

<p>Institution: University of Manchester</p>
<p>Unit of Assessment: 21 (Politics and International Studies)</p>
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>Politics at Manchester is a large, dynamic and inclusive discipline area (DA), located in the School of Social Sciences (SoSS), one of five schools in the Faculty of Humanities. Politics' research reputation has been built on a long-term strategic commitment to nurturing a theoretically, methodologically and empirically pluralistic approach to political science across comparative politics, international politics and political theory. In this REF period our research across the discipline has been enhanced by the ways we have organised our environment, promoted high quality research outputs and fostered research income generation. This has been nurtured through five clusters - Analytical Political Theory (aka MANCEPT), Comparative Public Policy (CPP), Electoral Politics (EP), Global Political Economy (GPE) and Poststructuralism and Critical Thought (PS&CT) - and major interdisciplinary research specialisms, notably in Electoral Politics, Critical Security and Gender Politics.</p> <p>Our strategic actions during the REF period have delivered major improvements. A step change in the quality of our research activities and research outputs has been acknowledged nationally and internationally. Notably we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured major prestigious grants including the ESRC's British Election Study (£1.25m), a European Research Council (ERC) grant (€2.2m), an EU FP7 grant (€2.7) plus two tranches of core funding for the Brooks World Poverty Institute (£2.7m) – and attracted, in addition, over £4m in externally funded research grants including from the ESRC, AHRC, EPSRC, Leverhulme Foundation, British Academy; and 28 international research fellowships. • Produced 20 research monographs and 20 edited collections and handbooks with leading university and commercial publishers, 321 journal articles and 157 book chapters. • Been awarded 17 Academic Prizes for research excellence from international and national professional associations (APSA, ISA, PSA, PSAI), Universities and academic journals. • Launched two new specialist journals (<i>Peacekeeping</i> and <i>Twentieth Century Communism</i>) and served as editors on 12 academic journals. • Supervised the successful completion of 78 PhDs (59 FTEs), 72% of whom secured academic posts either internationally or in the UK.
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>Our strategic aim is to become established as one of the top Politics and International Relations departments in the world. Following our successes in RAE2008 we conducted a strategic review of Politics in 2009; developed further through a SoSS strategic review 2010 and supported by the University of Manchester's (UoM) Strategic Plan and Research Strategy, published in 2011. In the light of these reviews we developed four mechanisms for progressing towards our strategic aim in this REF period and beyond:</p> <p>[1] Environment: structured to encourage collaboration around sub-disciplinary, disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches.</p> <p>[2] Outputs: high quality mentoring, internal peer review and pre-publication dissemination focussed on improving quality.</p> <p>[3] Funding: investment in recruitment, workshops, collaboration and peer review focussed particularly on securing larger, prestigious grants e.g. British Election Study.</p> <p>[4] Impact: allocation of resources and secondments to promote continued engagement and influence with non-academic research users (See REF3).</p> <p>[1] Environment: structured to encourage collaboration around sub-disciplinary, disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches.</p> <p>Our research flows from a unique institutional design promoted by the strategic vision of the Faculty of Humanities. This model offers a tiered approach that encourages individual researchers to collaborate at a level most suited to their research needs. Since 2009 this has led to research activity being spread across research clusters, the discipline area and interdisciplinary structures above the DA.</p>

Research Clusters – Our emphasis on a pluralistic approach to the discipline is reflected in the diversity of our five research clusters - Analytical Political Theory (MANCEPT, convenor **Hamlin** / De Wijze), Comparative Public Policy (CPP, **Annesley** / **Richardson**), Electoral Politics (EP, Russell), Global Political Economy (GPE, **Wilkinson** / S. Shields) and Poststructuralism and Critical Thought (PS&CT, **Zehfuss** / **Zevnik**). The clusters drive research activity and opportunities for collaboration. Clusters organise events involving Manchester academics, external scholars and practitioners; develop individual and collaborative research agendas; and nurture the research careers of academics, ECRs and PGRs. Cluster activities are funded by the Politics budget, SoSS grants and external funds. The creation of clusters has facilitated a particularly vibrant and sustained period of research activity, demonstrated by the sheer number of research events held. Across the REF cycle this includes 23 conferences, 26 workshops, 150 seminars, 14 reading groups and 10 career development sessions.

