities, including:

- A Humboldt Research Fellowship-funded monograph on transcendental idealism, *The Reality of Appearances*, by Allais (2015).
- A monograph on *Pregnancy, Birth, Being with Infants: A Phenomenological Perspective*, by Staehler (2015/6).
- The publication of *Without Paraphrase* (Stanford University Press, 2014) by Davies, a monograph on Kant's notion of beautiful art; and a further monograph *Experience and Distance: Essays To and From Emmanuel Levinas* (SUNY Press, 2014).
- Continuing support for Deligiorgi in her Editorship of the *Hegel Bulletin* (Cambridge).
- A major conference for December 2013 at Sussex on the work of Onora O'Neill's Kantian constructivism and its practical applications (with sessions on trust in finance; bioethics; justice;

Environment template (REF5)

Kantian ethics). This follows the 2012 award of a University of Sussex Honorary Degree to O'Neill; and the hosting at Sussex of the UK Kant Society Annual Conference in 2008, and the British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference in 2011.

- Four interdisciplinary workshops in 2014 on human agency, organised by Deligiorgi. She currently has a £5,000 application under consideration with the Wellcome Trust to support this activity. Confirmed participants include philosophers, lawyers, neuroscientists, psychiatrists and cognitive psychologists. This will support the production of a monograph: *Fourfold Freedom: A Kantian Conception of Agency* (funding to be applied for, 2015).
- Further fostering of the existing relationship with Heideggerian expert Professor Robert Bernasconi (Penn State), who acts as an Honorary Professor in the Department, and has been keynote at the Sussex Graduate Conference in Phenomenology three times (2010, 2011, 2013).

This activity will complement existing high-profile achievements within the REF period, including:

- Deligiorgi's *The Scope of Autonomy* (OUP 2012), a defence of an explicitly Kantian account of autonomy, and which was the subject of an 'Author meets critics' panel at the 2012 Pacific APA.
- Staehler's Humboldt Fellowship-funded *Plato and Levinas: The Ambiguous Outside of Ethics* (Routledge 2009) and editorship of the new 4-volume *Existentialism* series for Routledge (2012).
- Allais's 'Kant, non-conceptual content and the representation of space', winner in 2008 of the *Journal of the History of Philosophy* prize for the best article published in the previous year.
- O'Brien's *Heidegger and Authenticity: From Resoluteness to Releasement* (Continuum 2011).
- Further outputs by Deligiorgi and Chitty on Hegel; Staehler on Husserl and Heidegger; Finlayson on Adorno, Habermas and the Frankfurt School; and Davies on Blanchot.

Mind, Language, World (MLW)

The MLW group is characterised by boundary-crossing research in central areas of analytic philosophy: mind, language, metaphysics, epistemology and logic. Core members of the group include Morris (language/mind/metaphysics), Sawyer (epistemology/mind/language), Booth (epistemology/ethics/mind), Ganeri (language/logic/metaphysics), Besson (language/logic/metaphysics/epistemology) and Wilson (philosophy of perception and mind). Ramachandran (language/logic/metaphysics/epistemology) was a member of this group until his departure in 2012. Planned outputs for this cluster include:

- *The Myth of the Sign* (2015) by Morris, arguing for a distinctive anti-Kantian variety of mind- and experience-independent realism.
- Two monographs by Sawyer: *Singular Thought* (2015/6) and *The Broader Implications of an Externalist Theory of Mind* (2016/7), strengthening her reputation on singular thought and fictional terms, and on anti-individualism and externalism.
- A monograph by Besson on *Logical Knowledge* (2017).

Further planned research activity includes:

- Besson will be a core participant in 'Expressivism Generalised: The Scope of Non-Descriptive Thought and Talk', funded by the Swedish Research Council (25 per cent buyout, 2013–16).
- From 2013, Besson will be Director of and budget-holder for the Centre for Logic and Language (CeLL) at the Institute of Philosophy; convening the Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics Forum, and running a biennial conference.
- Sawyer will participate in the 'Transparency in belief and self-knowledge' network (Murcia); and 'Extended Knowledge' network (Edinburgh). Ganeri is a member of 'Dynamic and Dialogical Approaches to Historical Logic' (Heidelberg).
- Ganeri is preparing a research project that proposes a new theory of the individual based on the early-modern philosophy of seventeenth-century South Asia. He is also contracted to edit *The Oxford Handbook for Indian Philosophy*.

