

<p><b>Institution:</b> University of York</p>
<p><b>Unit of Assessment:</b> 21 - Politics and International Studies</p>
<p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>Since RAE 2008, the Department of Politics has undergone a major regeneration and expansion. A University review provided the impetus to transform the Department's research strategy, resulting in the design and implementation of a new model for research management, mentoring and support underpinned by significant institutional investment in staffing and research infrastructure. These changes are reflected in an expansion in academic staff and research students, a doubling in research income and a corresponding increase in the publication of high-quality outputs. The Department now boasts critical mass of research expertise in each of the disciplinary subfields around which our four reconfigured research clusters are organised: (1) <i>Conflict, Security and Development</i>, (2) <i>Political Economy</i>, (3) <i>Comparative Politics and Public Policy</i>, and (4) <i>Political Philosophy</i>. Overseen by the Department Research Committee (DRC), these clusters promote, sustain and monitor research excellence and impact among staff and research students. The clusters work alongside and across the Department's three research centres: the <i>Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit</i> (PRDU), <i>Morrell Centre for the Study of Toleration</i>, and (with the York Law School) the <i>Centre for Applied Human Rights</i> (CAHR).</p>
<p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p>In RAE 2008, our strategic aims were to: (1) sustain and enhance our reputation for excellence in areas of the discipline in which we already enjoyed a strong international reputation, particularly political philosophy; (2) build upon our reputation for research at the intersection of theory and practice, particularly in conflict and governance; and (3) extend our expertise in politics and law and applied human rights. Most notably:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have reinforced York's outstanding reputation in political philosophy. The appointments of O'Neill, Brito Vieira and Mihai (as University Anniversary Research Lecturer), augmented the analytical, historical and critical dimensions of our research, and this group also hosted two British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellows. The Morrell Centre, an externally-funded research and teaching institute that has been based in York for over 30 years, has consolidated its international reputation as the key centre for the study of toleration, leading outlet for postgraduate training and locus of major international conferences, visiting researchers and public engagement. The political philosophy research cluster won competitive grants from the ESRC, AHRC, British Academy, Leverhulme, ISRF and the Canadian Government.</li> <li>2. We have invested significantly in the PRDU and CAHR, demonstrating our commitment to international and practitioner-oriented research. The PRDU has cemented its reputation for applied research, with major projects including a £285K ESRC-DfID grant evaluating 'DfID-sponsored State Building Research on British Policy in Fragile, Post-Conflict Environments' (2011-13). Concomitantly, we have embedded research oriented towards addressing practical policy issues in each of our clusters. Examples include: O'Neill's analysis of the public policy implications of principles of fairness and distributive justice with respect to UK flood insurance, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Trust; Ritchie's work on UK foreign and defence policy, which combines theoretical analysis of the devaluation and delegitimation of nuclear weapons with applied research, funded by ESRC, on alternatives to the like-for-like replacement of the UK's Trident defence system; Smith and White's work on the transformation of state-market relations, funded by the ESRC and the Security Industry Authority, which focuses on the practical problems and difficulties associated with the supervision and regulation of the private security industry; and Haagh's work on citizenship, welfare and basic income, funded by the British Academy.</li> <li>3. We have strengthened our interdisciplinary links across the University, especially with the York Law School, through CAHR. Since its establishment in 2007, CAHR has gained an international reputation in the area of applied human rights, with particular research strengths in human rights and development, transitional and transformational justice, and refugee law. Further, the</li> </ol>

appointments of White (public policy, criminology and socio-legal studies), Brito Vieira (political philosophy, representation and constitutional rights) and Mihai (political philosophy, legal theory and transitional justice) have served to broaden and deepen the politico-legal strand of our research.