Events organised by clusters have fostered collaborative research agendas, projects and outputs. For example, EP hosted an International Symposium on Election Forecasting (2010) which led to a special issue of *Electoral Studies* on the UK 2010 General Election (co-edited by **Gibson**). GPE cluster workshops in 2010 and 2011 led to special editions of the *Journal of International Relations and Development* (2012) and *International Politics* (2012) and S. Shields et al. (eds) (2011) *Critical International Political Economy*. A MANCEPT workshop ‘Thinking Towards Humanity led to De Wijze / Garrard (eds) (2012) *Thinking Towards Humanity: Themes from Norman Geras*. PGRs are included in all research clusters events and organise their own reading groups, seminars and conferences. Prominent examples are 1/ the annual Brave New World (BNW) conference organised by MANCEPT PGRs; established in 1996, this is the oldest and best established postgraduate conference in political theory in the UK; and 2/ PS&CT cluster PGRs host the blog politicalhorizons.wordpress.com.

Politics Discipline – The DA level provides an environment in which flagship research events and keynote lectures take place. Our Annual Peace Lecture attracts leading international figures such as Prof Cecile Fabre, Oxford 2012; Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International 2011; Prof Joanna Bourke, Birkbeck 2009; Prof Joseph Nye, Harvard 2008. The DA is also the platform for a cross-fertilisation of ideas from across clusters: e.g. CPP and GPE scholars have developed a collaborative research project on policy responses to the economic crisis in Europe.

Interdisciplinary Research Activities - Politics is active beyond the DA, working with other disciplinary groupings to foster interdisciplinary research. This is reflected in the wealth of activity that has gone on in the REF period. Politics academics contribute to University-wide interdisciplinary initiatives to promote excellence in methods, policy and public administration, e.g. **Green** and **Zehfuss** are board members of Methods@Manchester; **Gains** and **Richards** are board members of Policy@Manchester and **Richards** is a co-Director of Whitehall@Manchester. Politics academics, post-docs and PGRs contribute to the research agendas and leadership across a range of interdisciplinary research institutes, centres and networks in the UoM, and are linked with other regional Universities (Table 1). Interdisciplinary research activities have achieved significant success in raising research income and delivering high quality research outputs and events (see case studies 1-3 below).

Table 1: Politics Scholars’ Contributions to Leadership of Interdisciplinary Centres

Interdisciplinary Centre	Names (* indicates research leadership role)
Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) University of Manchester Research Institute.	Richmond, Mac Ginty , Peterson Members of PS&CT and MANCEPT clusters
Brooks World Poverty Institute (BWPI) University of Manchester Research Institute	Wilkinson (2009-)*, Turner Members of GPE cluster
Institute for Social Change (ISC) University of Manchester Research Institute	Gibson* , Green Members of EP cluster
Democracy, Citizens and Elections Research Network (DCERN)	Russell*, Gibson Members of EP and MANCEPT clusters

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School of Social Sciences	
Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (JMCE) Faculty of Humanities with MMU and Salford.	Papadimitriou* , Maltby (PGR) Members of CPP cluster
Institute for Politics & Economic Governance (IPEG) (until 2012) School of Social Sciences	Richardson, Gains Members of CPP cluster
Gender Research Network (GRN) Faculty of Humanities	Annesley* , McLeod (RA), Kallock (PGR) Members of CPP and PS&CT clusters

[2] Outputs: high quality mentoring, internal peer review and pre-publication dissemination focussed on improving quality.

To improve the quality of our research Politics has implemented an enhanced programme of mentoring for all staff, post-docs and PGRs. Since 2009 the Research Director has worked with clusters to develop a list of target journals and research career norms. Our Personal and Development Review (PDR) process continues to support colleagues in developing individual and collective research and publication strategies; and a parallel system of annual review has been implemented for PGRs. Our Peer Review Network and Politics Concors Collegium (poCCo) provide feedback to academic staff on draft research outputs and grant applications ahead of submission and formal review; and the PGR annual review process provides detailed feedback on chapters and research proposals from two academics. Finally, Politics provides an annual research allowance of £1000 to all academic staff to facilitate dissemination of research at international and national conferences, often for pre-publication feedback. The Politics Norman Chester Fund provides financial support to PGRs to attend conferences or conduct field work.

