

POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter – April/May 2014

Welcome to the April/May newsletter about recent developments related to our suite of MA degrees in International Studies and the MA in International Law and International Relations.

Prof. Math Noortmann (Course Director, MA in International Law and International Relations)

Student News

Our current MA students have finished their exams and coursework and are now going into 'dissertation mode' for the next 4 months. The dissertation is considered to be the masterpiece at the end of a year full of exams, essay writing and presentations. Topics being researched this year include *inter alia*: the legitimacy of the International Criminal Court, the rights of Palestinian prisoners, the effectiveness of disaster management and the image of female soldiers.

Research News

- Dr. Sarah Whitmore took part in a high-level seminar at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office with the Rt. Hon. David Lidington MP, Minister for Europe, on the 'UK's future relations with Russia' on 1 May. Sarah is an expert on the politics of Ukraine and has been invited regularly by national media to comment on recent developments.
- Prof. Math Noortmann presented the third report on non-state actors and international law at the biennial conference of the International Law Association in Washington DC in April. He also met with representatives of the Human Security Unit of the United Nations to discuss the program of the forthcoming Human Security Conference to be held at Oxford Brookes.

PhD Programme

The Department of Social Sciences has awarded a studentship for a PhD student, who will research the role of the EU in state building in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo. About half of our current research students are graduates of our MA degrees.

Forthcoming Events

Our Annual Postgraduate Open Day will be held on Friday 13 June. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff and current MA students.

Semester Dates

Download full semester dates at:
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