

**Institution: Brunel University**

**Unit of assessment: 21 – Politics and International Studies**

**a. Overview**

The Department of Politics and History produces internationally acclaimed and high impact research on public policy, political theory, international relations and international history, building on Brunel University's signature interdisciplinary and applied approach to research. Since 2008 strategic investments and appointments have significantly increased our sustainability and esteem, culminating in a one third expansion of research active staff, a doubling in external research funding awards and three prizes for outstanding publications. The Department has consolidated its research expertise in three thematic clusters, supported by a strategic combination of research centres and groups which involve all staff and PGR students: **(1) Public Policy and Political Theory:** This cluster contributes to a 'vibrant and fair society', including research on public policy, institutions, social and political theory, and is facilitated by the Magna Carta Institute (MCI) and the Social and Political Thought (SPT) Research Group. **(2) International Relations:** This cluster researches important international developments in intelligence, war, conflict, security, peace resolution and foreign policy making, supported by the interdisciplinary Brunel Centre for Intelligence and Security Studies (BCISS) and the International Studies (IS) Research Group. **(3) International History:** This cluster responds to the AHRC priority 'Care for the Future: Thinking Forward Through the Past' with innovative research on borders, oceans, heritage and diplomacy. It is organized around the Isambard Centre for Historical Research and the interdepartmental Brunel Heritage Research Network which includes members from the Schools of Arts, Education, Social Science and Design. Together we have published over 30 books and 300 journal articles and book chapters, and hosted 13 international conferences and workshops. Our trajectory is sustained by a research environment and strategy which facilitate international excellence through increased collaborations, funding and knowledge transfer.

**b. Research strategy**

**Achievement of Strategic Aims**

In accordance with the School of Social Sciences' Research Strategy as well as the Strategic Plans of Brunel University, the Department's core aim has been to build upon its existing strengths by focusing on core research areas, growing capacity in these areas and driving up quality. Four interlinked mechanisms were utilized to achieve this:-

**(1) To expand our research active staff** the University has invested in new strategic appointments designed to generate core critical mass in those research areas identified as a priority for our future research focus. This strategy has raised our high quality research-focused staff from 16 to 22 (comprising six Professors, one Reader, two Senior Lecturers and 13 Lecturers) thereby increasing the depth of our expertise in key research areas and enhancing opportunities for synergies and the cross-fertilization of ideas.

**(2) To increase external funding and high-quality research outputs** the Department has introduced new peer review and research mentoring mechanisms. These have enabled a 100% increase of external research income awards from £498k (RAE 2008) to £975k and the publication of more than 30 books and over 300 articles and chapters. Three major prizes demonstrate the outstanding quality and international esteem of our research (Krahmann; Thomas; Seligmann).

**(3) To promote an active and policy relevant research environment** we have expanded our research centres with new staff working in our core areas, added external members and brought about the affiliation of key end users. The increased vitality and sustainability of our research environment is demonstrated by four regular research seminar series (one per cluster and one interdisciplinary seminar series), 13 international conferences and workshops, and long-term collaborations with academic and non-academic beneficiaries such as politicians, military and intelligence practitioners and industry.

**(4) To strengthen the national and international profiles of our three research clusters** we have invested in new appointments and carefully aligned their research with end user and funding priorities. Our **Public Policy and Political Theory** cluster has been expanded with six new Lecturers (Thomas, Del Lucchese, Hansen, Sarmiento-Mirwaldt, Uberoi, Peña), increasing our expertise in quantitative methods, political institutions and political theory. The high impact nature of the research carried out by the cluster is demonstrated by two impact case studies, including

one by a new appointment. Cutting-edge research in **International Relations** has been facilitated by the transformation of BCISS into an interdisciplinary research centre with staff from Economics & Finance, Law and Engineering. BCISS has produced high-quality and policy-relevant research as demonstrated by the Centre's collaborations with the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the European Union (EU), and its pivotal role in impact case studies for two UOAs (Politics; Economics). In order to enhance the long-term vitality and sustainability of the cluster we have also made three new appointments at Lecturer and Professorial level (Lees; Marrin to be replaced in November 2013 by Varouhakis; Krahmann). Our **International History** cluster has been strengthened with the creation of the Isambard Centre for Historical Research in 2012 by subsuming the Centre for American, Trans-Atlantic and Caribbean History and broadening our thematic focus to capture AHRC priorities. Three new Lecturers and one Reader (Swenson, Carrol, Pietsch, Seligmann) have enhanced the vitality and sustainability of the cluster as illustrated by the award of two major research grants (Pietsch; Swenson) and the formation of the interdepartmental Brunel Heritage Research Network.