In the current REF period we have presented over 50 keynotes or plenary addresses plus over 600 papers at conferences, the majority of which have been to international scholarly events. We have published a total of 20 monographs, 20 edited collections, text books and handbooks, 321 journal articles and 157 book chapters. We can demonstrate clear evidence of an improvement in the quality of our research contributions since RAE2008. Among publications returned to REF2 in 2014, a significantly higher emphasis is on outputs in refereed journals, as opposed to publications in edited books or online (Table 2).

Table 2: Research Outputs Returned to RAE2008 and REF2014

%	Books	Edited books	Book contributions	Journal Articles	Research Report	Internet Publication
RAE2008	16.7	2.1	8.3	70.8	0.7	1.4
REF2014	10.9	0	2.3	86.7	0	0

A further indicator of the quality of our research is the 17 academic prizes that have been awarded to Politics scholars and PGRs by international and national professional associations - including the APSA, the ISA and the UK PSA - universities and academic journals (Table 3).

Table 3: Prizes Awarded for Research Excellence 2008-2014

* Indicates prize awarded to Manchester PGR

<p>Awarded by Professional Associations Annesley and Gains (2012) APSA Public Policy section - Best Comparative Policy Paper. Staab* (2012) Latin American Studies Association Elsa Chaney Award for junior scholar. Jurado (2012) PSA Arthur McDougall PhD Dissertation prize. Pattison (2011) ISA International Ethics Section - notable book. Annesley (2011) PSA Richard Rose Prize - contribution to British Politics by scholar under 40. Papadimitriou (2009) Political Studies Association of Ireland - Best Book Prize. Waylen (2008) APSA Victoria Schuck Prize - best book on gender and politics. Green (2008) APSA British Politics James B Christoph prize - best paper by junior scholar. Gains and John (2008) APSA Public Administration Herbert Kaufman Prize - best paper. Pattison (2008) PSA Sir Ernest Barker Prize - best PhD in political theory.</p>
<p>Awarded by Universities Wilkinson (2013) Uppsala University - Johan Skytte International Manuscript Workshop</p>

Award.
 Nordin* (2013) **University of Manchester** – PG Distinguished Achievement Award.
Siles-Brugge (2012) **University of Sheffield** - Andrew Gamble PhD Thesis Prize.
 Rhys-Birks* (2012) **University of Manchester** – PG Distinguished Achievement Award.
Annesley (2011) **Iowa State University** - Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for significant research on Women and Politics.

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Mac Ginty (2012) *Critical Studies in Terrorism* prize - best article 2008-12.
Siles-Brugge (2011) *New Political Economy* prize - best graduate student paper.

[3] Funding: investment in recruitment, workshops, collaboration and peer review focussed particularly on securing larger, prestigious grants e.g. British Election Study.

To increase our research income in the current REF period, with a specific focus on securing large scale grants such as the British Election Study (BES), we made extensive use of the Politics Peer Review Network which constructively assesses applications internally before they are sent to funding bodies. This process is supplemented by a rigorous process of peer review at School level. In addition we organised workshops and brought in leading international scholars to share expertise and advise on funding applications. We have been successful in securing a range of School, Faculty and University pump-priming grants. Finally we made strategic appointments of academics with strong records of securing external funding.

On an aggregate level, we can demonstrate a significant step change in our capacity to attract research funding. Over the five-year REF cycle we raised over £4m in research income, a £1.4m increase on the seven-year RAE2008 period (Table 4). 34 academics in Politics have held one or more external research grant in the REF period. Further, we can demonstrate success at attracting large scale research grants with at least three prominent examples: the ESRC British Elections Study (£1.25m); the European Research Council (ERC) grant on Understanding Institutional Change (€2.2m) and the European Union (EU) FP7 grant on the Role of Governance in the Resolution of Socioeconomic and Political Conflict in India and Europe (CORE) (€2.7m).

Table 4: Research income £ per year RAE 2008 and REF 2014.

RAE2008								
Year	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	TOTAL
Total	153,914	204,664	232,405	368,427	459,590	467,501	794,414	2,680,915
REF2014								
Year			08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	TOTAL
Total			1,186,105	896,764	823,388	379,742	811,877	4,097,875

To illustrate how mechanisms [1], [2] and [3] worked in a synergistic way to enhance our interdisciplinary research environment, improve the quality of research output and increase research income – culminating in large scale research grants towards the end of the REF period - we present three case studies from Politics. These also illustrate how our research environment will continue to be dynamic in the future.

