

<p><b>Institution:</b> Canterbury Christ Church University</p>
<p><b>Unit of Assessment:</b> History (30)</p>
<p><b>a. Overview</b> The History unit of assessment is based in CCCU's Department of History and American Studies. The Department consists of 20 category A staff, including 3 professors, 2 readers, 1 principal lecturer, 10 senior lecturers, and 4 lecturers. 9 staff are ECRs and 14 staff have been submitted in the current REF. The Department's Research Steering Group is responsible for the overall development and management of research strategy. It consists of the Head of Department and the Department's three professors, one of whom is also the Department's Director of Research. QR funding is devolved to the Department and is allocated by the Director of Research and the Head of Department with the agreement and advice of other members of the Research Steering Group. All staff in the Department are members of the departmental Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee, which meets once a term and is chaired by the Director of Research. The Department's KE representative reports to this committee. The Research and KE Committee co-ordinates research strategy and has oversight of postgraduate recruitment, progression and completion, which is organised and monitored centrally by the University's Graduate School. The committee reports to the Department's Executive Committee. The Department is represented on the Research, and Knowledge Exchange Committees of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and on the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committees, REF Steering Group and Research Degrees Sub-Committee of the University.</p>
<p><b>b. Research strategy</b> Research strategy is led by the Departmental Research Steering Group, which oversees QR spending, and the allocation of research leave and remission from teaching. The Group also co-ordinates the Department's research with teaching and administration. During the census period the Department has worked strategically to fulfil its 2008 RAE research plans and to develop research capacity. During the period 2014-19 it will build on and sustain its achievements in the current REF cycle and will also further develop high quality research in its two core themes of regional history and communities in conflict. The following strategies are core to the Department's current and future research plans:</p> <p><b>i) Supporting all staff to be research active:</b> all members of the Department are research active, published authors. Senior members of staff act as research mentors to newer colleagues and provide advice about research, publications and research impact.</p> <p><b>ii) Successfully increasing collaboration in externally funded research:</b> research income achieved by the Department in the 2008 RAE census period did not adequately reflect the unit's research aspirations. This has been energetically addressed during the current REF cycle and the unit has developed a number of new externally funded research collaborations eg with Canterbury Archaeological Trust (described in the Folkestone Impact Case Study). Research income has grown year on year during the current REF cycle.</p> <p><b>iii) The strategic use of remission from teaching and research leave:</b> The Department uses devolved QR funding to give targeted remission from teaching to staff to finish research projects and to make applications for external funding. Staff are encouraged to take research leave on a 3 yearly rotational basis and all eligible staff in the Department have received research leave on this basis during the census period. Research leave will continue to be targeted in this way during the next REF cycle.</p> <p><b>iv) The strategic appointment of early career researchers:</b> between September 2011 and September 2013 the Department has appointed 9 ECRs, including 2 archaeologists (Seaman and Sibbeson), who will strengthen the Department's commitment to regional and interdisciplinary research. Other new staff have also been recruited strategically in order to enhance the existing research clusters of pre-1800 historians (now 7 staff in total including 2 ECRs) and our Americanist historians (now 6 staff in total including 5 ECRs, much of whose work enhances our research expertise on communities in conflict).</p> <p><b>v) The development of digital online research resources:</b> one of the unit's strategies outlined in RA5a in 2008 was 'the creation of web-based primary resource repositories' for internal use and 'perhaps even [for] researchers external to the university'. This has resulted in a number of</p>

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substantial outward facing projects including Dr Wilkinson's AHRC funded Magna Carta Project and the Brenchley Project described in the REF 2014 impact template.

**vi) The development of two new research centres:** the Department is currently developing two research centres, which will provide a sustainable focus for supporting research and collaboration with external partners over the next five years (2014-2019). The Research Centre for Kent History and Archaeology will be based in the Department, while the Centre for Race and Ethnic Studies will have an interdisciplinary focus and will be based in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Both centres are expected to be operational by end of the 2014-15 academic year.

