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Institution: Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)
Unit of assessment: C21 Politics and International Studies
<p>a. Overview: QMUL's School of Politics and International Relations' (SPIR) overarching ambition in this REF period was to develop from a unit housing a talented group of scholars in Politics and International Relations – reflected in our strong RAE 2008 result – to one recognised as a leading venue for research in these subject areas in the UK. The strategic goals developed to pursue this ambition, described fully in the Research Strategy section below, have resulted in significant changes in the organisation and resourcing of our research environment, major investment in new posts to increase SPIR's size and research capacity, and substantial improvements in our provision for PGRs. SPIR has also benefited from the vibrant research culture and wider strategic development of QMUL, whose research strengths across multiple disciplines were recognised through admission to the Russell Group in 2012, and its highly successful Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS).</p> <p>SPIR is strongly committed to research that transcends intra- and interdisciplinary boundaries, bringing together approaches from Politics, International Relations and Political theory with other HSS disciplines including Development, Economics, Geography, and History. To integrate these research interests and promote collaboration, SPIR has located all researchers into one or more of three thematic clusters: European Policy and Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory and the History of Ideas. SPIR also took the strategic decision to develop and support a research centre in each of these themes: the Centre for European Research (CER); the Centre for the Study of Global Security and Development (CSGSD), and the Centre for the Study of the History of Political Thought (CSHPT). These centres reinforce interdisciplinary collaboration, enriching our research and ensuring it is informed by related traditions, theories and approaches.</p> <p>Alongside these developments, new appointments increased SPIR's size by almost 50% since 2008 (to 27 FTE research active members of staff), placing it on a par with units at comparable institutions. These appointments consolidated existing areas of strength and added new areas of expertise. In IR, we have assembled a team with extensive regional expertise who make distinctive contributions to critical scholarship. Incoming experts on international governance and policymaking and British politics have further developed our strengths in European politics and governance.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy: SPIR's Research Strategy 2013-15 identifies five strategic goals: (i) improve the quality of published outputs; (ii) maximise the dissemination of our research, including our non-academic impact; (iii) develop a distinctive and empowering research culture that engages staff and PGR students; (iv) enhance support grant applications to increase research income and diversify sources of funding; (v) raise SPIR's research profile within London, nationally, and internationally. SPIR's Research Committee, headed by a Director of Research and reporting to the School's Senior Leadership Team, formulated this strategy in consultation with staff and to reflect QMUL's Strategic Plan 2010-15 and Research Strategy 2012-15. SPIR's goals were pursued by: strategic appointments to develop our research strengths and support; the development of mentoring procedures for all staff; a more embedded culture of research support; promoting a large increase in research-related events; a large increase in and redeployment of resources to support individual and collaborative work, and providing 'seed corn' funding to assist larger grant applications.</p> <p><i>Strategic achievements since 2008 include:</i> (i) staff have published in leading international journals (<i>Political Studies</i>, <i>Party Politics</i>, <i>Review of International Studies</i>, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>) and the number of outputs published during this census period has increased substantially (52 books, 209 articles and 114 book chapters, compared to 37 books, 101 articles and 86 chapters for RAE 2008); (ii) our work has achieved significant impact beyond academia of domestic and international scope, with audiences including governments, the third sector and community organisations and the wider public via the media (see REF 3a and section 5); SPIR staff also made significant contributions to disciplinary conferences, working groups and associations (see section 5); (iii) a more empowering research culture has been created through a large increase in the number of reading groups, seminars, workshops and lectures; the provision of communal space for collaborative discussions and PGRs; (iv) through recruitment of a dedicated Research Manager and better internal support structures for grant applications (peer review, funding forums, regular funding bulletins, increased access to funding advice, liaison with QM's Business Development unit) SPIR has fostered a</p>

