Social Media Launch

Politics and International Relations launched both a blog and a Twitter account in 2015. The blog, *Pacific Outlier*, is edited by Dr Chris Wilson, Dr Julie MacArthur, and PhD Candidates Nick Smith and Zbigniew Dumieniski. We've had 26 blog posts and 2,600 visitors to the site. While most readers are coming from NZ, the blog is also reaching readers in the Canada (#2), the UK (#3), the US (#4) and Australia (#5) and about 15 other countries. The Twitter account, @poliauckland, has more than 200 followers.
Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Commemorations

Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marsmitheit and Dr Stephen Winter (respectively) chaired and deputy chaired the New Zealand Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Committee in 2015. Appointed by the UK committee (http://magnacarta800th.com), the Committee oversaw, facilitated and helped promote a range of Magna Carta related events and activities including two parliamentary, two educational and four arts and culture events. They also included four exhibitions, five cathedral services, six conferences and ten lectures and talks. A detailed list is online here.

Videos of the Magna Carta lectures are available on the University’s YouTube channel here. The cornerstone of the Committee’s activities was the University of Auckland Magna Carta Lecture Series, led by Stephen Winter. Each of the 5 nights in the series looked at a particular historical, legal, cultural or rights issue in relation to Magna Carta. 16 speakers participated, including Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias, Judge Carrie Wainwright, Amnesty International Director Grant Bayldon, Assistant Privacy Commissioner Joy Liddicoat, and politicians Hon. Judith Collins and Labour Party Leader Andrew Little. 71% of the 620 people who registered for the lecture series came from outside the university, demonstrating excellent public engagement. Jennifer and Steve are beginning working on a book to reflect on what was learnt during the research and engagement surrounding these events.

Visiting fellows

Politics and IR hosted a number of eminent academic visitors in 2015.

Professor Melissa Lane

Professor Lane (Princeton University) arrived on a prestigious Hood Fellowship, awarded by the University of Auckland Foundation. In a series of events in Jul and Aug, Professor Lane forged links between the history of political thought and current political thinking. She presented two well-attended public lectures: a Hood Lecture on ‘The Ethics of Communicating Climate Change: Insights from Aristotle’, and the annual Chapman Lecture, entitled ‘The Politics of Unsustainability: Plato on the Logic of Constitutional Change’ (see below for details). She also presented a seminar hosted
jointly by Politics & IR and Classics & Ancient History, and a workshop for graduate students in Social Sciences and Humanities on 'Communicating Ideas to Public Audiences.' Dr Geoff Kemp led the nomination of Professor Lane as Hood Fellow, with the support of colleagues in Politics & IR, Philosophy, Law, Classics & Ancient History, and History. He said: “Melissa's visit brought a leading scholar, a very sharp mind and an engaging personality to the University, to the benefit of staff, students and also the public.”

**Professor Cynthia Enloe**
Professor Enloe (Clark University, Massachusetts) is one of the world's foremost feminist writers. She is a Research Professor of International Development, Community and Environment, and a former Director of Clark University’s Women Studies programme. Her visit was hosted by Dr Anita Lacey and Dr Tom Gregory. A critically acclaimed author of 14 books, Professor Enloe is particularly known for her 1989 book, *Bananas, Beaches & Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*, which was revised and reprinted in 2014.

Professor Enloe also participated in a stimulating postgraduate and staff workshop on feminist methodologies, and in two undergraduate lectures. She was a guest on Radio New Zealand’s Sunday morning programme with Wallace Chapman. The research visit resulted in the formation of a feminist scholars’ network. Professor Enloe’s partner, Joni Seager, accompanied her and is a top scholar herself and she generously participated in a joint Politics and IR and Geography lecture, as well as a Development Studies graduate seminar.

**Professor Koichi Nakano**
Professor Nakano (Sophia University, Tokyo) was hosted by Dr Stephen Noakes and Professor Mark Mullins (Asian Studies). Professor Nakano presented a public lecture and participated in a roundtable alongside several Politics and IR faculty members (brief details of both events below).