Case Study One – Electoral Politics

Research Environment: Following the 2009 Politics strategic review we established a research cluster around Electoral Politics (EP), led by Russell. This cluster and its members became fully integrated into an interdisciplinary research environment - DCERN and ISC - as research leaders and members (Table 1). Research capacity around electoral politics was further enhanced through the strategic appointments of **Schmitt** to a personal chair as well as **Green, Ford** and **Sobolewska** at junior levels. Both **Gibson** and **Green** have secured secondments to ISC where they collaborate closely with Fieldhouse (ISC / Sociology). Research capacity in electoral politics was boosted by hosting significant conferences and meetings: PSA/EPOP in 2008; the Comparative Study of Electoral systems planning committee and workshop in 2008; the International Symposium of Election Forecasting in 2010; Methods Symposium for the BES in 2011. Funding has been secured in this period to bring in top international scholars in the field to

participate in these events and to support the development of the BES application (e.g. L. Stoker, Wlezien, Lewis-Beck, Erikson, Aldrich, Jesse and Milazzo). Two specialist journals are edited from Manchester: in 2011 **Gibson** took on the editorship of the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* and Russell and de Wijze are managing editors of *Representation* which in 2011 became the official journal of the APSA Section on Representation and Electoral Systems.

Output Quality: Scholars have published research in high ranking journals such as the *American Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*. **Green's** research was awarded an APSA prize.

Funding: A total of 12 funding awards have been made to scholars in this specialism for research projects / seminar series and all new appointments have strong records of grant raising. The BES was awarded to a Manchester-led consortium in 2013, a major step towards our strategic aim.

Case Study Two – Critical Security

Research Environment: The post-2009 establishment of the Post Structuralist and Critical Thought (PS&CT) cluster brought together scholars working on critical approaches to security, war, peacebuilding and humanitarianism. These include **Zehfuss**, **Pattison**, **Robinson**, Pin-Fat, and Guittet. Capacity in this research area was further enhanced by the establishment 2009 of the UoM's high profile multidisciplinary research centre - the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) - and by the 2012 appointments to Politics of **Richmond** and **Mac Ginty** as Chairs and Peterson as Lecturer. In 2012 HCRI established a new professional association - the International Association of Peace and Conflict Studies - launching with it an annual conference and a new specialist academic journal *Peacebuilding* edited by **Richmond** and **Mac Ginty**.

Output Quality: Scholars have published monographs with Oxford University Press and Routledge, and articles in leading journals including *Ethics and International Affairs*, *European Journal of International Relations* and *Security Dialogue*. Research outputs include **Pattison's** prize winning book and PhD thesis and **Mac Ginty's** prize winning article.

Funding: Scholars have a strong record of securing funding from national research councils e.g. **Pattison's** ESRC and British Academy awards, and HCRI at Manchester was the destination of choice for **Richmond** and **Mac Ginty** when awarded their international EU FP7 grant on the Role of Governance in the Resolution of Socioeconomic and Political Conflict in India and Europe (CORE) (€2.7m). Further FP7 bids involving **Richmond**, **Mac Ginty** and **Robinson** are currently under consideration.

Case Study Three – Gender and Politics

Research Environment: Gender and Politics scholars have had significant roles in leading the research agenda in the CPP cluster and the interdisciplinary research entities GRN and IPEG (Table 1). They also demonstrate a strong record of research collaborations at UoM, in the UK and internationally, e.g. A. Wilson established the new APSA section on Sexuality and Politics and **Annesley** and **Gains** in collaboration with colleagues in Ottawa and Nijmegen shared data with the Policy Agendas Project in IPEG to produce three APSA papers, one of which was awarded an APSA section prize. Research collaboration on Gender and Executives between **Annesley** and three North American colleagues led to international research funding and an international prize. Politics at Manchester hosted the PSA Gender and Politics specialist group conference in 2009 and organised international workshops Using Policy Agenda Data to Investigate Policy Issues Comparatively in 2010, Gender and the Core Executive in 2011, Feminist Activism in Turbulent Times in 2011 and Studying Gender Policy Change over Time in 2012, attracting international scholars for visiting fellowships and collaboration (e.g. Burack, Lopez and Chappell).

Output Quality: Research on Gender and Politics produced by Manchester academics is widely published in leading political science journals such as *Political Studies*, *Public Administration and Government and Opposition* and has been awarded academic prizes by APSA (**Annesley / Gains** and **Waylen**), PSA (**Annesley**) and the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize from Iowa State University (**Annesley**).

