

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS
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Everything in this world is, in some way, political. International relations, business, the environment, the legal system, and even sport are political institutions. It is difficult then to grasp the world around us unless we understand politics. Studying politics at Otago has taught me how to view, process and assess the world from a political standpoint – a standpoint that has universal application. In my case I will be taking these skills to Oxford to research further into environmental law and policy. But the quality of teaching at Otago means that you have the skills to pursue a career in any field whilst also being an interesting and well-informed individual.

Laura Fraser, Politics graduate and 2009 Rhodes Scholar

"I have always been fascinated by power and by extension the way that states and individuals exercise that power in the international arena. The study of politics enables me to explore and analyse the nature of power at numerous levels – physical, economic, legal and informational – on a domestic and global stage. The study of politics is a fascinating lens through which to view society. Attempting to understand how the world operates can be rather a daunting task, but the study of Politics gives you the tools to analyse events and express your opinions, on both domestic politics and the state of the world, with confidence. In short, Politics makes you an excellent dinner party guest!"

Georgina Sargison, Politics graduate and a 2008 Commonwealth Scholar

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STUDYING POLITICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Politics involves the operation of power in society: physical power, economic power, legal power, and power over opinion. Power is used to pursue the interests of human beings. These interests are often aggregated into alliances, both within countries and across national borders. Politics is the academic discipline that tries to establish how power operates, how people use it to pursue common ends, and how conflict can arise as a result.

The study of politics is one of the oldest academic disciplines. Theories of politics and power are found in all the great civilizations of the world, both ancient and modern. Throughout the centuries students of politics have tried to understand power, but have also been concerned with creating the *good* society and balancing the pursuit of power with justice and order. Over time, the study of politics have become organized in four sub-disciplines: domestic politics and policy studies, including media and politics; political philosophy; comparative politics; and international relations.

All four sub-disciplines are covered by the Department. The Department offers papers in the fields of New Zealand Politics and Policy Studies; Political Philosophy; Comparative Politics; and International Relations (see page 15). The Department's approach to the study of politics is a blend of traditional and modern analyses.

STUDENT ENQUIRIES

Student enquires or concerns relating to academic matters should be directed to the relevant tutor or lecturer in the first place. All administrative enquiries should be directed to the Administrative Staff of the Department.

Students are welcome to raise issues that cannot be resolved by their tutors/lecturers or by the Administrative Staff with the Head of the Department.

WILLIAM KENNEDY PRIZES IN POLITICS

There are three prizes on offer for students with Politics as their major:

William Kennedy Prize for Best 300-level student in Politics

William Kennedy Prize for Best 300-level Māori student in Politics

William Kennedy Prize for Best 400-level Dissertation in Politics

Mr William Kennedy was a prominent citizen of Dunedin in the late 19th century, and his granddaughter made a bequest in his name to promote the study of Politics and International Relations at the University of Otago.

More information available from the Head of Department

STAFF OFFICES AND OFFICE HOURS

	Room	Office Hours	Research Day
Administrative Assistant			
Donna Jackson	4C12	8.30am-1pm, 2-5pm	
Departmental Administrator			
Geraldine Barrett	4C14	8.am-1.pm, 2-4.30pm	
Head of Department			
Prof William Harris	4C13	Tuesday 3-5pm	Friday
Dr Bryce Edwards	4N6	Wednesday 3-5pm	Monday
Prof Jim Flynn	G03	Tuesday & Thursday 4/4.30 - 5.30pm	Monday
Assoc Prof Janine Hayward	4N8	1st semester Tuesday 1-2pm & Thursday 1-2pm On Leave 2nd semester 2011	Monday
Dr Jim Headley	4S1	Monday 2-3pm & Thursday 10-11am	Friday
Dr Iati Iati	4N10	Tuesday 12noon-1pm Thursday 12noon-1pm	Monday
Dr Nicolas Khoo	4N4	1st semester: Monday 10am-12noon 2nd semester: Monday 12.50-1.50pm & Monday 4-5pm	Thursday
Dr Najibullah Lafraie	4N3	On Leave 2011	N/A
Dr Carla Lam	4N11	Wednesday 2-3pm Fridays 2-3pm Or by appointment	Monday
Prof Philip Nel	4N5	Wednesday 3-5pm	Monday
Prof Robert Patman	4N1	Monday 4-5pm	Friday
Dr Brian Roper	4N2	1st semester: Thursday 4-5pm 2nd semester: Wednesday 4-5pm	Monday
Dr Chris Rudd	4N7	1st semester: Monday 11-12noon 2nd semester Wednesday 1-2pm or email to arrange an appointment	
Dr Vicki Spencer	4S3	Wednesday 10-11am or email to arrange an appointment.	Monday
Dr Lena Tan	4N9	Tuesday 3-5pm	Friday

STAFF RESEARCH DAYS

All members of the Politics Department are strongly committed to providing papers that are of high quality by international standards. In order to ensure that this aim is achieved, staff need to maintain high standards in their research because the quality of university teaching is dependent upon the quality of the research that informs it. Research informs teaching when paper design and content is based on a systematic engagement with literature and current factual information, an up-to-date awareness of developments in the field, and thinking that is subject to regular peer-review.

The research output of the Department also makes an important contribution to discussion and debate in the wider community, and helps to ensure that the University fulfils its mission to act as the 'critic and conscience of society'.

However, in order to be productive as researchers, staff members need quality time in which to read, collect and analyse data, and write. For this reason the Department has designated research days in which staff focus exclusively on research rather than teaching or administration. Each staff member has posted a notice on his or her door that indicates clearly which day or days are earmarked for research. We ask students to respect the research days of staff by not 'knocking on the door' and interrupting their work during their research days.

PAPERS ON OFFER IN 2011 (please also consult the *Guide to Enrolment*)

POLS101 Political Philosophy - Basic Problems
(18pts 1st semester)

Dr Lam

Selected thinkers from Plato to the present. Three problems are looked at: whether reason can justify humane ideals, whether politics is natural, and individual liberty versus other goods.

POLS102 New Zealand Politics – Introduction
(18pts 2nd semester)

Drs Roper & Edwards

The study of institutions and processes of the New Zealand political system. The course focuses on the formal structure of government, political parties and interest groups, the citizen and political participation, and theoretical perspectives.

POLS103 International Politics – Asia Pacific
(18pts 2nd semester)

Dr Khoo

This course provides a comprehensive survey of the major developments in the international relations of Asia since 1945. The course is divided into two sections. The first section focuses on the Cold War in Asia and examines the following: U.S. anti-communist containment policy; the Korean and Vietnam wars; the formation and termination of the Sino-Soviet alliance, and the rise of the East Asian developmental states. The second section focuses on: Sino-U.S. relations after the Cold War; U.S. alliances in Asia; Asian regionalism; China's rise as a major actor in contemporary world politics; Terrorism and Nuclear Proliferation in Asia.

