

# LPS Newsletter

The School of Law, Politics and Sociology



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## Head of School Briefing

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of everyone in LPS we have come a long way since the School was formed in August 2009 and have much to look forward to. The School continues to develop and expand in line with our strategic plan.

We now have almost 1,500 students registered on LPS's courses. These students come to us from the UK and no less than 84 other countries across the world: from Albania to Zimbabwe. We thus provide a truly cosmopolitan experience.

The academic year 2012-2013 will also see a significant number of new faculty joining the School as members of all three of its departments. This is a very important moment in the development of the School. I'm sure colleagues will make all our new arrivals very welcome.

Further change will be our move to a refurbished (and renamed) Freeman Centre during the academic year 2013-2014. Plans for the building work are well underway and I'm confident it will provide an outstanding home for the School.



*Stephen Shute*

Professor Stephen Shute



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## Student News



Winners: Sussex graduate Joe Lord-Jones (left) with his fellow film-maker Spike Morris and BBC 'Breakfast' presenter Charlie Stayt (right)

### Sussex student film triumphs at Guardian Student Media Awards

A Sussex student's film, described by TV newsreader Mark Austin as "a fantastic example of foreign reporting with great initiative", triumphed last night (7 November) in the *Guardian Student Media Awards*.

In September 2011, just before the start of their third year, Sussex undergraduate Joe Lord-Jones and his friend Spike Morris (a student at the University of Leeds) went to the West Bank to make a film about Palestine's bid at that time to join the United Nations as a full member state.

Joe, who was studying Politics and International Relations, recalls: "It was our first attempt at making a film this long [30 minutes] and our first proper experience in an Arabic country. "We wanted to see how young Palestinians felt towards the UN bid and the Arab spring more generally. The film focuses on the idea that young Palestinians, although optimistic about the future, are still faced with the old hopelessness of their situation, reflected in the USA's promised veto of the bid."

Joe and Spike's film (called *Veto*) has won them the joint title of Student Broadcast Journalist of the Year in the *Guardian Student Media Awards*.

### Sussex student wins academic Competition

Well done to first year law student Ketan Jha, 17, who came out on top at an academic competition on 3 November at the University of Warwick.

He competed by himself in the Academic Competition Federation (ACF) Fall event against teams of four from Oxford, Cambridge, Warwick, Manchester, Open University, and Oxford Brookes. These teams included many postgraduate students.

The competition tests university level knowledge in physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology, sociology, psychology, anthropology, history, and other subjects. Teams buzz in on questions and are rewarded with a three part bonus question upon correctly answering.

Jha scored 86 per cent more points than the next highest scoring undergraduate student from Oxford.



### Sussex Law School Update

The Client Interviewing workshops have been popular again this year and students have enjoyed working on the skills they will need when they enter legal practice. The DMH Stallard sponsored competition theme this year is Serious Crimes against the Person and after a very close first round we are moving onto the second round at the end of the week. We are fortunate to have solicitors from DMH Stallard coming in to judge the final and the winners of that will go on to compete in the regional Law Society Client Interviewing Competition.

Jeanette Ashton (Associate Tutor, Law)

### SLS Retain Howlett Clarke Plate

Hearty congratulations to Jack Horlock and Henry Perrins for their excellent performance in the moot against Brighton on 28 Nov. In the face of very stiff competition, they managed to retain the Howlett Clarke Plate for Sussex and they did so with finely crafted AND entertaining arguments. Their performances were a real pleasure to witness.

Thanks to Rob Levack Jane Lambert, Chris Turnbull and Anita Orme who provided exceptional support - which resulted in a very pleasant, mooting event!

Craig Lind (Senior Lecturer, Law)

### Politics MA study trip to London

Students on the MA programmes in Contemporary European Studies (MACES) and European Politics (MAEP) spent a day in London on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. First we took a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament, followed by an hour's debate with Eurosceptic MP Douglas Carswell, then sat in on questions and debate in both chambers. Next we had talks from representatives of the European Commission and Parliament in London at Europe House, before attending a debate at the LSE on 'The Future of the EU after the Crisis'. We ended the day with a French meal in Covent Garden. I believe Facebook tells the story!

Susan Collard (Senior Lecturer in French Politics and Contemporary European Studies)

### Student Reps 2012-2013 Announced!

Student representatives have been voted in the forthcoming year and the first School Student Experience Group meeting was fully attended. Welcome to the new reps!

**Law:** Robyn Long, Heather Chow, Louise de Souza, Osma Begg, Yasmin Elnaggar, Karen Totimeh, Francesca Corvino, Friederike Adra, Rachel Gimso

**Politics:** Katy Gavelas, Victoria Lloyd, Rory Watkin, Florina Hajdini

**Sociology:** Alexandra Bulat, Hugh Reed, Rachel McAndrew, Caitlin Hayward-Tapp, Shadreck Mwale, Kate Spiegelhalter

All the reps details are listed on the Students Union website <http://www.sussexstudent.com/studentreps>



## Staff News



Prof. Jennifer Temkin

### A Seminar to mark the retirement of Professor Jennifer Temkin

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012, colleagues, former students, practitioners and judges came together to mark the retirement of Professor Jennifer Temkin from the University of Sussex, to celebrate her distinguished career and substantial contribution to academic work, policy and practice in relation to sexual offences law and justice. The seminar was chaired by Dr Mark Walters, and contributions were received from His Honour Judge Rook QC, Prof. Phil Rumney, Dr Jacqueline Gray and Prof. Clare McGlynn who all highlighted the impact of Jennifer's work within the discipline.