### Keynote Public Lecture Series

**2015 Chapman Lecture:** The Politics of Unsustainability: Plato and the Logic of Constitutional Change
Speaker: Professor Melissa Lane, Department of Politics, Princeton University
‘Realists’ in political thought denigrate Plato as a guide to politics, arguing that he describes an impossible and unattainable world. But Plato’s *Republic* offers an acute analysis of constitutional change which explains how unsustainable regimes are caught in an internal logic of decay. Plato shows us how our commitments to ideals underlie both the ways in which we understand political change, and a politics of sustainability.
2015 Hood lecture: The Ethics of Communicating Climate Change: Lessons from Aristotle
Speaker: Professor Melissa Lane, Department of Politics, Princeton University
Professor Lane discussed insights from Aristotle's *Rhetoric* that can help climate scientists to communicate both ethically and effectively, and which illuminate the relationship between expertise and democracy. Climate Change Communication (CCC) addresses the gap between scientific knowledge of climate change and public motivation to respond to it. Psychologists in this field have offered strategies to improve the effectiveness of CCC, but their empirical research neglects the ethics of CCC. Philosophers have been more attentive to ethical communication, but they tend to focus on the cognitive dimensions and minimise the social dimensions that contribute to effectiveness. As a result, studies that address ethics and effectiveness in tandem are lacking. Watch the recording of Professor Lane's talk online here.

2015 Bruce Jesson Lecture: “Follow the Money”: The Future of Business Journalism
Speaker: Rod Oram, Journalist and *Sunday Star-Times* Columnist
The feeble state of business journalism in New Zealand and around the world is but a subset of journalism's general decline. With most media business models deteriorating rapidly, many journalists are squandering their dwindling resources on superficial reactions to events and on chasing irrelevant “news”. To try to survive financially, many media organisations are increasingly blurring the distinction between journalism and advertising, devaluing both in the process. Yet, there has never been a more important time for business journalism. Profound change is sweeping through business and economics, and the societies they help shape. Journalists should be trying to explain what’s happening – the good and the ill – for the benefit of participants and public alike. Business journalists, like the people and organisations they cover, focus predominantly on finance. Together, they have scant regard for human and ecological capital. Only when the three capitals are fully valued and integrated into society will society – and business – prosper sustainably. Perhaps even business journalism might flourish too, if it can help achieve that. Watch the recording of Mr Oram’s talk online here.

“No Longer a United Kingdom: The History and Politics of Britain’s Identity Crisis
Speaker: Sir Ivor Crewe, Master, University College Oxford
In May 2015 the general election revealed a country more divided about its national identity and destiny than at any time since the rise of Irish nationalism over a century earlier. Each of the four nations of the United Kingdom is dominated by a different party and the winners of the election, the Conservatives, have a significant presence only in England. They must resolve two existential crises: the prospect of an independent Scotland and the United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union. By the next election in 2020 the ‘United Kingdom’ may be unrecognisable. In this talk, Sir Ivor Crewe discussed why one of history’s most successful political unions is under threat and what could be done to restore it. Watch Sir Crewe’s talk online here.
1. Koichi Nakano (Sophia University): “Is Japan Shifting to the Right?”
3. Nadeem Ghazi (The Peace Foundation NZ): Peaceful Schools to Peaceful Communities in Pakistan
4. Koichi Nakano, Mari Miura (both of Sophia University), Steve Noakes, Gerald Chan, and Corey Wallace: Japan in Northeast Asia – Roundtable
5. The Forgotten Genocides at 100: Why the Armenian, Assyrian and Hellenic Genocides Still Matter – Event organized by Maria Armoudian
6. Marianne Franklin (Goldsmiths University): The Art of (Un)Dressing Dangerously: The Veil and/as Islamic Fashion
7. Geoff Kemp: Thoughts on Censorship and Free Expression, from Charles I to Charlie Hebdo
8. Amira Hass (Haaretz): Israeli-Jewish Dissidence in Times of Bantustanization
9. Colin Cremin (UoA): The End of Capitalism: A Cognitive Map of Society in an Age Haunted by Images of Total Annihilation
11. Gilberto Algar-Faria (University of Bristol): Exhaustion and Resilience in Sri Lankan Civil Society 2012-14
13. Joni Seager (Bently University): Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring: Raging against the machine
14. Cynthia Enloe (Clark University): Value of Arts – A Conversation with Cynthia Enloe
15. Steven Livingston (George Washington University): Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood: the Role of Digital Collaboration
18. Carisa Showden (UoA): From Gender-Neutral TVPA (Trafficking Victims Protection Act) to Gender Specific Practice: Erasing Boys from US Child Anti-Sex-Trafficking Campaigns
20. Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (Mannheim University): Finally a Right-Wing Populist Party in Germany? The Unexpected Success of the ‘Alternative für Deutschland’ in the Light of the German Longitudinal Election Study
23. Lyndon Burford: National Identity and Nuclear Disarmament Advocacy by Canada and New Zealand
25. Linda Weiss (University of Sydney): The Makings (and Unmakings?) of America’s Exceptional Power. Watch online here.
Academic Staff Awards