POLS104 International Relations – Introduction
(18 pts 1st semester)

Prof Patman

Key elements of modern international relations. Origins and dynamics of the Cold War system, regional developments, the emerging post-Cold War world, perennial international issues and contending analytical perspectives.

200-LEVEL PAPERS

Note: The prerequisite or co-requisite for one 200-level POLS paper is one POLS 100-level paper or 72 points. No more than one 200-level POLS paper may be taken until one 100-level POLS paper has been completed successfully. Students majoring in Politics or taking Politics as a minor can substitute one 200-level POLS paper with one of GEND208, HEAL203, PHIL227, PHIL228, or PSYC204.

POLS202: Theories of Justice

Dr Spencer

(18pts 1st semester)

This paper explores different theories of justice in modern and contemporary political thought. All societies need rules. But what constitutes a just law and why? What might be a fair distribution of society's resources? Do we need to accommodate and affirm cultural differences or should justice be blind to such differences? And how should we punish those who transgress our laws? In examining these questions, among others, topics to be examined include human and positive rights, utilitarianism, distributive justice and, the politics of community, representation and difference, retributive justice and revenge, forgiveness, historical injustice and reconciliation.

POLS204 International Relations – Concepts

Dr Tan

(18pts 2nd semester)

What is the nature of international life and world politics? How did the international system evolve and develop? Why do countries go to war? What are the possibilities for international co-operation? Why are poor countries of the world poor? This course provides an introduction to some of these perennial questions in the study of world politics as well as the conceptual and theoretical tools that will guide you in thinking and analysing events and issues within the global political system.

POLS207 Environmental Politics

Dr Hayward

(18pts Summer School)

This paper explores three key issues in environmental politics in the New Zealand context: environmental ethics (the big questions about humanity); resource management (the laws and institutions that shape the environment) and Green Politics (the parties in Parliament).

POLS208 Democracy

Dr Roper

(18pts 1st semester)

This course provides a forum to consider and discuss the past, present and future of democracy. It focuses on Athenian, liberal representative and socialist participatory democracy, the history of democracy in Europe and the United States, and contemporary liberal, socialist and feminist interpretations of democracy.

POLS210 Middle East

Prof Harris

(18pts 2nd semester)

An introduction to the peoples, states, and political regimes of the Middle East, with historical, cultural and international context. Themes include identity, political participation, religion and politics, demography and resources, and gender issues. Covers regional conflicts through the case studies of Israel / Palestine, Lebanon / Syria, and Iraq.

POLS215 Mass Media and Modern Politics

Dr Rudd

(18pts 2nd semester)

The paper examines the role of the media in the coverage of contemporary political events. We examine various theories about the role of the media in a democracy, and how various actors are involved in the creation of political news (for example, spin doctors).

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS216 Politics of the European Union

Dr Headley

(18 pts 2nd semester)

This course studies the development of the European Union and contemporary issues in European Union politics. The first part of the course examines the historical development of the EU, placing it in the context of theories of regional integration. Part 2 focuses on the institutions, policy processes, and policy issues in the contemporary EU. The third part considers past and potential future enlargement of the EU, and the role of the EU in contemporary international affairs. The course concludes with consideration of the lessons of European integration and its potential future.

POLS233 Special Topic: The Good Society and the Market

Prof Flynn

(18pts 1st semester)

Examining thinkers from Plato, Marx, and Mill to the present to trace the transition from giving political expression to the good life toward satisfying demands. Developments analysed are the degeneration of moral philosophy and the rise of the market economy. Tawney is singled out as a thinker who saw the need to tame the market rather than abolish it. The moral: thinkers who cannot argue economics cannot face the greatest challenge of the modern world, namely, how to humanize market capitalism.

300-LEVEL PAPERS

Note: Pre-requisite for one 300-level POLS paper is 36 x POLS points on 200 level, or HoD approval. No more than one 300-level POLS paper may be taken until two POLS 100-level and two POLS 200-level papers have been completed. Specific pre-requisites apply to POLS301, POLS302 and POLS303 (see University Calendar).

POLS301 Power and Liberty

Dr Spencer

(18pts 2nd semester)

This paper examines the contested nature of the concepts of liberty and power and the different ways power shapes and constrains our liberty. Are we more free the less we are constrained by the power of the state? Or does freedom involve more than being left alone to do whatever we wish? Is absolute freedom desirable or feasible? Can laws be a source of liberation? How do fear, cruelty and power relate? Does absolute power corrupt? Is the will to power a cause for celebration or the curse of modern existence? Do modern surveillance techniques empower us or are they the latest and most efficient method forcing us to conform? In exploring these questions we will draw on the work of a variety of thinkers in modern political thought.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS302 Research Methods in Politics

Dr Rudd

(18pts 1st semester)

In this course, students will carry out their own research project on some aspect of the forthcoming 2011 election in New Zealand. As part of the research project, students will learn how to conduct interviews, organise and moderate focus groups, and construct and administer a survey.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS308 United States Foreign Policy Since 1945

Prof Patman & Dr Tan

(18pts 2nd semester)

The formulation and implementation of US foreign policy. Covering key theories, enduring international issues, the strategy of containment and the US role in a post Cold-War world.

POLS309 Comparative Indigenous Politics

Dr Hayward

(18pts 1st semester)

Compares current indigenous issues in New Zealand to situations overseas. Topics include representation, autonomy, treaty settlements, and protest. Also compares court rulings, as well as the issues surrounding urban indigenous populations.

It is recommended that students have completed POLS102 before taking this paper. This paper can lead into POLS403 or POLS412.

POLS317 News Media and International Crises
(18pts 1st semester)

Dr Chris Rudd

This paper looks at the role of the news media in the coverage of international crises such as wars, terrorism, political protest and environmental catastrophes.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS318 Chinese Foreign Policy
(18 points 2nd semester)

Dr Khoo

This course describes and critically analyzes the foreign policy of the People's Republic of China since its foundation in 1949. It is divided into separate sections that focus on: theoretical perspectives used in the study of China's international relations; Chinese foreign policy during the cold war and post-cold war era; China's behaviour with respect to specific functional issues in the international arena; and China's relations with specific sub-regions on its periphery.

POLS330 Special Topic: Morality and the State
(18pts 1st semester)

Dr Lam

This paper examines the relationship between morality and the state in ancient and modern thought, and applies them to contemporary issues. Key theoretical issues include the public/private distinction; individual rights versus collective rights; and the appropriate role of the state in moral regulation. Topical political issues will be examined, particularly in relation to a human rights framework and public policy.