Alongside these achievements, we have developed and implemented a research strategy far more ambitious than the one set out in RAE 2008. We have used major investment from the University in staff and infrastructure to transform our approach to research, its place in the life of the Department, and the quality and intensity of our research activity. These strategic aims and achievements include:

1. Developing and reconfiguring our clusters and promoting cross-cutting research collaboration. While investing in existing strengths, we have broadened our research base through targeted recruitment at senior and ECR levels in areas identified by the Department as crucial to the future of the discipline, including political economy (Clegg, Heron, Rogers), international politics and security studies (Caspersen, Hall, Mitchell, Ritchie), comparative politics and quantitative methods (Leon, Vasilopoulou), and public policy (Quaglia, Smith, White). The broad, inclusive and pluralistic nature of our research is evident in, among other areas, our EU expertise, which straddles the four clusters with research strengths in constitutional rights (Brito Vieira), enlargement (Lindstrom), environmental policy (Carter), external economic relations (Heron), financial regulation (Quaglia, Rogers), depoliticization and monetary union (Bonefeld), devolution (Leon), Euroscepticism (Vasilopoulou) and the future of the welfare state (Smith).

2. Increasing and diversifying our research income to provide a sustainable research environment. The strengthening of our internal research support and mentoring procedures, together with the appointment of a designated Research Development Officer (a permanent appointment shared with Sociology), has seen the Department adapt successfully to the changing funding landscape with all submitted staff winning competitive grants in the assessment period and income more than doubling from £170k per year in RAE 2008 to £403k per year in the current period. These achievements are detailed in REF4b and it is worth noting that we have secured an additional £670k since the census date passed, underscoring our ongoing commitment to and success in external income generation.

3. Disseminating our research internationally via world-leading research outlets. The explicit emphasis placed by the Department on world-leading research dissemination to maximise the academic impact of our work is reflected in the marked improvement in the quality and consistency of the current submission compared to RAE 2008. Here we are submitting 23 staff (including seven ECRs), 15 monographs, 54 journal articles and three book chapters, compared to 21 staff (two ECRs), 14 monographs, 47 journal articles and 19 book chapters in RAE 2008.

4. Internationalising our research, staffing, dissemination, academic influence and policy impact. York is now a strongly internationalised department, with almost half of submitted staff having trained (either partly or fully) outside the UK. Our commitment to internationalisation is evident in the breadth of our country and regional expertise, with the global reach of the PRDU and CAHR complemented by multiple research strengths in the politics of the EU and its member states (Bonefeld, Brito-Vieira, Carter, Leon, Lindstrom, Quaglia, Smith, Vasilopoulou), the Balkans, Caucasus and East Central Europe (Caspersen, Lindstrom), and the Global South (Barakat, Clegg, Gready, Haagh, Heron). The internationalisation of our research is seen in our engagement with collaborative networks, stakeholder organisations and practitioners, as described below (see also REF3a).

5. Broadening the demographic career profile and improving the gender balance of the Department to create a diverse, vibrant and sustainable research environment and culture. We have appointed at chair level (Heron, Quaglia, Smith) and invested heavily in ECRs (Clegg, Hall, Mitchell, Mihai, Rogers, Vasilopoulou, White) to provide current and future research leadership, while internationalising our staffing strategy (see above) and improving the gender balance of the Department. This submission of 23 contains 10 women compared to five out of 21 in 2008.

**Strategic aims for the next five years.** Driven by our commitment to excellence in our key research areas, impact, internationalization, funding and sustainability, we will continue to produce empirically rigorous, theoretically innovative and policy relevant research attractive to external funding bodies. Drawing upon the strength of and established expertise within and across our clusters and centres, we will set and shape agendas in political philosophy, conflict, security and development, political economy, and comparative politics and public policy. In doing this we will continue to deploy Departmental and University resources and to steadily grow our research staffing at all levels in order to:

1. Retain and develop our ECRs to become research leaders, with outputs, funding, impact and disciplinary contribution at the highest possible level.
2. Actively promote York as a destination for high-quality ECRs and postdoctoral students by adding to the portfolio of ESRC, RCUK, British Academy, Leverhulme and internal fellowships from this period.
3. Grow and diversify our interdisciplinary and collaborative research across our clusters and centres, including work through the PRDU and CAHR (including the Education in Emergencies project with Institute for the Effective Education and AHRC-supported Translating Freedoms project), and emergent research strengths in public policy and political economy on the themes of post-austerity politics and welfare policy (with Social Policy and Social Work, Economics and Health Sciences) and international trade, food security and sustainable livelihoods (with Management, Health Sciences, Stockholm Environment Institute and York Environmental Sustainability Institute).
4. Expand our research income by increasing applications for seed corn funding from University and external sources and using established and emerging national and international networks to pursue large-scale collaborative grant projects.
5. Develop further the academic and non-academic impact of our research by continuing to disseminate our research through world-leading outlets and by further integrating our research and impact strategies, policies and procedures (see REF3a).

Progress on all the above will be regularly reviewed and monitored by Department Research Committee (DRC) and further facilitated through Departmental 'Away Days' devoted to the achievement of strategic aims.

**c. People, including:**

**i. Staffing strategy and staff development**

*Recruitment:* the Department's staffing policy in the assessment period has centred on: (i) investing in academic leadership through external chair level appointments (Heron, Quaglia, Smith); (ii) sustaining and enhancing our core expertise in political philosophy and conflict and security while strengthening research capacity in political economy, public policy, comparative politics and quantitative methods; and (iii) identifying, recruiting and developing high-quality ECRs, with seven (Clegg, Hall, Mihai, Mitchell, Rogers, Vasilopoulou, White) of this submission of 23 defined as such for the purpose of the REF.

*Staff development, mentoring and support:* the Department's research strategy is promoted through robust mechanisms for staff development, mentoring and support processes informed by an ethos of collegiality and mutual support, all framed by the University Statement on Research Performance Expectations. Staff development is facilitated by the following integrated means:

1. *Workload allocation:* teaching allocations for all staff have been reduced since RAE 2008 by an average of 25 per cent while new staff benefit from an additional 25 per cent reduction in their first year of teaching.
2. *Research leave:* our research leave scheme allows staff to apply for two conjoint terms of

research leave for every nine terms of teaching, a doubled allowance since RAE 2008. Applications for leave are rigorously peer reviewed by DRC and measured against the University Statement on Research Performance Expectations. Under these arrangements, staff have enjoyed 60 terms of research leave/buyout over the assessment period.

3. *Mentoring*: each ECR is assigned a senior academic mentor for a two-year probationary period to provide regular support and guidance on research and career development. The University provides additional support through its Postgraduate Certificate of Academic Practice (PGCAP) scheme. The PGCAP is mandatory for all new lecturers and includes a specific focus on research activities, with workshops on writing for publication, doctoral supervision, research career development, research planning and management, and research ethics.
4. *Annual performance review*: consisting of an intensive one-to-one discussion based on prior completion of a report of activities in the past year; future research plans and forthcoming research sabbaticals are discussed in the meetings. In addition, continuous research mentoring is coordinated by DRC through twice yearly Publication and Research Review which monitors staff plans and performance and identifies specific individual and collective training and resource needs.
5. *Research clusters*: all staff and research students are assigned to one of our four clusters, each of which holds 12 timetabled meetings a year (e.g. 'brown bag' seminars, reading groups and external speakers) designed to encourage peer support in an informal and collegial atmosphere.
6. *Training and financial support*: DRC organises regular research training events for the Department, including: writing and publishing; grant applications; research integrity, doctoral supervision; ethics and quality assurance; and impact. The annual research allowance for staff has been doubled in this period from £500 to £1000, with further support for attendance at major international conferences. In addition, discretionary Departmental and devolved research and pump-priming funds are distributed by DRC and University Research Committee.
7. *Support for research staff*: we have embedded the principles of the 'Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers' to facilitate a strong, nurturing research environment for staff. In support of the University's plan to implement the Concordat (endorsed by the European Commission's award of the 'HR excellence in research' badge) we have introduced a range of measures to support research staff, including representation on DRC.
8. *Research quality and integrity*: these are maintained for all Departmental research through processes of peer review by clusters and DRC, approval by the interdepartmental ethics committee, and oversight by the Head of Department and University Research Committee.
9. *Equality of opportunity*: all those involved in recruitment undertake equal opportunities training. Research leave and financial support schemes are applied irrespective of leaves of absence or part-time status. Part-time and flexible working is supported. Of the staff submitted, personal circumstances that might affect the productivity of researchers are taken into account when conducting performance reviews and as part of the mentoring process. To identify equality issues that require resolution, the DRC is gender balanced, populated by senior and junior researchers, representatives of the research centres and a PGR representative. Where appropriate, equalities issues are dealt with in conjunction with the University's Equality and Diversity Office.