more ambitious approach to funding; we have diversified our funding base and the total value of grant applications increased from £348k in 2007 to £3m in 2013. Funding highlights include: MAXCAP, a collaborative FP7 grant (total £2.5m); How do Economic Sanctions (Not) Work (ESRC, £120k), and several research fellowships (Leverhulme, total £240k; Marie Curie, £309k); (v) by recruiting a Communications and Events Officer, SPIR has raised its profile within London and beyond by running an ambitious events and outreach programme, forging links with public officials and community groups. Highlights include: [One Nation Labour](#), a conference with the IPPR and Labour party figures, public debates on [Britain's EU Membership](#), and [Populism and Extremism](#), with Policy Network, and events exploring the [reasons behind the London Riots](#), with the Tottenham Defence Campaign and other community groups. With the high-profile [Mile End Group](#), SPIR has hosted public lectures by Lord Adonis on the Lib-Con coalition, Charles Moore on 'Thatcher and Whitehall', Oliver Letwin on 'Coalition Policy-making', Sir Nigel Sheinwald on the 2012 US Election, Joseph Nye on ethical foreign policy, and John Bercow MP and Baroness Hayman on the 1911 Parliament Act. SPIR's external lecture programme has attracted leading scholars including Stephen Gill, Anthony King, Bonnie Honig, Ernesto Laclau, Costas Lapavistas, Leo Panitch, J. Ann Tickner, James Tully, and Michael Walzer.

Strategic goals beyond 2015 include: (i) the establishment of a new Centre for the Future of UK Governance and Politics to consolidate and expand SPIR's strengths in this field, deepen ties with Westminster and generate impact activities; (ii) the further development of an Impact and Public Engagement strategy to build on our successes and firmly embed these activities within SPIR's research work; (iii) the development of an Open Access policy that maximises free public access to our research; (iv) to increase and further diversify external research income (including for PGRs); (v) a sustainable increase in PGR numbers and completions; (vi) to further develop SPIR's research culture by increasing the activity of its research centres; (vii) to enhance SPIR's growing national and international profile through an expansion in events, collaborations with academic and non-academic partners, and professional affiliations.

Research Themes and Centres. SPIR's research is clustered around three broad themes, each with an associated research centre. Reflecting SPIR's strong, distinctive commitment to transcending boundaries within and between disciplines, many staff are active across multiple themes and each of our research centres is interdisciplinary. Our IR specialists engage in debates within and draw upon Marxist, post-colonial and Polanyian theoretical traditions, while our Political Theorists use Continental thought to explore contemporary international and domestic political problems. Our Europeanists and IR scholars transcend the divide between national and international politics, using approaches from sociology, economics and geography. This pluralist approach has generated innovative, cutting-edge research relevant to the wider discipline, but also fostered the development of deep specialist expertise.

European Policy and Politics (Bara, Bale, Copeland, Diamond, Fagan, Guibernau, Kenny, Kuhn, Murray, O'Duffy, Saull, Shilliam, Wolff; 11 PGRs). This theme combines expertise in specific countries and regions (British, French, Southern, Central and Eastern European politics), EU governance and politics, and specific policy domains (media, environment, financial services, welfare). EPP staff conduct theoretical and empirical research on representation and identity (including parties, movements and elections), and multi-level governance and regulation, often combining comparative methodologies with concepts and theories drawn from IR, IPE and development. To enhance this interdisciplinary approach and to facilitate external partnerships and extra-academic impact, SPIR founded the [Centre for European Research](#) (CER) in 2012 (director: **Copeland**), with members from the Schools of Business Management and Law.

EPP research on European politics includes the [Manifestos Project](#), a major, 25-year collaborative study providing unique data on policy preferences across 25 European countries (**Bara**), innovative studies of the Conservative Party, right-wing populism (**Bale**) and changing British governance (**Diamond**), evidence of how institutional innovations affect women's political representation (**Murray**), explorations of nationhood, nationalism and identity (**Guibernau, Kenny**), and studies of the media (**Kuhn** – submitted to UoAD28 Modern Languages and Linguistics). EPP research on European multilevel governance has analysed the impact of EU enlargement (**Fagan**, [MAXCAP project](#)), EU external security policies (**Wolff**) and EU welfare reforms (**Copeland**), generating

new insights into political transformations inside and outside the Union.

