

<p>Institution: Royal Holloway, University of London</p>
<p>Unit of Assessment: 21 (Politics and International Studies)</p>
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>The Unit's research is clustered around five research centres based in the Department of Politics and International Relations (www.rhul.ac.uk/politicsandir/) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Three centres, established in 2007, featured in the RAE2008 submission: the Centre for European Politics (CEP), which focuses on comparative European and EU politics, European foreign, defence and security policy, and citizenship and participation; the Centre for Global and Transnational Politics (CGTP), which examines phenomena of governance and political change traversing local, national and transnational domains; and the New Political Communication Unit (NPCU), which addresses comparative political communication, information technology and new media. In 2009 a Contemporary Political Theory Research Group (CPTRG) was established, and its work in pragmatism, continental thought and applied political theory now incorporates members of the institution's philosophy group, which joined the department in 2012 to take advantage of synergies with the department's political theorists and to nurture philosophy's teaching and research development. An institution-level Centre for Social Sciences (CSS) (www.rhul.ac.uk/centreforsocialsciences/), established in 2012 and directed by the Unit's Oliver Heath, brings expertise in diverse methodological approaches to bear on the research of institutional change and public policy, and provides social science research training for doctoral students, post-docs and academic staff.</p> <p>Research is supported by a Department Director of Research, Director of Graduate Study, Impact Officer and a Research Committee that oversees the work of the centres, approves sabbatical leaves and develops research strategy. There is also a Faculty-level Research Committee and Deputy Dean for Research and an institutional Vice Principal for Research, University Research and Research Degree Programmes Committees and Research & Enterprise (R&E) support unit.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>The Unit was established in 2004. The 2008 RAE panel noted evidence of momentum over the final years of that RAE period and a clear strategy for staffing and further development. The Unit has matured over the REF period, substantially increasing its research footprint and developing its staff, PGR student community and research culture. Royal Holloway's continued commitment to the subject area is evidenced by its significantly larger submission: 14 FTE staff were entered in 2008, whereas in 2013 it is 23.8 FTE (all permanent), including two members of the College's philosophy group (Gascoigne, Somers-Hall) whose work links with the Unit's political theorists and one member of Economics (Testa) whose research is firmly embedded in the politics field. Key indicators of the Unit's development include nearly quadrupling PhD completions and more than quadrupling total research income in the five years of the REF period as compared to the 6+ year RAE period. The ten mostly early and mid-career staff retained from the RAE, along with new scholars added during the REF period, have matured rapidly, as evidenced by five new lecturers achieving promotion within four years (three of these before completing their probations) and three staff being promoted twice during the REF. We have transformed ourselves from a small and developing unit to a well-rounded medium-sized unit, increasing the quality, diversity and reach of our research and with strategy, structures and international profile in place for the future.</p> <p>This REF period development reflects a deliberate strategy to ensure the vitality and sustainability of existing research strengths by building them up to critical mass and to exploit opportunities to build new strengths, focusing on the five research centres organising the Unit's research. CPTRG was established when Bacon, a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow in 2008, became a permanent lecturer, and it now links to the Unit's philosophers, connecting Widder's and Somers-Hall's work on continental thought and Bacon's and Gascoigne's work on pragmatism. CSS was located in the Unit partly as a reflection of its developing strength in quantitative methods research and training, which began with Heath's 2008 appointment and has been boosted by Smets in 2013. With the 2007 centres, Vaccari's appointment added strength and depth to the NPCU, Allen, Dyson, Heath, Vaccari and Williams augmented CEP, and Bentley, Datta, Dyson, Gallagher, Jakobi, Nettelfield and Williams both strengthened CGTP and broadened the Unit's research in transnational and human security, an area identified early in the REF as a potential strength that distinguishes the Unit from others focussed on traditional security approaches.</p>

Bentley's recent appointment also boosts a burgeoning research area (led by Miskimmon and O'Loughlin) exploring strategic narratives in international politics.

