

# POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter – May-June 2015

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

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## Annual Postgraduate Day

On 16 June we held our 10th Annual Postgraduate Day. Our current MA students, research students, academic staff, together with applicants (both in person and online via a livestream) enjoyed a thoroughly stimulating set of discussions.



(Prof. Gary Browning introduces our guest speaker)

The guest lecture in the morning was given by Prof. Cynthia Weber (University of Sussex). This was a fascinating discussion of Conchita Wurst (Eurovision winner in 2014), understandings of gender and the consequences for European integration. After lunch our MA students gave presentations on their dissertation topics. The afternoon concluded with three of our doctoral students who spoke about their PhD projects.

## Staff News

- Dr Lucy Ford and Dr Maia Pal both gave papers at the 40th Annual Conference of the British International Studies Association, held in London on 16-19 June.
- Dr Tamsin Barber, who teaches Research Methods on our MA programme, published her first book earlier this year with Palgrave Macmillan, entitled *'Oriental' Identities in 'Super-diverse' Britain: Young British-born Vietnamese in London.*

## Semester Dates

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