EPP staff are developing CER into a vibrant academic space, hosting a major [conference on the 2012 French elections](#), seminars and workshops, a [public debate on Britain's EU membership](#) and two disciplinary journals: *East European Politics* (ed.: **Fagan**) and the *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook* (co-ed: **Murray**), representing the achievement of one of the goals set out in RAE2008. CER also offers consultancy services, e.g. to [text removed for publication] (**Bale**), the Open Society (**Copeland**), the EU Commission and the Balkan Civil Society Development Network (**Fagan**); and governments and activists from Europe, Israel and China (**Murray**). EPP staff also collaborate across intra-disciplinary boundaries. During this REF period SPIR has recruited several experts in British politics who are now collaborating with colleagues in QMUL's [Centre for the History of Political Thought](#) (CSHPT; see below), think tanks, and leading figures in UK political parties to explore contemporary ideological developments. Joint events included [Labour and the New Left](#) (with IPPR) and [One Nation Labour](#) (with Labour's Policy Review) (**Bale, Davis, Kenny**).

Future plans to establish SPIR as a leading base for European politics and policy expertise include: a project on 'Populism in European Politics' with the Policy Network (**Bale, Diamond, Kenny**); a bid for a Jean Monnet Chair in 2014/15 and recognition as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence by 2017/18; the founding of a *Centre for the Future of UK Governance and Politics*; enhancing ties with Westminster through the appointment of Lord Adonis as Visiting Professor; a bid to host the 2015 UACES conference; PGR-led public engagement events with local schools on the 2014 European elections; and a conference on UK business interests and EU membership.

International Relations (Drolet, Dunkerley, Fagan, Gabay, Guibernau, Harman, Jones, Kiely, Mabee, O'Duffy, Phillips, Saull, Shilliam, Webber, D Williams; 15 PGRs): researchers in this theme cover the broad range of IR but have also developed a critical approach and wide-ranging regional expertise that is highly distinctive in the UK. SPIR's IR scholars work within a critical, historical-sociological tradition, drawing on radical political economy, political theory and political geography. Their research transcends the comparative politics/ IR divide by investigating the interrelations between the international and national, particularly with respect to state formation, conflict, security and development in the developing world. This interdisciplinary approach was reinforced by the creation of SPIR's [Centre for the Study of Global Security and Development](#) (CSGSD, director: **D Williams**) in 2009 with the Schools of Geography and Business Management. IR specialists also participate in the CSHPT (see below).

Empirical IR research has used interdisciplinary approaches to generate critical insights into global development (**Kiely**), US foreign policy (**Drolet, Mabee, Saull**), the domestic and international dynamics of revolution in Latin America (**Dunkerley, Webber**), international state-building and local governance in the Balkans and Southeast Asia (**Fagan, Jones**), transnational activism and economic and health governance interventions in Africa (**Gabay, Harman, D Williams**), colonialism, slavery and the black diaspora (**Shilliam**), Arabian state formation and identity (**Phillips**), China's rise (**Kiely, Saull**), and intervention and security in Southeast Asia (**Jones**). Theoretical work has pioneered historical-sociological analysis of the international dimensions of right-wing thought and politics (**Drolet, Saull**), and developed fresh understandings of hegemony (**Saull**), enabling collaboration with EPP and PTHI staff working on related topics (**Bale, Davis, Kenny, Woodford**).

SPIR and the CSGSD, supported by the HSS Faculty, facilitate this research by hosting regular reading groups, research seminars and public lectures, and by funding major research workshops, including [Interpreting Contemporary African Protest](#); [The Longue Durée of the Far-Right](#); [Leadership in Global Health Governance](#); [Political Economy, State Transformation and the New Security Agenda](#). The CSGSD has also hosted internationally renowned speakers from a variety of disciplines, including Derek Gregory, Mark Duffield, Costas Lapavistas, Leo Panitch, and J. Ann Tickner.

Ongoing/ future activities include: a major British Academy Conference on the post-2015 international development agenda (**Gabay**); a postdoctoral future research leaders bid on political economy and performance, in collaboration with the Barbican (**Shilliam**, ESRC, £250k); a funding bid with Sheffield on leadership in global health (**Harman**, ESRC, £580k); a collaborative bid with Chatham House and the Swiss and Norwegian governments on 'Syria and its Neighbours' (**Phillips**, £1m); and a seminar programme on Syria in collaboration with St Andrews (**Phillips**, Asfari Foundation, £6k).