The Unit's **overarching goals** in the period were to support research across a range of theoretical and methodological approaches, to provide high quality training for developing researchers and to communicate its research findings to a broad range of audiences and users. Its strategy was to advance these objectives through the research centres, whose activities and future plans are monitored by Unit, Faculty and institutional Research Committees to ensure their fit with larger strategic aims. The centres serve as hubs for staff and PGR student activities, support recruitment of high quality PGR students, provide focal points and outward facing profiles for the Unit's research, and coordinate research grants, networks and fellowships. They also create collaborative spaces for researchers at all levels, including mentoring relationships, and platforms for knowledge transfer through public and policy events. For example, CGTP housed Halperin and Khan's 2010-13 Leverhulme project, 'Global Development: the role of trans-local elites in Afro-Eurasia' and Rumford's 2007-10 Norface-funded European research network, 'Globalization and the transformation of Europe's borders'. Both projects brought PGR students and early career researchers into regular contact with leading academics within and outside the Unit, policy users and original empirical data, whilst also developing skills and expertise in future research leaders.

The centres' role in achieving strategic aims is evidenced by the wide range of activities and initiatives they supported over the period. While important activities took place independently of the centres, such as Faculty-supported 'Politics at Royal Holloway' (2012) and 'Philosophy at Royal Holloway' (2013) conferences, and a weekly **Unit Research Seminar** that included internal and external speakers acted as a spine for the Unit's environment, the centres' devolved budgets supported high profile events and projects. CEP convened 2009 and 2012 workshops on the EU budget process (organized by Benedetto and part-funded by the European Commission), a 2011 roundtable on the British AV referendum, a 2011 HEFCE-funded conference (organised by Sloam), 'A Pedagogy of Civic Engagement for Higher Education' and 2013 workshops on youth, citizenship and politics in Europe and on the Italian elections. CGTP hosted the Global Studies Association Annual Conference in 2009 (and now houses the GSA), supported PGR student initiatives to found the 'Changing Turkey in a Changing World' network (www.changingturkey.com) and the peer-reviewed open access *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies* (www.criticalglobalisation.com) and convened workshops on 'Many Europes' (2012), 'Twenty20 and the Future of Cricket' (2011) and 'Recognition and the Market' (2009). Since 2009 CPTRG has run a theory reading group that draws in academics and PGR students from Birkbeck, King's, Queen Mary, UCL and other London institutions, held reading group seminars with Jane Bennett (Johns Hopkins) and Charlotte Epstein (Sydney) on their recent work, and ran conferences on 'The Margins of Citizenship' in 2010 (organised by Seglow) and William E. Connolly's *A World of Becoming* in 2011 (organised by Widder). It also hosted (with Widder and Somers-Hall leading) the second annual London Conference in Critical Thought in 2013. CSS's external launch event in late 2012, 'Whose NHS?', was part of the ESRC 'Festival of Social Science' and included social scientists, policy advisers, health care professionals, and members of the public. It followed this in early 2013 with a workshop on academic engagement with policy for academics and stakeholders. NPCU held international conferences on 'Politics: Web 2.0' in 2008 (organised by Chadwick and producing a double issue of the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*) and celebrating the 5th anniversary of the *Media, War & Conflict* journal in 2013 (organized by O'Loughlin), and ran workshops on Web Metrics, Online Radicalisation, Media & Multiculturalism (all organised by O'Loughlin in 2009, the last with SBS television, Australia), and on London's 2012 Olympics and Identity (2012).

Our research objectives and activities for the next five years are:

- **Developing collaborations** and funding initiatives across the Unit's research centres and with outside centres. This has already begun with Miskimmon (CEP) and O'Loughlin's (NPCU) strategic narratives research, now joined by Bentley (CGTP), currently collaborating with the Annenberg School of Communication (University of Pennsylvania) to create an international Centre for Strategic Narratives. Vaccari brings a comparative project on social media and politics in Europe, with partners at Bologna, Milan, Rome, Oxford, Pennsylvania, and NYU, that will create connections across NPCU, CEP and CSS. Jakobi's 2014 conference on

transnational crime will include academic researchers and policy practitioners working on security, crime, and governance. Datta's arrival will renew the Unit's collaboration with the Centre for South Asian Studies based in History.