Such activity will build on recent achievements within the cluster, including, notably:

- Booth's co-editorship of *Intuitions* (OUP, in press), a collection of new work on the role of intuitions in philosophy.
- Ganeri's publication of *The Lost Age of Reason: Philosophy in Early Modern India 1450-1700CE* (OUP 2011); and *The Self: Naturalism, Consciousness and the First-person Stance* (OUP 2012), in which he explores areas of common interest to both analytic philosophy and classical Indian philosophy.

Environment template (REF5)

- Ramachandran's membership of two Spanish government-funded networks: 'Knowledge, Rationality and Causal Action', and 'Higher-Order Concepts'.

Aesthetics, including the Philosophy of Fiction and Literature

A major research interest in aesthetics, including the philosophy of fiction and literature, continues to flourish within the Department. There have been recent publications on the nature of painting and the meaning of music (Morris), poetry (Davies), fiction (Stock), Adorno's aesthetics (Finlayson), fictional names (Sawyer), Tolstoy (Davies), Schiller's aesthetics (Deligiorgi), Cavell and Auden (Deligiorgi) and the phenomenology of dance (Staehler). Work in this area will be sustained over the next five years by:

- The development of a major interdisciplinary research project, *Art and Understanding*, on the relationship between art, representation and understanding (funding applications in progress). This will include an event on the public understanding of art, held as part of the Brighton Festival 2015, a series of interdisciplinary seminars and a monograph by Morris.
- Stock's completion of an AHRC-funded monograph on imagination and fiction (2015).
- Further supporting the research activities of the Literature and Philosophy Research Group, founded by Deligiorgi in 2007 (details below).
- Continuing to participate in an Erasmus Teaching Mobility arrangement with the Department of Aesthetics, Charles University (2009–present; to date, Morris, Staehler, and Sawyer have all made research visits).
- Continuing to work for the wider community in aesthetics; for instance, Stock's acting Trusteeship of the American Society of Aesthetics (2012–15) and membership of the Editorial Board of the *British Journal of Aesthetics*.

Ethics and Political Philosophy (EPP)

The aim of this cluster is to approach issues in ethics and political philosophy via various historically-informed philosophical traditions, in a way that transcends the analytic/continental divide. Recent work in this cluster includes that of Allais on the retributive moral emotions and on the ethics of healthcare; Finlayson on the thought of the Frankfurt School, on feminist ethics and on Agamben; Chitty on the ethical thought of Hegel and Marx, and property rights; and Booth, on the ethics of belief-formation. EPP also benefited by the presence of ethicist Debbie Roberts in 2011–12. Planned activity within this cluster includes:

- Together with philosophers from Cambridge and Groningen, the award to Booth of a major grant by the Netherlands Institute for Scientific Research (NWO) to explore notions of epistemic responsibility and trust in the Netherlands banking sector (2013–16).
- The further development of a research network (the Southern Normativity Group, or SoNG) set up by Booth, involving philosophers from Cardiff, Kent, Reading and Southampton, on the broad topic of Normativity, the aim of which is to consolidate and expand the existing network of researchers working on topics related to 'normativity' in the South of the UK. The first conference is planned for April 2014 at Kent; thereafter to be held annually.
- The publication of Finlayson's monograph, *Habermas and Rawls*, due for Columbia University Press in 2014.
- The publication of Chitty's AHRC-funded monograph, *Freedom and Sociality in the Thought of Karl Marx*, due for 2014.

