

Centre for the Study of International Governance

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Introduction

2009 proved to be a busy and successful year for CSIG and the Department in which it is located – previously the Department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies and now the Department of Politics, History and International Relations (PHIR). Following the highly successful launch of history in 2009 under the leadership of Professor Chris Szejnmann, the new history degree programmes came on stream following the appointment of two new history lectures, Marcus Collins and Siobhan Lambert-Hurley.



(l-r) Prof. Chris Szejnmann, Dr. Marcus Collins and Dr. Siobhan Lambert-Hurley

Links to the new history seminar series can be found on the CSIG website. Two new politics appointments were made in

PHIR: Ian Fraser and Phil Parvin. Details of their research interests can be found on the PHIR website.

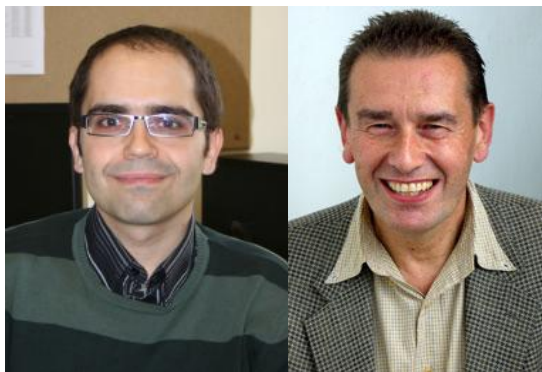
As the CSIG news and events pages together with individual staff profiles indicate, the five research themes generated a wide range of publications and activities both in Loughborough and at venues elsewhere in the UK and overseas. *The International Relations of the EU* led by Mike Smith and David Allen had a major success in gaining a Jean Monnet Network grant for a new project entitled *The Diplomatic System of the EU* launched with a two day conference at Loughborough in December 2009. The project links Loughborough, Maastricht and Leuven universities and will lead to a series of publications and conferences over the next two years.

The development of Sports Governance led by Borja Garcia (School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences) has resulted in the decision to expand this area under the title *The Politics and Governance of Sport* (see below). Given Loughborough's prominence in the area of sports and the longstanding interest within PHIR in issues relating to it, it is anticipated that this will become an increasingly prominent research area.

New in 2010

2010 sees two important changes in the development of CSIG: the creation of a sixth research theme “Politics and Governance of Sport” under the guidance of Dr. Borja Garcia and a new CSIG webpage.

1. Politics and Governance of Sport



New PGS Convenor Dr. Borja Garcia and CSIG Co-Director Prof Brian Hocking

After discussions between CSIG and the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences, it has been decided to promote the Politics and Governance of Sport from a sub-section of Governance and its Alternatives to a separate research theme. The first PGS event, an international conference in Ghent in July, has been organised by Borja Garcia.

2. CSIG Webpage



To reflect its development and growing corporate image, CSIG will be unveiling its new webpage in March 2010.

Based on the new Loughborough template, the webpage will use the same address (<http://csig.lboro.ac.uk>) and include the same information, but in a more professional and user-friendly interface.

Activities in 2009

During 2009, CSIG was involved in a number of national and international seminars and conferences with other academic organisations and universities that broadened its academic scope of focus to cover areas such as Anarchism and National Intelligence

- **Europe's Social Situation: Toward a more inclusive view?**
Loughborough University and the LSE, 5-6th February 2009

These workshops were designed in response to The European Commission President Barroso's stock take exercise of Europe's social standards, levels of wellbeing and major current social challenges. The Bureau of European Policy Advisers delivered a full document that merits much praise for its comprehensiveness and synthetic powers and this was put out to consultation. From the contributions received in return, it was apparent that many more representative organisations could have responded. This event, therefore, aimed to bring diverse selection of stakeholders, who are usually excluded from such consultations and encourage them to contribute to the discussion of the document.

- **Governance and management of sports clubs**
Loughborough University, 14th May 2009

This roundtable explored the managerial and financial disarray that many top clubs find themselves in, despite the fact that top professional clubs in England seem to

be dominating sporting competitions, such as the case of the football Champions League or the rugby's Heineken Cup. The need for better governance and management in sport is a long-standing issue and its prominence in the public and political agendas has been raised in the last couple of years. The round table explored how to improve governance in sport.

- **The Europeanisation of Football**
University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 12-13th June 2009

This workshop was part of the project 'The Europeanisation of Football', in which the transformation of professional football in ten different European countries is being analysed. The project will result in a book co-edited by Arne Niemann, Borja García and Wyn Grant to be published by Manchester University Press in 2010 under a working title 'The Transformation of European Football: A Process of Europeanisation'. The objective of the workshop was to bring together the authors of the ten chapters to present their findings and discuss the structure of the book and its conclusions.

- **Between Scylla and Charybdis: Energy Security and Climate Change Challenges in the European Union**
Loughborough University, 18-19th September 2009

The aim of this two-day conference was to shed light on the EU's approach to addressing these two challenges, as well as producing policy recommendations. A second objective was to raise public awareness of these issues and the role of the EU in managing them. The conference brought together scholars concerned with energy security, energy efficiency and climate change.