Professor Gerald Chan
• East Asian Institute Fellow, Seoul

Associate Professor Jennifer Curtin
• 2015 Faculty of Arts Teaching Excellence Awards: Sustained Excellence Award

Dr Thomas Gregory
• Marsden Fund Fast Start Grant for his project ‘Civilian casualties, contemporary conflict and the politics of death: lessons from Afghanistan and Iraq’. This project will focus on the techniques used to rationalise, justify and excuse the deaths of civilians, in a contemporary context where the boundary between soldier and civilian is increasingly blurred.

Associate Professor Steven Hoadley
• Awarded a Lifetime Membership by the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs for 40 years of participation, branch organising, and publications on New Zealand foreign policy.

Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment
• Australasia Research Award 2015, from the International Association for Public Participation, for her book, The Ministry of Public Input (publication details below).

Dr Julie L. MacArthur
• ASPP Scholarly Publishing Award, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada for her book, ‘Empowering Electricity.’

Academic Staff Promotions

Geoff Kemp was promoted to Senior Lecturer (over the bar)

Chris Wilson was promoted to Senior Lecturer
Academic Staff Publications

Books

**Democracy in New Zealand**
Professor Raymond Miller
Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2015, pp278.

New Zealand is one of the world’s oldest democracies, with one of the highest political participation rates. But the country’s political system is undergoing rapid change. *Democracy in New Zealand* provides an up-to-date and concise introduction to New Zealand politics and how it works. Examining the constitution and the political system, cabinet and parliament, political parties, leadership and elections, Raymond Miller draws on data and analysis (including from the 2014 election) to tackle critical questions: Who runs New Zealand? Does political apathy threaten democracy? Will new parties have an ongoing impact? Do we now have a presidential democracy? *Democracy in New Zealand* is an ideal university text.

**The Ministry of Public Input: Integrating Citizen Views into Political Leadership**
Associate Professor Jennifer Lees-Marshment

Politicians increasingly integrate input from inside and outside government in decision-making. A Ministry of Public Input is necessary to collect, process and communicate input more effectively. Jennifer Lees-Marshment argues that public input is beneficial to politicians pragmatically as well as democratically. She notes than in the recent flag changing consultation process, three out of four possibilities chosen by the flag committee reflected the Prime Minister’s preference for a fern design, suggesting his view overly influenced the process. “This could risk the public rejection of a change of flag and lose John Key the legacy he desires.” Previous reform processes on tax and welfare issues were more informed, deliberative, and wide ranging, and “helped to create genuine conversation and therefore acceptance for change.”