- Strengthening **collaborations with policy users** and other beneficiaries of our research, led by CSS, the Unit's Impact Officer and a new Unit Communications Officer, student placement programme and Unit Steering Group for Engagement and Impact (elaborated in REF3a).
- **Building on recent research initiatives**, particularly in strategic narratives, transnational human security and quantitative political science. Smets's strengthens political behaviour research and the provision of advanced quantitative methods training, while Allen's successful **Leverhulme Visiting Professorship** application brings eminent political scientist Prof Donald Searing (UNC) to the Unit from August to December 2013. Allen, Benedetto, Heath and Smets together enable development of research strength in **elections, public opinion and parties**.
- Exploiting further the links between **political theory and philosophy** (which includes Somers-Hall's AHRC Early Career Fellowship application with Widder as mentor).

The Unit's Research Committee will set the targets and monitor the progress of these activities. It started this work with a 2012/13 review of the research centres' achievements, strategies and objectives that also set out the broad parameters of a strategic vision for the future. It will continue by leading discussions within the Unit in 2013/14 as it completes its work for the REF period and sets out its aspirations for the next several years.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

The Unit's longstanding **staffing strategy** has been to build from the ground up by appointing talented early and mid-career researchers who can develop within and also enrich our supportive research environment, and who can create new synergies within and outside the Unit. Recruitment efforts highlight our research centres and appointees are expected to contribute to one or more of these. Appointments in the REF period have **significantly enhanced all our key research areas**.

The Unit made **14 permanent appointments** during the REF (seven men, seven women). Gallagher was initially appointed 0.5 but soon became full-time and Vaccari was appointed 0.8 to retain an affiliation with Bologna University for his PI status on a 3-year research project funded by the Italian government. Two REF period appointees (Goh and Lobo-Guerrero) left for prestigious chairs overseas, and the Unit also lost four RAE-period staff (Drewry (retirement), Khan (moved to Oxford), Haines and Carvin (both moved overseas)). All six were replaced with permanent staff. The Unit made **six temporary appointments** (four women, two men) in the period, mostly funded by external research income, who supported the Unit at crunch times when staff were on periods of earned and/or externally funded research leave. These staff also made substantial contributions to the research environment and received the same career development support as permanent staff, even if on teaching-only contracts. Four temporary appointees immediately moved to permanent positions (Ortmann to Sussex, Rosenow to Oxford Brooks, Datta to Reading and then back to the Unit, and Bentley remaining at the Unit) and the other two to new temporary posts (Rossdale to City and Topgyal to Birmingham). The Unit further augmented its research environment by hosting a visiting postdoctoral fellow (Latiff, working on conflict images with O'Loughlin), a two-year full time research assistant (Al-Lami on the ESRC Radicalisation project) and numerous **visiting researchers**, including Prof Hoshino Echii (Ryukus University, Okinawa), Prof Ronnie Lipschutz (UC-Santa Barbara), Prof Donald Searing (UNC), Prof Ashwani Sharma (University of Delhi), Prof John Sloboda (Oxford Research Group), Dr Georgina Holmes (SOAS), Air Cdre Dr William Boothby (former Deputy Head of Legal Services for the RAF); and Andrew Clearly, Nicholas Gilby and Patten Smith (all Ipsos Mori). Boothby has supported research in international law and conflict; Lipschutz and Sloboda worked closely with CGTP; and Clearly, Gilby and Smith have consolidated CSS's association with Ipsos Mori. Goh also retains a formal research affiliation with the Unit.

