Institution: University of Exeter

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a. Overview

Researchers in the Department of Politics make significant contributions to research across a broad set of sub-areas in politics and international studies. Our five centres, with some recent research contributions to illustrate their areas of activity, are:

- **Centre for European Governance (CEG):** learning models of regulatory reform that challenge narrow economic rationalism; citizens' negativity bias in response to public service performance
- **Centre for Elections, Media and Participation (CEMaP):** negative advertising's effects on the composition of electorates; explaining why only some new political parties become entrenched
- **Centre of Advanced International Studies (CAIS):** contextual perspectives on conflict resolution; international social movements that incorporate resistance politics
- **Centre for Rural Policy Research (CRPR):** reconceptualising land policy using an ecosystems approach; analysing political institutions' effects on climate change policy coordination
- **Centre for Political Thought (CPT):** reassessing the relationship of history of political thought to contemporary theorising; investigating human rights as a justification for insurgent citizenship

The Department has substantial politics and international studies research capacity with 34.2 FTE academic staff and £5.2m of research income between 2008/9 and 2012/13. Grants have included a European Research Council (ERC) *Advanced Grant*, ERC *Starting Grant*, 11 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) grants and 4 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) grants. We are part of the *College of Social Sciences and International Studies* and undertake inter-disciplinary working in international security with the *Strategy and Security Institute* (SSI), in environmental politics and politics of climate change with the *Environment and Sustainability Institute* (ESI), and in the University's societal & lifestyle shifts research thematic network. Inter-disciplinary work has been supported by 2 Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) grants. International research collaborations, including inter-disciplinary projects, have been supported by 5 EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7), non-ERC, funded projects.

We produce future generations of thoughtful, effective and well trained researchers including through participation in the ESRC *South West Doctoral Training Centre* (Bath, Bristol and Exeter) in politics and international studies and the interdisciplinary pathway in security, conflict and justice. The Department has had 69 PGR completions since 2008 and has attracted 2 EU *Marie Curie* grants as lead institution for PGR training networks. We plan future expansion to 42 FTE academic staff within five years. Growth is supported by strong capacity for generating research income, the strength of our impact activity and planned 20 per cent increase in each of UG, PGT and PGR students (underpinned by buoyant recruitment and assisted by the Department's 4th place ranking in the *2014 Sunday Times Good University Guide*).

b. Research strategy

Strategic aims and achievement: We have pursued three main aims in the current REF period:

1) To improve and expand our research contribution incrementally in areas of established strength with step change increases in international security and political psychology: We achieved this aim by building centres' research capacity within an overall departmental research culture that allows us to identify opportunities and make investments, especially in new staff. The Department's capacity increased substantially with £1.04m of external research funding on average each year since 2008 (up from £0.7m in 2007/8, a previous historic high). The centres achieved their specific aims and all attracted major (>£180K) research council grants:

- **CEG**: **Radaelli** developed novel regulatory learning models (*European Research Council Advanced Grant*) with **Dunlop** and team. **James** identified relationships between political participation and public service performance (2 ESRC, 1 EU FP7 funded projects), **Harcourt** (*Jean Monnet Chair* from 2009) assessed the formation of EU policy on the information society.
- **CEMaP**: Comparative cross-national electoral research (**Banducci**, **Bolleyer**, **Karp**, **Stevens**, **Vowles,** ESRC funded) identified electoral institutions' effects on voting, **Bolleyer** analysed new political parties' entrenchment (with *Flemish Science Foundation* funded Belgian colleagues) and **Banducci** collaborated internationally on European Parliament elections (EU FP7 funded).