### **Main Research Objectives, Activities and Priority Developmental Areas (next five years)**

The Department's 5-year research strategy sustains and develops our international research profile by building on the University Strategic Plan (2012-17), the School of Social Sciences Three Year Plan (2012-15) and the Department's Strategic Review in 2010. Research quality will be developed and enhanced by two key means: a focus on selected priority areas within our three research clusters supported by processes designed to drive quality.

Future research focus in the department's clusters will be as follows:-

A capacity for the quantitative analysis of political activity and electoral processes alongside a focus on key trends in political thought already marks out Brunel's **Public Policy and Political Theory** cluster. These distinctive elements with their unique twin-tracking will continue to be the building blocks of future research in these areas, with an enhanced emphasis on both the roots of contemporary theoretical approaches and on the practical aspects of numerical analyses of political activity. The result will be a focus on representational transformations and renewals, a theme that encompasses parliaments, citizenship, revolutions and multiculturalism and can be linked to the ESRC priority area 'a vibrant and fair society.' In **International Relations**, the existing expertise of BCISS with its emphasis on relating doctrine to a practitioner based approach will be further developed and refined, supported by a new appointment and a rigorous concentration on key contemporary debates, such as the ESRC's influencing behaviour and informing interventions theme. Thus, a specific focus will be on intelligence and intervention, an area which encompasses global governance, security and the economy. In **International History** core expertise exists in modern military history. Much of the research in these areas over the coming years will be determined by the nationally outlined priority of commemorating the centenary of the First World War and disseminating new research within this broad ambit. The intention of the department is to utilize the opportunities this creates to promote a better understanding of such matters of continuing contemporary relevance on which our research already focuses such as how and why wars begin, conflict resolution, insurgency and counter-insurgency and the impact of conflict and post-conflict-related diasporas and settlement. A key priority in the process of focusing on these areas will be to utilize Brunel's extensive overseas partnerships to ensure that research and outputs have a strong international focus and benefit from extensive international collaboration, such as, for example, with the official historians of the German *Bundeswehr*.

In terms of processes designed to drive enhanced quality, the department has three key objectives. These are:-

**Objective 1: Meet and maintain the highest standards of academic excellence in research, enabling increased knowledge transfer and impact.** To facilitate research excellence and impact the Department guarantees a minimum of 30% research time for all full-time staff, manages individual teaching loads carefully (currently 6 hours per week on average) and assigns lighter teaching and administrative workloads to new colleagues on probation. We finance high impact research and dissemination activities with annual personal research budgets, a departmental budget for strategic initiatives and competitive funding for knowledge transfer

activities and secondments. A priority area for the achievement of this objective is the transformation of the SPT Research Group into a University Research Centre in order to facilitate its ability to establish long-term collaborations with external beneficiaries and enhance its national and international profile as one of a few UK research centres in Political Thought.

**Objective 2: Expand our research collaborations and diversify our external research income.** Our objective to expand collaborations and external research income, in particular with international partners and funding bodies, builds on major successes in the current REF period. The University's specialist funding and competitive awards of up to £2.5k for research seminars (e.g. the Isambard Centre, 2012, 2013) and conferences allow our research centres to act as drivers of new collaborations by organizing a wide variety of research activities and events which connect the Department with national and international scholars and stakeholders. To diversify external funding opportunities, we will target under-utilized and international funding streams. We will also ensure that only bids of the highest quality and targeted on national priorities aligned with our core research themes are submitted to the AHRC and ESRC. Additional funding will be sought from the private sector, including private foundations and end users in industry and government by utilizing and expanding established contacts and consultancies. A priority will be our leadership of the new Brunel Heritage Research Network to initiate innovative cross-disciplinary research in collaboration with national museums, archives and educational centres.