The Unit's young demographic profile allowed it to push its development strategy forward without the worry of impending retirements of key senior figures. It has focussed on early and mid-career development, a strength of the institution as a whole. Through recruitment, providing research career development opportunities for all staff, promotion, research support, workload management and leave entitlement, the Unit fulfils its commitment to complete **equality and diversity**. An institutional **induction** introduces new colleagues to Royal Holloway's philosophy and operational

matters. The Unit also has its own induction activities and sets out key information in its **Staff Handbook**. New lecturers without significant teaching and research experience are initially given three year **probationary contracts** and reduced teaching and/or administrative duties. All probationary staff and (in accordance with our participation in the RCUK **Concordat**) postdocs have **mentors** within the Unit who offer guidance on written work, research plans, engagement and impact strategies and grant applications. The development of impact is further supported by the Unit's **Impact Officer**. The Unit has a system of annual **appraisal** for staff to review past performance, decide research and teaching objectives, agree targets and identify training and development needs. All staff also agree and annually review **3-5 year research plans** with the Director of Research that include major research foci, projected outputs, research income plans and impact strategies. The Unit has a **peer review system** for draft research grant applications, where two colleagues feedback on research and impact aspects of proposals well before the application deadline. This improves proposals, embeds an impact culture in the Unit and exposes early career researchers to good practices of grant writing. The Unit has established **research ethics procedures** supported by institutional ethical governance that annually reviews Unit research ethics practices. The Unit aims to manage workloads to maximize research time, and circulates a **workload model** to all staff, creating a culture of transparency and trust.

The Faculty's **On Track Researcher Development Scheme** allows junior researchers to be mentored by senior colleagues outside the Unit and offers 15 workshops per year, tailored specifically to arts and social science research, to early and mid-career academics on any kind of contract and to postdocs. Ten members of the Unit have participated in the programme since 2010, including Halperin contributing as a mentor for researchers from other Units. A vigorous **promotions policy** contributes to strong staff retention. In the period four staff were promoted to Chair (Chadwick, O'Loughlin, Rumford, Widder), four to Reader (Heath, O'Loughlin and Widder before their chairs, and Williams) and six to Senior Lecturer (Allen, Bacon, Heath before his Readership, Khan, Miskimmon, Sloam). The institution provides clear and detailed promotions criteria under the headings of Research; Teaching; External Engagement and Impact; and Leadership and Enhancement. The Unit's Promotions Committee annually reviews the teaching, research and impact achievements of all promotion-eligible staff before cases are submitted to the institution. **Professorial banding** provides for biennial review of professorial staff and has openly addressed institutional gender pay imbalances, increasing transparency and equity.

The Unit provides generous individual **research allowances**, sustained at £1K per year for most of the REF. Staff and PGR students used the **Faculty Research Initiative Fund** for primary research, dissemination and impact activities. Royal Holloway's Humanities and Arts Research Centre (HARC) supported numerous initiatives. Seglow and Sloam won HARC Fellowships and Gallagher a Deputy Directorship, all receiving teaching buy out to support organizing events. The University's **Research Strategy Fund**, which offers seed money up to £7K for projects intended to lead to significant funding applications, supported Miskimmon and O'Loughlin's strategic narratives research and Gallagher's fieldwork in Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe.

Study leave entitlement is one term after the first nine terms of service (and after eight terms subsequently) on submission of a research plan approved by the Research Committee and confirmation from the Head of Department that essential teaching can be covered. Former Heads of Department receive a full sabbatical year for three years of service. The Unit supports combining earned study leave with externally funded leave to create substantial periods free for research, and also supports opportunities for leave to support strategic goals. In 2012/13 it allowed Williams to take up a prestigious Bosch Fellowship, which allowed him to serve as an advisor to the German Parliamentary State Secretary for Defence and to the defence firm Cassidian, gaining access to conduct new research and enhancing the impact of his existing research.

ii. Research students

PGR students are central to the Unit's research environment and fully integrated into its research culture. Their numbers have grown substantially from a low RAE-period base as the still young Unit has established itself. The research centres, Unit and Faculty supported many student initiatives; students, in turn, contributed organizational support for research events, including many of those

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already mentioned, and provided research assistance to staff. PGR students participate in Unit research seminars, workshops and reading groups, and are offered opportunities to gain teaching experience on Unit undergraduate courses. Several staff (Chadwick, O'Loughlin, Rumford and Seglow) have also co-authored or co-edited publications with PGR students during the period.