These strategic plans build on existing activity within the REF period, including:

- Staehler's *Plato and Levinas: The Ambiguous Outside of Ethics* (Routledge 2009), which investigates ethical questions from a phenomenological perspective.
- Ganeri's *Identity as Reasoned Choice* (Continuum, 2011) in which he approaches ethical questions in relation to classical Indian philosophy.
- The appointment of Professor Dudley Knowles (Glasgow) as an Honorary Research Fellow; he has given several talks to faculty, and participates regularly in other research events.
- Chitty's current Presidency of the Marx and Philosophy Society.
- Allais' membership of the editorial board of *Law, Ethics and Society*.
- The translation of Finlayson's *Habermas: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP 2005) into Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Chinese, Italian and Albanian.

NB. Given the departmental aim of transcending philosophical divisions, it is a virtue of the research

Environment template (REF5)

clusters that they have many overlapping elements: for instance: Allais and Deligiorgi publish in Kantian ethics; Staehler in post-Kantian ethics; Chitty and Finlayson in analytic political philosophy informed by post-Kantian and post-Hegelian thinkers; Davies in Kantian and post-Kantian aesthetics; Morris and Sawyer in areas intersecting metaphysics and aesthetics; Stock in areas intersecting aesthetics and the philosophy of mind; Ganeri in ethics and metaphysics, as influenced by classical Indian philosophy; Booth at the intersection of epistemology and ethics; and Besson on the epistemology of logic and language.

Fostering interdisciplinary connections

In line with Sussex's well-known interdisciplinary ethos, forging connections with scholars in other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences is a departmental research goal. To this end, members of the Department are involved in the running of various interdisciplinary University research groups, making connections with other subjects from which joint research projects can flow. For instance:

- Finlayson is the current Director of the Sussex Centre for Social and Political Thought, an interdisciplinary centre run between Sociology, Law, Politics, History and Philosophy since 1997. The Centre hosts an internationally well-known and high-recruiting interdisciplinary MA in Social and Political Thought, on which Finlayson and Chitty both teach. It hosts a weekly Research Seminar, and produces the *European Journal of Social Theory* (Sage) and the graduate journal *Studies in Social and Political Thought* (doctoral activity associated with the Centre is described below).
- The Department hosts the Literature and Philosophy research group, which compliments a well-subscribed MA in Literature and Philosophy, co-taught with the Department of English. It has organised and/or supported a series of events since its inception, including a major inaugural conference 'Literature and Philosophy/Philosophy and literature' (2008), and workshops on 'Philosophical Poets' (2008), 'The Problem of Evil by Peter Dews' (2009), 'Thought and Talk about Fictional Entities' (2011, co-sponsored by the Institute of Philosophy), and 'Literature, Action and Agents' (2013, co-sponsored by the Institute of Philosophy and the Philosophy and Literature Network, Universidad Nova de Lisboa). The Group was established by Deligiorgi in 2007 and directed by her until 2011, since when it has been directed by Stock.

The Department's future plans in this area include:

- The proposed establishment (2014), by Deligiorgi, with members of Law and the Medical School, of a Sussex interdisciplinary network in Ethics and Public Policy. This aims to synthesise diverse work in and on public policy occurring across the University, engaging with practical ethical problems faced by non-academic institutions such as the press, the police, media corporations and healthcare trusts, and to offer collaborative doctoral studentships in related areas.
- Following a public event on the understanding of art to be held as part of the Brighton Festival 2015, the establishment (in 2014) by Morris, of a Centre for Art and Understanding, which would aim to (a) continue to host public events on art, (b) be the base for further research projects, and (c) encourage outreach into schools on the general theme of what is to be gained from art.

Partnerships and engagement

The Department is committed to building relationships with non-academic user-groups, and we have made it one of our strategic priorities.

- One objective is to engage with schools in the South East and to translate Departmental research in ways applicable to the school curriculum. To that end, we have developed a website, www.thephilosophyresource.co.uk, to translate our research for the school audience. This work builds on the Department's longstanding practice of engaging with secondary schools in the South East, having run an annual conference for sixth-form Philosophy students and their teachers for several years, at which we present our research – including current projects.
- Another objective is to engage with those in other workplaces (e.g. healthcare; banking; galleries) on matters of mutual ethical interest.
 - Davies is a current co-applicant on grant-funding applications for *A Good Death* project, investigating what constitutes a 'good death' through the medium of film-making in conjunction with members of the *Fabrica* art gallery, Brighton.
 - Staehler's forthcoming project 'Pregnancy, Birth, Being with Infants: A Phenomenological Perspective' will involve gathering data from midwives and mothers in Brighton, and transmitting

Environment template (REF5)

findings back to them. Such activities complement Stock's organisation of a public event on the 'Ethics of HIV transmission and testing' at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, whose speakers included Allais, and leading HIV clinicians and lawyers, and which was attended by around 100 HIV medics, patients and activists.

