

## Department welcomes new faculty



As part of the Department's continuing expansion, we would like to welcome three new members of faculty to the Department, Lara Coleman, Paul Kirby, and Earl Gammon, who arrived in September this year. Lara was previously Lecturer in Development and Conflict at Durham University. Her research interests include the social and political theories of dissent and resistance, the political sociology of global development and violence; and the politics of knowledge. Paul is completing his PhD at the London School of Economics and his research interests lie in the fields of wartime sexual violence, the practice of war itself and the philosophy of social science in International Relations theory. Finally, Earl gained his PhD at Sussex in 2008, and has been working as Lecturer in International Relations at the University of East Anglia. His research lies in the fields of global political economy, international relations theory, psychoanalysis and post-structuralism. These appointments have been made in addition to appointments made earlier in the academic year with Professor Peter

## International Relations Events

September 2011

In association with the British International Studies Association Working Group on Historical Sociology, a one-day workshop last

September on "World History and International Historical Sociology."

October 2011, the Sussex Centre for Security Studies organised an international conference 'The Postsecular in International Politics', which brought together a range of internationally renowned scholars, including Joseph Camilleri, Fred Dallmayr, Richard Falk and Olivier Roy.

February 2012

A public debate titled "What Future for Global Climate Politics?" which brought together academics, practitioners and civil society actor to discuss the future of climate politics in the aftermath of the UN's Durban conference.

May 2012, a two-day international conference titled "Rising Powers and the Future of Global Governance," which included presentations by Patrick Bond, Boris Kagarlitsky, Achin Vanaik, James Mittelman, and Barry Gills.

September 2012, a two day conference was held titled "A Contribution of the Amsterdam School of IPE: Critical Reflections" to celebrate the work of Professor Kees van der Pijl, who retired this year.

## New Research Centres

The past academic year has also seen the founding of three new research centres. The **Sussex Centre for International Security (SCIS)** with the aim of 'bridging theory and practice for emerging security and geopolitical challenges'. Its first Director is Fabio Petito. SCIS is supported by a Management Team that consists of Stephen Burman, Shane Brighton, Sergio Catignani, Jan Selby and Anna Stavrianakis. SCIS brings together a wide field of expertise from Sussex and beyond to provide fresh, innovative approaches to contemporary security and geopolitics. It draws on the very best in contemporary theoretical and policy thinking to create a unique site for reflective and policy research oriented toward real, progressive outcomes and substantive contribution to the central debates of contemporary international affairs.

The **Centre for Advanced International Theory (CAIT)** aims to provide the space for systematic reflection on the concepts, actors, structures, norms, and practices of international politics. It seeks to promote advanced fundamental research on international politics from within and outside the discipline - including but not limited to international political theory, international historical sociology, international political economy and from all theoretical backgrounds, orthodox and heterodox - free of the requirement for direct policy relevance and reflexive of the knowledge/power nexus.

The **Centre for Global Health Policy (CGHP)**, an interdisciplinary centre that brings together more than 30 researchers from all across the campus and is directed by Prof Stefan Elbe, from the International Relations Department. CGHP hosted the inaugural Global Health Seminar Series, which serves as a new, interdisciplinary focal point for global health researchers in and around Sussex.

## Fellowship Awarded to IR Academic

Patricia Owens has been awarded a prestigious fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University. She will join a multi-disciplinary group of scholars and artists from around the world, each working on their individual projects, for the 2012-13 academic year.

Only 5% of applicants are accepted. While at Harvard, Owens will be working on her current project entitled 'Out of the Oikos, into the World: The Historical Rise of the Social and Intervention in the Global South'. Early research on the project has recently been published in *European Journal of International Relations* and *Review of International Studies*. For more information about the fellowship programme visit: <http://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/>

## Visiting Practitioners

During the coming year, the Department will be host to two visiting practitioners. Henry Smith is the former director of Saferworld, a London-based NGO working on security and justice, small arms and light weapons, conflict-sensitive development, arms transfer control, and international conflict prevention. Jamie Shea is a former Sussex alumni and is currently Director of Policy Planning at NATO. Both will be offering seminars connected to the Department's masters degrees in Security, as well as lectures that are open to any and all, and have historically attracted a large following within the School.