**Objective 3: Increase recruitment of nationally and internationally excellent PGR students and enhance our PGR culture.**

The development of our PGR culture and environment is a major objective for the University which is driven by the expansion of PGR training through intra-School 'PhD Master Classes' and the planned application for ESRC Doctoral Training Centre status in 2016. The Department promotes this objective by integrating all PGR students into its research centres and groups, and by involving PGR students in research projects. We plan to internationalize our PGR programme further by building on existing collaborations with the Goethe University Frankfurt and Erasmus 'internships' for PGR students from outside the UK. A priority area is our plan to establish PGR student internships with business, the public sector, NGOs and charities. This will be modelled on the University's successes with placements and internships as drivers of research impact and recognized with 'Forward Thinking Attitude to Work Based Learning' and 'Best Placement Service' awards.

### **Collective Research Target Monitoring**

Our collective research strategies and targets are developed, implemented and monitored by the Department's Senior Research Management Group in collaboration with the School and the University Research Directors and Committees. The University carries out regular Strategic Reviews of Departments (last in 2010) to assess performance in research and teaching, to consider the future shape, size and sustainability of the Department, and to identify key targets for development. All University Research Centres provide annual research activity and impact reports which are reviewed by the School and University.

### **c. People, including:**

#### **i. Staffing strategy and staff development**

Our staffing and staff development strategies support our achievements and 5-year research objectives with two main drivers:

#### ***1. High quality new appointments which enhance the vitality of our three research clusters and attain greater equality and diversity at all levels of seniority***

To support the academic excellence, the vitality and the demographic sustainability of our clusters, our personnel strategy focuses on recruiting new staff across all levels (from early career researchers to full professors) with a track record of high quality publications, external funding and international collaborations within our core research areas. The effectiveness of our strategy is evidenced by 13 high-quality appointments (six of whom were women), who have won two international book/article prizes and two major research grants since joining the Department. To strengthen our Political Theory and Public Policy cluster we appointed six new Lecturers. To enlarge our International Relations cluster we appointed one Professor and one Lecturer, and the International History cluster was expanded with one Reader and four Lecturers. All new staff, both permanent and fixed term (3 of 26), full time and fractional (1 of 26), are fully integrated into the

life of the department.

## **2. Effective promotions and succession planning policies which ensure the long-term development and sustainability of our research expertise, management and leadership**

To support sustainable research management and leadership our probation and promotion policies incentivise staff to develop international research profiles, a record of peer reviewed publications and high quality grant applications. We offer teaching relief to enable research excellence for those who take on major leadership responsibilities (Fisher; Hughes; Neocleous). The progression of our research leadership team demonstrates the success of our strategy, including the promotion of Neocleous from RAE 2008 Coordinator to Head of Department (2009-12); Fisher from Research Convenor and Director of Magna Carta Institute (2009-) to Head of School (2012-); Davies from Senior Lecturer to Professor (2013) and from Deputy Director to Director of BCISS (2008-); Hughes from Reader to Professor (2012) and from Senior Tutor (2010-12) to Head of Department (2012-). With the appointments of Krahnmann as Professor and Research Convenor (2011-13) and Seligmann as Reader, Co-director of the Isambard Centre for Historical Research (2012-13) and Research Convenor (2013-) we secured sustainable research leadership.

### **Equal opportunity policy and career development**

The University places great emphasis on equal opportunity and career development, as illustrated by our commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, Concordat Action Plan and Concordat Working Group. In recognition, Brunel University received the European Commission's HR Excellence in Research badge and an Athena SWAN Bronze award. We require all staff to take regular equality and diversity training, and we support career development with personal research mentors for probationary and permanent staff. Junior staff members have additional early career mentors who provide advice on research plans and funding, publication outlets, review of draft publications and grant applications. Regular University promotions workshops offer personalized assistance in the design of career and promotions strategies. To enable probationary staff to develop their national and international research profiles and acquire external funding for new projects, the University has a competitive Brunel Research Initiative and Enterprise Fund (BRIEF) for up to £15k (Thomas, Marrin, Del Lucchese). Significant results accrue from this. The BRIEF award to Del Lucchese supported significant research on Machiavelli including the writing and publication of an important article in *History of Political Thought*, a three day conference at Brunel University, a multi-media website on Machiavelli ([www.brunel.ac.uk/machiavelli](http://www.brunel.ac.uk/machiavelli)), panels at the Manchester workshop on Machiavelli and the Historical Materialism Conference. Permanent staff benefit from a research leave policy that permits applications for up to one year's leave at any point in time to work on high-quality, impact generating projects (Davies, MacMillan, Morgan, Warleigh-Lack, Folly, Dale, Neocleous). Thus, the leave granted to Dale enabled him to write and bring to publication eight articles on a range of important political thinkers from Polyani to John Stuart Mill to Adam Smith. It also provided the springboard for a successful British Academy grant application, an outcome that will generate further research and outputs.