- From 2013–16 Booth, along with researchers at Groningen and Cambridge, funded by the Netherlands Institute for Scientific Research (NWO), will explore notions of epistemic responsibility and trust in the Netherlands banking sector (2012–15). He also has plans to expand this work to the UK; an application is thus being developed to the University's Higher Education Innovation Fund's 'Kickstart' scheme. A series of exploratory, networking workshops is planned between non-academic research-users in finance and philosophers interested in issues to do with risk and trust in finance. Michael Mainelli (chairman of Y/Zen think tank) has agreed to be involved. Such projects will be strengthened by Deligiorgi's involvement in the development of the aforementioned network in Ethics and Public Policy, part of whose remit is to establish working links with partners involved in public-policy creation and dissemination outside the University, and to develop collaborative projects at faculty and postgraduate levels.

PEOPLE, including:**Staffing strategy and staff development**

The appointment strategy of the Department is:

- To achieve a balance of interests across philosophical traditions, in appointing excellent philosophers sympathetic to our multi-traditional ethos. In 2011, Booth was appointed – his boundary-crossing work on the ethics of belief formation, and his applied ethics work on the notion of trust, form a continuum with existing faculty interests in epistemology (Sawyer), norms of thought (Morris) and retributive emotions (Allais). In 2013, Besson was appointed – her work on logic, externalism and natural kind terms complements work in these areas by Sawyer, Ganeri and Morris respectively. The work of Wilson (2013) on the philosophy of perception is historically informed, fitting with a general departmental emphasis; the work of O'Brien on Husserl (2013) strongly complements Staehler's expertise in Phenomenology.
- To achieve a balance of genders and levels of seniority. The current gender ratio amongst permanent faculty is 1:1, making the Department one of the most well-balanced in the UK in this respect.

The staffing strategy otherwise aims to support faculty members' research and teaching careers, and to facilitate general professional development. Departmental research is managed by a Research Committee, whose remit it is to explore the connections between existing individual research projects, and to encourage the development of fundable projects and other entrepreneurial activity. It also plans research leave schedules over a rolling five-year period. Research mentoring takes place in the context of i) weekly research seminars, approximately half of which are given by faculty on current research; ii) annual closed work-in-progress sessions in the Summer term; iii) twice-yearly away-days, which contain a research component; and iv) informal reading of and comment upon each others' work. Staff appraisals, including the appraisal of research progress, grant-making and related plans for the future are carried out annually. Staff are encouraged to enhance their skills via specialist training on offer at the University's Teaching Development and Learning Unit. There are particularly supportive links between female academics both within the School and the wider University: regular lunch-meetings are held for women in both contexts, at which professional issues of particular interest to women are discussed.

There is also a desire to facilitate international links with other departments. Allais continues to be part-time, also working at the University of the Witwatersrand as Director of their Centre for Ethics, a post that allows Sussex to profit from her collaborative work with Southern African HIV medics and other communities affected by HIV. Since 2009, Ganeri has taken a range of prestigious visiting appointments, strengthening international links – i.e. as Visiting Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (February–April 2013); Adjunct Professor, Monash University (2010–15); and Elected Visiting Professor, École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (May–June 2009). Within the REF period, Sussex has benefited from the presence of several post-doctoral research fellows, including Baiasu, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow (2006–08) and Kutun, visiting Jean Monnet Research Fellow (2012–13). It has also strengthened international links via visiting research fellows from Institut Jean Nicod, CRNS; Yıldız Technical University, Turkey; University of Waikato; University of Cape Town; and São Paulo State University.

