

POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Newsletter – January-February 2017

Welcome to the January-February newsletter about recent developments related to our suite of MA degrees in International Relations.

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MA Study Trip to Brussels and The Hague



Our current students went on the annual MA study trip in late January. In Brussels, they visited the European Commission - the EU's executive organ - with a presentation by researchers from the Directorate-General (DG) Home Affairs - Migration and the Common European Asylum System. They then went to the European Parliament and were given a lively general presentation on the institutions of the EU and a walk through the plenary chamber (pictured above). In The Hague, they visited two major institutions. The first was the International Criminal Tribunal for the Ex-Yugoslavia. This involved watching a documentary made by researchers at the tribunal and a walk around and viewing of the tribunal itself. On the last day of the trip they visited the International Court of Justice, which is hosted in

the Peace Palace, an imposing and luxurious building funded by the Carnegie Foundation in the 1900s.

Careers Workshop

In late February our current students also had the opportunity to attend a careers workshop run with our colleagues in the Careers Centre. We were very lucky to have two alumni join the event. Paul Honey was able to attend in person. Paul works in the House of Commons as a Senior Caseworker & Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Public Health and Innovation. Martin Mogstad was able to join from Norway via skype, where he is currently working as an Executive Officer at the Norwegian Directorate of Health.



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