The Unit has a track record during the REF of recruiting and rigorously training high quality PGR students. Many who graduated during the period secured postdoctoral fellowships and academic posts at major UK and overseas institutions, including postdoc positions at Sydney, the European University Institute and Edinburgh, and permanent lectureships at Birmingham, UEA, Edinburgh, LSE and UNSW. Others now hold prominent policy positions with the Spanish Defence Ministry, the Committee on Foreign Affairs at the European Parliament and the Thai Foreign Ministry. Many PGR students came to the Unit with prestigious studentships, including five with **ESRC awards**, five with competitive '**Reid Awards**' established by Royal Holloway in 2008 and indexed to match ESRC award levels, and one with a special University 'Excellence' award. Many more have been supported by smaller bursaries and fee waivers. Four ESRC awards were secured after the Unit gained **ESRC Doctoral Training Centre status** in 2010 as part of the **Southeastern DTC**, its applicants competing against high quality nominees from Kent, Reading and Surrey. Philosophy is part of a recently successful **AHRC Block Grant Proposal** bid, led by Royal Holloway in a consortium of nine southeast UK institutions, giving it access to AHRC studentships from 2014.

First year PGR students attend **compulsory training courses** in quantitative methods, qualitative methods and the foundations of contemporary political theory. Further advanced methods and specialist subject training is offered by the participating Units of the DTC consortium. First and second year PGR students also attend a fortnightly **research and professional development seminar** that provides training and advice in writing book reviews, getting published, achieving impact, entering the academic job market and more, and in which students develop and present their research to one another and to staff. Through the support provided by these courses and seminars, participation in Unit research seminars and centre-organised activities, and participation in major conferences such as the PSA, BISA, APSA, ISA, ECPR, UACES and GSA, students leave the programme with established profiles that include peer-reviewed publications.

Each PGR student is supervised by either one supervisor supported by an advisor or two supervisors. DTC students have two supervisors in accordance with ESRC conventions. All post-probationary staff are active supervisors. The institution provides training for new and experienced supervisors, and supervisors and advisors are supported by a **supervisory panel** in the Unit that administers **annual review meetings** and holds a **mock viva** in advance of either final submission or viva voce. Institutional regulations permit students two years to upgrade from MPhil to PhD, but the Unit has rigorous benchmarks for the first year annual review and encourages students who demonstrate strong progress to seek upgrade within or shortly after their first year.

PGR students are supported by: 1) Unit **conference funding** of £300 over the period of study, with c.£500 top up to support international conference participation; 2) Competitively awarded **London University Grants** for PGR study costs of up to £500 per year; 3) **Faculty Research Initiative Funds** that supported student-run workshops on 'Nationalism, Migration and the Global Economy in the 21st Century' and the 2012 Olympics and Identity, and initiatives such as the *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies*. PGR students have dedicated computer rooms with photocopying, printing and scanning equipment both in the Unit and elsewhere at Royal Holloway's Egham and London sites, including 24-hour facilities. They have off-campus access to the full range of digital research resources through the campus portal, full access to Senate House Library's physical and online resources, and access to course and research materials offered by partner units in the DTC consortium. PGR students participate in and help organize DTC conferences, including the 'Power Revisited' conference held at Royal Holloway in March 2013. The Unit supervises several students working on Turkey-EU relations, and has an Erasmus agreement with Koç University in Istanbul that allows its students to conduct fieldwork there and access the institution's resources.