**vii) The development of a legacy project (Cornerlands) for research already undertaken on Folkestone:** 'Cornerlands' will be a 4 year interdisciplinary community archaeology and history project focussed on East Kent in partnership with Canterbury Archaeological Trust, Kent Archaeological Society, Thanet Archaeology and the Dover Archaeology Group. It will develop the unit's research undertaken on Folkestone and an application for external funding of £1,000,000-£1,500,000 is being prepared for submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**c. People, including:****i. Staffing strategy and staff development**

**Staffing Strategy** During the census period staff numbers in the Department have increased from 12 to 20 as a result of a steady rise in numbers on our undergraduate History, American Studies and Archaeology programmes. In 2009-10 undergraduate numbers in the Department equated to 319 ftes, rising to 389 ftes in 2010-11, 489 ftes in 2011-12, 518 ftes in 2012-13 and 568 ftes in 2013-14. The three programmes housed within the Department provide scope for interdisciplinary research eg: between archaeology and history, and between politics and history. The Department first introduced archaeology modules into its programmes in 2005. A BA in History with Archaeology was introduced in 2009 and in 2013 a combined History and Archaeology BA was introduced. These programmes have attracted c. 14 ftes per annum since 2009. Most of the departmental staff teaching on the American Studies programmes are historians, and expertise in disciplines such as media is provided by other Departments in the University. History and American Studies undergraduate numbers have been very buoyant in the past 5 years and this, combined with a number of staff retirements and transfers, have allowed the Department to build on its strengths in recruiting new staff. 3 senior members of staff (Cooper, Greenwood, and Wells) retired during the census period and 2 senior staff (Insley and McCulloch) transferred to other universities (Manchester and UCL respectively). As a result 9 ECRs have been recruited since September 2011, in order to strengthen the Department's teaching and research offerings in archaeology (2 ECRs), early modern history (2 ECRs) and American Studies/History (5 ECRs). The Department consists of 2 archaeologists, 3 medievalist historians, 4 early modernist historians, 6 Americanist historians and 1 expert on American literature, while modern History beyond North America is represented by 4 staff members, whose research feeds into the Department's broader interests in regional history and communities in conflict eg: in Northern Ireland. The mix of expertise in the Department encourages a dialogue across fields of research eg: the Americanists and Northern Ireland specialists are developing innovative ways of interpreting the relationships between Red and Black Power in North America and Republican groups in Northern Ireland. The research of all staff within the unit is supported by the Department's Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee and the Department's Director of Research acts as a conduit of information about research to all staff in the Department. This includes providing advice on grant applications, publication, collaborative partnerships and the management of individual research. Research forms part of the annual appraisal process for all staff, who are appraised either by the Head of Department, or by one of the professors in the Department. The Head of Department reports to and is appraised by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

**Staff Development a) New Staff** are generally given a lighter teaching load in the first year. All new staff have two senior members of staff as mentors during their first year of employment and research support forms an integral part of the relationship between the new staff and their mentors. New staff are also encouraged to integrate with the research culture of the Department by attending the Departmental research seminar, which meets throughout the year. The seminar is addressed by members of staff, by postgraduates and by external speakers. During the census

period external speakers have included Professor Matti Klinge (University of Helsinki), Dr Lee Marsden (University of East Anglia), Professor Inderjeet Parmar (University of Manchester) and Dr Mary Morrissey (Reading University). New members of staff are encouraged to give a paper to the seminar in their first year of employment in order to flag up areas of potential support from and future collaboration with existing members of the Department. The seminar serves to support interdisciplinary research as it is addressed by our archaeologists, historians and americanists. All new members of staff receive supervisor training from the University Graduate School to support them in supervising postgraduate students. The Department has a policy of supporting ECRs to become experienced supervisors, (defined as having acted as first supervisor for a successfully completed dissertation), through membership of postgraduate supervisory panels, which allows them to work with and learn from experienced supervisors.

**b) Career Progression** Research and knowledge exchange forms an important part of career progression within the University. The University has transparent criteria for promotion to reader and professor, which take into account an individual's status as an experienced research supervisor, evidence of research leadership, ability to attract external income and publication record. During the census period 2 members of the Department have been promoted to reader (Hipkin and Wilkinson) and one has been promoted from reader to professor (Hennessey), four new staff have been promoted from lecturer to senior lecturer (Plath, Prince, Seaman and Witham). Since the academic year 2012-13 research leave within the Department has been allocated by the Research Steering Group, having previously been allocated centrally by the University. The University's policy for research leave states that staff are eligible for a term's research leave at three yearly intervals and all eligible staff in the Department have received research leave during the census period. Staff may also apply for and take externally funded research leave at any time during their employment. The University has an Equality and Diversity Unit, and the Department adheres to the University's Equal Opportunities Policy in recruiting all staff and in supporting their research. Staff on fixed term contracts are subject to the same policies. They are given the same induction as staff on permanent contracts and have equal access to QR funding within the Department.