POLS331 US Intelligence and National Security
(18 pts Summer School)

Prof Taylor

This paper introduces students to the role of intelligence in US national security decision-making. We will review the history and structure of American intelligence including intelligence aspects of 20th century wars (First and Second World Wars and the Cold War), survey the major US intelligence agencies (CIA, NSA, DIA, and FBI), concentrate on how intelligence works in the American government, and examine current tensions between secrecy and democracy and other contemporary problems facing American intelligence.

POLS332 Public Participation in Politics

Prof Saha

(18 points Summer School)

This paper will investigate the role of citizens in the political life of modern Western democracies. It first will examine the theoretical assumptions regarding democracy and the political engagement of citizens. It will then focus on the various ways that citizens can participate in politics, and the factors which help differentiate between those who do and do not participate. Topics will include the political activities such as voting, standing for political office, public displays of political attitudes such as protests and demonstrations, volunteering, community service and other related activities. The impact of the media and new technologies, such as internet online activism, on public political participation will also be examined.

POLS3?? Forces of Change in Pacific Politics

Dr lati lati

(18 points 2nd semester)

This course examines key forces that have and continue to shape politics within the Pacific region. It examines how a combination of factors, including imperial competition, cold war politics, independence movements, and struggles between traditional and modern Pacific elites, have transformed traditional political configurations into the peculiar political systems we now find in the Pacific region. It also examines how contemporary forces for change, including the competition between the two Chinas, the good governance agenda, and the Pacific diaspora, are likely to shape Pacific politics in the decades to come.

The paper is 100% internally assessed.

400 LEVEL PAPERS

Normally, no POLS 400-level paper can be taken unless a student is in 400-level Politics Honours or PGdipArts. Exceptions are possible with the approval of the lecturer responsible for the paper.

POLS402 Community, Culture and Rights
(24pts 1st semester)

Dr Spencer

Should we accommodate cultural difference through public recognition in our public policies and laws or is it sufficient for justice to leave people to pursue their own ends within a common legal framework? Do states need a common national identity to retain cohesiveness? Or does justice demand a co-sovereign approach toward indigenous peoples? Should a liberal state be tolerant toward illiberal and often sexist cultural and religious practices? Issues raised by these questions to be explored in this paper in contemporary political theory include: the validity of human rights and universal values, pluralism and relativism, identity and the role of community, traditions and cultural membership, liberal nationalism, indigenous and minority rights, and gender and multiculturalism.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS404 Politics and Society
(24pts 2nd semester)

Dr Roper

This course focuses on class, gender, and ethnicity, with comparative reference to the United States and Great Britain. It addresses questions such as: Why do these inequalities exist? What are some of the major ways in which they have changed historically? How do they impact upon politics and policy-making? What can and should be done about them?

POLS405 Political Campaigning
(24pts 2nd semester)

Dr Edwards

Examines how politicians and political parties market themselves, and the impact of this marketing on voting behaviour.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS409 Russian Foreign Policy
(24 pts 1st semester)

Dr Headley

This course analyses the development of Russian foreign policy since the Cold War. The legacy of Soviet foreign policy theory and practice is assessed, and the evolution of foreign policy under Yeltsin, Putin, and Medvedev is considered in terms of national interest and identity, foreign policy process, and regions and issues of particular importance to Russia.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS4?? New Zealand Foreign Policy in the Pacific
(24 points 2nd semester)

Dr lati lati

This course examines key international forces that affect New Zealand foreign policy in the Pacific region. Ostensibly, New Zealand has a schizophrenic foreign policy approach in relation to this region. It reacts to a coup d'état in Fiji with immediate condemnation, followed by 'smart sanctions' that are intended to cripple the ruling regime, but has said and done very little in relation to the authoritarian government in Tonga. It has even labelled Samoa the Pacific's 'pinup star' despite the fact that parliamentary representation there is limited to chiefs. It plays second fiddle to Australia in regional governance matters, but took the lead from Australia in helping to arrest the Pacific's most devastating crisis, the Bougainville conflict. This course tries to make sense of New Zealand's approach by analysing the complex foreign policy challenges that this region presents.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

POLS490/491 Research Dissertation
(48pts Full year)

Co-ordinators Drs Headley and Tan

POLS490 due Friday 14 October; POLS491 due Friday 3 June

The research dissertation is either a piece of original research on a specified research question, or a more wide-ranging discussion of a topic which gives a critical account of existing literature and knowledge. Maximum of 15,000 words (excluding footnotes, bibliography, and appendices).

For more information on POLS 490/491 see 'Honours and the PGDipArts' on page 17.

This paper is 100% internally assessed.

STREAMS IN POLITICS (not all papers are offered every year)

	Political Theory/Philosophy	NZ Politics; Policy Studies	Comparative /Area Studies	International Relations
100	POLS101 Political Philosophy – Basic Problems	POLS102 NZ Politics – Introduction	POLS103 International Politics – Asia-Pacific	POLS103 International Politics – Asia- Pacific POLS104 International Relations – Introduction
200	POLS202 Theories of Justice POLS208 Democracy POLS233 The Good Society and the Market PSYC 204 Justice, Race, and Class	POLS207 Environmental Politics POLS212 Political Communication in NZ POLS213 NZ Foreign Policy POLS231 Public Policy – Introduction	POLS208 Democracy POLS210 The Politics of the Middle East POLS214 Islam, Politics, and the Challenge of Terrorism POLS215 Mass Media and Modern Politics POLS216 Politics of the European Union	POLS204: International Relations – Concepts POLS211: Global Political Economy POLS213 New Zealand Foreign Policy POLS214 Islam, Politics, and the Challenge of terrorism POLS216 Politics of the European Union
300	POLS301 Power and Liberty POLS312 Ethics and International Relations POLS330 Morality and the State	POLS303 NZ Political Economy POLS309 Comparative Indigenous Politics	POLS309 Comparative Indigenous / State Politics POLS310 Turkey and Its Neighbours POLS315 Nationalism and Identity POLS317 News Media and International Crises	POLS304 International Relations – Peacekeeping POLS308 US Foreign Policy POLS310 Turkey and its Neighbours POLS312 Ethics and International Relations POLS317 News Media and International Crises POLS318 Chinese Foreign Policy
400	POLS402 Community, Culture and Rights POLS432 Sex/Gender in Western Political Thought	POLS403 Peoples and Constitutions POLS404 Politics and Society POLS405 Political Campaigning POLS412 Treaty Politics	POLS403 Peoples and Constitutions POLS405 Political Campaigning POLS414 The Levant	POLS409 Russian Foreign Policy POLS414 The Levant POLS416 Global Governance POLS430 Islamic Militancy in World Politics POLS433 IR and the Developing World

Note: POLS 302 Research Methods and POLS 490/491 Research Dissertation apply to all streams