**Emotions, Politics and War**
Edited by Dr Thomas Gregory (with Linda Ahall)
Abingdon: Routledge, 2015, pp.240

This book provides an overview of the growing literature on the role of emotions in politics and war. It looks at how we analyse emotions in war, why it matters, and what emotions do in global politics. Providing a range of perspectives from a diversity of methodological approaches on the conditions, maintenance and interpretation of emotions, the contributors interrogate the multiple ways in which emotions function and matter to the study of global politics. The books engages with the role of emotions and the constitution of emotional subjects in contexts ranging from the gendered nature of war and security to war traumas, post-conflict reconstruction, and counterinsurgency operations.
Feminist Moments
Edited by Professor Susan Bruce and Associate Professor Katherine Smits
London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015, pp.240

The challenges presented by feminism to traditional understandings of representation, normative values, power relations and the political are not simply the product of late-20th century thinking. Feminist Moments, in examining some of the pivotal texts in the history of feminist thought, demonstrates that these challenges emerge from a long and varied history of feminist writing. The volume brings together texts from literary and analytical works written by women and men, and from inside and outside the Western tradition, including Mary Wortley Montagu, Anna Wheeler and William Thompson, Nazira Zeineddine, Betty Friedan, Andrea Dworkin and Luisa Valenzuela. The volume is unique in offering close readings of key passages from the selected texts, making it ideal for classroom use; its original essays, all authored by specialists, will also be of interest to more advanced scholars. In juxtaposing and analysing a wide range of texts which despite their significance are rarely discussed together, Feminist Moments provides a fascinating historical narrative of feminist thought which will be highly valuable to students and scholars of the history of political thought, political philosophy and gender and literary studies.

Journal Articles / Book chapters

Dr Maria Armoudian
• “The Political Impact of Media Framing” In Geoff Kemp, Babak Bahador, Kate McMillan and Chris Rudd (eds), Politics and the Media (Auckland: University of Auckland, 2016).

Professor Gerald Chan

Dr Tom Gregory
• “Dismembering the Dead: Violence, Vulnerability and the Body in War,” European Journal of International Relations (online), 7 Dec 2015.

Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley

Dr Geoff Kemp

Dr Sung-Young Kim
Dr Anita Lacey

- “Teaching Feminism/Teaching as a Feminist in Politics Departments” (with Kathy Smits), Women’s Studies Journal, 29:1 (2015), pp. 56-63.

Dr Julie MacArthur


Dr Stephen Noakes


Dr Chris Wilson

- “Imposing Order on States” in Emilian Kavalski (ed), Encounters with World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations (Surrey: Ashgate, 2015).

Selected Media / Commentaries

Dr Maria Armoudian

- “Honour all Victims of Turkish Brutality.” In the New Zealand Herald
- Appeared on ten broadcasts in New Zealand, including, RadioLive, 3 News, NewsTalk NZB, Insight on National Radio (Radio New Zealand), Paul Henry Show (TV3), Newsworthy (TV3),The Wire on BFM, and Saturday Morning with Kim Hill on National Radio (Radio New Zealand). Topics ranged from US politics to the Armenian Genocide. Also interviewed for articles, including in the NZ Newswire, the New Zealand Herald and the North Shore Times.
- Produced and hosted an on-going syndicated radio program, The Scholars’ Circle.
- Organized a special screening and panel discussion about the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Professor Gerald Chan

- ‘Can China connect the world by high-speed rail?’, TEDx talk, Seoul, Sep 2015
Associate Professor Stephen Hoadley

- Organized public symposium on ‘Expanding Free Trade and Peace in the Asia-Pacific’ on 30 July, with the support of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Auckland.
- Delivered lectures on international affairs to NZ Defence Foreign Command and Staff College and Royal New Zealand Navy officers and participated in the Defence Force White Paper review process.

Dr Sung-Young Kim

- “South Korea doubles down on Green Growth”, East Asia Forum, 25 Dec 2015

Dr Julie MacArthur

- “COP 21 and the Politics of Climate Change Negotiations”, 95bFM 8 Dec 2015

Dr Stephen Noakes

- “The Pacific Implications of China’s Proposed NGO Law” (with Victoria Brownlee), The Diplomat, 10 Jul 2015

New Professional Staff

Suzanne Powell has replaced Adam White as our Group Services Co-ordinator as of 2016. Suzanne is from England where she qualified as a teacher and worked in project management before moving to New Zealand in 2007. She joined the University of Auckland in 2010, and has had roles across the School of Social Sciences with Anthropology, Sociology and now Politics and International Relations.