The Vice Principal for Education and Vice Principal for Research and Enterprise share institution-level responsibility for PGR students. Since 2011 a Research Degree Programmes Committee

reports to the University's Research and Learning, Teaching and Quality Committees. Royal Holloway offers a full programme of **generic skills training and career development**, including an Instil course for PGR students who take up teaching. The University subscribes to the Epigeum 'Research Skills Masters Programme', which offers webinars and web-based generic skills units particularly suited to part-time students. Generic and subject specific training is supported by a University **Research Training Officer**, and students can also attend academic and research skills training courses at the University of London's School of Advanced Study.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Major funding successes in the period include Halperin and Khan's three-year **Leverhulme Grant** (£228,277), Goh's two-year **ESRC Mid-Career Fellowship** (£204,019), which allowed her to complete a monograph on hegemony, hierarchy and power transition in East Asia for OUP, Khan's two-year **AHRC Early Career Research Grant** (£151,716), O'Loughlin's one-year **Technology Strategy Board project** (£20,284), which underpinned his development of concepts and methods for monitoring Twitter for security risks and is integral to his impact case study, and Allen's **Leverhulme Visiting Professorship** for Donald Searing (£44,363), who will enhance the Unit's capacity to mentor early and mid-career political scientists. Staff also won many **smaller grants** from sources that include the ESRC, AHRC, British Academy and Nuffield. Funding obtained by the Unit during the RAE and REF periods contributed directly to numerous high quality outputs, including RA2 outputs such as Allen's *EJPR* article on elite and mass ethical attitudes (ESRC), Bacon's monograph and articles on pragmatism (Leverhulme), Benedetto's co-edited book on the EU budget (European Commission) and O'Loughlin's *RIS* article and co-authored books on radicalisation and the media and war and media (ESRC New Security Challenges).

Well-established mechanisms encourage and support all colleagues to seek external funding. Probationary staff are required to apply for an external grant, and research income is part of the individual research plans agreed and reviewed in the Unit. The Unit's Director of Research and the institution's **Research & Enterprise Unit** inform staff of targeted funding opportunities. R&E also supports the Unit's review of grant applications and provides costings and other pre-application support through a dedicated **Faculty Research and Business Development Manager** and staff who work directly with the Unit. R&E helped develop and implement the Unit's **European research strategy** and arranged for researchers to work with the consultancy Interface Europe to identify FP7 and FP8 opportunities and to find academic and non-academic partners in Europe. This particularly benefitted Benedetto's EU budget research, increasing its exposure in Brussels.

Royal Holloway's **key strategic research objectives** include: creating time for high quality research; promoting cross-disciplinarity; building and maintaining a framework for explicit support of early career researchers; and creating a vibrant programme of public engagement and impactful research activity. To that end it has **invested significantly** in facilities, infrastructure and support staff for research, and has provided seed money for projects through its Research Strategy Fund. In 2013 it launched **five interdisciplinary research themes**. Halperin was appointed as champion for the 'Identity, Place and Mobility' theme, which aligns well with the Unit's research and provides her with resources for PGR studentships, grant-writing support and engagement activities.