In short, our internal research support and mentoring procedures have been strengthened considerably, with a particular emphasis on ECRs. The effectiveness of these procedures is seen in, among other things, the high number of competitive fellowships awarded to staff (see section d.) during the assessment period. The period has seen the career development and promotion of staff at all levels: Clegg was awarded the 2013 Scopus Young Researcher of the Year for Social Sciences, O'Neill and Stanton were promoted to senior lectureships, Haagh to reader, and Bonefeld and Carter to chairs. Postdoctoral researchers funded by the ESRC, Leverhulme, British Academy and RCUK have moved on to permanent academic posts both at York (Clegg and Rogers) and other institutions (Erdos to Oxford, Johnson to Lancaster, Kearney to Sussex and Woods to Leeds). In addition, our staff have benefited from major University schemes for

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supporting researchers in the earlier stages of their careers. Stanton and Lindstrom were awarded a competitive University-funded year of full research leave as an Anniversary Lecturer. Mihai was recruited as a research lecturer (for the first three years of her contract) under the University's Anniversary Research Lectureship scheme.

**ii. Research students**

The Department's Graduate School has expanded significantly in recent years (despite the loss of a number of senior staff) and we have increased the number of PhDs awarded from an average of seven per year in RAE 2008 to nine per year in the current assessment period. York attracts some of the very best home and overseas PGRs funded from a range of sources, including the ESRC (through the White Rose ESRC Doctoral Training Centre), AHRC, OSI, a range of overseas funders, together with a significantly increased number of internally funded studentships in this period. The ESRC White Rose DTC (the bid was led by Smith), connecting the universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York, has awarded approximately 120 ESRC studentships across the three universities and attracted over £1.4m in matched funding. Politics at York contributes to DTC Pathways in Politics and International Studies; Development; Conflict, Security and Justice; and Politics, Economics and Philosophy (PEP), each of which has developed a programme of training activities within York and between partners in the DTC. White participates in the 'Global Anxieties and Urban Governance' network, Festenstein in the 'Rethinking Multiculturalism' network and Gready in the 'Transformative Justice' network, each of which brings together six academics to co-supervise funded PhD students across the White Rose consortium. In addition, York also offers distinctive doctoral opportunities in PEP, Environment and Politics, and Post-War Recovery Studies.