## New Taught Modules

This September sees the introduction of three new modules. Peter Newell will be teaching a second year elective module titled *Global Environmental Politics*, which examines the question of whether current forms of economic and political organisation in international society are capable of responding to the challenge of sustainable development. New member of faculty Paul Kirby will be teaching *Sex and Death in World Politics*. Finally, Louiza Odysseos will be teaching *The Reign of Rights*, a third-year option that will critically interrogate the rise of human rights to the position as the world's secular religion.

## International recognition for Prof. Justin Rosenberg



Prof. Justin Rosenberg has won an award from the American Sociology Association (ASA). The ASA's Section on Global and Transnational Sociology has recognised Justin Rosenberg, head of the International Relations Department at Sussex, with its 2012 award for 'Best Work by an International Scholar'. Justin Rosenberg's research focuses on the challenge of providing a social theory of international relations.

Starting with a historical materialist critique of both political realism and globalisation theory, this focus has led to a sustained attempt to reconstruct the theory of 'uneven and combined development' associated with Leon Trotsky.

"The purpose is to expand Trotsky's idea from an analysis of capitalist development in particular into a more general premise about world history and the role of inter-societal interactions within it," explains Professor Rosenberg. Sussex has a [Working Group on Uneven and Combined Development](#), involving both faculty and PhD students and the ASA prize is for an article by Professor Rosenberg on uneven and combined development, published in the *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* in 2010.

## International Relations Society

In November of 2011 the International Relations Student Society was reformed after a hiatus period. The society is set up and run by students, for students on any International Relations degree and the new committee consisted of Arianna Watson as society president, Jackie Colmar as vice-president, Sofaya Hussein as Treasurer, and Constanza Robles as activities officer. The society proved an instant hit with the IR community and the society Facebook group reached over 200 members in a couple of months.

The society aims to bring together students on IR degrees to share ideas and participate in social events and organised activities, creating a shared collective identity for its members. Some of the events organised include a film series with documentaries and films based around IR themes and perspectives such as FREAKonomics, or The Whistleblower. The Society organised also lectures with guest speakers from outside the university such as Mr



Peter Fields, the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, and Kathy Gore, the High Sheriff for East Sussex. The culmination of the society's work was the Fundraising Ball at the end of the academic year. Over 120 students from all years attended, dressed in formal, black-tie attire and had a drinks reception and sit down meal at the Old Ship Hotel in Brighton ending with a speech by the Head of Department.

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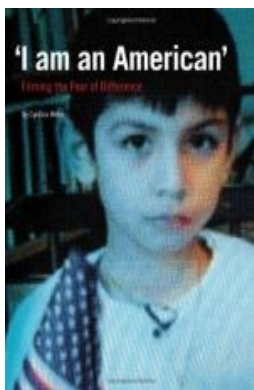
## IR Bookclub

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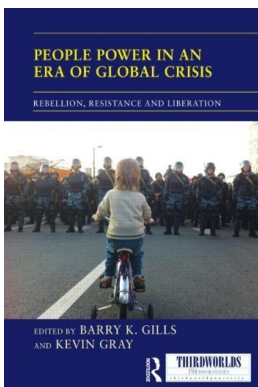
### **Ben Selwyn: “Workers, State and Development in Brazil: Powers of Labour, Chains of Value” (Manchester University Press).**

Within the field of development studies, the importance of class relations is usually relegated to lesser status than the roles of states and markets in generating and allocating resources. This book argues that processes of class formation, struggle, and crucially, the changing balance of class forces between capital and labour constitute a key determinant of different patterns of capitalist development. It details how workers in the valley’s export grape sector have utilized their structural and associational power to win concessions from employers, contributing to a progressive pattern of regional capitalist development. Based on a stimulating engagement with and critique of World Systems Theory and the Global Commodity Chains approach, this book will be of wide-ranging interest to those interested in understanding how global dynamics impact on local development.