Funding: Gender and Politics scholars have secured research funding from the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) (**Gains**), Leverhulme (A. Wilson, **Waylen**), the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (**Annesley**), as well as four internal UoM and SoSS funding initiatives to support data collection and research collaborations. Moreover, based on its reputation in gender and politics, Manchester was the destination of choice for **Waylen** in 2012 to

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undertake her €2.2m European Research Council grant to study Understanding Institutional Change: A gender perspective. This research investment further expands the research capacity in this area through the appointment of four post-doc researchers (McLeod, Johnson, Winters and Staab) plus a PhD student.

The evidence above highlights the progress we have made towards our strategic aim of becoming one of the top Politics and IR departments in the world. The mechanisms we put in place for current REF period will remain the launch pad for further progress in the future. In this way we plan to continue collaboration in clusters, interdisciplinary units and internationally to develop research agendas, funding proposals and high quality outputs. In the next REF period we will continue to explore opportunities for securing major funding, including from Horizon 2020. Major developments currently being pursued include:

- The British Election Study to further embed the study of electoral politics at Manchester.
- A substantial expansion of Policy@Manchester to offer a variety of social media platforms that capture and communicate the sizeable interdisciplinary, policy-related activities undertaken by the UoM. It is to be directed from within the Politics DA and will operate in conjunction with the CPP cluster.
- An ESRC bid led by **Gibson** for an International Centre for Social Media Research to examine the use and impact of social media on politics and society.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Politics is a large and diverse department which supports and develops a core of 48.66 category A staff (compared with 46.6 in 2008) who represent the demographic range: we are 18 Professors, 11 Senior Lecturers, and 21 Lecturers, of whom 11 are ECRs. Our core academic staff is enhanced by temporary posts created by post-doc fellowships such as the competitive UoM Simon and Hallsworth Research Fellowships, replacement post for academics with research fellowships, secondments and research assistant posts created by grants.

We have a strong commitment to staff development and equality, regardless of rank, tenure status or background. Staff development is facilitated by a system of support through the annual Personal Development Reviews (PDRs). ECRs are given additional support through mentoring with senior academic staff during probation, teaching relief during the first three years in contract and the Faculty of Humanities' New Academics Programme. The UoM's website for ECRs was the winner of the Times Higher Education 2011 Award for Outstanding Support for ECRs <http://www.academiccareer.manchester.ac.uk/>. These systems of review and mentoring are enhanced by an annual research allowance of at least £1000 plus all permanent staff are entitled to apply for one semester sabbatical leave after six.

To promote equality and diversity, Politics implemented a policy in 2005 to foster an inclusive research environment for women and people with caring responsibilities. Since then, our policy has evolved in line with the rolling out of the UoM's Concordat Implementation plan. Politics publishes its Gender Good Practice Guidelines in the staff handbook which specify, for example, that research events are to be scheduled within the 9-5.30 working day, and that returners from maternity or caring leave receive additional mentoring from a senior colleague or teaching relief, if appropriate. This DA strategy is further enhanced by School and Faculty policies and resources, which developed as a result of Politics' best practice and campaigning. The UoM Equality and Diversity Unit has networks for all groups of staff representing key equality strands. The University guarantees interviews to job applicants with disabilities through its 'two ticks' scheme and offers significant support to colleagues with disabilities. Manchester has a vibrant LGBT community which is reflected in UoM staff and PGR population.

As evidence of success in terms of staff development we can demonstrate that 12 of our core staff have been promoted since RAE 2008. Further, six Hallsworth Research Fellows and temporary lecturers - **Ford, J. Wilson, Sobolewska, Green, L. Shields** and Bruff, - have been awarded permanent academic contracts in Politics in a competitive applications process. Other research

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fellows and temporary staff successfully secured permanent positions at Nottingham, Queen Mary, Durham, Southampton, Leicester, Loughborough, and Kingston when their contracts at Manchester expired. In terms of equality, Politics at Manchester is proud of its record of appointing and promoting women. Currently 19 of our 49 academics are women (=39%) and women are evenly represented across levels including 7 professors (**Annesley, Gains, Gibson, Green, Waylen**, A. Wilson and **Zehfuss** = 39% of professorial staff), 3 senior lecturers (Pin-Fat, **Richardson** and **Ronzoni** = 30% of all SLs), and 4 ECRs (**Ni Mhurchu, Roberts, Zevnik, Collins** = 33% of all ECRs). Seven of the ten women appointed or promoted to senior positions in this REF period have dependent children. We have at least two members of staff with disabilities and offer them substantial support. Our inclusive environment also supports LGBT academics and PGRs and their research agendas.