The Panel

**LPS Research Projects** - A number of exciting research projects are being undertaken within the school, here are some examples:

> Dr Alison Phipps is currently engaged in a study of 'lad culture' at universities, which has involved focus groups with female students from all over the country. The study has had a lot of media interest with articles forthcoming in The Observer, Glamour, More, and Women's Views on News.

> Dr Susie Scott and Dr Matt Dawson are soon to begin a two year project funded by the Leverhulme Trust called "A qualitative exploration of asexual identities and practices of intimacy".

> Prof Gillian Bendelow is undertaking research on 'Diagnosing vulnerability and 'dangerousness': police decision-making in the implementation of Section 136'. Under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983, police may detain individuals who are thought to be a danger to themselves or to others. The research ties together previous work by tracking and recording the decision-making processes of both police and mental health professionals and the experiences of detainees/ service users involved in s136 incidents across Sussex.



Aleks Szczerbiak, Lord Brittan, Sue Milns & Paul Taggart

### SEI 20th Anniversary

A former Vice-President of the European Commission opened the 20<sup>th</sup>-anniversary conference of the Sussex European Institute (SEI), which was held in September.

Lord (Leon) Brittan gave a talk on the European Union, asking: 'Is there life after the Eurocrisis?'. The two-day conference on 27-28 September included sessions on European values, identity and citizenship; the Eurozone crisis; the future of the European economy; and the position of Europe in the world.

Lord Brittan, the keynote speaker was presented with cake, because as well being the SEI's twentieth anniversary, it was also his birthday that week!



Lord Brittan enjoying his cake!

### ESRC Knowledge Exchange Fellowship

Prof. Shamit Saggar has been awarded an ESRC Knowledge Exchange Fellowship for the period January-December 2013. During that period he will be on leave, seconded to Government, and will be based in the Department of Culture, Media and Sports in the new Treasury Building in Whitehall.

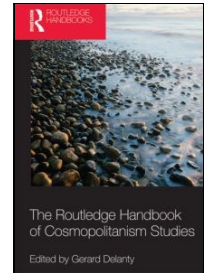


### Publications

Prof. Gerard Delanty has edited the Handbook of Cosmopolitanism Studies. London: Routledge, 2012. 588 pp

Forthcoming in 2013: Formations of European Modernity: A Historical and Political Sociology of Europe. London: Palgrave.

Prof. Luke Martell has been discussing the Occupy Wall street movement in his piece 'Has Occupy Had an Impact?' and talking about post-Olympic reflections in 'Has the left forgotten the world?'



### Sussex Centre for Corruption

In November 2012 the SCSC was awarded £4,000 to develop a series of anti-corruption workshops. The grant is part of the 'Kick Start Networks', a new University fund to connect Sussex academics with non-academic research users. This is part of the University's knowledge exchange activities, and is supported by the Higher Education Innovation Fund (HEIF).

The grant will enable the SCSC to continue to build links with the global anti-corruption community, starting with the first round of anti-corruption workshops that are scheduled for June 2013.

**LPS welcomes** Lizzie Seal, June Edmunds and Laura Morosanu to Sociology.

Gerard Delanty finishes as HoD Sociology on 31 December and will be on research leave in the first half of 2013.





### Did you know..

That LPS is made up of a very diverse array of students from countries as far and wide as Bangladesh, Sierra Leone, Mexico and Taiwan, to name but a few!

In fact our students are from 84 different countries around the world making LPS very international indeed!



### LPS Celebrates Christmas!

Its that time of year again..

Pop into the School Office / Grotto to get your share of festive spirit!



### LPS Professional Service Staff News

Welcome to the following new members of staff:

Laura Dingle (Information Co-ordinator) – appointed 31 October

Anita Orme (Law Course Co-ordinator) – appointed 7 November

Rachel Farrell (Head of School Co-ordinator) – appointed 26 November

And a special good bye to the Office Angel temp. Kate Collier-Woods (Head of School Co-ordinator) leaving us in December. What an impression she made and nearly curing Stephen of his lateness to meetings!

**Coming Soon** - Website changes. Look out for new changes to the School and departmental websites in the coming weeks.

### Christmas Holiday dates

University is operating minimum service dates between 24th Dec and 1st Jan, open again fully from 2nd Jan.

### Straight from the LiPS

Unfortunately the LiPS are suffering from laryngitis.. Hopefully they will be recovered by the spring!

The next issue will be out Spring 2013.  
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### Rename the Freeman Centre and win a fabulous prize!

LPS is moving to the Freeman Centre! To enter, all you have to do is think of a new name that we can use for the building.

A prize will be awarded for the best name suggested (as determined by the Senior Managers) and the prize will be awarded even if your suggestion does not become the official new name of the building.

Current suggestions include 'The Far Far Away Building' and 'The Liberty Building'

*Think you can do better?*

Please send your suggestions to [l.dingle@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:l.dingle@sussex.ac.uk) by 21st January 2013