- **CAIS**: **Heathershaw** developed new perspectives on post-conflict Central Asia (ESRC funded), **Maiguashca** analysed new transnational social movements, **Prichard** assessed the concept of anarchism in IR, **Basham** developed critical perspectives on militarisation and **Dumper** found factors affecting conflict in cities in contested states (ESRC funded).
- **CRPR**: **Winter** and colleagues developed the implications of ecosystems land policy (funded by ESRC), **Russel** (ESRC/AHRC joint funded) assessed institutional structures' effect on ecological knowledge in policy and worked with **Dunlop** on science regulation.
- **CPT**: **Hampsher-Monk** developed and applied insights from conceptual history in historical and contemporary analysis, **Lamb** investigated the concept of property (AHRC funded), **Schaap** analysed insurgent citizenship (AHRC funded), **Durie** worked complexity theory and community policies, **Castiglione** investigated civil government and EU representation (joint with **Kröger** (EU FP7 Marie Curie Fellow 2011-13) in CEG).

We have invested in new staff in international security, through the appointment of **Basham** and **Bulmer** as Ls, and **Stokes** as Professor in International Relations (and CAIS centre director). A joint-appointment, **Thomson** at L, with the new *Strategy and Security Institute* (from 2012) will take forward work on public opinion and military foreign policy. We have invested in political psychology staff, appointing **Schreiber** (L) and **Reifler** (SL) to work with **Banducci** and **Stevens** in CEMaP. New appointments to all the other centres' areas of research have achieved our aim incremental growth building on strength (see section c. People).

2) To maintain and strengthen research culture for postgraduates and to develop further as a centre for training future generations of researchers: This aim was achieved in part through participating in the development of the ESRC funded *South West Doctoral Training Centre* (SW DTC) in collaboration with the universities of Bristol and Bath. The collaboration has built on the Department's existing programmes and ESRC-recognition to combine with the strengths of our collaborators in the DTC. We have increased PGRs from 50 in RAE 2008 to 75 in 2012/13, have AHRC and ESRC studentships, including linked to three research council grants, and have become an international hub for PGR training, including through an EU *Marie Curie Initial Training Network* in electoral democracy (2009-13) and award of an EU Marie Curie European Industrial Doctorate for a PGR network on vote advice applications (2014-18). These achievements have raised our profile, reflected in PGR applications rising 23 per cent in the past three years (see section c. ii. research students).

3) To develop and implement a systematic approach to achieving research impact: The Department has a long track record of research impact. Three centres, CEG, CEMaP and CRPR, had the most developed approach to impact and each provides an impact case study. We have developed a more systematic approach to impact across the Department. Centres are important structures in this approach, developing issue and policy problem focused research and facilitating the inter-disciplinary collaboration often necessary to do this. Centres involve academics and non-academics in research and have administrative and other resources to support impact activity. We have started to roll-out the centre-based approach to impact, with contextual adaptation, to each of the five centres (see impact template) and this is an important part of our future strategy.

Strategy for the future: Main objectives, their drivers and methods for assessing progress: Our objective is to further improve and expand our research contribution by building incrementally on strengths in the centres combined with staffing investment in priority initiatives for the unit (set out below). Our strategy implies growing from 34.2 FTE to approximately 42 FTEs within the next five years. This growth is supported by a combination of a 20 per cent rise in each of UG, PGT and PGR student numbers (from their 2013/14 levels) and growing research grant income in proportion to our expanded FTEs. The Department's Research Committee of all centre directors, Head of Department (**Massey**) and Director of Research (**James**), reflects on progress and looks for synergies across the Department. The Committee monitors individuals' grant applications, PGR contribution and research outputs, and reviews centre reports annually. Each centre's annual report reviews its activity and sets out its plans. In addition to continuing research themes, the following new initiatives are planned for each centre:

- **CEMaP**: New research on political participation and societal shifts (appointment of **McKay** (SL

from Sept 2013) as part of a University network on societal change), political knowledge and media effects (**Banducci** and **Stevens**' ESRC project with colleagues at Florida State University (2013-15)) and civil society political participation (**Bolleyer** ERC *Starting Grant* from Nov 2013).