Political Theory and the History of Ideas (Davis, Drolet, Dunkerley, Kenny, Shilliam, Thomassen, C Williams, D Williams, Woodford; 7 PGRs). Research in this theme combines historical, sociological and practical approaches to classical and contemporary political thought. During this REF period, SPIR sought to enhance connections between political theory and its other research themes to enhance its reputation for theoretically-informed scholarship and to ensure that all our sub-disciplinary themes are opened to theoretical debate and inquiry. Accordingly, we made several appointments to strengthen links between political theory and British politics (**Kenny**) and international relations (**Drolet, Shilliam, D Williams**). SPIR also significantly expanded its high-profile [Centre for the Study of the History of Political Thought](#) (CSHPT), founded by SPIR in 2007 and run in partnership with the Schools of History and Law (with **Drolet** and **Kenny** on its executive committee).

PTHI research has explored the history and impact of neo-conservative political thought (**Drolet**), the history and legacy of the New Left (**Davis**), modern French thought (**Jennings**), political expressions of English nationhood (**Kenny**), contemporary democratic theory and the challenges of multiculturalism (**Thomassen, Woodford**), the role of Liberalism in global governance (**D Williams**), German and postcolonial thought in international politics (**Shilliam**), and the nature of subjectivity (**C Williams, Woodford**). Our scholars have pioneered the application of political theory, particularly 'recognition' theories, to analyse contemporary social problems (**Kenny, Shilliam, Woodford**). A major innovation is **Shilliam's** extensive public engagement activities with local ethnic minority community groups, which uses his research on black diasporas and post-colonial thought to foster debate about the challenges facing BEM communities, and possible solutions to these (see REF3a for details). PTHI staff also collaborate with EPP colleagues on UK party politics (see above).

SPIR's CSHPT has become one of the leading centres in Europe in its field. It provides a vehicle for collaboration with leading scholars such as Richard Bourke, Quentin Skinner and Gareth Stedman-Jones. Highlights of this collaboration include an outstanding speakers programme featuring major figures in the discipline; the hosting of international conferences organised by SPIR staff on, e.g. Adam Smith (2010) and the Italian Risorgimento (2010), [Continental Philosophy](#) and [Spinoza](#) (2013), and [Fifty Years of E.P. Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class](#) (2013); the fortnightly [Seminar in the History of Political Ideas](#); the annual [Nicolai Rubenstein Lecture](#); the [London Summer School in Intellectual History](#); the annual [International Symposia in the Humanities and Social Sciences](#); and several major conferences organised by PGRs through the [historyofpoliticalthought.net](#) research group (see the Research Students section for details). The CSHPT has hosted many distinguished Visiting Fellows and speakers, including: Terence Ball (Arizona), Fonna Forman (UC San Diego), Bonnie Honig (Northwestern), Mark Lilla (Columbia), Douglas Moggach (Ottawa), Paul Patton (UNSW, Sydney), Maurizio Viroli (Princeton), Charles Walton (Yale), and Stephen White (Virginia). The CHPT also hosts a peer-reviewed journal managed by PGRs: [The Journal of Intellectual History and Political Thought](#).

Future activities include: the development of a '[Theory Lab](#)' to develop collaborative research and innovation in contemporary political theory; collaboration with Sociology, Politics and History scholars on the [Crisis of European Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Austerity](#), supported by QMUL's strategic partnership with Warwick (**Shilliam**, European Science Foundation, €14k; QMUL, £17k); a major international conference on the intellectual history of US foreign policy (**Drolet, Dunkerley, BISA/QMUL/US Embassy**, £10k); an international symposium on Americanisation in UK policymaking and politics (**Kenny, Diamond**, 2014); and the public launch of and impact activities around *The Politics of English Nationhood* (OUP, 2014) (**Kenny**, Leverhulme, £99k).