- **CSIG/UACES Workshop on Central and Eastern Europe and the EU Court System**
Loughborough University, 14th November 2009

In May 2009, the European Union celebrated the fifth anniversary of its 2004 enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe. The past five years have seen an enormous amount of learning and adjusting both on the part of the new member states, but also on the part of EU institutions. This one day workshop was intended to provide a forum for scholars focusing on the study of the impact of the EU enlargement to the CEE countries on the European Union court system and vice versa. This CSIG workshop was organised in cooperation with 'Assessing Accession – Central and Eastern Europe in the EU', a collaborative research network focusing on how the European Union's political institutions and policy-making structures have impacted on, and been impacted by, the European Union's Central and East European member states.

- **The Diplomatic System of the European Union: the state of the art**
Burleigh Court, Loughborough University, 4-5th December 2009



The Conference Participants

This conference – the first event to be held as part of the Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Network on 'The Diplomatic System of the European Union'

– was held at Loughborough University in December 2009.

Twelve papers were delivered by colleagues from the partner universities (Loughborough, Leuven and Maastricht) and associated experts, and the total participation was thirty, with participants including academic colleagues, EU officials, representatives of non-governmental organisations and postgraduate research students.

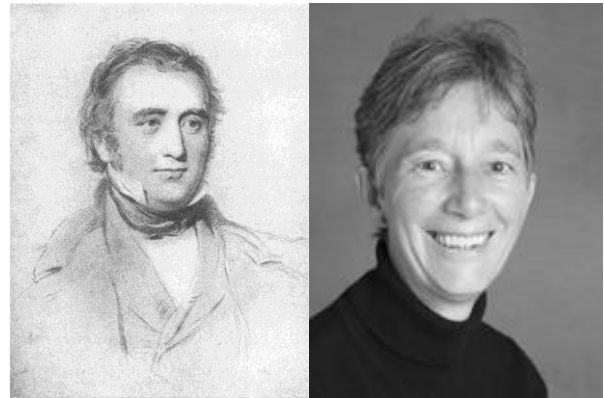
An exceptionally well informed and well received keynote address was delivered at the conference dinner by Cesira D’Aniello, from the Council of the EU.

The conference’s key aim was to establish a baseline for the research to be undertaken by partners within the project as it proceeds. The work of the conference was organised in four interconnected sessions, dealing with:

1. The context of EU diplomacy (both practical and analytical).
2. Institutional Approaches and developments.
3. The EU’s strategic diplomacy.
4. The EU’s structural diplomacy.

- **Public Lecture: Thomas Babington Macaulay – Imperial Man and National Historian**
Rothley Temple (now Rothley Court Hotel), Leicestershire, 7th December 2009.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Thomas Macaulay, Professor Catherine Hall presented a critical reassessment of Macaulay at his birthplace, Rothley Temple. Professor Hall focused on Macaulay’s racialised narrative of “the nation” as the place where the English, understood as racially homogeneous, were “at home”, while the subject peoples were peripheral.



Thomas Babington Macaulay (l) and Catharine Hall

This central theme was then expanded to include Macaulay’s take on the place of Ireland and India in these scheme.

The issues raised in the wide-ranging discussion which followed included: the difference between Macaulay’s racialised vision and Nazi racial policies; Macaulay’s Scottishness; his views of the 1688 revolution and the Whig-liberal tradition; the possibilities of an alternative narrative capable of matching Macaulay’s; and the similarities and differences between Macaulay and George Bush.

The audience of around 60 consisted of local residents, members of Loughborough, Leicester and Nottingham universities, Charnwood Borough Councilors, and the Director of the Markfield Institute of Higher Education.

Roundtables

During 2009, CSIG organised two roundtables.

- **The Gaza Crisis 2008-2009**
Loughborough University, 27th January 2009

Speakers: Dr Fareed El Shayyal (The Markfield Institute of Higher Education), Dr Elizabeth Mavroudi (Loughborough

University, Geography) & Professor Paul Reynolds (University of Westminster)

- **Roundtable on the German Elections**
Loughborough University, 30th September 2009

Speakers: Jeremy Leaman, Chris Szejnmann and Andreas Mullerleile (Loughborough University)

New Staff

Natalie Martin will be leaving CSIG at the end of January 2010, to be replaced by Simon Smith. All CSIG queries should now be directed to Simon in the CSIG office (A312), telephone +44 (0)1509 222973 or email CSIG@lboro.ac.uk.



(l-r) Natalie Martin, Simon Smith and Matt McCulloch

Matt McCulloch has also been appointed to develop the advertising and promotion of CSIG, including the webpage.

Everyone associated with CSIG would like to wish Natalie well in her future endeavors.

Ongoing projects

- CSIG continues to support the **Research Seminar Series** at the department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies.
- In 2008/2009, continued to extend its support to the **Research Colloquium** organised by PHIR research students. The colloquium series aims to support and integrate the postgraduate and wider

departmental research community. The Research Colloquium complements the Research Seminar series by offering a less formal forum for research students and staff to present and discuss their latest research and ideas.

- CSIG continues to offer financial and organisational support to both staff and PGR students in the Department of PHIR. Ideas should be directed towards either Brian Hocking (b.l.hocking@lboro.ac.uk) or Simon Smith (s.smith3@lboro.ac.uk).