## ii. Research students

All postgraduates have a supervisory panel consisting of a chair, a first and a second supervisor. The chair and at least one of the two supervisors must be experienced. During their first year of study, the work of all full-time postgraduates is reviewed by the panel after 6 months, or after 12 months, if they are studying part-time. All MPhil/PhD students receive yearly reviews thereafter, with a final review three months before submission. The Department introduced a History Masters by Research in the academic year 2010-11 in order to prepare potential MPhil/PhD students for further research. MA Res students are also subject to the processes outlined above, which are co-ordinated and monitored by the University's Graduate School. The Graduate School also provides training in research methods for all postgraduates via a regular seminar series held throughout the year. The Director of the Graduate School reports to the Research Degrees Sub-Committee (RDSC), which meets termly and monitors the progress of all research postgraduates. The standing committee of the RDSC meets on a monthly basis to process extensions, interruptions, changes to mode of study (ie from part-time to full-time), completions etc. In order to integrate students into the Departmental research culture, all postgraduates, including the MA Res students, are expected to address the Departmental research seminar before they submit their theses. Special sessions of the Departmental research seminar are held for new research students to discuss their topics with experienced researchers and to outline any problems they have encountered with their initial research. Research students are given training in research methodologies by their supervisory panels and by the Graduate School. The unit also uses QR funding to pay for postgraduate students to attend specialist courses at the Institute of Historical Research (eg: palaeography courses). Research students are also prepared for post-doctoral research and publication by being mentored to address conferences and give research papers at other institutions. During the census period postgraduates from the Department have delivered papers at international conferences, for example, at the Universities of Aberystwyth, Connecticut, Geneva, Glasgow, Lausanne, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Reading, Stirling, and Warwick; at the Sixteenth Century Conference in Geneva (2011); and at the Institute of Historical Research, where they have also addressed research seminars. All postgraduates can apply for small

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research grants to travel to conferences from the Graduate School, while all those on University scholarships are allocated an extra £500 for research expenses per annum. They are also encouraged to apply for external funding, and during the census period research students have successfully applied for grants from the Friends Historical Society and the Royal Historical Society. In 2011 Luke Harris was awarded a £1,000 prize by the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee for his research on the early Olympic Movement. He was also awarded a postgraduate prize of £400 for his paper to the History of Education Conference in Glasgow (November 2011). 7 postgraduates have been awarded a PhD in the Department during the census period and another passed her viva with minor corrections in June 2013. One of them, Dr Mark Hutchinson, was awarded a two year Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship held at University College, Cork, immediately after gaining his doctorate in 2011. Postgraduates are supported by their supervisors in publishing their findings and Dr Marc Arnold's 2012 thesis on *Disease, class and social change: tuberculosis in Folkestone and Sandgate, 1880-1930* was published by Cambridge Scholars (2012), Dr Hutchinson has published from his 2011 thesis on 'Sir Henry Sidney and his legacy: reformed protestantism and the government of Ireland and England, c.1558 to 1580' in the *Sidney Journal* (2011) and Dr Susan Pittman has published from her 2011 thesis on 'Elizabethan and Jacobean Deer Parks in Kent' in *Archaeologia Cantiana* (2012), and *Southern History* (2013), as well as publishing a co-authored article with Dr Hipkin in *Rural History* (2013). The Department adheres to the University's Equal Opportunities Policy in recruiting and supporting all research students.

**d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

**Income** The unit recorded external research funding of £12,183 in the RAE 2008 submission. Therefore, during the current REF period, one of the unit's key strategies was to increase the scale of externally funded research projects and collaborative research. Between 2008 and 2013 external research income totalling £270,125 has been generated by projects funded by (amongst others) the Heritage Lottery Fund (eg: Canterbury England's Crucible - and A Town Unearthed: Folkestone Before 1500), by the AHRC (Henry III Fine Rolls Project, Magna Carta) and by the Higher Education Academy (Bridges to History). Members of the Department have individually received small grants from a range of bodies, for example: the Cambrian Archaeological Association, Glamorgan County History Trust, the Isobel Thornley Fund (London University), the Medieval Settlement Research Group, and the Society for Medieval Archaeology. Additionally Dr Witham's Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities attracted an award of £5,000 from Edinburgh University.