In this REF period we have made appointments to areas of key strategic significance, including colleagues with strong records of research, grant funding and impact activities (see case studies), and to sustain a critical mass of scholars across the research clusters at junior and senior levels (Table 5) as colleagues retired (e.g. Moran, Steiner, Lovecy and Clarke) and others sought relocation. Notably, MANCEPT has recently invested in the appointment of four ECRs and an SL.

Table 5: New Permanent Appointments by Cluster and Rank 2008-14 *Indicates ECR

Cluster	Appointments	Total
CPP	CHAIR: Richards, Waylen; SL: Richardson; L: Bruff	4
EP	CHAIR: Schmitt; L: Green (now Chair), Ford, Sobolewska	4
GPE	SL: Death; L: J. Wilson* , Siles-Brugge* , Roberts*	4
MANCEPT	SL: Ronzoni; L: Child* , Schemmel* , L. Shields* , Collins*	5
PS&CT	CHAIR: Richmond, Mac Ginty; L: Zevnik* , Peterson	4

By 2015 we will have made four further strategic appointments across the DA, namely one in CPP, one in International Politics (China), one to promote research in Quantitative Methods and one open post.

Finally, in terms of research ethics, all research staff conform to the standards, rules and guidelines established by the relevant learned societies, funding bodies and other professional organisations from the Politics disciplinary area and in conjunction with the UoM's Code of Good Research Conduct.

ii. Research students

Politics currently supports 42 PhD researchers (an average intake of 13 per year) who are fully integrated intellectually and physically into the DA's research environment. We recruit research students of outstanding quality and offer them the highest levels of development and academic professionalisation through: financial support; dual supervision; integration in research clusters, formal doctoral training, a bi-annual review process and extensive opportunities to contribute to undergraduate teaching. Since 2011, our sustained excellence and rigour at PGR level is evidenced through on-going ESRC accreditation and our leading role in the establishment (in conjunction with the Universities of Lancaster and Liverpool) of the North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC) alongside successfully competing in the DTC for 8 ESRC scholarships (prior to which we had 2 ESRC quota awards per year). In addition, we award one prestigious President's Doctoral Scholar Award plus two additional School of Social Science scholarships per year on a highly competitive basis. Further financial support is provided through the SoSS fieldwork fund, Politics' Norman Chester Fund for research and dissemination activities and Politics' Hardship Fund for living costs. Each PGR has two supervisors on a 50:50 or 66:33 basis to maximise the support given and to give all academics experience of supervision.

Each PGR is a member of at least one research cluster and they contribute to existing research agendas as well as initiating their own research activities, many of which are international in their esteem. As well as Brave New World (above), PhD students in Politics publish the online PhD peer-reviewed research journal *Political Perspectives* (www.politicalperspectives.org.uk), now in its seventh volume. PGRs' research progress and training needs are monitored internally through a

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bi-annual review process with supervisors and an annual review conducted by academic peer reviewers and the PhD Director. Professional development is also facilitated by the doctoral programme in Politics, including extensive methods training through Methods@Manchester. All PhD students give research presentations to clusters, the DA and the annual NWDTC conference. Most present to international conferences, including ECPR, APSA and ISA and publish research in academic journals (e.g. *Social Politics*, *Review of International Studies*) prior to completion. A virtue of our large UG numbers is that most PGRs have the opportunity to teach undergraduate courses as part of their professional development and our major UG modules employ senior teaching assistants, which helps PGRs further develop academic leadership skills.

In the current REF period, 78 PhDs were completed in Politics (59 FTE), 72% of whom we know subsequently secured employment in academia (up from 50% in RAE2008) in the UK (including Oxford, Kings, Queen Mary, Cambridge) and internationally in no fewer than 17 countries (including China, Kuwait, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey) (Table 6). Other professional destinations include the World Bank, the UK civil service, journalism, political consultancy, political campaigning and teaching in secondary education. Our current and past PhD students have been awarded prizes for research excellence (Table 3).