Environment template (REF5)**Research students**

Postgraduate research culture at Sussex is characterised by its open, inclusive attitude to various philosophical traditions and schools of thought, and by the way students are actively encouraged to move knowledgeably between them. Frequently, theses are co-supervised by two faculty members, one largely in analytic philosophy and the other in Continental philosophy, so as to benefit from both perspectives. We also aim to facilitate the entry of our students into academic and non-academic jobs. Within the REF period, doctoral students have gone on to positions at the Universities of Glasgow, Essex, Memphis, Warwick, Johannesburg and Brighton; UCD; the Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship, Rome; Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul; and the St Augustine College of South Africa.

There are several tiers to our doctoral training. Alongside supervisions, and with the support of supervisors, work-in-progress sessions are held each term. Several reading groups are run, with faculty participating. A central part of graduate life is the well-attended and lively weekly Philosophy Society. We offer Associate Tutor positions to our best doctoral students (on interview); Associate Tutors teach first-year seminars and occasionally give lectures. To prepare them, they receive both central training (on marking, seminar management and organisation) and specialist Philosophy mentoring within the Department. In addition, the University's Doctoral School offers multiple courses within domains as specified by the Vitae Researcher Development Framework. The Careers and Employability Centre also offers specialist postgraduate careers advice.

We also support students in building networks within the University and with other institutions. Since 2010, we have supported students in running an annual Phenomenology graduate conference. Keynote speakers include Robert Bernasconi (Penn State), Lawrence Hatab (Old Dominion University) and Charles Guignon (University of South Florida). Students in Social and Political Thought organise a weekly visiting-speaker seminar series and an annual graduate conference, and produce the graduate journal *Studies in Social and Political Thought*. There are also several student-run reading groups.

International links are also prioritised. The Department benefits from a continuing Erasmus Teaching Mobility arrangement with the Department of Aesthetics at Charles University; postgraduates visit for supervision in Sussex and *vice versa*. In 2011, the Department participated in a formal arrangement with the Institut Jean Nicod, CRNS, Paris, to swap supervision of doctoral students, resulting in the visit of Arcangeli to Sussex in 2011 for supervision with Stock, and with the provision for Sussex students to visit Paris. Plans for future postgraduate funding involve participation in the successful CHASE consortium for AHRC BGP2, together with Humanities departments at Sussex, Goldsmiths, UEA, Essex, Kent, OU and the Courtauld. We are planning shared supervisory arrangement on Kant, Wittgenstein, aesthetics, ethics and language; Booth has also set up a South Coast Normativity network with colleagues in Kent. The Department offered 1 AHRC studentship in 2009 (now completed), 2 in 2011 and 3 in 2012. The University's submission rate for AHRC doctoral students is 92 per cent.

INCOME, INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES

The Department's income-generation strategy is to prioritise the preparation of funding applications that promote departmental research projects, and bring together researchers from more than one academic domain – or philosophers with non-academic users – providing interesting impact opportunities in line with institutional and research council priorities. Several applications are currently in preparation or under consideration.

Members of the Department have won a number of grants during the REF period in analytic, Continental and classical Indian Philosophy. Allais (2010) and Staehler (2008) each received Humboldt Research Fellowships for work on Kant, and on Plato and Levinas, respectively; Staehler also received a follow-up Summer Stipend. Stock (2010) and Chitty (2011) received AHRC Research Leave Grants, for work on the imagination and on Marx, respectively. Ramachandran (2009) received a Mind Association Fellowship for work on conditionals, and Ganeri (2007–9) a Leverhulme Research Fellowship for work on Early-Modern Indian Philosophy.

At the level of funded collaborative research projects, Ganeri was also a co-recipient of an AHRC Research Project Grant for 'Hindu Senses of Self: Critiques of Buddhist Reductionism' (2008–10, £127,363) resulting in several publications and a conference held at Sussex. From 2013–17, with researchers from Cambridge and Groningen, Booth will spend 75 per cent of his time working on a NWO-funded project 'Trust in banks' – value awarded, €29,400. Besson has been awarded a 25 per cent buy-out from the Swedish Research Council to pursue 'Expressivism Generalised: The Scope of

Environment template (REF5)

Non-Descriptive Thought and Talk' (2013–16).