- **CEG**: **Radaelli, Dunlop, Harcourt** and team will analyse concepts of regulatory burdens in Europe, extend research on European representation (appointment of **Kröger** L from Sept 2013, including working with **Castiglione** in CPT). New research on public services, coproduction and volunteering by **James** (including an ESRC project with UCL and other partners (2013-15)).
- **CAIS**: New research on international security, including grand strategy (led by **Stokes**), working with the *Strategy and Security Institute*. New research on managing conflict including by **Dumper** and in **Heathershaw**'s ESRC project on rising powers in Central Asia (until 2015).
- **CRPR**: Research on environment and sustainability (**Russel**'s EU FP7 project to 2016), ecosystem services and food security (**Winter,** including DEFRA funded to 2015), and political participation in agricultural policy with the new *Environment and Sustainability Institute* with **Saunders'** appointment (SL in Jan 2013) and her ESRC grant on policy for cattle TB (2013-14).
- **CPT: Hampsher-Monk**, **Schaap** and **Lamb** will work on topics in history of political thought and their salience in contemporary policy debates including European identity, property ownership and human rights. **Castiglione** and **Cordelli** will take forward research on social capital aspects of state-civil society relations.

These initiatives are supplemented by the following priority areas for the Department:
1) Investment in quantitative methods: We will appoint 2 new staff who specialise in quantitative methods in 2014 to complement **Katz** (L from Sept 2012). These will be achieved through the new £1.44m Nuffield/ESRC/HEFCE funded *Q-Step* initiative (at Exeter led by **Banducci**) and the staff will participate in teams of researchers, especially on topics in CEMaP, CEG and CAIS.
2) Expanding the range of specialist supervision and training available to our PGRs: Staff expansion will widen the range of specialist supervision and training and permit a 20 per cent rise in PGRs in the next five years without increasing PGR student/FTE ratios. We will deepen collaboration in the ESRC *South West Doctoral Training Centre*. The specialist pathway for security will be strengthened by the new appointees **Stokes** on grand strategy and **Thomson** on public opinion and security. Working with our DTC partners, we will run new PGR programmes in theoretical and normative politics starting in 2013/14 and the new *Q-Step* staff will develop specialist quantitative methods training and supervision from 2014.
3) Developing research impact across the Department: The strategy for impact including use of the centres to achieve impact is set out in our impact template.

c. People
i) Staffing strategy and staff development
Staffing policy: Overall, there are 34.2 FTE academic staff on permanent contracts, an increase from 30.4 FTE in 2008. In the current REF period, we made appointments in priority areas for expansion as set out in our first strategic aim. We draw on a broad pool of talent from the UK and internationally; one third of academic staff hold non-UK PhDs (recent Ls and SL's have awards from Caltech, Duke University (x2), European University Institute, Texas A&M and UCLA). In international security, we appointed **Basham** (L Sept 2009) and **Bulmer** (L Sept 2011) who have developed feminist perspectives on the military. We appointed **Stokes** as Professor in International Relations and **CAIS** centre director (from April 2013) to develop joint initiatives on international security with the new *Strategy and Security Institute* (SSI) (from 2012). We made a joint-appointment with the SSI (**Thomson**, L from May 2013) to develop work on public opinion and military foreign policy. A further appointment at L will be made in international security in 2014. We appointed **Prichard** (L from Aug 2012) to take forward research on the boundary of international relations and political theory, replacing Wight who moved to the University of Sydney. Investment in political psychology has been achieved with **Schrieber** (L from April 2013) and **Reifler** (SL from Sept 2013) working on political cognition and information processing and to complement **Stevens** (promoted to Associate Professor in 2010) research in CEMaP. **Cordelli**'s (L from Sept 2012) maintains CPT's capacity by replacing Hyams (who moved to University of Reading). **Kröger** (L from Sept 2013) works on European representation in CEG and enables greater collaboration with staff in CPT (especially **Castiglione**) working on theory of representation.

We have made new appointments to participate in inter-disciplinary networks across the university.