The Unit benefits from Royal Holloway's **central London facilities**, where it has held conferences, workshops and evening public debates. It also benefitted from the 2008 decision to move it into the magnificent Founder's Building, whose Picture Gallery and North and South Quads are ideal for receiving visitors and staging events such as O'Loughlin's *Media, War & Conflict* conference and Sloam's Young People's Political Participation workshops. The Unit occupies a suite of offices on the west side of the building, and all academic staff have personal offices. The Unit has funded high spec computers and software for advanced statistical analysis (such as Stata) and media analysis for individual researchers. All staff and PGR students have access to SPSS and Nvivo. Royal Holloway supported the Unit's expansion with considerable additional investment, including £85,905 booster funds for books and journals above its normal annual allocation. It is now investing £35m in a new 10,000m² library building at the heart of the campus, with 24/7 access, dedicated postgraduate research spaces, environmentally controlled archive spaces and IT infrastructure able to meet current and future digital demands.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Throughout the period, Unit researchers collaborated with international and non-academic partners to produce **knowledge transfer events, shared data sets and agenda-setting publications**. **Evidence of research success** is found in the way initial activities consistently generated additional funded projects, partnerships, events and publications, **further contributing to the discipline**. Among **early and mid-career staff**, Allen's 2009-11 ESRC project with Birch (Glasgow) on British public attitudes and his prior collaboration with Sarmiento-Mirwaldt (Brunel) led to a British Academy-funded study of French attitudes to political ethics (2011-13) and a forthcoming CUP book (2014). Bentley won funding from Southampton University to convene an April 2012 symposium in collaboration with BISA's US Foreign Policy Working Group, which led to a 2013 Routledge volume on Obama's foreign policy (co-edited with Holland (Surrey)) and to conference panels at the 2013 BISA General Conference and the 2013 BISA US Foreign Policy Working Group Conference. Dyson won IAS funding to co-organise a July 2012 multidisciplinary workshop on military intervention, resulting in an edited volume and RUSI Whitehall Paper. Gallagher's multidisciplinary project, *Images of Africa*, led to a double panel at the 2011 European Conference on African Studies and from this to further empirical projects presented at a workshop in the Unit and forthcoming in an edited volume with Manchester UP (2014). Following his 2007 *JCMS* article, Benedetto won a European Commission award in 2008/9 for workshops that led to a 2012 co-edited volume with Palgrave featuring policymakers and academics. Benedetto has advised the European Parliament, the European Commission and the European Maritime Safety Agency throughout the period, and the written evidence he fed into the Parliament's debates and policy positions on this subject before the 2009 Lisbon Treaty ratification later shaped his 2013 *JPP* article on the Treaty's likely impact. Vaccari is PI for a €917,884 'Future in Research 2012' grant by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research for a 2013-16 interdisciplinary comparative project on social media and political inclusion in Germany, Italy and the UK. Collaborating institutions include the Universities of Bologna, Catholic University of Milan, and Roma Tre, and partners at LSE, Oxford, the Hans Bredow Institute (Hamburg) and the Istituto Cattaneo (Bologna). In the project's early stages, Vaccari also established further collaboration with research teams at the Universities of Frankfurt and Nuremberg and New York University as part of another interdisciplinary NSF-funded project investigating social media and political participation. The New York collaboration has already produced a joint publication on social media in the Italian elections (*Italian Political Science Review*, in English, 2014). After a one-year embargo, the project's datasets will be made publicly available. The impact case studies of O'Loughlin, Sloam and Williams all show developing agendas by early/mid-career scholars in the discipline that have generated networks of government, non-governmental and commercial partners and academics through series of projects that have yielded books with Polity, Routledge and CUP (2014).

Among **established researchers**, Halperin and Khan's Leverhulme Project included UK, US and European scholars from International Relations, Sociology, German Studies, and Cultural Studies. It led to further ISA and British Academy grants, and integrated activities with the FP7 Trajectories of Modernity project (2007-13), expanding collaboration to Brazil, Argentina and South Africa through workshop and speaking invitations for Halperin. Rumford's NORFACE-funded research network spanned ten countries and produced special issues of *Society and Space*, *Mobilities*, and *Global Society*. Seglow's 2010 'The Margins of Citizenship' workshop led to a special issue of the *Critical Review of Social and Political Philosophy* (2013). Heath's long-standing collaboration with CSDS, where he was a visiting fellow for 18 months, led to his serving as CI on a £132,170 project, 'From Identity to Interests? Quantitative and Qualitative Explanations of Electoral Change in Rural and Urban India'. This interdisciplinary collaborative project, with scholars from the UK, France and India, is part the Indian-European Research Networking Programme in the Social Sciences (ANR-DFG-ESRC-NWO with ICSSR), and has led to numerous workshops, joint publications and a survey going to field in time for the November 2013 state elections in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The founding of the New Political Communication Unit and Chadwick's 2008 Politics 2.0 conference have had a major influence on the field of political communication. NPCU's advisory board and the Politics 2.0 participants were contributors to Chadwick's double issue of the *Journal of Information Technology and Politics* and his Routledge *Handbook of Internet Politics*.