Note also: One of PSYC 204, GEND 201, GEND 208, HEAL 203, PHIL 227 and PHIL 228 can be substituted for one POLS paper:

TIMETABLE
FIRST SEMESTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00-9.50		PSYC204 (JF)	PSYC204 (JF)	PSYC204 (JF)
9.00- 10.50				
10.00- 10.50	POLS215 (CR)		POL302 (CR)	POLS317 (CR)
10.00- 11.50		POLS409 (JHe)	POLS405 (BE) INTS502 (RP)	POLS402 (VS) POLS330 (CL)
11.00- 11.50	POLS104 (RP)	POLS104 RP)	POLS101 (CL)	POLS101 (CL)
11.00- 12.50				POLS309 (JH)
12.00- 12.50		POLS309 (JH)		
12.00- 1.50			Departmental Seminars and Meetings	
1.00- 1.50	POLS490 (JHe & LT)			
1.00- 2.50				POLS330 (CL)
2.00- 2.50	POLS210 (VWH)	POLS210 (VWH)		
2.00- 3.50		POLS402 (VS)		POLS409 (JHe)
3.00- 3.50			POLS208 (BR)	POLS208 (BR)
3.00- 4.50		INTS502 (RP)		
4.00- 4.50			POLS202 (VS)	POLS202 (VS)
4.00- 5:50				

TIMETABLE
SECOND SEMESTER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9.00-9.50			POLS308 (RP <)		
9.00- 10.50					
10.00- 10.50		POLS204 (LT)		POLS204 (LT)	
10.00- 11.50	POLS318 (NIK)		POLS211 (PN)		POLS310 (VS)
11.00- 11.50		POLS3.. (II)	POLS4.. (II)	POLS3.. (II)	POLS4.. (II)
11.00- 12.50					
12.00- 12.50		POLS216 (JHe)		POLS216 (JHe)	
12.00- 1.50			Departmental Seminars and Meetings		
1.00- 1.50	POLS490 (JHe & LT)				
1.00- 2.50	POLS 433 (LT)			POLS102 (BR & BE)	POLS102 (BR & BE)
2.00- 2.50					
2.00- 3.50	POLS103 (NIK)	POLS404 (BR)	POLS404 (BR)	POLS416 (BN)	
3.00- 3.50		POLS233 (JF)	POLS233 (JF)	POLS233 (JF)	
3.00- 4.50					
4.00- 4.50				POLS308 (RP & LT) POLS416 (PN)	
4.00- 5.50					

PLANNING YOUR DEGREE IN POLITICS

We strongly suggest that students should discuss their course of study with staff in the Department. For any general 100-300 level queries, please see Dr Chris Rudd. For 400-level queries, please see either Dr Jim Headley or Dr Lena Tan.

It is possible for a student to focus on one or more streams among the rich variety of papers offered by the Department (see ‘Streams in Politics’). Please discuss your options with the coordinator of a stream.

SAMPLING POLITICS

You can take selected POLS papers (rather than a full degree), such as:

- any 100-level papers (no prerequisites);
- one 200-level paper: one POLS 100-level paper as a pre-requisite or co-requisite; or 72 Arts points;
- one 300-level paper. Prerequisites: 36 POLS points at 200 level (or HoD permission), or two PHIL papers for POLS301, or two ECON papers for POLS303.
- to take more papers at 300 level, more POLS papers must have been taken in previous years. See Dr Chris Rudd, the Undergraduate Coordinator.

A MAJOR IN POLITICS

For a Politics major, a student is required to take: a minimum of nine POLS papers, at least two at the 100-level and seven papers above the 100-level. These seven papers must include at least two 200-level papers, and at least four 300-level POLS papers. GEND208, HEAL203, PHIL227, PHIL228, or PSYC204 may be substituted for **one** 200-level POLS paper. From 2011, every student beginning a major in POLS must include at least one of POLS102, POLS207, POLS212, POLS213, POLS303, POLS309 in their major.

Prerequisites for POLS majors

- 100-level - No prerequisites.
- 200-level - One POLS 100-level paper. One (only one) 300-level POLS paper may be taken at this level.
- 300-level - Two POLS 100-level plus two POLS 200-level papers.
- 400-level - The nine papers of the undergraduate major.

A DOUBLE MAJOR

A double major can be both interesting and stimulating; it allows you to explore similar issues and problems from different perspectives. You may find the different approaches to be complementary, sometimes contradictory. In either case, your knowledge and understanding are enhanced. Having an in-depth coverage of complementary subject areas can increase your confidence when applying for jobs. You may combine your POLS major with other disciplines. There are many possible combinations and you should discuss these with your course adviser(s). With departmental approval, a well-planned double major can allow you to 'double-count' some papers in both disciplines.

A MINOR IN POLITICS

A minor in Politics consists of at least 90 points of POLS papers, normally two 100-level papers, two papers at 200-level and one paper at 300-level (90 points). Alternatively, the minor might consist of the two 100-level papers, one 200-level paper and two 300-level papers (90 points). PSYC204 or GEND208 may be substituted for one 200-level POLS Paper..

MINOR IN MORAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

A minor in moral and political thought consists of five of the following papers including no more than one paper at 100-level and at least one paper at 300-level. 100-level: POLS101 Political Philosophy – Basic Problems, PHIL103 Ethical Issues. 200-level: POLS202 Theories of Justice, POLS208 Democracy, PHIL228 Ethics, POLS233 The Good Society and the Market, PHIL227 Moral Philosophy, GEND201 Introduction to Feminist Theory, GEND208 Governing Bodies, PHIL221 Analytical Philosophy, CHTH231 Christianity, War and Violence. 300-level: POLS301 Power and Liberty, POLS312 International Ethics, POLS330 Morality and the State, PHIL338 Ethical Theory, PHIL335 Why Be Moral? GEND308 Governing Bodies, HIST329 War and Peace in Medieval Europe, PHIL321 Analytical Philosophy, CHTH331 Christianity, War and Violence.

POLITICAL THEORY/PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVES

Students who are interested in specialising in Political Theory/Philosophy can consider taking one of the following 200-level papers.

GEND201 Introduction to Feminist Theory (18 points)

An introduction to the major debates of feminist theory: androcentrism and feminist epistemology; the politics of difference among women; the relationship between sex, gender and the body; the legacies of Simone de Beauvoir; feminist critiques of liberalism; Nietzsche and feminism; theorising power; theorising sexual violence.

GEND208 Governing Bodies (18 points)

A critical exploration of the relationship between feminism, the state and issues of gender, sexuality and family, drawing on approaches from feminism, political theory and critical legal studies. Topics include: theorising gender and the state, women and welfare in neoliberal times, the same sex marriage debate, prostitution law reform, rape law reform, and the gendered politics of child custody.