McKay (SL from Sept 2013) in CEMaP contributes a political participation perspective to health policy studies in the University's new societal and lifestyle shifts research theme. **Saunders** (SL from Jan 2013) contributes research on environmental politics in joint working between the *Environment and Sustainability Institute* and CRPR. To achieve our second strategic aim of improving specialist PGR training, we appointed our first dedicated quantitative political methodologist, **Katz** (L from Sept 2012), with 2 additional quantitative methods L appointments for June 2014 as part of the *Q-Step* initiative. To achieve our third aim of a strategic approach to impact we appointed staff combining academic excellence and fit with centres' impact activities. **Saunders'** work on participation and agricultural policy will contribute to CRPR's impact including research (ESRC funded) on deliberation to develop effective policy for dealing with TB in cattle drawing on experience with the controversial badger cull. **Greasley** (L Sept 2012) conducts research on reforming public services to work with **James, Massey** and colleagues in CEG.

Promotions, supplemented by strategic appointments, provide an appropriate balance across stages of career, incentivise and reward achievement and ensure sufficient senior staff to mentor early career staff (see section on developing careers). We have made 5 promotions from L to SL, 3 from SL to AP, and 3 from AP to Professor. Successions following retirements of senior staff have been managed, notably **James'** promotion to chair in 2009 alongside the retirement of Wilks. We now have 9.2 FTE Professors and 4 APs which ensures leadership of centres, **Radaelli** of CEG, **Stokes** of CAIS, **Winter** of CRPR and **Hampsher-Monk** of CPT. **Bolleyer**'s recent promotion to AP coincided with becoming centre director of CEMaP.

Staff have held prestigious funded research fellowships: **Bolleyer:** *Marie Curie Early Career Fellowship* at Leiden (2009-10) and *Humboldt Research Fellowship* at Cologne (2011) for work on new political parties contributing to her OUP book and 2 articles; **Cordelli:** *Postdoctoral Fellowship* at Stanford University (2012-13) working on privatisation and the third sector leading to 2 articles; **James:** ESRC *Public Services Programme Fellowship* (2007-9) for research on citizens and public services leading to 3 articles; **Lobley:** *Great Western Research Fellowship* (2007-10) for research on rural sustainability leading to 3 articles; **Schaap:** AHRC *Early Career Fellowship* and *Australian National University Fellow* (2011) for his book on aboriginal insurgent citizenship.

Developing careers, promoting equality of opportunity and high standards in research: Academic Leads, who are centre directors or other senior staff, provide support for individual staff at all stages of their career focusing on developing research, pursing grant opportunities, improving teaching and furthering research impact skills. They hold individual annual reviews of research aims and progress and help maintain ethical standards by making staff aware of ethical policies including that all research involving human subjects is subject to review and approval by a College level ethics committee. Particular attention is paid to ensuring the consent of participants in research and that researchers consider and minimise possible harm. New lecturers participate in the University's *Effective Researcher Development Programme* of training. There are three review points, culminating, if successful, in permanent appointment as Senior Lecturer. Attainment of international quality research outputs is key to this and progression to permanency is not automatic, although, to date, all staff have been successfully supported to meet these criteria. We currently employ 6 FTE research fellows on short term, typically one or two year, contracts funded by external grants to provide specialist skills. These staff are supported by Academic Leads and are offered career advice and research training opportunities, in an approach consistent with the *Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers*. Several research fellows in the period now have permanent contracts as lecturers including **Kröger** at Exeter (appointed L Sept 2013), Fritsch (University of Leeds), Larkin (Kings College London) and Milazzo (University of Nottingham).

We promote equality of opportunity including through the Academic Leads who actively encourage all staff to be aware of, and apply for, funding and promotion opportunities as appropriate. In gender balance, half of all new academic staff appointments in the REF period have been women. We have made progress at senior level, one quarter of senior staff (AP or Professor) are female (compared to one in ten in 2008); female senior post-holders include **Banducci** as Head of Department until 2009 (then Associate Dean of the College) and **Bolleyer** (director of CEMaP).