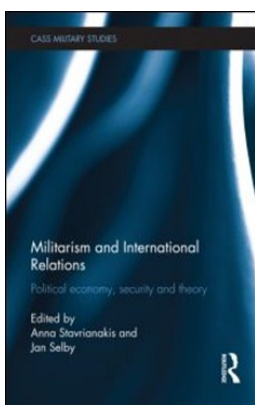
### **Cynthia Weber: “I am an American” (Intellect Books, 2011).**

In ‘I am an American’ Weber set out on a journey across post-9/11 America in search of a deeper understanding of what it means to be an American today. This captivating memoir gives a voice to ordinary citizens for whom the terrorist attacks of 2001 live on in collective memory. Heartrending first-person testimonials reveal how the on going fear of terrorists and immigrants has betrayed America’s core values of fairness and equality. These portraits, with fifty full colour images, also provide a sharp contrast to the idealized vision of Americanness frequently spun by media and politicians.



### **Kevin Gray (with Barry Gills): “People Power in an Era of Global crisis: Rebellion, Resistance and Liberation” (Routledge).**

In the light of the recent democratic movements in the Middle East, this volume poses the question of the extent to which ‘people’s power’ has been able to play an active role resisting neoliberalism and deepen substantive democracy and social justice. Through a series of case studies of the regions and individual countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe, the contributions in the volume provide a new set of original and in-depth critical assessments of the nature of the longer-term impact of the democratic transitions commencing in the 1980s and continuing until the present, and questioning their impact and potential influence on human dignity, freedom, justice, and self-determination, and thus opening new avenues of enquiry into the future of democracy.



### **Anna Stavrianakis, Jan Selby: “Military and International Relations: Political economy, security, theory” (Routledge 2012).**

This book examines contemporary militarism in international politics, employing a variety of different theoretical viewpoints and international case studies. Militarism – understood as the social and international relations of the preparation for, and conduct of, organized political violence – is an abiding and defining characteristic of world politics. Yet despite the on going social, political and economic reach of military institutions, practices and values, the concept and subject of militarism has not received significant attention within recent debates in International Relations. This book intends to fill the gap in the current body of literature. It has two key overarching aims: to make the case for a renewed research agenda for IR centred on the concept of militarism; and to provide a series of empirically focused and theoretically informed case studies of contemporary militarism in practice.

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## funding opportunities at Sussex

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Funding opportunities for International Relations students at Sussex are available at:  
<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/feesandfunding/2013entry/funding/opportunities>

### [Alumni Study Award \(2013\)](#)

**Region:** UK, Europe (Non UK), International (Non UK/EU)

**Level:** PG (taught), PG (research)

**Application deadline:** open

Loyalty rewards for Sussex undergraduates and postgraduates who remain at the University to study for a higher degree. For more information please visit: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/feesandfunding/2013entry/funding/opportunities/view/107>

### [Chancellor's International Research Scholarships \(2013\)](#)

**Region:** International (Non UK/EU)

**Level:** PG (research)

**Application deadline:** 31 March 2013

Postgraduate research scholarship for international PhD students. For more information please visit: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/feesandfunding/2013entry/funding/opportunities/view/165>

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### [ESRC Doctoral Studentships \(2013\)](#)

**Region:** UK, Europe (Non UK)

**Level:** PG (research)

**Application deadline:** 15 February 2013

Doctoral research awards for Home/EU students. For more information please visit: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/doctorschool/esrc/apply>

### [USA Friends Scholarship \(2013\)](#)

**Region:** USA

**Level:** PG (taught)

**Application deadline:** 3 April 2013

Master scholarships for US students. For more information please visit: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/pg/feesandfunding/2013entry/funding/opportunities/view/120>



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