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development New appointments since RAE 2008 have been key to realising SPIR's research ambitions. Almost 50% of our current staff joined SPIR after 2008. Appointments were made with candidates' research quality and potential the primary consideration, and at different levels of seniority (9 lecturer; 4 senior lecturer; 2 professorial). We recruited promising early-career researchers to aid expansion and consolidate our research strengths and impact (**Copeland, Diamond, Gabay, Phillips, Woodford**) and dynamic, well-known figures at professorial level (**Kenny, Bale**) to provide additional research leadership and mentoring within SPIR and to enhance the School's national and international standing. At mid-career level we made new appointments at Senior Lecturer level (**Drolet, Harman, Shilliam, D Williams**). Recruitment to fixed-term posts (1.8 FTE in 2012-

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13) and teaching fellowships (0.33 FTE in 2012-13) enabled planned periods of part-time working and reduced teaching loads for staff externally-funded research grants and other buy-outs. These staff are treated as full members of SPIR's research community and integrated into its research themes. SPIR's continued success and QMUL investment also allowed the School to recruit two new members of administrative staff to support its research ambitions: a Research Manager, who supports staff in identifying, obtaining and managing research funding and impact opportunities and supports our PGRs; and an Events and Communications Officer, who helps organise research, impact and public engagement events and to disseminate our research to audiences beyond academia.

SPIR is strongly committed to supporting and developing its staff. We operate a research mentoring scheme for all academic staff, enabling discussion of research ambitions, work in progress, funding applications, impact and public engagement, which generates specific goals recorded in annual Personal Research Plans. These are reviewed in future mentoring meetings and by SPIR's Research Committee, which directs its work and resources (including a £30k research fund) to support the goals of staff. All staff also undergo annual appraisals with appropriate senior staff members, and Lecturer and Senior Lecturers are assigned probation mentors until they are confirmed in post. SPIR's Gender Equality Action Group is taking part in the Equality Challenge Unit's pilot scheme in preparation for the launch of the Gender Equality Charter Mark. SPIR's success in developing and supporting its staff is reflected in a series of promotions awarded to recognise research achievements and leadership, to Senior Lecturer (**Davis, Gabay, Jones, Mabee, Thomassen, Webber**), to Senior Lecturer then Reader (**Murray**), and to Reader then Professor (**Fagan**).

SPIR staff also benefit from QMUL's wider investment in career development. QMUL is committed to the Concordat to Support Career Development of Researchers through its [implementation plan](#). As part of this plan, QMUL's Centre for Academic and Professional Development (CAPD) provides a dedicated Research Development programme, which all staff are encouraged to attend. All early-career staff are enrolled on CAPD's Post Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice course, which covers research, teaching and professional duties. QMUL also provides support for impact and public engagement development through its Innovation and Business Development teams and Centre for Public Engagement. QMUL operates a sabbatical scheme (1 term in 7) which is open to all by application, and overseen at School-level by the Research Committee.

ii. Research students: Two key aims in relation to PGRs from RAE2008 were met during this review period: the achievement of ESRC recognition through a successful Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) bid with Goldsmiths; and a significant increase in the number of research students, from 19 PGRs in 2008/09 to 40 (39FTE) in 2012/13. Through a competitive process with other Schools in HSS and the DTC, SPIR also secured 14 QMUL-funded studentships (3 co-supervised with other Schools, reflecting our inter-disciplinary commitment) and 4 DTC studentships. Other sources of PGR funding include: the SSHRC, Canada; CAPES, Brazil; the governments of Vietnam, Saudi Arabia and Barbados; and the Slovene Human Resources Development and Scholarship Fund.

SPIR's support for PGRs has substantially improved during this REF period, notably in the areas of training, funding and facilities. (i) Training: qualitative and quantitative research methods training is provided both by SPIR and the DTC. These modules train students in methods including interviewing, ethnography, archival work and statistical analysis using SPSS software. In recognitions of its strengths, SPIR provides the quantitative component for all DTC-funded students. Goldsmiths covers disciplines not available at QM (e.g. anthropology, sociology), providing students with truly comprehensive and interdisciplinary training. SPIR also provides a weekly seminar series to train students in other skills (fieldwork, conferences, networking, writing up) and provide a forum for students to present and get feedback on their work. The CAPD provides additional training through its Research Development Framework (RDF), developed in response to the Concordat for career development for research. PGRs are required to undertake at least 70 hours training each academic year from across these options. (ii) Funding: PGRs can access SPIR funding for conferences and other expenses (£500 per student pa); submit bids to SPIR's General Research Fund (£30k pa) for conferences, workshops, impact and public engagement activities; apply to QMUL's Postgraduate Research and Postgraduate Research Innovation funds for research expenses, fieldwork costs and conferences (£180k pa); and apply to QMUL's Centre for Public Engagement for public engagement funding (£300k pa). (iii) Facilities: SPIR has provided