PHIL227 Moral Philosophy (18 points)

Prerequisite: One PHIL paper or 72 points

Restriction: PHIL327, PHIL203

What do moral judgements mean, and what (if anything) makes them true? What must people be like if they are to respond to the demands of morality? What must morality be like if people are to respond to its demands? Theorists discussed include Hobbes, Locke, and Hume.

PHIL228 Ethics (18 points)

Prerequisite: One PHIL paper or 72 points

Restriction: PHIL328, PHIL211

The first part of this paper examines the main ethical theories. For instance, is doing the right thing a matter of: maximising good consequences; doing God's will; acting in accord with natural law; doing only what we can rationally will; or acting as a virtuous person would? The second part of the paper examines critiques of the whole project of ethical theory, and alternative ways of doing ethics.

PSYC204 Justice, Race and Class (18 points)

Jensen and *The Bell Curve* are used to show that psychologists study race and class without the necessary philosophical sophistication. Aristotle, Huxley, and Skinner are cited as thinkers who tried to collapse moral philosophy into psychology. An over-riding theme is whether a combination of these two disciplines can provide a defence of humane ideals. This culminates in a critical analysis of Nietzsche's anti-humane ideals.

A MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (PHPE)

This is an interdisciplinary programme incorporating an attractive and intellectually stimulating combination of three long-established, influential disciplines. These have been a popular combination at Oxford University for some time. The aim of the programme is to give students a broader exposure to the range of analytical approaches in these three disciplines than would be gained within any one of the three traditional single-discipline majors. Below are the requirements for students wishing to major in PHPE or follow an Honours programme in PHPE.

MAJOR IN PHPE

- 100-level:** BSNS104, ECON112, one 100-level PHIL paper (preferably PHIL 103), and one 100-level POLS paper (preferably POLS102).
- 200-level:** ECON201 or 271, one other 200-level ECON paper, two 200-level PHIL papers, and two 200-level POLS papers.
- 300-level:** Six 300-level ECON, PHIL or POLS papers, including at least two papers in two of the subjects, and at least one paper in the third subject.

HONOURS IN PHPE

- Prerequisites** BSNS104, ECON112, one 100-level PHIL *and* paper (preferably PHIL103), and one 100-level POLS paper (preferably POLS102)
Recommended preparation: MATH160 or MATH102 or FINQ102.
- Second Year** ECON201 or 271, ECON202, two 200-level PHIL papers, two 200-level POLS papers, and one additional paper
- Third Year** Seven papers, including two 300-level ECON papers, two 300-level PHIL papers, POLS302, and one other 300-level POLS paper.
- Fourth Year** ECON490 or PHIL490 or POLS490, plus papers worth at least 96 points from 400-level ECON, PHIL or POLS papers, or one of ECON 371, 375-377.

HEALTH SCIENCES ELECTIVE

Students can substitute one POLS 200-level paper with HEAL203 (only one substitution on 200-level allowed)

HEAL203 Health Policy and Politics (First semester) 18 points

This paper is an introduction to the analysis of health policy making processes and issues. It looks at the factors driving health policy in developed world countries today, with emphasis on New Zealand, the United States, England and selected Asian and other countries. Key issues studied include health system organisation and governance, service quality and safety, health information technology, trends in international health, pharmaceutical policy, and the roles of government and the private sector.

HONOURS IN POLITICS

HONOURS AND THE PGDipArts

Honours and the Post-Graduate Diploma (PGDip) in Politics have the same paper requirements at 400-level (the difference is that the PGDip is a stand-alone 400 level course). If you would like advice please see one of the 400-level co-ordinators, Dr Jim Headley or Dr Lena Tan.

Entry Requirements

Honours & PGDipArts

At the end of each year, the Department invites selected students to apply for entry into the Honours programme. Students may also apply for Honours without being invited to do so. Students may enter at the 200-level, 300-level, or 400-level:

- To enter Honours at the 200-level, students must normally have passed (with a B average) papers worth 126 points, including two 100-level POLS papers with a B+ average.
- To enter Honours at the 300-level, students must normally have passed at least 252 points, including at least 90 points above 100-level with a B average. This includes having passed at least two 100-level POLS papers, and three 200-level POLS papers with a B+ average.
- To enter Honours at the 400-level, students must normally have passed papers worth 360 points and have fulfilled the POLS major requirements (a minimum of nine POLS papers: at least two at the 100-level and at least seven above the 100-level which must include at least two 200-level papers and at least four 300-level papers). Students must have a B+ average over their best four 300-level POLS papers. Students must not have been awarded the BA.
- To enter PGDipArts, students must normally have a BA in Politics with a B+ average over the best four 300-level POLS papers or equivalent.

Note: *The Department is entitled to remove students from the Honours programme if they do not maintain a grade average commensurate with the Honours requirements.*

Paper Requirements for students who have entered Honours or PGDipArts in Politics

Honours

- In Honours at the 200-level, students must normally complete at least 120 points in total, including four 200-level POLS papers. PSYC204, GEND201, GEND208, PHIL227 or PHIL228 may be substituted for one 200-level POLS paper.
- In Honours at the 300-level, students must normally complete 120 points in total, including five 300-level POLS papers including POLS302.
- In Honours at the 400-level, students must normally complete three 400-level POLS papers and POLS490/491.

PGDipArts

The PGDipArts is a 400-level stand-alone course for students who have already graduated. PGDipArts students must normally complete three 400-level POLS papers and POLS490/491.

POLS490/491

POLS490/491 is a research dissertation of 15,000 words (excluding footnotes, bibliography, and appendices). It is either a piece of original research on a specified research question, or a more wide-ranging discussion of a topic which gives a critical account of existing literature and knowledge.

Students are appointed a supervisor and also meet regularly with the 400-level co-ordinators to ensure steady progress is maintained on the dissertation. The due date is **Friday 14th October** (POLS490) or **Friday 3rd June** (POLS491).

Statement on 490/491 extensions

The due date for POLS490 and POLS491 is a **strict** deadline. Extensions will only be provided in cases of unforeseen circumstances which significantly restrict a student's ability to complete the dissertation on time. This does not include work commitments, or any other activities entered into voluntarily. In cases where there are serious unforeseen circumstances, the student should discuss them with one of the 400-level co-ordinators at the earliest possible opportunity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

TUTORIALS

At the beginning of the semester, you will be assigned to a tutorial group and lists will be posted on the student notice board (4th floor Arts Building beside office 4C12). The tutorials usually begin during the second week of the semester and at this first meeting you will be given full details of future tutorial meetings and assessment requirements. Please ensure you attend this first meeting. The tutorial rooms will be listed on the notice board.

