

POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter - June 2012

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

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

Progress of Current Students

Our current MA students have just completed their Semester 2 taught modules. Most of them (apart from 1st year part-time students) are now embarking on their dissertation projects. This year staff will be supervising dissertations on a whole range of interesting topics including 'Countering Piracy off Somalia', 'Environmental degradation and corporate social responsibility' and 'The politics of happiness'!

As part of their dissertations our MA students will be participating in our Annual Postgraduate Day on 11 June. We are delighted to welcome Prof. Shaun Breslin (University of Warwick) to this highlight of the MA calendar, who will speak on 'China and the South: Implications for the Global Order'.

Renamed Course for 2012-13

Our MA International Studies (Globalisation) degree has been renamed for the forthcoming academic year to MA International Studies (Global Political Economy). This reflects the specific focus of this degree, which emphasises the globalisation of economic relations and the potential challenges it poses for states and the governance of the international system.

Latest Staff Activities

Prof. Math Noortmann contributed to the Oxford Brookes Open Lecture Series with a lecture on 'International Law and International Relations: Towards Transnationalism and Transdisciplinarity'.

Alumni News

Samentha Goethals (MA in ILIR, 2010-11) is currently a research student at Oxford Brookes. She is researching 'Human Rights and Corporate Responsibility in the UK'. This builds on work Samentha has done for Oxford-based NGO, 'Rights & Accountability in Development'.



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