As well as research income reported through HESA the unit has secured an additional externally funded £152,726 during the assessment period to support the unit's public engagement and impact generating activities.

**Infrastructure** The University's Research & Enterprise Development Centre (RED) helps to develop external applications and issues regular bulletins to alert staff to opportunities and deadlines for external research funding, as well as providing information on a range of grants and fellowships. The faculty Research and KE Development Manager circulates information about sources of external research funding and supports external applications by providing full costings and information about deadlines. The Department has received a total of £215,557 devolved QR funding from the university in the academic years from 2010-11 to 2012-13. Devolved QR funds are used to provide support for external applications in terms of remission from teaching, pump priming for pilot studies, research assistance, research expenses for travel, conference fees, the cost of research material, and small grants towards research projects, as well as the costs of research leave. Internal funding is also available for research and KE projects through applications for HEIF funding. HEIF funds of £28,500 have been used during the census period to develop the Department's links with Maidstone Museum via exhibitions and the development of a virtual museum of North American artefacts in the Museum (Brenchley Project).

**Facilities** The university subscribes to a range of IT and digital resources, which support research in the Department, including Edina Digimap, ARC GIS, Brepols Bibliography of British and Irish History, Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online (MEMSO), Early English Books Online (EEBO), British History online, and the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB). In 2012-13 the Department also invested £15,000 in state of the art geophysical equipment including a

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Bartington Grad601 fluxgate gradiometer and associated software, and a Nikon DTM522 total station. This equipment will be used on two important survey projects at Caerwent Roman town and St Eluned's chapel, while geophysical survey will form a key element in supporting the 'Cornerlands' bid to the HLF. The Department is also able to take advantage of Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library, which houses City Council records, as well as ecclesiastical records and a wide range of printed primary and secondary sources. Much of the Department's research into regional history is conducted in the County Records Office at Maidstone. These two repositories will help to sustain the work of the proposed Research Centre for Kent History and Archaeology.

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

**Collaboration** During the census period the Department has greatly expanded its collaborative partnerships and contribution to the research base. It has created new partnerships with both non-HEIs and with a number of other HEIs. These initiatives have been strongly focussed around the Department's two core research themes of regional history and communities in conflict, although some projects inevitably have other foci. Dr Seaman is collaborating with colleagues from Cardiff University on an ongoing excavation at 'Dinas Powys Revisited' led by CCCU and funded by the Medieval Settlement Research Group and Cambrian Archaeological Association. They are also developing an application to the AHRC for funding of £250,000 for a project on 'Romans to Britons' looking at social and political change in Wales from 300AD to 1100AD. Dr Wilkinson was the originator of and co-investigator for the AHRC Henry III Fine Rolls Project (2005-2011), which involved CCCU, King's London, and the National Archives. This was the spring-board for the AHRC Funded Magna Carta Project (started 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012-2015), for which Dr Wilkinson is co-investigator, and which involves CCCU, King's London, Oxford University, and the University of East Anglia. In March 2013 Dr Hicks co-organised a workshop on editing medieval texts, at Southampton University, aimed at creating an academic network to develop a theory and practice of editing to be used in graduate teaching and with local records societies. The focus of the project is to ensure standards and dialogue between different disciplines. Members of the network include academics from Bristol, CCCU, Exeter, Lincoln, Manchester, and Southampton Universities. Professor Hennessey is Co-Investigator for the Leverhulme Trust funded project 'A Membership Survey of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in Northern Ireland' and on the ESRC funded 'A Theoretical and Empirical Assessment of the Membership, Strategies and Tactics of Dissident Irish Republican Organisations'. Both projects run from 2012-2014 in collaboration with colleagues at Huddersfield, Liverpool and Ulster Universities. On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 Professor Hennessey and other members of the DUP project team presented initial findings from a DUP Membership Survey to a small number of DUP party officers, including the First Minister of Northern Ireland, the Minister of Finance and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment, as well as MPs. The results of the Survey are to be published in 2015. Professor Hennessey is also a founder member of ARKIV, a cross community group including academics from the Universities of Ulster and Leicester, the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Queen's University, calling for a commission of historical clarification consisting of British and Irish historians to examine The Troubles. Dr Bulaitis and Dr Dalton led an HEA funded project 'Bridges to History and Employment' in collaboration with colleagues from Essex University, which ran from 2012-3. The project researched the challenges facing history students in making the transition to university and examined how students and educators tackle these challenges. The research revealed that a wide range of strategies were being employed by universities to meet these challenges and the final report will emphasise which strategies are the most effective, in order to develop a coherent and successful practice across the sector. It employed focus groups, interviews and questionnaires to survey teachers, academics, A-level university students and also examined the expectations and perceptions of history graduates held by employers. Dr Hardy's development of community research in Folkestone has led to partnerships with a range of cross-Channel institutions including Boulogne Museum, Ghent Museum and Lille 3 University, working with CCCU on the 'Two Seas Interreg IV A Project' on 'Maritime Communities of the Bronze Age' and funded by the EU's Cross-Border Co-operation Programme 2007-13.