Student Publications / Activities

Graduands

Politics and International relations had 158 BA (including conjoint) graduands in 2015, 26 BA Hons graduands, 9 MA, 9 MPP, and 2 PhDs. Many more students completed their degrees in 2015 however, with 39 BA Hons completions, 14 MA completions, 9 MPP, 9 MPS (IRHR), and 7 PhDs.

PhD Completions

Congratulations to Tharwat Alamro, Phyllis Anscombe, Nusrat Chowdhury, Edward Elder, Walter Lee, Mingtao Shi and Corey Wallace, who had their PhDs conferred in 2015. Dr Wallace is now the Einstein Postdoctoral Fellow in the Graduate School of East Asian Studies at Freie Universitat, Berlin. Congratulations also to Nick Smith, Pii-Tuulia Nikula and Lyndon Burford, who submitted their doctoral theses for examination.


**Awards**

Emma Blomkamp
- Faculty of Arts Best PhD Award, for thesis titled: *Meanings and Measures of Urban Cultural Policy*.

Mark Boyd
- Australian Political Studies Association Travel Award 2015. Paper: “Lead stories and elections: How prominent was coverage of the 2014 New Zealand election campaign in the news media?” conference paper, Australian Political Studies Association, Canberra, 29 Sep 2015

Lyndon Burford

Zbigniew Dumienski

Celestyna Galicki

Walter Lee
- Visiting Fellow, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, University of Hong Kong, Jan-Jul 2015.

Nicholas R. Smith

**Books**

*Making Culture Count: The Politics of Cultural Measurement*
Emma Blomkamp (ed., with Lachlan MacDowall, Marnie Badham and Kim Dunphy)

Doctoral alumni Emma Blomkamp co-edited this volume and authored the first chapter of the book, based on her dual-badged doctoral research at the University of Auckland and University of Melbourne. The book is a collection of essays by scholars, policy-makers and creative practitioners, exploring the burgeoning field of cultural measurement and its political implications. Offering critical histories and creative frameworks, it presents new approaches to accounting for culture in local, national and international contexts.

**Journal Articles / Book Chapters**

Mark Boyd
Lyndon Burford


Nicholas R. Smith

- “The EU under a realist scope: Employing a neoclassical realist framework for the analysis of the EU’s Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement offer to Ukraine,” *International Relations* (online), Jun 2015

**Media / Conferences / Working Papers**

Zbigniew Dumienski and Nicholas R. Smith

- “Rethinking Eurasia’s future,” *Open Democracy*, 17 Mar 2015
- “Citizens’ juries could reduce Auckland’s democratic deficit” *The New Zealand Herald*, 29 Jul 2015

Zbigniew Dumienski

- “Micro States and Macro Issues,” Renegade Economists Show 414
- “Can Cooks have a UN seat and NZ citizenship?” Radio Australia, 4 Jun 2015.

Lyndon Burford


Walter Lee

- “Reinventing Cosmopolitanism: International Legal Order in Classical Chinese Canons”, seminar, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, University of Hong Kong.

Yadira Ixchel Martinez Pantoja


Celestyna Galicki

MPP Program and Internship Course

The department continued its new politics/policy internship programme in 2015, after its very successful launch in 2014.

The Master of Public Policy program reached an all-time high of 31 enrolments in 2015 so we hope to see more graduands in 2016.

Politics and IR interns have lunch with MPs Phil Goff and Jian Yang, both of whom have a long association with Politics at UoA, and Manager of the Peace Foundation, Caroline Ongleo-Calub

2015 Newsletter Editors:
Dr Julie MacArthur & Lyndon Burford

To submit items for 2016 please do so via the online form here