

POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter – Oct-Dec 2014

Welcome to the October-December newsletter about recent developments related to our suite of MA degrees in International Studies.

Dr. Stephen Hurt (Course Director, MA in International Studies).

Centre for Global Politics, Economy and Society Seminar Series

Our Semester 1 seminar series recently drew to a close. Students and staff have enjoyed a broad range of presentations by scholars based in the UK and beyond. They included Dr. Clive Gabay (Queen Mary, University of London) who spoke on 'Historicising Contemporary "Africa Rising" Narratives' and Dr. Mark Wenman (University of Nottingham) who led a fascinating discussion on 'Agonism and Militant Cosmopolitanism'. Our next series starts up again in February 2015.

Staff News

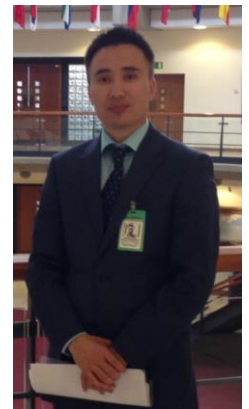
Our Centre for Global Politics, Economy and Society is currently hosting a visiting research fellow. Dr. Patrick Stefford has come from Kyoto Sangyo University in Japan. Patrick has written extensively on Japan's official development assistance to Myanmar and will use his research position at Oxford Brookes to investigate the UK's development efforts with respect to Myanmar and compare the UK and Japan.

Research Studentships

As part of the celebrations to recognise the 150th anniversary of Oxford Brookes, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is offering a series of funded places to do a PhD degree. The first group of students are expected to join in January with another round of applications invited later in 2015.

Alumni News

Birzhan Bakumbayev (right) completed our MA in International Studies (Security) in 2009. He is now a research student at King's College London working on 'Kazakhstan's foreign policy since independence'. Birzhan said that "the knowledge and skills gained during his time at Oxford Brookes encouraged him to do a PhD in order to contribute to the understanding of the foreign policy behaviour of a Eurasian state".



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