

# POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Newsletter – February 2013

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

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## Oxford Brookes top UK University for educating overseas students

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2013/feb/15/surge-in-students-studying-for-uk-degrees-abroad>

Overseas students studying on our programmes enjoy a multicultural teaching environment in a typical UK setting. Applications for September 2013 entry on our MA in IS degrees and the interdisciplinary IL/IR course indicate that we are again recruiting from all over the world.

## Careers Session

Our current students recently had the chance to attend a dedicated workshop run by a member of staff from our Careers Centre who has a PhD in Politics. This session provided students with subject specific support and advice on career opportunities for when they complete their postgraduate qualification.

## Oxford Brookes PhD studentship

By offering a PhD studentship in Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes has again given talented PG students an opportunity to continue their education and pursue a 3-year research degree. Our previous MA students have been successful in applying for PhD studentships at a range of UK institutions including the Universities of Warwick, Oxford, Exeter, Aberdeen and Oxford Brookes.

## Congress to Campus

As part of their UK campus tour, we are hosting two sessions with US Congressmen **Bob Carr (D. MI)** and **Cliff Stearns (R. FL)**. It is a unique opportunity for students to meet with senior US politicians and engage with them on current US policies. Each year we organise meetings with US and EU officials.

## Staff News

Mikael Nygård is our current Visiting Fellow. Mikael is a Lecturer in Social Policy at Åbo Akademi University in Finland. He researches and teaches on a broad range of family policy issues, focussing on the most vulnerable groups: the elderly and children.



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