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dedicated office space for PGRs; QMUL provides additional space through its Lock Keepers Cottage facilities and is investing £38m in a new Graduate Centre.

SPIR has also put robust arrangements in place to support PGR progression and timely completion. Each PGR student is supported by two supervisors in SPIR and, where appropriate, from other QMUL Schools. With their supervisors, students complete annual research plans identifying their objectives and training needs for each year, and students also submit brief reports of each supervision to ensure goals are clear. The Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) and the Research Manager oversee admissions, studentship competitions, supervisory arrangements, research training and the research environment for PGRs. Research student progression and pastoral issues are monitored by the Graduate Student Review Committee (GSRC), chaired by the DGS. GSRC receives biannual progression reports from students and supervisors and oversees progression reviews, which involve students being examined on their work by two academics in their first and third years. At the institutional level, PGRs are supported by QMUL's [Doctoral College](#), which oversees all PhD and Postdoctoral activity, including the RDF.

Another of SPIR's strategic goals was met through the expansion of PGR activity in this REF period. PGR students ran major conferences on Ontology and Politics (2008), and Immanence and Materialism (2009). The CHPT's research group, [historyofpoliticalthought.net](#), co-organised by SPIR students, hosted four conferences: Perspectives in Democratic Theory (2010, plenary: John Dunn, Cambridge), Human Nature and Diversity in the History of Political Thought (2011, plenary: Noel Malcolm, Oxford), Property, Dominion and Self-Ownership (2012, plenary: Eric Nelson, Harvard), and Global Order and Disorder in the History of Political Thought (2013, plenaries: James Tully, Victoria; Malcolm Schofield, Cambridge). This group has also launched a peer-reviewed online journal, [The Journal of Intellectual History and Political Thought](#), and generated an edited volume, [Governing Diversities: Democracy, Diversity and Human Nature](#) (2012). SPIR PGRs have gone on to the following institutions: King's College London (Annette Boaz); Kingston (Simon Choat); American Foreign Policy Council (Lamont Colucci); University of Toronto (John Grant); Central European University (Mladen Ostojic); the American International University in London (Paul Rekret).

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities: SPIR made progress towards diversifying and increasing its research income during this REF period. A major challenge was the ending of the ESRC-funded Centre for Evidence-based Policy in 2005 (awarded £1.5m over its lifetime), which dominated SPIR's research income in the RAE 2008 period. SPIR's research income increased from an average of £60k pa in 2007 and 2008, after the Centre funding ceased, to £115k pa during this REF period. SPIR's increased support for funding bids generated greater ambition among staff, resulting in an eight-fold increase in grant applications by value from 2007 to 2013. We expect this to pay increasing dividends.

SPIR's research management and support has substantially improved since 2008. SPIR's internal research funding has almost tripled since 2008. Staff receive a £1k personal research allowance and may submit bids to a General Research Fund (£30k) administered by the Research Committee. This fund is used strategically to fund small research projects, networking, impact and public engagement events, and fund pilot schemes likely to result in the development of major new projects and grant applications. Staff are also supported through one-to-one research mentoring, and the regular reviewing of colleagues' work, including grant applications, by senior academics. New administrative staff, a Research Manager and Marketing and Events Officer, provide substantial support to staff and research students, including: bespoke advice on funding sources and applications and liaison with other QMUL support structures; policy implementation for staff and students; and maximising impact (academic and non-academic) through events and other activities (social media, web presence, media appearances).

At the institutional level, SPIR benefits from the resources and infrastructure of QMUL, its large and highly successful HSS Faculty, and the federal University of London to which QMUL belongs. A £20m capital investment programme during this REF period has made high-calibre research facilities available to the HSS Faculty's staff and students. Dedicated Innovation and Business Development units and the Joint Research Management Office provide expert advice and support with funding applications, run advisory workshops, and work with applicants on funding proposals at all stages.