Tutorials are an essential part of your learning process. You should attend the tutorial classes offered in your papers and you should endeavour to participate. Those who learn to participate derive considerable and increasing benefit for themselves as their oral skills develop, and at the same time, they contribute significantly to the success of the small-group method. Most professional occupations require the kind of verbal communication required for tutorial participation.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND INTERNAL ASSESSMENT

Papers in Politics are assessed normally by a combination of internal assessment and examinations. Some papers have 100% internal assessment. Individual papers have different requirements. Internal assessment ranges from 20 to 100 percent. You should consult the course outline to confirm the internal assessment requirements for each paper.

Reconsideration of internal assessment grades is possible, but should NOT be considered normal practice. A student should take an appeal in the first instance to the tutor or staff member who marked the relevant piece, within one week of receipt of the graded piece.

If this does not produce resolution, the piece may go to a second marker -- in the case of a tutor, to the lecturer responsible for the course, and in the case of a lecturer, to a second academic staff member within the department. Assessment by the second marker represents termination of the process. The student **MUST** understand that the grade may be reduced as well as raised, and would have to accept any lowered grade in place of the original.

EXTENSIONS AND PENALTIES

If you fail to submit an essay or assignment, you will be given a mark of zero, but you may still sit the final exam. The lecturer may grant extensions for serious reasons, such as illness. In that case a medical certificate is required. In all cases **you must complete an application form for an extension** and this must be signed by the lecturer before the **essay due date**. These forms are available from the Departmental Office (4C12). No assignments will be marked if handed in after the last Friday of the semester.

Unless otherwise specified by lecturers, late assignments incur a penalty of 5 percent per day (10 percent for a weekend). Work that is more than one week late without an extension **may** be commented on by the lecturer but **won't** be graded.

Essays must be handed in by **4:30pm on the due date unless otherwise advised**. All essays go in the essay boxes (100, 200, 300 and 400-level) outside the corridor to the Politics Department (Arts Building, 4th floor, North end). **LATE** essays should be taken to the Administrative Office (4C12) of the Department to be dated.

DISHONEST PRACTICE

Dishonest practice in relation to work submitted for assessment (including all course work, tests and examinations) is taken very seriously at the University of Otago.

All students have an obligation to understand the requirements applying to particular assessments and also to understand and follow acceptable academic practice. Any breach of established requirements or of acceptable practice - whether intentional, or arising through a failure to take reasonable care - will result in action being taken against those involved.

Plagiarism is one form of dishonest practice. Plagiarism is defined as copying or paraphrasing another person's work and presenting it as one's own - whether intentionally, or through failure to take proper care. Being party to someone else's plagiarism (by allowing them to copy your work or by otherwise helping them plagiarise work for an assessment) is also dishonest practice.

All students have a responsibility to be aware of acceptable academic practice in relation to the use of material prepared by others, and for taking all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that no breach of acceptable practice occurs. Part of your study at University is about developing your own thoughts and ideas. Where you use other people's words or ideas in your work it is vital that you reference these correctly. The Student Learning Centre (which is located in the Information Services Building) offers a course to assist you with this if you want one.

Any student involved in dishonest practice is liable to be proceeded against under the University's regulations. A range of penalties is established by those regulations, including forfeiture of marks for the piece of work submitted, a zero grade for the paper, or in extreme cases exclusion from the University.

If you are ever in any doubt concerning what may be acceptable practice in relation to an assessment you should clarify the situation before submitting the work or taking the test or examination involved.

Please also check the Department notice board for the Division of Humanities policy on plagiarism.

THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION HAS TO BE SIGNED AND APPENDED TO ALL ESSAYS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

“Declaration: I have read and understood the University plagiarism policy. I declare that this assignment is entirely my own work, all sources have been properly acknowledged, and that I have not previously submitted this work, or any version of it, for assessment in any other paper”.

Forms containing the above declaration are available outside the Department office and next to the assignment drop boxes. For further information, please see the University’s policy at: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/study/plagiarism.html>

POSTGRADUATE STUDY

(A Handbook on Graduate Study in Politics is available)

THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA (PGDip)

Students who have completed a BA and graduated can elect to do a year of advanced course work including the research dissertation (POLS490) and three other 400-level POLS papers. The criterion for admission is a good performance in undergraduate Politics papers, normally at least a B+ average for four 300-level POLS papers. See Honours and PGDipArts above for further details, or talk with one of the 400-level coordinators Dr Lena Tan or Dr Jim Headley.

DIPLOMA FOR GRADUATES (Dip Grad)

A Diploma for Graduates comprises one full-time year, or part-time equivalent, of papers chosen to form a coherent course of at least 120 points. The papers are usually at undergraduate level and at least 72 points must be at the 300-level. The Dip Grad is thus not a postgraduate qualification as such, but is a useful bridging study for graduate students who have completed a major in one subject and who then wish to prepare to undertake postgraduate work in another.

MASTERS (MA)

Fourth year Honours and the Postgraduate Diploma courses are the equivalent of the course work for the first year of the MA. Therefore, those who have completed them can earn an MA by doing a thesis only. The criterion for admission is a BA (Honours) degree with a pass at Second Class Honours, First Division or better, or the equivalent standard in the Postgraduate Diploma. A Masters thesis consists of 30,000 to 40,000 words of text, excluding appendices, footnotes, and bibliography. Full-time candidates can usually complete the thesis in 12 to 18 months and the Department encourages students to stick to that time limit. (Part-time candidates are allowed up to four years to complete).

Candidates will be allocated a supervisor for their work. These supervisors are trained to supervise candidates and will advise on topics and sources. An induction series of seminars will be held at the beginning of the course of study to explain research techniques, data collection, storage and retrieval, and thesis writing procedures and requirements. Candidates must see their supervisors *at least* once a month whether or not they consider they have any progress to report. Naturally, more frequent consultation is often desirable particularly in the early and the writing up stages.

No student should assume they have a topic until they have a supervisor who has determined that the topic is researchable, within the supervisor's field of competence, and can be completed in 18 months of full time work. In order to get knowledgeable supervision, the Department on occasion has co-opted a co-supervisor from outside the Department. Format should conform to the recommendations in the pamphlet

“Notes on the preparation of theses”, available at the central library. For further information, see Dr Vicki Spencer.

An induction Programme is presented to familiarise new MA candidates with research methods and techniques, data sources, data storage and retrieval, and thesis writing procedures and requirements.