Conferences organised by faculty members were funded by the Aristotelian Society, the Brighton and Sussex Medical School, the Mind Association, the British Society of Aesthetics and the Institute of Medical Ethics. The Department has obtained Royal Institute of Philosophy funding for its research seminars for the last six years.

The Department's infrastructure includes state-of-the-art electronic library access. Support for research-funding applications is provided by the University's Research and Enterprise Division. The Research Development Officer offers information and advice on funding opportunities and deadlines. Administrative support to faculty is provided within the School by the Research and Enterprise Co-ordinator. Technical assistance and resources are available to faculty from the University's IT Services.

COLLABORATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCIPLINE OR RESEARCH BASE

Notable international invitations Within the REF period, members of faculty have received an unusually high number of invitations to international conference, seminars and workshops, including Amsterdam, Berlin, Cape Town, Florence, Hawaii, Johannesburg, Konstanz, Kwazulu-Natal, Michigan, Reykjavik, Rhodes SA, Stockholm, Tokyo, Turku, Virginia (Allais); Amsterdam, Eindhoven, Madrid, Utrecht (Booth); Jerusalem, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz (Davies); Helsinki, Latvia, Notre Dame, Patras, Reykjavik, Seattle (Deligiorgi); Colorado, Johns Hopkins, Prague (Finlayson); Copenhagen, Lille, Kolkata, Kyoto, Lumbini, New Delhi, Seoul, Shanghai, Vancouver, Zurich (Ganeri); Ghent, Łódź, (Morris); Berlin, Jawaharlal Nehru University Delhi, Rhodes, SA (Ramachandran); Dubrovnik, Granada, New York (Sawyer); Vienna, Parma (Stahler); Barcelona, Claremont McKenna California, Florence, Fribourg, Geneva, Institut Jean Nicod, Lisbon, Padua, Tampere, Tilburg, Tübingen, Uppsala, UC Irvine (Stock).

Further markers of international esteem include Allais' invited delivery of the Berliner Kantkurs, an annual series of lectures on Kant, Humboldt University, Berlin (2010) and her invited series of lectures for the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Jilin (2012); Besson's work as a course lecturer on the annual 'Mind, World and Action' course in Dubrovnik; Davies' directorship of the *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Umbria (2008); Finlayson's appointment as an Expert Evaluator for the Erasmus Bureau, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in Brussels (2011); Ganeri's membership of the 2012 NEH Summer School 'Investigating Consciousness: Buddhist and Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives'; Stahler's appointment as International Assessment Board Member, Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences in Dublin (2008, 2010, 2012); Stock's election as a Trustee of the American Society of Aesthetics (2012–15), and appointment as 'expert evaluator' for the French Agence d'Evaluation de la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur, (University of Toulouse II, 2009; University of Grenoble III, 2010).

Notable advisory work Our faculty have also been engaged as advisors to national and international funding bodies including the AHRC; Austrian Science Fund; Deutscher Akademische Austausch Dienst (DAAD); ESRC; Research Foundation Flanders (FWO); Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships; Leverhulme Trust; and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Editing work Faculty have received several notable invitations from academic publishers to edit scholarly books and series. Examples include Allais' editorship of *Philosophical Papers* (Taylor and Francis); Booth's co-editorship of *Intuitions* (OUP, in press); Deligiorgi's editorship of the *Hegel Bulletin* (Cambridge); Ganeri's editorship of *The Oxford Handbook for Indian Philosophy*; and subject editorship in Indian Philosophy for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; and Stahler's editorship of the four-volume series *Existentialism* (Routledge 2012).

Learned societies activity Faculty have assumed leadership roles on the executive committees and councils of learned societies. Chitty is President of the Marx and Philosophy Society, Finlayson was Chair of the Society for European Philosophy until 2011 and Stock was Secretary of the British Society of Aesthetics (1999–2010). Faculty have organised or co-organised 24 conferences and workshops over the REF period, including the 2011 major annual meeting for analytic philosophy, the Joint Session of the Mind Association, and Aristotelian Society.