SPIR's research grant successes include:

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- Major collaborative awards - **Fagan**: FP7, [MAXCAP](#), with Freie Universität Berlin and LSE (€2.5m for consortium).
- RCUK-funded research project grants: **Jennings** – AHRC, ‘Revolution and Republic’ (£37k); **Jones** - ESRC, ‘How Do Economic Sanctions (not) Work?’ (£120k).
- Research fellowships – **Fagan** - Leverhulme Fellowship, ‘Building Kosovo: an evaluation of EU intervention’ (£49k); **Guibernau** - Leverhulme Fellowship, ‘The Impact of Emotions on Political Mobilisation’ (£45k), **Jennings** - Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (£309k; post filled by Dr Jeremie Barthas); **Kenny** - Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship, ‘The Politics of English Nationhood’ (£99k); **Murray** - Leverhulme Fellowship, ‘The Impact of Gender Quotas on Parliamentary Representation’ (£44k); Independent Social Research Foundation Early-Career Fellowship; post filled by Dr Oliver Dowlen (£22k).
- Small ‘seed-corn’ research grants: ASEASUK (**Jones**); BISA Workshop Grant (**Gabay**); British Academy Small Research Grants (**Gabay, Mabee, Murray**); City of Paris Research Grant (**Murray**); EC Commission (**Fagan**); European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop Grant (in collaboration with Warwick) (**Shilliam**); McDougall Trust (**Bale**); QMUL / Warwick Collaborative Research Projects award (**Shilliam**); Wellcome Trust (**Harman**); Westfield Trust (**Jones**).

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base: SPIR collaborates with other units within QMUL, with units outside QMUL, both nationally and internationally, and with non-academic communities (see REF3a) to achieve its strategic aims of creating an empowering research culture and maximising research dissemination. (i) Intra-QMUL collaborations include: the Centres for European Research (Law and Business Management), Global Security and Development (Geography, Business Management), and History of Political Thought (History, Law), and collaborative PGR supervision with Geography, Business Management and History, including co-funded studentships. (ii) National and international academic collaborations include: joint research projects, including the Manifesto Project, with the Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin, Missouri, Essex and Binghamton (with **Bara** as chair of its Steering Committee); British Marxism and the New Left with Prof Liang Zhang (visiting professor in SPIR, 2014) of the University of Nanjing (**Davis, Kenny**); [MAXCAP](#) project with the Freie Universität Berlin and the LSE (**Fagan**, EU FP7, €2.5m); the governance of non-traditional security in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific with Dr Shahar Hameiri of Murdoch University, Perth (**Jones**, Australian Research Council, AU\$310k); the [Crisis of European Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Austerity](#), as part of QMUL’s strategic partnership with Warwick (**Shilliam**, European Science Foundation, €17k; QMUL, £17k); and the organisation of major disciplinary conferences including, the 2009 Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism conference (**Guibernau**), [Race, Migration, Citizenship](#) (British Sociological Association, **Shilliam**), and [Rethinking the Modern](#) (ESRC/BSA, **Shilliam**).

SPIR has also promoted international academic exchanges, in support of its strategic aim to raise its profile nationally and internationally. We have hosted visiting fellows from the Universities of New South Wales (Paul Patton), Virginia (Stephen White), and Vienna (Oliver Gruber), Shandong Normal University (Sun Ruoyan), Yale (Charles Walton) and UC San Diego (Fonna Forman). SPIR staff have also been: visiting fellow at Kellogg College, Oxford (**Diamond**), Andrés Bello Professor in Latin American Culture and Civilization, New York University, and Senior Visiting Scholar, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University (**Dunkerley**), Visiting Senior Research Fellow, LSE (**Fagan**); Visiting Professor, LSE, and Visiting Fellow, Cambridge (**Guibernau**); Visiting Research Fellow, Cambridge (**Kenny**); Visiting Fellow, Centre for Advanced Security Theory, University of Copenhagen and Visiting Fellow, York University, Canada (**Mabee**); Visiting Research Fellow, CEVIPOF, Research Fellow, Sciences Po and Ecole Normale Supérieure (**Murray**); García Pelayo Fellow, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid (**Thomassen**); CEDLA, La Paz, Bolivia (**Webber**); SPIR has also developed inter-institutional PGR training through its DTC with Goldsmiths; securing funding from the ESRC’s International Partnering scheme to establish a collaborative training programme with the Community Research and Development Centre, University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon, which will involve international exchanges by PGRs; and the convening of an ESRC Advanced Training Network workshop with Prof Paul Patton.