PGR students are supported by robust supervision and oversight. All students have a primary and secondary supervisor. Oversight and extensive feedback is provided by a termly thesis advisory panel, as well as an upgrade panel at the end of the first year of registration. As a member of the White Rose DTC, the Department offers excellent research training opportunities, both in-house through the University and through the DTC network. These include a full portfolio of research training in quantitative and qualitative research methods, guidance on research design, ethics, publication and dissemination, and career development. Research training is fully integrated into the advisory panel meetings and upgrading processes, and is managed online through the University's Skills Forge system. PGR students have representation on DRC, as well as postgraduate committees, and so have an ongoing input into the Department's research strategy, policies and procedures. Research quality and integrity are overseen by the supervision team and Postgraduate Research Director, overseen by DRC and the interdepartmental Research Ethics Committee. Research students have benefited from the refurbishment of the Politics Department, with increased office space in the nucleus of the Department, assisting their integration into the Departmental research environment. In addition, students benefit from access to the recently opened Research Centre for the Social Sciences, with desk space for 51 PGRs. Where not supported by an external funder, conference attendance and fieldwork are assisted by Department research funds to carry out overseas fieldwork and participate in major international conferences. Research students at York are fully integrated into our research clusters and centres and play key roles in inviting external speakers, organising workshops other activities. During the assessment period, our research students have organised a series of high-profile postgraduate conferences hosted by the Department, each featuring major international keynote speakers, including: 'Political Philosophy Conference on Legal Political and Moral Rights' (2009); 'Realism in Political Thought' (2011); 'White Rose Association for Political Philosophy' (2012); 'Intergenerational Justice: Obligations, Promises, Failures' (2013); and 'Gender and Neo-Liberalism' (2013).

**d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

The Department's growth in research income, which doubled in the assessment period, has been supported by a coherent strategy to support sustainable research income generation, underpinned by:

1. A clear expectation that all academic staff will actively pursue individual and collaborative

research income generation to support their research and are supported in these efforts by mentoring and peer review, internal funding and research leave.

2. Investing in a Research Development Officer to support researchers in identifying appropriate funding sources, to contribute to the preparation of grant applications and to support grant holders with project management.

3. The development of robust internal peer review processes to provide quality assurance and ethical oversight, drawing on the expertise and experience of staff from across the University.

4. The development of a more diverse and sustainable funding base through targeting traditional funders (AHRC, British Academy, ESRC, Leverhulme Trust) while successfully tapping into alternative academic (e.g. Joseph Rowntree Trust) and non-academic funding streams (e.g. Afghan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation, Al Tajir World of Islam Trust, Balzan Foundation, British Council, Sigrid Rausing, DfID, UNDP, UNICEF, World Bank).

5. Supporting our centres to meet research challenges through, for example, the University's Social Sciences Research Development Manager (a new post during the assessment period), who liaises with centre leaders when major funding calls are announced to support large, interdisciplinary bids (e.g. Gready's £480k ESRC project on 'Transformative Justice in Tunisia and Egypt' awarded in 2013).

*Major/collaborative research grants:* we lead a major ESRC-DFID grant evaluating 'DFID-Sponsored State Building-Oriented Research on British Policy in Fragile, Post-Conflict Environments' (Barakat) and are partners on a further project with Keele University on 'Climate Policy and Political Parties' (Carter). Ritchie leads a project on the UK's nuclear weapons policy and has attracted funding from the ESRC and Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust for this multi-year programme. Barakat has led two major UNICEF funded projects on emergency preparedness, capacity development and conflict analysis in east and southern Africa.

*Prestigious/competitive research fellowships:* among submitted staff, early career fellowships were awarded to Clegg (ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2010-11) and Rogers (Leverhulme ECF, 2012-14). The Department hosted two further ESRC Postdoctoral Fellows (Erdos, Worsfold) and a Leverhulme ECF (Matthews), along with two British Academy Postdoctoral Fellows (Johnson, Woods) and RCUK Fellow (Kearney). A range of awards have been made to staff at mid-career and senior level, including: Carter (Leverhulme Research Fellowship, 2011-12), O'Neill (British Academy/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowship, 2011-12), Quaglia (Hanse WissenschaftsKolleg, 2012-13) and Stanton (AHRC Research Leave 2008; Balzan-Skinner Fellowship, University of Cambridge, 2012; Senior Research Fellowship, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, 2013).

*Research networks and seminar series:* we led an AHRC Networking programme on 'Translating Freedom' (Gready) and an ESRC Seminar series on 'Rethinking Centres and Peripheries' (Parker) and 'Everyday Practice and Resistance in Immigration Detention' (Hall).

*Small research grants:* During the assessment period we have been awarded small research grants by funders such as the British Academy (Quaglia, Hall) and Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (O'Neill, Ritchie, Gready).