Research project and grant preparation, research output production and research impact activity are supported by research leave, with eligibility to apply for a six month leave period after each three year period of service. Applications are assessed by the Research Committee and approved by the College Dean on the basis of plans for undertaking research activity, research outputs, grant applications and impact activity. During the REF period all staff applying for leave have had it granted and effective use of leave has been reviewed in each case. The leave system has allowed staff to complete major outputs (for example **Bolleyer**'s OUP book, *New Parties in Old Party Systems*), to develop grant applications (for example, **Heathershaw's** ESRC funded project on conflict management which required working in Central Asia), and to bring about research impact (for example, **Winter**'s research on ecosystems funded by ESRC with Defra and partners).

ii. Research students

We participate in the ESRC *South West Doctoral Training Centre* working with colleagues at Bath and Bristol. We have collaborated in developing the politics and international studies pathway (the Exeter coordinator **Maiguascha** is also our Department's Director of Doctoral Studies) and the inter-disciplinary pathway in security, conflict and justice (Exeter coordinator **Basham**). The Department has been awarded 1 or 2 ESRC studentships each year in the DTC. Our collaboration in SW DTC is deepening and collaboration also extends to international collaboration, including an EU FP7 *Marie Curie Initial Training Network* led by Exeter (see also section e. collaboration). We have studentships as part of major grant awards (2 x AHRC supervised by **Lamb** and 2 x ESRC supervised by **Dumper**)**,** enabling PGRs to work in teams with established staff, and 3 freestanding AHRC PGR studentships have completed since 2008. Our PGR scholarship scheme has supported 2 new students each year. In 2013/14 we plan 3 new studentships, on media framing of climate change policy (with the *Environment and Sustainability Institute* supervised by **Saunders**), on public perceptions of climate change policy (supervised by **Russel** in CRPR) and on state/third sector relations (supervised by **Bolleyer** in CEMaP).

Our size, with 75 PGRs in 2012/13 (a 50 per cent rise on the 2008 level) and 69 PhD completions in the REF period helped us build a research community at two levels, the overall Department and as groups of PGRs affiliated to each of our five centres. PGRs participate in the Department and research centre's specialist seminar series, with presentations from internal and external speakers and PGRs presenting in the specialist series. The Director of Doctoral Studies coordinates the Department's training and supervision and liaises with the broader Graduate Research School in the College of which we are part. The Research School facilitates inter-disciplinary joint supervision, coordinates examinations, and supports an annual PGR conference run jointly by staff and students.

All PGRs have two specialist supervisors and a mentor for broader academic development and to ensure the quality of the supervisor-student relationship. Supervisors identify individual training needs, help planning, monitor progress and assist at all stages of the PGR process. The relationship with supervisors extends to jointly published work (for example, Trumm with **Bolleyer** and **Banducci** in *European Journal of Political Research* and Exadaktylos with **Radaelli** in *Journal of Common Market Studies*). Training needs are fulfilled from within the Department, broader graduate school and SW DTC. Staff contribute to training in quantitative methods (**Banducci**, **James** and **Katz)**, qualitative methods (**Bolleyer**, **Heathershaw** and **Radaelli**) and analytical, normative and interpretive methods (**Castiglione**, **Lamb** and **Schaap**). PGRs access the University *Researcher Development Programme* modules on how to publish work, pursue employment and complete their theses. Over 150 modules are available as well as the *Learning and Teaching in Higher Education* qualification. Collaboration with industry partners enhance a range of employment possibilities, for example a new initiative on doctoral training and vote advice applications by **Banducci**, **Katz** and **Stevens** (£0.73m EU *Marie Curie European Industrial Doctorate*) will enable three postgraduate researchers to work jointly at Exeter and with Kieskompas, the industry partner based in Amsterdam. Good employment prospects are further reflected in 15 PGRs who completed in the REF period being appointed to lectureships, including at: Aberystwyth (Powell), Kings College London (Douglass); Glasgow Caledonian (O'Connor); Leeds (Parry), St Andrews (Lambert), Strathclyde (De Francesco) and Surrey (Exadaktylos).