Prospective students should carefully read the University’s Handbook for Masters’ Degrees that is available on the University website at www.otago.ac.nz/study/masters/OU_Research_Masters_2003.pdf

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (MIntSt)

The Department of Politics, along with other participating departments, offers students the option of a taught Master of International Studies (M.IntSt). The M.IntSt programme is multi-disciplinary in nature and consists of four Masters level courses (which all participating students have to take) taught by staff from four disciplines plus a 20,000 word research project which is started at the beginning of what is an intensive twelve month course. The components of the programme are:

International Politics (INTS502) – Semester 1

International Legal Issues (INTS504) – Semester 1

The Global Economy (INTS503) – Semester 2

International History (INTS501) – Semester 2

Research Project (INTS505) – Full Year

Semester 1

International Politics (INTS502) examines contending international theories, actors in the international system, security dimensions of international society and some key issues in contemporary global politics, including morality and human rights, the threat of international terrorism and the North-South divide

International Legal Issues (INTS504) gives a foundation in the basic principles of international law, then proceeds to examine the role of legal principles in world affairs on topics such as the use of force, the law of the sea, self-determination, and human rights.

Semester 2

International History (INTS501) provides an examination of the historical evolution of the modern international system. It looks at the inter-state system from its origins in Europe after the Middle Ages to the onset of the Third Millennium.

The Global Economy (INTS503) covers the microeconomics of international trade and the macroeconomics of the world economy. The focus is on recent trends in, and likely prospects for, the global economy.

Research Project (Full Year)

With respect to the research dissertation, work on this project should commence at the beginning of the programme – a student can join the M.IntSt in February or July during the academic year – and must be completed within the following 12 months.

Please note this is a truly multidisciplinary programme, and involves teaching from four academic disciplines – Politics, Law, Economics, and History. Each of these disciplines are responsible for determining the content and internal assessment requirements of each course. Students have six contact hours per week and there is a 60-40 split between the exam and internal assessment for each taught component of the course. That is to say, 40 per cent of a student's mark is determined by internal assessment (coursework normally consisting of essays, seminar presentations and assignments) in each of the four courses that are taken as part of the M.IntSt programme.

Applicants for the M.IntSt should normally hold a four year Honours degree at a level of at least Upper Second Class or the international equivalent, or have alternative qualifications or experience acceptable to the Pro- Vice Chancellor in the Humanities Division. For a more detailed description of this degree programme, please consult the M.IntSt website www.otago.ac.nz/mintst or ask Donna Jackson in the Politics Department Office for further information.

MASTER OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES (MIndS)

The Department of Politics along with other participating departments offers students the option of a taught Master of Indigenous Studies (MIndS). This degree allows students to explore, question and learn about the unique bodies of knowledge about indigenous customary, environmental and cultural practices. This degree requires at least twelve months of fulltime, or the equivalent in part time, study to complete. The normal admission requirement is a four-year degree, but applications will be received from alternatively qualified students who have at least three years relevant experience. For further information see Dr Janine Hayward.

DOCTORATE (PhD)

A PhD is earned by dissertation only and normally takes three years to complete. BA Hons or PGDip candidates who perform with distinction on their course work or show unusual research promise may be allowed to proceed directly to the PhD degree; otherwise doctoral students are expected to have completed a Masters degree. If an MA thesis promises to be of unusual quality and scope, the candidate may be allowed to upgrade an MA registration to a PhD. Candidates will be allocated a supervisor or supervisors. An induction Programme is presented to familiarise new PhD candidates with research methods and techniques, data sources, data storage and retrieval, and thesis writing procedures and requirements. Please consult with the PhD co-ordinator, Dr Vicki Spencer, for further information.

Prospective students should carefully read the University's Handbook for PHD Study that is available on the University website at www.otago.ac.nz/study/phd/handbook/index.html

ETHICS IN RESEARCH

Honours students and postgraduates, in consultation with supervisors, need to consider carefully the potential ethical implications of their research, in accordance with University Policy in this regard. See policy documents and forms at www.otago.ac.nz/acadcomm/ethics.html).

If the intended research involves interviews with politicians, other public figures, government officials, or members of the community, ethical approval must be sought. University policy makes provision for two types of ethical approval (Category B can be approved at the department level while Category A requires approval from the University Ethics Committee), depending on the level of anonymity and the potential political risk involved. Please consult with the Coordinator of the Department's Ethics Committee (Dr Carla Lam) about the type of approval necessary for your intended research. They can also provide you with a template on which to base your application for Departmental approval.

RESEARCH SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The Department regularly holds research-in-progress seminars for all staff and honours and graduate students. All honours and graduate students and department staff are expected to participate in departmental seminars at which papers on research-in-progress receive constructive feedback. In addition, visiting scholars present papers of interest to the Department at convenient times. Seminars are advertised on the Politics notice boards and on our website.

APPLYING FOR POSITION OF TUTOR

Depending on enrolment numbers and the divisional budget, a number of positions of tutor are allocated to the Department each semester. These positions are normally attached to 100- and 200-level papers.

Being a tutor is a great way to enhance your CV and to build your experience in speaking to and working with groups of peoples. Competition for the available positions is intense, and tutoring positions are usually reserved for PhD and Masters students in the first place, and for students who major in Politics and have completed their third year of study in Politics.

Should you want to be considered for one of the positions available in a semester, please email your CV and study record to Mrs Geraldine Barrett, Departmental Administrator, (geraldine.barrett@otago.ac.nz).

Closing dates for applications are **1 February** for the 1st semester, and **30 June** for the 2nd semester.

STUDENT EXCHANGES

The Department encourages students to make use of the University's international exchange agreements. The opportunity to get to know another university, and another culture, is an invaluable educational experience.

The following universities are popular among POLS majors:

The University of Amsterdam
The University of Economics, Prague
Corvinus University of Budapest
The University of California (Berkeley)
The National University of Samoa
Universidad de Colima (Mexico)
Lyon III, France
Charles University (Czech Republic)
The University of British Columbia
The University of Heidelberg

All exchanges require that students:

- be currently enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Otago
- have achieved a "B" average academic grade (overall)
- have successfully completed at least one semester of full-time study at the time of application.

For more information, see the University website:

www.otago.ac.nz/study/student_exchange/index.html

This is what one Politics student, who attended Charles University in the Czech Republic, had to say on his return:

'Basically, this exchange was the best thing I have done so far in my life, and I am returning with the confidence that I can survive and be happy and successful in a completely different environment and on my own. I really recommend an exchange, and Prague seems to be one of the best places to do it.'

Nic Hyland

Please note: *The Department strongly recommends that students do not take 400-level papers for the PGDipArts or POLS Honours while on exchange.*

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Bryce joined the Politics department in 2007 as his first academic position, teaching New Zealand politics, public policy, and public management. His other research interests include political parties, elections, social inequality, class, political movements, political finance, political communication, e-politics, and sociology.

Prior to teaching, Bryce worked as a policy analyst in government departments in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom. His PhD, completed in 2003, was on Political Parties in New Zealand: A Study of Ideological and Organisational Transformation. Bryce has extensively researched political finance in New Zealand, and is currently working on a book about the history of political finance in New Zealand up to and including the first year of the Electoral Finance Act in operation.