### **Personal research targets and standards monitoring**

The Department prides itself on its strong research mentoring culture. All staff members meet every six months with a member of the Department's Research Committee to develop and review personal research targets and standards. The meetings help staff achieve their full research potential by advising on research outlets with a focus on high-ranking journals, identifying external funding opportunities, commenting on draft publications and ensuring adherence to research standards. Staff members also review their personal three-year research plans, output and grant income targets in annual meetings with the Head of Department. Four Departmental research seminar series serve as additional venues for ensuring the quality of our research and outputs, and all staff are expected to present and participate regularly. Building on Brunel University's Code of Research Ethics, Ethics Framework and Good Research Practice, we have key mechanisms in place to maintain the highest ethical and professional standards, including training events and formal approval by the Research Ethics Committee for all research involving human participants and guidelines for professional behaviour within and outside the University. Authorship policies (which follow our disciplinary convention of putting names alphabetically



unless there is good reason to do otherwise) are discussed annually by the Research Committee to ensure their compliance with best practice.

## ii. Research students

Since 2008 the Department has more than doubled the size of its doctoral programme from 10 to 22 PGR students. This increase has been driven in part by the Department's clear research focus which makes Brunel an obvious choice for postgraduate work in key areas of political science, international, intelligence and security studies, political thought and military history. This increase has been further promoted through major developments in our graduate research environment. The Department facilitates research excellence at PGR level with intensive supervision based on two personal supervisors, a minimum of eight supervision meetings per year, regular six monthly progress reviews, and formal confirmation of PhD student status at 12-14 months (full-time) or 24 months (part-time). We support a vibrant PGR community and enhance research collaborations by involving students in our research centres, groups, projects and consultancies. All our PGR students are asked to present their research at our annual Departmental PhD Presentation Days, and given the opportunity to participate in our interdisciplinary School of Social Sciences Research Conferences and University Poster Days (including prizes for best posters). To enable our students to develop their national and international research profiles and networks, the Department has memberships at Chatham House and closed UK intelligence studies forums at RUSI, Oxford and Cambridge. To facilitate their future employability, all PGR students who wish to do so are given the opportunity to engage in teaching activities.

The School of Social Sciences supports our PGR environment with an innovative research skills development programme of 26 PhD Master Classes annually (with strong Departmental input from Thomas, Hansen, MacMillan, Morgan, Krahmman) in which participation by PGR students is mandatory. The School also finances reduced institutional membership rates for European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR Postgraduate Research Methods Summer and Winter Schools recommended to our students). In addition, a significant investment has been made in attracting and rewarding high quality research students by increasing the number of competitive studentships in the Social Sciences. For Politics, these include two fully funded bursaries, three fees-only studentships (an investment from QR funds from RAE 2008), and one Peter Caws Studentship. In addition, the University offers institutional support for PGR students in the form of a dedicated Graduate School with six staff, 500k per year internal funding, fully equipped 674m<sup>2</sup> social and study facilities, a researcher development programme, core skills such as interview practice and on-line research training. Evidence of the success of our PGR development strategy include student publications in international peer reviewed journals (Lamprinakou in *Politics*; Mills in *Diplomacy and Statecraft*; Drachenberg with Warleigh-Lack in *Journal of European Public Policy*), edited collections (Al-Asmari in Davies & Gustafson) and academic appointments at major national and international universities (UCL, Leiden University, Lancaster University, Girne American University). Three Erasmus PhD Internship students since 2011 attest to the growing international attractiveness and reputation of our PGR environment.