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Research funding: Funding has helped support staff to undertake research leading to our research outputs and broader contributions. Total research income has been £5.2m between 2008/9 and 2012/13 inclusive, averaging £1.04m per year (up from £0.7m in 2007/8. Funding has included a major *European Research Council Advanced Grant* (£0.59m), *European Research Council Starting Grant* (£0.52m, awarded in July 2013), 11 ESRC grants, including 7 project grants (range £65K to £0.55m), 4 AHRC awards including 3 project grants (range £30K to £0.18m), 10 British Academy grants (range £0.4K to £8K) and 7 research grants from 4 charitable trusts (£2K to £15K). We work in consortia, including projects led by Exeter or with participation as partners, including 5 European Commission grants under the *Seventh Framework Programme* (range £28K to £0.61m) and in inter-disciplinary projects including through 2 NERC grants (£14K to £30K). Examples illustrate the relationship between this support and high quality research outputs. **Radaelli**'s ERC *Advanced Grant* (£0.59m in 2009-13) was one of only 12 such awards made across all of the humanities and social sciences for the UK in 2008. The project's 11 articles, to date, refocus models of learning in regulatory reform processes to incorporate political and administrative institutions that are often black-boxed in narrow economic rationalist analysis. **James**' ESRC grant on citizens' interaction with public services (£66K 2008-10) led to 4 articles on the effects of performance information on citizens and the implications of citizens' negativity bias in their responses to service performance. **Schaap**'s AHRC funding (£53K in 2011) led to 2 articles and his book on aboriginal power and insurgent citizenship.

Strategies for generating income: We plan to grow research income over the next five years proportionate to future FTE staff growth (20 per cent), from the already high base level. We believe this is possible even in a potentially more difficult funding climate because the areas for growth set out in our research strategy are currently generating research income and are areas with good prospects for funding. At College level, staff have access to specialist training to develop and run grant funded research. Experience with research bidding is shared at annual Department research away-days. A Department Research Administrator works with the Director of Research to assist staff in identifying research funding opportunities and partners, developing and costing bids. The University Research and Knowledge Transfer team supports staff bidding, which is increasingly important because of the complexity in multi-partner, inter-disciplinary bids. For example, the team assisted **Russel**'s EU FP7 (£0.3m in 2012-16) project on bottom-up climate change adaptation structures which involved a joint application from social and natural scientists across 11 countries.

The five research centres contain teams of researchers sharing common research interests who work to apply for grant funding. For example **Radaelli** and team developed the major ERC advanced grant funded project in CEG on regulatory impact. **Banducci, Bolleyer, Karp, Stevens** and **Vowles** between them developed 3 ESRC and 3 EU FP7 grant funded projects in CEMaP including their joint ESRC cross-national election project (2011-13). CRPR team working allows them to work with geographers and natural scientists, who are also visiting fellows in the centre, for example in **Winter**'s ESRC project on technical change and agricultural policy (2009-12). **Dumper** and **Heathershaw**'s ESRC projects have each created teams in CAIS with shared interests in conflict resolution. **Stokes** (since April 2013) will pursue the same strategy of team grant development for international security. Peer review of all grant applications, with centres ensuring there are relevant specialist staff to assist, improves the quality of bids. This strategy is currently bearing fruit with £3.5m total value of current grants at end July 2013, including 4 major ESRC projects to run beyond June 2014 and an EU FP7 project until Sept 2016. This list does not include 3 recently awarded grants, **Bolleyer**'s £0.52m ERC *Starting Grant* on state-civil society relations (2013-18), **Reifler**'s £0.19m collaborative grant with colleagues at Essex on public opinion and the Syrian crisis (2013-14) and **Saunders**' £0.2m ESRC grant on using deliberation in agri-environmental policy (2013-14).

Infrastructure and investment in the research environment: We have had major University investment in facilities including the new £30m *Environment and Sustainability Institute* building at the Penryn campus in Cornwall. The building is one of the most sustainable ever built in the UK which helps attract and retain staff and PGRs in this research area. The building allows natural scientists to work in close proximity to social scientists, **Saunders** used inter-disciplinary

connections to develop her ESRC award on cattle TB policy with a team including a bioscientist. University investments have upgraded internet connectivity and created *Open Research Exeter*, a free access online institutional repository of research. Investment in a new online system (MyPGR) has facilitated better supervision of PGRs through improved communication, better record keeping and planning. Improved physical space for PGRs includes a *Research Commons* reading room with individual desk space as part of the redevelopment of libraries (completed in 2012).

