



## Centre for the Study of International Governance

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During 2008, twelve events were organised under the centre's five current research themes: 'The International Relations of the European Union', 'Britain in the World', 'Governance and its Alternatives', 'Diplomacy and Governance', and 'Governance and Security'. In 2008, cross-departmental co-operation was established within Loughborough University under the heading of Sports Governance, located with the Governance and its Alternatives theme. In the second half of 2008, intelligence studies was added to the Governance and Security theme under the leadership of a new member of staff, Dr Rob Dover.

#### CSIG Events in 2007/2008

- In November 2007, Ana Juncos organised a workshop on '**Learning and its application to the EU's Foreign and Security Policy**', which focused on the nature of learning processes within the context of the EU's foreign and security policy. The academic debate was enriched by insights from practitioners from several international organisations. This workshop was co-funded by the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden).
- In January 2008, '**Neighbourhood Challenge: the EU and its Neighbours**' workshop, organised by Bezen Coskun, discussed aspects of the EU's relations

with its neighbours. Workshop participants examined the issue from a broad perspective and discussed the EU's neighbourhood from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus to North Africa; from the Western Balkans to the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

- '**The 2008 Italian General Elections**' roundtable initiated a series of **CSIG** roundtables on topical issues and focused on the electoral campaign, the general election results and the implications for Italian domestic and foreign policy. The panel of discussants based in PIREs included Dr Maurice FitzGerald, Raffaella Bianchi, Lorenzo Cladi, Andrea Mura and Dr Christina Ujma.
- In April 2008, Professor Mark Webber and Dr Oliver Daddow organised a workshop entitled '**Operation Allied Force: Ten Years On**', which examined the lasting legacy of NATO's Operation Allied Force against Serbia. The workshop brought together a range of experts and scholars to discuss the historical and contemporary relevance of this watershed event in European security affairs.
- In May 2008, **CSIG** supported a simulation exercise on '**Franco-British Cooperation: European Security and Defence Policy**', organised by Dr Helen Drake and Dr Ana Juncos. This project was co-funded by the UK section of the Franco-British Council.

- A July 2008 workshop, '**The European Commission White Paper on Sport**', co-organised by Dr Borja García and co-sponsored by UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies), focused on the 2007 European Commission White Paper on Sport from variety of perspectives: societal role of sport, economic function of sport, organization of sport, social dialogue, and also addressed other issues surrounding sport and the European Union.

- '**1<sup>st</sup> Political Studies Association Anarchist Studies Network Conference**', co-funded by CSIG and PSA, took place in early September 2008 at Loughborough University. This major international conference was designed to provide a forum for the discussion of research papers, work in progress and future projects and to bring together scholars, activists and others working in the field. It was attended by over 150 participants from around the world. The conference was organised by Dr Dave Berry, Dr Ruth Kinna and Alex Prichard.

- In late September 2008, Dr Rob Dover (PIRES) held a seminar entitled '**National Intelligence vs the Sub-State Actor**', as part of an ESRC Seminar Series 'The Governance of Intelligence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (in collaboration with Brunel University. It focused on the role that intelligence can play in confronting sub-state actors in two areas: insurgencies in the Middle East, and terrorism at home. This event was fully funded by the ESRC.

### **CSIG Events in 2008/2009**

- In October 2008, Barry Gilder, former Coordinator of South African National Intelligence and former Director General of the South African department for Home Affairs, gave a talk on the '**Challenges for**

### **South African Security and Intelligence**

- In mid-November 2008, '**After the US Presidential Elections**' roundtable discussed the electoral campaign, the result and its implications for US domestic and foreign policy and world politics more generally. The panellists included Dr Alex Waddan (University of Leicester), Professor Mike Smith and Professor Brian Hocking (both PIRES).

- Dr Bruno Perreau of SciencePo Paris gave a lecture in November 2008 on '**Transatlantic Misunderstandings: Gender and Sexuality Politics in Contemporary France**'. The lecture explored the nature and significance of social movements in the fields of gender and sexuality and evaluated their impact on traditional models of citizenship.

- In November 2008, Raffella Bianchi organised a two-day workshop entitled '**The Performances of Power or the Powers of Performance**'. This interdisciplinary workshop discussed the relations between power and performing arts and how the performing arts generate collective identities, serve as a means of societal/political protest and feed into wider nationalist discourses.

- In late November 2008, Helen Drake organised a workshop on '**EU Nationals in the UK Labour Force: Economic Migrants or Free-Moving Citizens of the EU?**'. The workshop explored political and social dynamics underpinning the movement of EU nationals to the UK, analysed sectoral and spatial variations in their employment patterns, and thereby elaborated the concept of mobility. This workshop was co-funded by UACES.

## Forthcoming events

- A roundtable '**The Gaza Crisis 2008-2009**' will take place in late January 2009. Presentations on specific aspects of the crisis will be given by a panel of speakers including Dr Fareed El Shayyal (MIHE), Dr Elizabeth Mavroudi (Geography, Loughborough University), Dr Rob Dover and Dr Ruth Kinna (both PIRES).

- In early February 2009, Dr Monica Threlfall is organising two workshops on '**Europe's Social Situation: Toward a more inclusive view?**'. The workshops aim at discussing an analysis of Europe's social situation commissioned by President Barroso. Representatives of various stakeholder groups will meet with authors of the document to discuss its findings. This event is co-funded by the European Commission.

- In June 2009 a workshop on '**The Europeanisation of Football**' co-organised by Dr Borja García will take place at the University of Amsterdam. This workshop is a part of a large project on the Europeanisation of Football, in which the transformation of professional football in ten different European countries is being analysed.

- Under the Innovations in Diplomacy project, CSIG is collaborating with the Netherlands Institute of International Affairs 'Clingendael' in The Hague on the second Hague Journal of Diplomacy biennial conference to be held on 18-20 June. One of the themes will be 'sports diplomacy'.

## Ongoing projects

- CSIG continues to support both the **Research Seminar Series** and the **Research Colloquium** at the department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies.

## Website

Apart from **Research Themes**, the CSIG website contains detailed information on all CSIG funded and organised **events** and **activities**, **people** working with and visiting CSIG, recent **publications**, etc. It also incorporates information related to the East Midlands Eurocentre. Please visit us at <http://csig.lboro.ac.uk>