Centre-based collaborative contributions include CGTP serving as a node in the ESRC-funded 'Spaces of Democracy, Democracy of Space' network led by Jonathan Pugh (Newcastle). CPTRG

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collaborates with the organising collective of the London Conference in Critical Thought, a unique event involving critical theorists working across arts, humanities and social science disciplines. CSS is working with Ipsos Mori on a series of survey experiments to investigate the measurement of key political indicators, such as evaluations of the economy and civic duty. During the period, NPCU sponsored 2012 and 2013 Insight 2.0 conferences run by Semantica Research and co-organised a series of events on media and methods with the ESRC Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change. Its British Council-funded 'Bridging Voices' project with Georgia State University, beginning in November 2013, includes formal links with the Carter Center and Oxford University.

PGR students play an active role in the Unit's wider contributions to the discipline. The Unit partners in PGR training with Kent, Reading and Surrey in the **ESRC-recognised Southeastern DTC**, and from 2014 will partner with Kingston in Philosophy PGR training under the new **AHRC BGP2 consortium**. Rumford's 2012 'Many Europes' PhD workshop led to the edited volume *European Multiplicity* (Cambridge Scholars 2013) featuring chapters by 12 research students, and the Unit's students Cooper and Perkins published in *European Journal of Social Theory* from a paper they presented at a Rumford NORFACE workshop. NPCU sponsored and assisted PGR student Ampofo's 2012 and 2013 Insight 2.0 conferences as he launched his start-up Semantica Research Ltd. PGR students Coombs, Cooper, Houwelingen and Perkins set up the *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies*, producing six issues and numerous blog posts since 2008.

- **Leadership roles in professional associations:** Chadwick, APSA Information and Technology Section, Executive Committee Member (2007-10) and Prize Committee Member (2008-10); Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award Committee Member, APSA Political Communication Section (2013/14); Dyson, Member of Executive Committee, Standing Conference of Heads of European Studies (2007-9); Halperin, ISA Vice President (2009-10) and Member of Long-Range Planning Committee (2010-), BISA Co-Director and Head of BISA Workshop on Global and Transnational Politics (2007-); Rumford, Chair and Treasurer of GSA (2011-), Seglow, Treasurer of Association for Legal and Social Philosophy (2004-9); Sloam, PSA convenor of Specialist Group on Young People's Politics.
- **Memberships in research council boards/colleges** of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Hong Kong, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden and the US. Unit researchers have reviewed for research councils in Australia, Canada, Ireland and the UK.
- **Memberships in policy organisations that produce research:** Allen and Benedetto (Study of Parliament Group); Chadwick (Fellow of the RSA); Datta (Indian Rhodes Trust and Rhodes-Mandela Foundation); Dyson (Participant at European Council on Foreign Relations, London Office); Rumford (Institute of Commonwealth Studies); Sloam (Advisory Board of Intergenerational Foundation); Smets (Transatlantic Trends programme, German Marshall Fund, 2009-13); Williams (Council on Foreign Relations, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Inter-University Seminar on the Armed Forces and Society).
- **Journal Editorships:** Benedetto (*European Journal of Government and Economics*); Seglow (*Res Publica*); O'Loughlin (*Media, War & Conflict*); Williams (*International Politics Review*).
- **Journal Editorial/Advisory Board Memberships:** Bacon (*Res Publica*); Benedetto (*Journal of European Public Policy*); Chadwick (*Journal of Information Technology and Politics*); Halperin (*Social Science History, Review of International Political Economy, Class, Race and Corporate Power, LOGOS*); Jakobi (*Global Social Policy, Italian Journal of Sociology of Education*); Nettelfield (*RIS, Sarajevo Social Science Review*); O'Loughlin (*Critical Studies on Terrorism, Journal of Media and Communication*); Sloam (*Journal of Political Science Education*); Vaccari (*Polena – Political and Electoral Navigations* [Italian language – ISSN 1827-8930]); Widder (*Foucault Studies, The Issues (in Contemporary Culture and Aesthetics)*).
- **Book series editorships:** Chadwick is the founding series editor of OUP's *Oxford Studies in Digital Politics* (10 books published, including two winners of APSA section awards); Halperin and Rumford are series editors for *Routledge Studies in Global and Transnational Politics*.
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