The Department supports research through staff personal research accounts of £1K per annum, supplemented by additional funding on a case by case basis. The funds are used for training, specialist resources and conference/workshop attendance. Staff can bid for £5K College awards to develop pilot studies for research grant applications, for example funding **James'** development of his ESRC project on chief executive succession and government agency performance (2010-13). The centres' infrastructure supports research. CEG, CEMaP, CRPR and CAIS have used dedicated administrative support funded by grants for organising workshops and seminar series. CEG, CEMaP and CRPR staff create their own datasets and have expertise about other datasets, providing training and manuals for researchers about some of them. For example, the CEMaP workshops run by the ESRC funded comparative cross-national electoral research project team (2011-13) focused on key datasets in this area, especially comparative study of electoral systems data. Each centre has a dedicated website and makes use of social media (eg Twitter, blogs), augmenting capacity to interact with the academic community and broader beneficiaries.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline and research base

Our contribution is reflected in our research outputs, extensive collaboration and broader service:

Interdisciplinary collaborative research: The research centres facilitate inter-disciplinary teams, including interdisciplinary joint PGR supervision (with 6 PGR studentships having interdisciplinary based funding since 2008), bolstered by initiatives including the University's *Bridging the Gaps* fund. For example, **Saunders**, **Russel** and **Winter** held grant funded projects with natural scientists on environmental policy (as noted in section b.). In addition, **Russel** held a *Bridging the Gaps* grant (£7K) for climate science knowledge use in policymaking that ensured rigorous understanding of the underlying environmental science. This collaboration led to a current grant application and informed articles about institutional barriers to the use of science in policymaking.

Collaboration with users of research: The centres use advisory boards and joint research projects to build networks of researchers and beneficiaries beyond the academic community (see impact template). This environment has developed research contributions that would otherwise not be possible. For example, **James'** access to local government service providers in ESRC funded research led to articles on performance information effects on citizens' democratic control over public services. **Radaelli** and **Dunlop**'s collaboration with OECD supported by ERC funding gave access to analyse factors affecting the spread of regulatory impact assessments, resulting in several articles.

National and international collaboration: International collaboration is facilitated in part by our research leave policy and international mobility funds. Staff have been visiting researchers at 15 institutions internationally including **Bolleyer** at Leiden (2009/10), **Schaap** at Australian National University (2011), **Cordelli** at Stanford (2012/13) and **Lamb** at Sydney (2013). Centres allow teams to work on sustained programmes of research with seminar series and international visitors contributing depth to our collaborations:

- CEG is a hub of international research on regulation including **Radaelli**'s ERC funded grant project. International visitors have been involved in joint research, for example in a meta-analysis of EU member states' regulatory impact assessments. **James'** EU FP7 project (involving researchers at 11 universities) analysed the interaction between citizens and public services across Europe; 2 ESRC projects with colleagues at Cardiff, UCL and Kentucky produced 5 articles on managerial and political leadership effects on public service performance.

- In CEMaP, **Banducci, Bolleyer, Karp, Stevens,** and **Vowles** used ESRC funding for investigating methodological improvements in survey methods and discussing their benefits with the elections research community in a series of workshops at Exeter (2011-14), EPSA (2012) and EPOP (2013). This work builds on **Vowles'** role in the *Comparative Study of Electoral Systems* collaboration (including as Chair of the Planning Committee in 2009). These

- collaborations led to articles on clarity of responsibility, globalisation and performance voting. **Banducci** was a partner in the EU FP7 funded PIREDEU/European Election Study project into the 2009 European Parliamentary Elections and **Bolleyer** has developed supervision for an EU *Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship* on party supply in democracies (2013-14).