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Emeritus Professor, Head of Department, 1967-96

Prof Flynn has combined political and moral philosophy with psychology to clarify problems such as justifying humane ideals and whether it makes sense to rank races and classes by merit. Professor Flynn has been profiled in *Scientific American* and ran for the New Zealand Parliament in 1993 and 1996 as Alliance candidate for Dunedin North. Research Interests: Humane ideals and ideological debate; classics of political philosophy; race, class and IQ.

His books are *American politics: a radical view* (Auckland, Paul 1967); *Humanism and ideology* (London, Routledge 1973); *Race, IQ and Jensen* (London, Routledge 1980); *Asian Americans: achievement beyond IQ* (Hillsdale NJ, Erlbaum 1991); *How to defend humane ideals* (Lincoln, Nebraska, (University of Nebraska Press 2000); *What is Intelligence? Beyond the Flynn Effect* (Cambridge University Press 2009 paper back edition); *Where have all the liberals gone? Race, class, and ideals in America* (Cambridge 2008); *O God Who has a Russian soul: Poems about New Zealand and its people* (Sydney, Xlibris 2010); *The torchlight list: Around the world in 200 books* (Wellington, AWA Press 2010).

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William has written three sole-authored books on Middle Eastern affairs, as well as a wide variety of book chapters and academic articles on both the eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. His latest book, *The Levant: A Fractured Mosaic* (Markus Wiener, Princeton, 2003, 2005 and 2008) won an Outstanding Academic Title award from Choice magazine in the US. William is currently working on *A History of Lebanon, 640-2010* for Oxford University Press in New York. Research Interests are: Middle East comparative politics; ethnic and communal issues; political geography; Middle East history and contemporary affairs, especially the Levant.

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Her publications include: *The Waitangi Tribunal: Te Roopu Whakamana I te Tiriti o Waitangi* (Bridget Williams Books 2004) (co-edited with Nicola R Wheen); *Political Communications in New Zealand* (co-edited with C Rudd 2004); *Local Government and the Treaty of Waitangi* (Oxford University Press 2003).

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Previously lectured at University College London, Leicester University, and University of Auckland. Research interests: Russian politics and foreign policy, international politics of the former Soviet Union and Central/Eastern Europe, nationalism and ethnic conflict, International Relations theory, New Zealand and Australian foreign policies, the European Union. His book *Russia and the Balkans: Foreign Policy from Yeltsin to Putin* is published by Hurst and Co./Columbia University Press.

DR IATI IATI MA (Canterbury), PhD (Hawaii)

I received my PhD from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. My research interests are focussed on the social and political implications of the 'good governance agenda' for Pacific island countries. In particular, I am interested in how policies intended to strengthen civil society and reform customary land tenure systems will affect traditional political institutions and the rights and welfare of Pacific island people. My current projects focus on political issues in Samoa: *The Price for Two Decades of Political Stability*, *Controversial Land Reform in Samoa*, and *Interrogating the Myth of the Samoa-Tonga Wars*.

DR NICHOLAS KHOO BA (California) MA (Johns Hopkins) PhD (Columbia)

Nicholas' research interests cover Chinese foreign policy, the international relations of Asia, international relations theory, and Cold War studies. He was previously a lecturer at the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom, and a visiting professor at the Foreign Affairs University in Beijing. Nicholas is interested in policy-related research, and has held research positions at various institutions in Asia and the U.S. including: the Council on Foreign Relations, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies. His current research focuses on the responses of East Asian states to China's rise, Asian regionalism, and China's behaviour in international institutions. His most recent publication is *Collateral Damage: Sino-Soviet Rivalry and the Termination of the Sino-Vietnamese Alliance* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011).

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Dr Lafraie has travelled widely and has participated in numerous international conferences – including the United Nations Summit at Commemoration of its 50th Anniversary, two UN General Assembly sessions, and several meetings of the Non-Aligned Movement, Organization of Islamic Conferences and Economic Cooperation Organization.

Dr Lafraie's research interests include international relations, Islam and politics, Islamic militancy and insurgency, Afghanistan politics, and refugee issues. His book on *Revolutionary Ideology and Islamic Militancy: The Iranian Revolution and Interpretations of the Quran* was published by I.B. Tauris in 2009.

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Carla received her PhD in political theory from Carleton University in 2004. She then lectured at Queen's University in Canada before arriving in New Zealand in July 2008.

Her research interests include: political theory and feminism, especially in the radical and materialist traditions. Main figures: Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Foucault, and contemporary feminists such as Mary O'Brien, Bev Thiele, Anne Fausto-Sterling, and Imogen Tyler.

Main topics: sexuality and reproduction, biotechnology (especially new reproductive technology), embodiment, ethics, the biology/society debate, history of ideas, the politics of health, and social and political thought.

Current projects include a book on the politics of reproduction in the 21st century for UBC Press, and an edited collection on contemporary relationships between feminism(s) and academia.

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Philip received his DPhil in Philosophy from the University of Stellenbosch and teaches Global Political Economy, Ethics in International Relations, and Global Governance. His most recent book is *The Politics of Economic Inequality in Developing Countries* (Palgrave Macmillan 2008). He has been visiting Professor in Germany and Japan, and has received the Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship (Germany), and a Research Fellowship from The Japan Foundation. Philip is one of the editors of the International Studies Association journal *Foreign Policy Analysis*, and serves on the editorial boards of *Global Society* and *Political Studies*.

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Robert received his PhD from the University of Southampton and teaches Introduction to International Relations, US Foreign Policy since 1945, and International Politics. He is also the Director of the multidisciplinary Master of International Studies (M.IntSt) programme. Robert is the author or editor of eight books. Moreover, he is co-editor for the Praeger Series on *The Ethics of American Foreign Policy*, and his most recent book - a single authored volume called *Strategic Shortfall: The 'Somalia Syndrome' and the March to 9/11* (Westport, Praeger) - was published in February 2010. He is on the Editorial Board of *Bilgaan: An International Journal of Somali Studies*, and he is also one of the Editors of *International Studies Perspectives*, a journal of the worldwide International Studies Association (ISA). In addition, Robert is a Fulbright Senior Scholar, a Senior Fellow at the Centre of Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, and provides regular contributions to the national and international media on global issues and events.

Students voted Professor Robert Patman as one of the Top Twenty Teachers at Otago University for 2007. Professor Patman's website is: www.robertpatman.co.nz

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Dr Rudd taught at the Universities of Newcastle and Essex in England before coming to New Zealand. His research interests are political communications and political marketing. His publications include: *Political Communications in New Zealand* (co-edited with Janine Hayward 2004); *Sovereignty under Siege? Globalization and New Zealand* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005) (co-edited with Robert Patman) and *Informing Voters? Politics, Media and the New Zealand Election 2008* (co-edited with Janine Hayward and Geoff Craig, 2009).

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