*Staff recruitment:* we have appointed staff at all levels with significant track records of grant success at other institutions, including: Brito Vieira (£168k) Caspersen (£59k), Heron (£160k), Leon (£117), Mihai (£74k), Quaglia (£419k) and Smith (£800k).

*Facilities:* the Department benefited from a major programme of refurbishment and investment in facilities for staff and research students. Crucially, this has allowed for the co-location of all staff in the UoA for the first time, which has had a positive impact on our research environment. Conference facilities at the newly built Heslington East campus are regularly used for away days, conferences and workshops. Staff and research students also make extensive use of the Alcuin Research Resource Centre (ARRC). This facility, financed by a contribution of over £8 million from

the Wellcome/ESRC Joint Infrastructure Fund, provides bespoke rooms for focus groups, interviews, audio-visual recording and editing facilities, sound-proofed telephone interviewing rooms, high quality research seminar and conference rooms and software support services. Social science and health departments and research centres across the University take turns to host the ARRC seminar series that run weekly during term. The University invested £1.8m in 2013 to establish a new Research Centre for the Social Sciences, in close proximity to the Department. This provides all social science disciplines with additional research facilities and will facilitate an interdisciplinary research culture and environment. In addition, the building provides a new home for the White Rose DTC and CAHR with offices, shared hot desk space and a common study area.

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

*Interdisciplinary and collaborative research:* the Department is strongly committed to interdisciplinary and collaborative research and research supervision. This is promoted, for example, through the DTC where White, Festenstein and Gready participate in 'Global Anxieties and Urban Governance', 'Rethinking Multiculturalism' and 'Transformational Justice' networks respectively. At university level, staff lead key interdisciplinary centres, notably, CAHR and the Centre of Urban Research (CURB) (with Sociology and the School of PEP). We also participate in other cross-University centres, including the Centre for Women's Studies, Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies and York Environmental Sustainability Institute. Key interdisciplinary initiatives during this assessment period include the PRDU's work with the Institute of Effective Education on a series of major projects supported by UNICEF and other international donors. Both the PRDU and CAHR have carried out research on the role of the arts in politics, supported by Leverhulme and the British Council.

*Research collaborations with user organisations:* our approach to research collaborations stems from our longstanding vision of research which informs and is informed by engagement with non-academic partners. Among the range of possible examples from across our research clusters, the PRDU engages with a wide range of non-academic stakeholders and has undertaken applied field research and systematic reviews in the assessment period on behalf of UNICEF, DfID, NATO, UNDP and the British Council. The PRDU is also part of the Fragile State Development Consortium (FSDC) selected to run the Social Development Framework Agreement on behalf of DfID. The CAHR engages with stakeholder organisations through its Rausing-funded Protective Fellowships Scheme. Smith and White have worked with the UK Security Industry Authority (SIA) on public regulation of the private security industry, a project jointly funded by the SIA and ESRC. White's membership of the SIA's research forum will provide the basis for future collaborative research. Clegg works with the Washington based NGO 'New Rules for Global Finance', which stems from his consultancy work on their 'Poverty and Social Impact Analysis' work programme. Ritchie is involved in a number of NGO networks on nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament in the UK including the NGO Parliamentary Liaison Group on Nuclear Weapons, British Pugwash Group (Executive Board member), Nuclear Information Service (Board member) and the Project on Nuclear Issues at the Royal United Services Institute (Executive Board member). Haagh has been contracted to carry out research on basic income and economic security by the Council for Europe, Canadian Council for Welfare and the World Bank. Other organisations that have engaged with our staff and research during this assessment period include the European Parliament, Trades Union Congress, British Council, Overseas Development Institute, the Institute for Public Policy Research, Friends of the Earth, National Flood Forum and Association of British Insurers. As well as contributing to the Department's impact strategy (see REF3a), these collaborations have led to funding, access to key research resources and developed relationships with policy networks.