SPIR staff’s contributions to the discipline include: (i) Journal and book series editorships: *East European Politics*, hosted by CER (ed.: **Fagan**); IB Tauris Balkan/ South-eastern European Studies book

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series (ed.: **Fagan**); *Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Norteamerica* (**Dunkerley**, editorial boards); *European Political Theory* (**Jennings**, editorial board); Palgrave's Political Economy of Public Policy book series (**Jones**, editorial board); *Political Quarterly*, *Open Political Science*, *Public Policy Review*, *Juncture*, *Contemporary Political Theory* (**Kenny**, editorial boards); Palgrave's Critical Perspectives on Development book series (co-ed.: **Kiely**); *Journal of Contemporary Asia* (**Kiely**, editorial board, 2009-11); Socialist Register (**Kiely** and **Davis**, editorial board); *Global Society* (ed.: **Harman**); *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook*, hosted by the CER (co-ed.: **Murray**); *Nations and Nationalism* (co-ed.: **Guibernau**) *Political Science* (assoc. ed.: **Shilliam**); *Latin American Perspectives*, *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*, and *Historical Materialism* (**Webber**, editorial board); (ii) Contributions to professional associations: Founder, PSA Conservatives and Conservatism Specialist Group (**Bale**); Member of Steering Group, PSA Communism Specialist Group; member, PSA Labour Movements Group (**Davis**); Executive Committee Member, Association for the Study of Nationalities (**Fagan**); member, Advisory Committee, UNU Institute on Globalization, Culture, Mobility (**Guibernau**); co-founder, BISA Global Health Working Group, BISA Executive Committee Member, 2010-12, co-founder, ISA Global Health Section (**Harman**); member, ECPR Gender and Politics Standing Group; Convenor, PSA Women and Politics Group (**Murray**); Founder, BISA Colonial, Postcolonial and Decolonial working group; Chair, ISA Global Development Section (**Shilliam**); (iii) Membership of Peer Review Colleges and reviewing panels: reviewer, Commonwealth and Chevening Scholarships (**Kiely**); ESRC (**Jones**), Leverhulme (**Kenny**), reviewer for the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (**Kiely**, **Jones**, **Webber**); (iv) Inter-institutional seminar series: co-convenor, Institute of Historical Research Latin American seminar series (**Dunkerley**).

SPIR also achieved its strategic aim to raise its profile nationally and internationally by hosting an ambitious conference and events programme. Highlights include: (i) conferences on Women in French Politics (2008); Crossings: The Nexus of Migration and Culture (2010); [One Nation Labour](#) (2012); [Fifty Years of EP Thompson's *The Making of the English Working Class*](#) (2013); (ii) workshops on [African Awakenings? Interpreting Contemporary African Protest](#) (2012); [Leadership in Global Health Governance](#) (2013) and [Political Economy, State Transformation and the New Security Agenda](#) (2013); (iii) symposia on the Political Thought of the Risorgimento (2010) and [Uneven and Combined Development and Contemporary World Politics](#) (2011); (iv) Keynotes, public lectures and plenaries: highlights include conference keynotes on: the UK Coalition, Toulon, and British Conservatism, Université de Bourgogne (**Bale**); 200 years of Latin American Independence, FCO (chaired by the Foreign Secretary); Juana Azurduy, Argentine Embassy/Anglo-Argentine and Anglo-Bolivian Societies (**Dunkerley**); the Dean's Lecture, University of Melbourne, Australia (**Kenny**); third Annual Marcus Garvey Memorial Lecture, 2012 (**Shilliam**).

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