## d. **Income, infrastructure and facilities**

### **Research Funding**

The Department has doubled its externally awarded research funds from £498k (RAE 2008) to £975k. This funding has been concentrated within our three research clusters, whose known research specialism attracts resourcing for high quality projects within their fields and validates the emphasis placed upon building up core specialisms and competencies. Highlights from our **Public Policy and Political Theory** cluster include a £98k ESRC project on constituency campaigning (Fisher) and impact-generating research on multicultural societies funded with £166k by the BA, ESRC and Canadian Research Council (Uberoi). Our **International Relations** cluster recently won an ESRC Standard Grant of £278k for research on private security firms (Krahmann) and a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship of £94k for a study on the economic growth paradigm (Dale). Previous cluster successes have included the award of £35k for two separate ESRC Seminar Series on intelligence and international interventions, and £37k for intelligence consultancy work for the European Commission (Davies). Our **International History** cluster has generated significant income with an Australian Research Council Early Career award of £244k (Pietsch), British Library Endangered Archives grants of £19k (Morgan) and £19k from the BA,

ESRC and other organizations for research on heritage (Swenson). In 2012 the Department scored a collective success with three ESRC Festival of Social Sciences awards to showcase research from all three clusters in events for non-academic users. We will build upon the success of this policy of concentrating our research portfolio within targeted areas so as to create focal points of excellence that can secure funding on the strength of their established track record. The main focus of future investment will be within the three main research areas.

### **Grant Income Generation Strategy**

The Department pursues its objective to increase and diversify its external research income with a comprehensive programme of activities, facilitated by an effective grant development and management infrastructure. To increase our external research income we have enhanced our grant writing training for staff and PGR students, including regular workshops organized by the University. A new three-step peer review of all external funding applications provides improved support and quality assurance, including detailed feedback from two Departmental colleagues, assessment by the School Research Director and further reviews by a pool of experienced academics at the University level. The School assists external income generation with three designated research administrators and the University's Research Support and Development Office (RSDO) facilitates grant income generation with 14 staff, including specialist training and assistance such as its Brunel Grant Academy for Future ESRC Research Leaders (Pietsch, Swenson) and help in developing collaborations with and impact on non-academic users. The University's Research Development Fund supports the development of major grant applications, and its generous Incentive Scheme rewards successful applicants with personal research funds totalling 50% of the PI's salary from overhead bearing grants (Krahmann; Fisher).

### **Research Infrastructure**

Our infrastructure supports research excellence and impact, national and international research collaboration, and a vibrant staff and PGR research culture with generous resources. Research innovation is promoted with personal research budgets for all staff and PGR students, University BRIEF awards and a competitive research leave scheme. Our research also benefits from two specialized Departmental libraries (D.C.Watt Collection, John Hope Mason Collection), a centralized library with over 40,000 books on politics and international studies, and the University's history and heritage archives. Research dissemination and impact are enabled by the University's Open Access Publishing Fund of £100k (p.a.) and the University Knowledge Transfer and Secondment Schemes. Since 2008, the University has supported our three research centres with funds totalling £64k for MCI, £13.5k for BCISS and £2k for the Isambard Centre for Historical Research. In addition, research centres benefit from the competitive University Research Seminar Series award of up to £2.5k (Isambard Centre 2012, 2013) and the University Research Development fund. PGR Students receive an annual research allowance and can also apply for travel prizes of £500 to support the presentation of research findings at international conferences (Fabry, 2009; Wood-Donnelly, 2008, 2010, 2011). The vitality of our research environment has been enhanced by University investments of £350 million into the redevelopment and expansion of its campus, including a dedicated departmental PGR student office with networked computing stations, bookable offices for research assistants, visiting researchers and associated research fellows, and an interdisciplinary social space for staff and PGR students in the Social Sciences. Technical research support is available within the School from dedicated staff.

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

Our contributions to the broader research base are driven by a vibrant interdisciplinary research culture that promotes both collaboration with the national and international academic community and user engagement with the actual processes of research production, evaluation and dissemination. This not only results in quantifiable examples of research activity, such as conferences and collaborative ventures, but also demonstrates the depth of our commitment to driving research quality and impact.