Table 6: Destination of Politics PGRs 2008-14

Academia	72% (42% UK / 30% International)
Other	19%
No information	9%

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

As outlined in Section B and Table 4 we have significantly increased our research income from external sources in this research period. We can demonstrate an increase in research income from research councils, charities, UK industry and government bodies and the EU. We have also had success in gaining funding from non-traditional sources. Awards have been spread across the DA with 34 members of Politics gaining external funding. Towards the end of the REF cycle we demonstrated success in securing large, agenda-setting research consortia and large scale grant. The British Election Study awarded by the ESRC facilitates a Manchester-Oxford-Nottingham consortium, hosted by Manchester. The FP7 grant on 'The Role of Governance in the Resolution of Socioeconomic and Political Conflict in India and Europe' supports a consortium of 11 international research institutes, hosted by **Richmond** and **Mac Ginty** who are seconded to HCRI. The European Research Council award on 'Understanding Institutional Change: A gender perspective' led by **Waylen** and also involving **Gains** creates four post-doctoral research posts plus one PhD scholarship.

By 2015, the University will have completed a £750m capital investment project which provides excellent buildings and infrastructure conducive to a world-leading research environment. The Arthur Lewis Building (ALB) which opened in 2007 is home to the School of Social Sciences (SoSS). This state-of-the-art, purpose-built facility brings together colleagues and PGRs from all social science disciplines, actively facilitating interdisciplinary research. Integral to SoSS is a dedicated research support hub that serves to develop research strategy and organise research collaborations, keep staff informed of funding opportunities, assist in developing grant applications, including peer review of proposals, and support with grant management and monitoring the progress of funded projects against contract deadlines. The School research hub is overseen by SoSS's Director of Research (currently **Annesley**) who also chairs its Research Committee, providing overall oversight of research activity and strategy across the UoA. The Director of Research is a member of the Faculty of Humanities Research Strategy Committee. At Faculty level, an annual review of research centres and institutes is undertaken to maintain and support excellent standards in research activity and research-based impact generation. The Faculty Strategic Investment Reserve Fund (SIRF) pump primes development of large/interdisciplinary collaborative research applications – with special consideration given to ECRs – and supports

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research-based impact generating activities; **Zevnik** and Guittet (PS&CT) and L. **Shields** (MANCEPT) recently benefited from SIRF investment.

The UoM Library is a designated National Research Library and offers, among other things, access to an unparalleled range of electronic resources including over 40,000 e-journals and a complete range of research databases. Through Manchester *e-scholar* it offers researchers a premium resource to both deposit and disseminate their research outputs as an open access repository.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Scholars in Politics at Manchester are international and interdisciplinary in their research collaborations, publications and dissemination and they make significant contributions to the management of journals and professional associations.

There is strong evidence across Politics of successful research collaborations beyond the UoM, both nationally and internationally. A review of the DA identified over 40 such international research collaborations. These are facilitated through research fellowships to other universities (28 in this REF period) and by supporting visiting scholars in Manchester (16 in this REF period). This document has already outlined three examples of significant successes in collaborative research bids (the ESRC BES, FP7 CORE and ERC UIC). Other examples include:

- **Ford's** collaboration with Coenders (Utrecht) on 'Welfare States under Strain: Diversity, Austerity and Public Opinion' led to a £225,000 grant jointly awarded by ESRC and Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research.
- **Gibson** collaborated with Aldrich (Duke) to secure an ESRC International Collaboration and Networking Grant to work on a UK-US comparative study of offline and online party mobilisation in 2010 and 2012 national elections. She is also PI on the Australian Election Study and Australian Candidate Study and a member of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems executive committee.
- **Gorlizki's** collaboration with Khlevniuk (State Archive of the Russian Federation) on 'Networks and Hierarchies in Soviet Provinces' received a unanimous 'outstanding' end of award evaluation from the ESRC.
- **Papadimitriou's** collaboration with Featherstone (LSE) and others led to over £30,000 funding for research on the Greek core executive and £24,000 from the AHRC for research on Muslim minority of Thrace during the Axis occupation and the Greek Civil War 1941-49.
- **Schmitt** is the chair of COST action, a European Commission funded initiative, pulling together databases of 26 national election surveys.