*National and international academic collaborations:* staff at all levels play a major role in national and international research networks outside the University. For example, Gready led the AHRC Networking project, 'Translating Freedom', which funded workshops in Kigali, Cape Town, Cairo and Belfast in 2012. A new initiative emerging from CAHR is the 'Transformative Justice' project, which started as a White Rose and Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) initiative and led to three events hosted or co-organised by York (in York, Leeds and London). This led to the successful £480k ESRC grant on 'Transformative Justice in Egypt and Tunisia' awarded in 2013.

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Haagh is a leading figure in the Basic Income Earth Network, editor of *Basic Income Studies*, and participant in an APSA Task Force on 'Democracy, Economic Security and Social Justice in a Volatile World'. Stanton is a member of the 'Popular Sovereignty' research network funded by the AHRC and is also a member of the 'Freedom and the construction of Europe' research network funded by the Balzan Foundation, whose activities will be concluded with the publication of two volumes of that title by Cambridge University Press in 2013.

*Seminars and conferences:* the Department organises a regular seminar series and hosted ten major international conferences during the assessment period, including 'The Deliberative Society' (British Academy 2009); 'Defending Peace: Human Rights Defenders and Peace Processes' (CAHR 2010); 'Justice, Toleration and the Right to Justification Conference' (2011); 'The UK Analytic Legal and Political Philosophy Conference' (Morrell Trust 2010, 2012); 'Voices from Fragile States' (PRDU/Columbia University 2013); and 'On the Uses and Abuses of Political Apologies Workshop' (Government of Canada 2013). The Morrell Centre hosted four separate international conferences along with its fortnightly seminar and annual lecture series. The established *Morrell Discussion Papers* series continues with nearly 50 new papers published during the assessment period. Journals edited by submitted staff include *Political Studies* and *Political Studies Review* (Festenstein, Smith), *New Political Economy* (Heron), *Journal of Human Rights Practice* (Gready), *Environmental Politics* (Carter), *Basic Income Studies* (Haagh), *Locke Studies* (Stanton) and *Renewal: A Journal of Social Democracy* (O'Neill). Our staff edited special issues of *Democratization*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Political Studies*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Global Society*, *Environmental Politics* and *Social Policy and Administration*.

*Contribution to professional associations, learned societies and other public goods:* although a relatively small (but growing) department in transition with a large number of ECRs, we delivered 73 keynote lectures and seminars during the assessment period, including: Bonefeld, 'Free Economy and Strong State', 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University, December 2009; Caspersen, 'Ethnicity and Conflict After International Recognition,' Kosovo Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pristina, June 2012; Haagh, 'Public Finance, the Basic Income and Other Egalitarian Rights', Council of Europe Conference on Alternative Strategies to Fight Poverty and Inequality, Strasbourg, February 2013; O'Neill, 'The Special Significance of Equality of Opportunity', Program in Ethics and Public Affairs at the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 2013; Stanton, 'John Locke and the Fable of Liberalism', Balzan-Skinner Lecture and Colloquium, University of Cambridge, October 2012; and White, 'The Regulation Journey', Security Industry Authority Annual Conference, Manchester, May 2009. Contributions to the wider discipline have come from, among others, Barakat (ESRC Peer Review College), Carter (expert member of assessment panel for Norwegian Research Council KLIMAFORSK programme on climate change), Caspersen (Executive Committee, Association for the Study of Nationalities; ESRC Peer Review College), Festenstein (PSA Executive Committee; International Advisory Committee for the Charles S. Peirce Society), Haagh (Executive Committee Basic Income Earth Network and Citizens Income Trust; APSA Task Force, 2008-12), Heron (ESRC Peer Review College) and Smith (PSA Executive Committee; ESRC Large Grants and Centres Board, ESRC Knowledge Exchange Grants and ESRC Evaluation Committee; Principal Investigator, ESRC White Rose DTC; appointed ACSS in 2010).