#### **Interdisciplinary Research**

A culture of interdisciplinary engagement is integral to our approach to research, innovation and impact. All our research centres and groups involve members and stakeholders across multiple disciplines and sectors. BCISS was specially designated University Interdisciplinary Research Centre in 2010, formally expanding its membership to the Departments of Economics, Law, and

Engineering as well as non-academic fellows from the public sector. Recent developments have included the Department's leadership in the creation of the Brunel Heritage Research Network in 2012 with more than 50 members from the Social Sciences, the Arts and Humanities, and Education. A monthly interdisciplinary Departmental research seminar provides regular opportunities for engagement and collaboration. New appointments have been made with a view to strengthening our interdisciplinary agenda and research collaborations. Examples of new synergies include historical and contemporary research on European border regions (Carrol, Sarmiento-Mirwaldt), the evolution of warfare (Seligmann, Hughes and Krahmman), and the origins of political thought and policies (Del Lucchese, Scott, Hansen, Uberoi).

#### **Seminar Series and Conferences**

The vitality and international profile of our research culture is illustrated by the seminar series and conferences organized by our research clusters. Highlights from our **Public Policy and Political Thought** cluster include a monthly seminar series hosted by the Social and Political Thought Research Group; four international conferences on the East European revolutions (Dale 2009), Gramsci (Thomas 2011), the Right of Resistance and Macchiavelli (Del Lucchese 2012 & 2013); the MCI has organised and run a two-day inter-disciplinary symposium on parties and electoral competition (Fisher 2009); regular briefing seminars for embassy staff, journalists, public affairs professionals and Commonwealth and Marshall Scholars (Fisher 2009-11), the Bhikhu Parekh Symposium on Multiculturalism (Uberoi, 2011) and an ESRC Festival of Social Science workshop on policies of multiculturalism (Uberoi, 2012). Seminars and conferences organized by our **International Relations** cluster have included a workshop series organized by BCISS with funding from Raytheon UK Ltd. (2011, 2012); an international conference series on 'Understanding and Improving Intelligence Analysis' funded by a University BRIEF award; two ESRC Seminar Series (see above), an ESRC Festival of Social Science event on 'Intelligence Research at Brunel and Its Impact' (Davies 2012), and a conference on 'British Ways of Countering Insurgency' funded by the US Marine Corps University Foundation (Hughes 2011). Our **International History** cluster has organized a monthly research seminar, an annual research workshop hosted by the new Isambard Centre for Historical Research (2012), a programme of ESRC Festival of Social Science events on the 'Presence of the Past' (Swenson 2012), a conference on French History 1914-45 in conjunction with Oxford and Birkbeck (Carrol 2013), two research symposia on 'Transitional Spaces and the Legacies of Empire' organized by the Brunel Heritage Research Network (Swenson 2013) and two national and one international research seminar series in collaboration with the Institute of Historical Research, London and the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris (Carrol 2012-13, Pietsch 2012-13, Swenson 2011-13).

#### **Research Collaborations and User Engagement**

The promotion and expansion of our research collaboration and engagement with non-academic users at the national and international levels are central objectives of the Department. To establish new research networks, the Department makes effective use of the University's BRIEF awards and Research Development Fund. The development of long-term research collaborations, stakeholder involvement and impact generation are facilitated by our research centres and groups through a wide range of activities. The result has been more than 25 national and international collaborations. **The following are illustrative of the high quality and diversity of our national collaborations:-**

- 'Constituency Campaigning in the 2008/9/10 General Election' – PI of research project with the University of Manchester, ESRC £98k (Fisher 2010-11)
- 'Intelligence and Government in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' – PI of ESRC Seminar Series with the University of Loughborough, £17k (Davies 2008-9)
- 'Rethinking Intervention: Intervention and the Making of the Modern World' – PI of ESRC Seminar Series with the LSE and the University of Bristol, £18k (MacMillan 2009-11)
- 'Antonio Gramsci in Russia 1922-25' – Co-PI of research project with the University of Sheffield, British Academy £7k (Thomas 2011)
- 'Attitudes of Electoral Agents on the Administration of the General Election' – consultancy for the Electoral Commission, £10k (Fisher, 2010)
- 'Joint Intelligence Doctrine' – consultancy for the UK MoD, £18k (Davies & Gustafson 2010)