**Positions on Subject Associations and Learned Societies** The Department has strong links with a range of professional subject associations. It was represented on the History UK (HE)

steering committee between 2003 and 2011 by Professor Eales and in 2013 by Dr Hardy. Eales also acted as Co-Convenor of the steering committee between 2008-2011. The Department has maintained continuous representation on the Canterbury Historical Association branch committee since 1980 and Professor Eales is currently National President of the HA (2011-14). Dr Wilkinson is a councillor of the Pipe Roll Society and General Editor of the Society. The Department is also represented on the steering committees of a number of other national bodies: Dr Wolfson is Publicity Officer for the Society for Court Studies, Dr Plath is secretary of the Association of British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BRANCH) and Dr Witham is a member of the Steering Committee of Historians of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century United States (HOTCUS). Dr Hicks was a committee member of History Lab Plus in 2013 and she is a member of the Society for Medieval Archaeology, further underlining the cross-over between the work of the Archaeologists and the medievalists in the Department. Professor Hennessey is a member of the Irish Politics Steering Group of the Political Studies Association and a member of the Political Studies Association of Ireland. Dr Prince is a convenor of the Irish Studies Seminar at the Institute of Historical Research. Dr Seaman is a committee member of the Council for British Archaeology (CBA), South-East England and a former member of the CBA Wales Committee. Dr Dalton is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and 5 staff are Fellows of the Royal Historical Society (Dalton, Eales, Hennessey, Hipkin and Wilkinson). Hitchmough, Long, Plath and Witham are members of the British Association of American Studies (BAAS). Long is also a member of HOTCUS and Witham is a member of the organising committee of the Radical Americas network based at the Institute of the Americas at UCL.

**Scholarly Awards or Fellowships** Dr Ledwidge held a Vacation Visiting Professorship at the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford (October 2102- October 2013). Dr Witham held a fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh (July 2013).

**Editorial Positions** Professor Eales is a member of the editorial board of *History* (2011-). Professor Hennessey is the editor of *Irish Political Studies* (2012-). During the census period Professor Ruane was editor of *Contemporary British History* (1999-2009).

**Organisation of Conferences** Members of the Department have been involved in the organisation of a number of high profile conferences. Since 2008 Dr Insley (who left the Department in 2012) has been the strand organiser for 'Government and Institutions' at the Leeds University International Medieval Congress (IMC) held annually in July. Dr Hicks, who joined the Department in January 2013, organised the Leeds IMC roundtable on 'editing medieval texts' in July 2013. Other conferences include: 'A Conference in Honour of Prof P. Corfield' to mark her retirement, held at the IHR on 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, organised by Eales; a conference on 'Regicide: The Contexts of the 1649 Kent Petition for the Trial of Charles I' at CCCU 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 organised by Eales; a conference on *Cathedrals, Communities and Conflict in the Anglo-Norman World*, held in partnership with Canterbury Cathedral Archives and organised by Dalton, Insley and Wilkinson in 2010; 'The Past Unearthed Conference' held at CCCU Campus Folkestone in September 2010, organised by Hardy; *Kent, the South-East and War from the Tenth to the Fifteenth Century*, held at CCCU in April 2012, organised by Dalton, Insley and Wilkinson; and a conference on 'Women and the English Civil Wars' held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at CCCU organised by Eales. Wilkinson was also joint organiser, with Professor David Carpenter (KCL) of *The Henry III Fine Rolls Project: End of Project Conference* at King's College London on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Dr Ledwidge organised a symposium on 'the foreign policy of the Obama administration and the sustainability of American global power' under the auspices of the AHRC funded Obama Network at the Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. As Chair of the British Association for Canadian Studies History and Politics Group, Dr McCulloch organised a conference on 'Canada's Special Relationships' at Senate House, London University on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