- CAIS' collaborations include **Dumper**'s participation in the *Conflict in Cities* ESRC project (joint with Cambridge and Queen's University Belfast 2008-12) which assessed governance arrangements for divided communities. **Heathershaw**'s current ESRC funded project on conflict management in Central Asia involves working with partner universities in the region and he has developed a programme with the University of Central Asia for Exeter to train their faculty.

- CRPR developed interdisciplinary collaborative work on rural sustainability and environmental policy, including **Winter** and colleagues work with the NERC funded Centre for Ecology and Hydrology that has led to a series articles on new agricultural governance. **Saunders** participates in the 9 country *Caught in the Act of Protest* study funded by the European Science Foundation (2009-13).

- In CPT, **Hampsher-Monk** contributed, as a senior visitor, to 4 *Balzan-Skinner International Conferences on Freedom and the Construction of Europe* (2008-9) including writing a chapter in the final CUP book. **Schaap**'s AHRC and *Australian National University Visiting Fellowship* funded work involved collaborators at Monash University and led to a book and articles on new understandings of aboriginal claims to citizenship.

Wider contribution to the discipline: The Department hosts leading journals, ECPR's flagship journal the *European Journal of Political Research* (**Radaelli,** co-editor since 2009), *History of Political Thought* (**Hampsher-Monk,** co-editor since 1980) and the *International Review of Administrative Sciences* (**Massey**, editor since 2013). Staff edit or co-edit 3 other journals (with 2 additional journal editorships scheduled for 2014 including the new BISA journal *European Journal of International Security* with **Stokes** as its founding editor). Staff are on the editorial boards of a further 33 journals. We are home to the editor of the *European Consortium for Political Research Press* (**Castiglione**, editor since 2009). We contribute to the management of 10 professional associations, or major subgroups of associations, including **Massey** on the current PSA Executive Committee and as Vice President, *European Group of Public Administration* and **Banducci** as Elected Secretary of *University Association for Contemporary European Studies* (2011-13). We provide a REF panel member (**Harcourt** to Sub-panel 27: Area Studies). We have run panels at major annual conferences (eg PSA, BISA, ECPR), acted as program chairs for APSA and MPSA. We convene the PSA *Public Policy and Administration* (**Dunlop** from 2010) and *Anarchist Studies* (**Prichard** from 2005) specialist groups and the ECPR Standing Groups on *Regulation and Governance* (**Radaelli** 2010-12) and *Political Representation* (**Kröger** from 2014). Staff have directed 5 ECPR joint sessions workshops and hosted major conferences at Exeter in the *British International Studies Association Annual Conference* in 2008, *Elections, Public Opinions and Parties* PSA specialist group annual conference in 2011, ECPR *Standing Group on Regulatory Governance* annual conference in 2012 and the inaugural conference of the PSA *Politics of Property* specialist group in 2009. **Hampsher-Monk** convened the *Political Thought Conference* 2006-12. Staff peer review for over 130 journals and for research councils in the UK and 11 other countries, as well as for ERC, the *European Science Foundation* and the *European Commission*.

Collaboration in PGR training: In international PGR collaboration, additional to PGR exchanges, we had an EU *Marie Curie Initial Training Network* (£0.61m, 2009-13) in cross-national electoral democracy, led by **Banducci,** which developed specialist PGR training with 11 partner institutions across Europe (including University of Oxford, University of Mannheim, University of Amsterdam and the European University Institute). In the ESRC *South West DTC*, CPT has planned *Advanced Training Programmes* for PGRs working on theoretical and normative topics starting in 2013/14 and the DTC student conference will be at Exeter in Nov 2013. The new *Q-Step* initiative staff will contribute seminars and workshops open to PGRs from 2014. We plan to access political theory PGR studentships as part of the new AHRC *Doctoral Training Partnership* with 7 other universities from 2014. In planned international collaboration, we have put in the foundations for a new EU FP7 *Marie Curie European Industrial Doctorate* network on vote advice applications which will involve joint training with international industry partners and three new PGR studentships (2014-18).