#### **Highlights of significant international collaborations include:-**

- 'Markets in the Making of Military Interventions' – PI of international research project with the Copenhagen Business School, ESRC £278k (Krahmann 2013-16)



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- 'Competitive Intelligence in Trade and Export (CITEX)' – PI of international consortium with the Spanish Institute for External Trade and partners in Spain, Poland, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Greece and Sweden, European Union €32k (Davies & Gustafson 2011)
- 'Frontières du patrimoine' – Co-PI of international research network with the Universities of Poitiers, Paris and Quebec, funded by the Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherches sur l'Allemagne €14k and matching Brunel University funds (Swenson 2011)
- 'Intelligence Analysis' – consultancy for the European Union External Action Service, €6k (Davies 2013).
- 'Party Finance Legislation in Georgia' – consultancy for the Council of Europe, €8k (Fisher 2013)

**Professional Contributions to the Academy**

The Department's national and international research profile is demonstrated by the range and significance of the esteem indicators of its members during the review period. These include:-

- **Journal editorships:** *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (Fisher), *The Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research* (Hughes), *Asian Security* (Scott) and *Jura Gentium Cinema* (Del Lucchese)
- **Journal editorial boards:** *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* (Fisher), *Parliamentary Affairs* (Fisher), *International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence* (Davies), *Debatte. Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* (Dale), *Journal of Sustainable Development* (Dale), *International Journal of Maritime History* (Morgan), *Marxist Interventions* (Dale), *Historical Materialism* (Thomas), *Décalages* (Del Lucchese), *Quaderni Materialisti* (Del Lucchese), *Intersexiones* (Del Lucchese), *Radical Philosophy* (Neocleous), *Alternate Routes* (Neocleous), *T. E. Lawrence Studies* (Hughes), *Journal of Maltese History* (Hughes), *Mars & Clio: The Journal of the British Commission for Military History* (Hughes).
- **Book series editorial boards:** Oxford University Press Online Bibliography (Dale), Red Quill Books (Neocleous), Atlantic History, Oxford Bibliographies Online (OUP) (Morgan), British Records relating to America in Microform (Microform Academic Publishers) (Morgan) and the Brill Historical Materialism Book Series (Thomas)
- **Leadership in professional bodies:** President of the American Political Science Association British Politics Group (Fisher 2008-10), Member of the American Political Science Association British Politics Group Executive Committee (Fisher 2007-13), Academic Advisor to the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (Fisher 2010-13), Chair of the Academic Sub-Committee of the Magna Carta 800 Group (Fisher 2011-), Member of the Publications Sub-Committee of the British Association for American Studies (Morgan 2001-), Councillor of the Army Records Society (Hughes 2006-, Seligmann 2012-), Councillor of the Navy Records Society (Seligmann 2007-), Organising Committee Member of the IHR's Modern French History Seminar (Carrol 2011-), External Expert Panel for European Cooperation in Science and Technology (Swenson, 2012-) and External Board Member of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, Hamburg (Krahmann 2012-)
- **Fellowships:** Fellows of the Royal Historical Society (Hughes, Morgan, Seligmann), Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences (Fisher)

**Fellowships and Prizes**

The Department's international research excellence is reflected in the many competitive fellowships and prizes awarded to our staff, including a Visiting Professorship at the Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense (Fisher), a Harold White Fellowship from the National Library of Australia (Morgan), a Frederick Watson Fellowship from the National Archives of Australia (Morgan), a Visiting Fellowship at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, USA (Morgan), a Mellon Research Fellowship (Morgan), a Australian Bicentennial Fellowship from the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies (Morgan), a Major-General Matthew C. Horner Endowed Distinguished Chair Visiting Professorship, USA (Hughes), a Visiting Professorship at the University of Vienna (Thomas), a Visiting Fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton (Thomas), a Visiting Scholarship at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, USA (Palmer). Our staff also won a Julian Corbett Essay Prize (Seligmann, 2008), the Premio Internazionale Giuseppe Sormani of the Fondazione Istituto piemontese Antonio Gramsci for best international book on the thought of Antonio Gramsci (Thomas, 2012) and the Ernst-Otto Czempel Prize for the best international monograph in Peace Studies (Krahmann, 2012).