**Refereeing** Two members of the Department are members of the AHRC peer review college (Eales 2010- and Wilkinson 2012-). Eales was also appointed as an AHRC Strategic Reviewer on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013. During the census period members of the Department have acted as grant reviewers for the Marc Fitch fund (Hipkin), and the Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands

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Organization for Scientific Research (Wilkinson). Wilkinson is also a History Assessor for Scholarships for Doctoral Studentships, Academic Awards Committee, British Federation of Women Graduates (2010-). Members of the Department have also acted as peer reviewers for: *Albion* (Ruane), *Cold War History* (Ruane), *Cold War Studies* (Ruane); *Contemporary British History* (Hennessey and Ruane); *Diplomacy & Statecraft* (Ruane), *The English Historical Review* (Ruane, Wilkinson), *Economic History Review* (Hipkin), *Harvard Journal of Cold War History* (Ruane), *Haskins Society Journal* (Hicks), *History Compass* (Dalton, Wilkinson) *Historical Research* (Dalton, Ruane, Wilkinson), *IHR History Review On-Line* (Ruane), *International History Review* (Ruane), *Irish Historical Studies* (Hennessey), *Irish Political Studies* (Hennessey), *Journal of British Studies* (Prince), *Journal of Contemporary History* (Ruane), *Journal of Medieval History* (Hicks), and *The Modern History Review* (Ruane), *Parergon* (Eales, Hicks), *Rural History* (Hipkin). Manuscripts have also been reviewed for the following publishers: Bloomsbury (Ruane), I B Tauris (Ruane), Routledge (Eales).

**Invited Keynotes and Lectures** Professor Eales gave the keynote at the Higher Education Academy's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching History in Higher Education Conference at the IHR in September 2012. Professor Ruane gave the keynote on 'The United States and the Asian Cold War' to the Oxford, Cambridge and RSA History Examining Board conference, SOAS (2011) and was invited to talk on 'Graham Greene's Vietnam War' at the 2012 Graham Greene International Literary Festival, Berkhamsted. Dr Hennessey is a regular participant in roundtable discussions and workshops on Counter-Terrorism and Security – eg at 'Lessons from the Troubles', hosted by Policy Exchange, Westminster (November 2009) at 'Terrorism - Northern Ireland and British Counter-Terrorism Strategy British Security in the Post-Cold War World: Challenges and Responses' hosted by Sandhurst Royal Military Academy (23/11/11), and at 'Dissident Republicanism in Northern Ireland' at Whitehall in partnership with the Royal United Services Institute (08/12/11). In 2008 he gave the Inaugural Lecture for the journal *Irish Studies* at the House of Commons. Dr Hipkin gave an invited lecture at a conference on *R. H. Tawney's The Agrarian Problem in the Sixteenth Century One Hundred Years On* held at Exeter University in July 2011. Dr Ledwidge is one of the founding members of the organising committee of the AHRC funded Obama network founded in 2010, which has several partners including Edge Hill, Oxford, Manchester and Warwick Universities. He spoke at a roundtable on *The Politics of Race*: at Nuffield College, Oxford University (11/11/2011) and organised a roundtable on *China, Identity and US Foreign Policy* at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as part of a symposium on 'Sino-US Struggles over ASIA', (26<sup>th</sup> April 2013): both events were organised for the Obama network. During the census period members of the Department have also given invited lectures at universities in Bangor, Cardiff, Copenhagen, Dublin, Helsinki, Lisbon, Montpellier, Oxford, Paris (Sorbonne), Rennes, and Vienna, and at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in San Francisco. Members of the Department have also spoken at roundtables hosted by the British Library, the think tank *Policy Exchange* and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.