We can also demonstrate strong evidence of research collaboration and production with non-academic users, locally, nationally and internationally. For example:

- **Barabantesva** collaborated with Manchester's Chinese community and Andy Lawrence from the Granada Centre to produce a documentary on the history of Manchester Chinatown.
- **Morgan** is a long-standing trustee of the Working Class Movement Library (Salford) and of the Archives of the Communist Party of Great Britain 1920-1991 (Manchester).
- **Gorlizki** co-organized a major international conference in Moscow on the History of Stalinism (2008), funded by the Yeltsin foundation and attended by 800 people from over a dozen countries, including Russian government ministers and prominent media personalities. The event was widely covered by the Russian and international media and played a key role in the officially sponsored re-evaluation of the Stalin period during the second half of 2010.
- **Richardson** pioneered the co-production of research with local communities in the UK's North West. Funding for the North West Improvement Network involved designing research programmes with the NW region, 47 local authorities and government offices.
- **Wilkinson** initiated and convened the inaugural Global Poverty Summit in Johannesburg, 2011, bringing together 50 of the world's leading poverty thinkers to influence progress in the Millennium Development Goals and the WTO's Doha Development Agenda. The summit produced two edited research volumes combining academic and practitioner contributions.

In the REF period Politics, has hosted over 60 conferences and workshops including the PSA

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annual conference (2009 and will again in 2014), PSA standing group conferences EPOP (2008) and Politics and Gender (2009) and two ESRC seminar series in 2009-10 and 2009-11. In 2011 MANCEPT took over the organization and hosting of the annual Political Theory Workshops, the largest gathering of workshops on Political Theory in the UK, and perhaps worldwide. We have organised numerous panels at major international conferences such as ISA, APSA, ECPR.

Since 2008 Politics academics have established two new journals - *Twentieth Century Communism* and *Peacekeeping* - which highlights the DA's strong reputation in these fields. A total of 12 journals are edited from the DA (Table 7), double the number recorded in RAE2008. We serve on the editorial boards of a further 31 academic journals and edit at least four book series including the Routledge Global Institutions series (**Wilkinson**), the Athena Editions Security series (Guittet), the Manchester University Press European Policy Research series (**Humphreys** and **Papadimitriou**), and the Hurst Contemporary Greece series (**Papadimitriou**).

Table 7: Academic Journals Edited in Manchester *Indicates new journal in REF period

Journal	Editor/s
* <i>Peacekeeping</i>	Richmond / Mac Ginty est 2013
* <i>Twentieth Century Communism</i>	Morgan est 2009
<i>Representation</i>	Russell / de Wijze
<i>Journal of Elections Public Opinion and Parties</i>	Gibson
<i>Local Government Studies</i>	Richardson
<i>Constitutional Political Economy</i>	Hamlin
<i>Critical Studies on Terrorism</i>	Robinson
<i>Politics and Religion</i>	A. Wilson
<i>Revue Internationale de Philosophie</i>	Turnbull
<i>Political Studies Review</i>	Richards
<i>International Feminist Journal of Politics</i>	Waylen
<i>Political Perspectives</i>	Maltby / other PGRs

Members of Politics at Manchester contribute strongly to the success of professional organisations representing Humanities, Social Sciences, Politics and International Relations. **Waylen** and **Hamlin** are elected members of the Academy of Social Sciences and **Wilkinson** is an elected Fellow of the Royal Academy. **Gibson, Green, Waylen, Richards** and **Pattison** serve(d) on the ESRC peer review college. A. Wilson is on the APSA Council, Russell was a member of the PSA executive for five years, and **Zehfuss** is on the ISA Governing Council.

We are leaders in sub-disciplinary groupings and standing groups for professional associations. For example: A. Wilson served on the APSA committee for status of LGBTs in the Profession and has been chair of APSA LGBT caucus; she is founder of Sexuality Organised Group. **Schmitt** is the Chair of the European Election Studies Association. **Humphreys** was the elected chair of the Law and Policy divisions of the International Communications Association and the European Communications Research and Education Association. **Papadimitriou** is Founding Co-Convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on South East Europe. In the PSA Turnbull co-convenes the Interpretivist Political Science Standing Group; **Gains** and **Richards** preceded him in this role. In BISA, **Wilkinson** is on the executive Board; **Zehfuss** is the co-founder of the working group on Poststructural Politics; **Pattison** is the co-convenor of Global Ethics and the Intervention and Responsibility to Protect working groups. **Zevnik** is a convenor of Contemporary Research in International Political Theory (CRIPT) working group and a member of Critical Legal Studies collective. **Wilkinson** is the ACUNS lead delegate to WTO Ministerial Conferences.