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The School of Politics and International Relations has a long history of excellence in research, in undergraduate education and in postgraduate supervision. ANU was the only university in the country to receive a score of 5, denoting an “outstanding performance well above world standards”, for political science in the 2010, 2012 and 2015 Excellence in Research in Australia assessment. In the 2018 rankings of the world’s top 200 universities, ANU was ranked 8th for Politics and International Studies.

Located in the national seat of government, Canberra, ANU is Australia’s premiere research university. Students and researchers in the School enjoy easy access to Australia’s national political institutions.

The School’s undergraduate teaching program is broad, innovative and consistently popular among undergraduates. The School regularly attracts the largest number of undergraduate enrolments within the College. Several staff have won student-driven, University and national awards for their innovative teaching practices.

The School of Politics and International Relations has produced path-breaking work on political parties, public administration, international relations, elections and political behaviour.

Dr Andrew Banfield
Head of School
The School of Politics and International Relations offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs, many unique to ANU. Students can specialise in areas ranging from human rights and globalisation, to European and Latin American studies.

Natalie Dajkovich is studying a Politics, Philosophy and Economics degree.

At its heart, the Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics is an examination of human behaviour and the institutional frameworks to which it gives rise. In politics, we unpack the dynamics of game theory and power to understand how rationality and self-interest can be tempered to achieve social cooperation. In philosophy, we learn how to argue critically, and expose the moral biases motivating policy objectives, and in economics, we learn how individual and business incentives can be manipulated to deliver more favourable social outcomes. By studying these disciplines collectively, we come to understand how different perspectives and ideological goals motivate some of the most complex social problems of our time, and only by doing so, can we learn to tackle them.

The interconnectedness of the three PPE disciplines, evident in both their content and united through the integrative seminars, is what encouraged me to leave Sydney and undertake the PPE at ANU. The lateral and critical thinking skills I’ve furthered in my time here has helped me realise the application of these disciplines to broader discussions in international relations, social justice, law and environmental management. I am excited to continue my studies at ANU by building upon these passions, with the hope of pursuing a career in ecological and development economics.
Political Science

Bachelor of Arts
Don’t want to limit yourself? Keep every door open with our versatile Bachelor of Arts Program. This is the largest and most popular degree at The Australian National University because it allows you to explore all of the subjects that you love and perhaps discover more that you never knew existed. Whatever you choose to study, this program will keep you way ahead of the pack with transferable world class skills in critical analysis, research, written and oral communication.

Political Science Major
(48 units)
Political Science Minor
(24 units)

Political Science is the study of human relationships that involve power, rule, or authority. It is about how societies govern themselves and how societies ought to be governed. It is about the political behaviour of individuals and groups that occurs in all societies. It is about those who have political power in society and those who do not. Political Science is a broadly-based discipline offering courses that span a number of sub-fields including political thought, Australian government and public policy, and comparative politics including the study of particular countries or regions.

Bachelor of Political Science

The Bachelor of Political Science is the only degree of its type in Australia offering unparalleled access and connections to the political heartbeat of the nation. The comparative nature of courses means you’ll develop an understanding of different systems of government, using comparative methodology. In this highly structured degree you’ll examine political science theory, public opinion, political economy, government behaviour, systems, principles, and different methods and techniques of political science.

Capitalising on our ranking of number one in Australia and 8th in the world for Politics and International Relations*, the Bachelor of Political Science will provide you with a strong knowledge base of the global government landscape. Our commitment to research led education means that you’ll be taught by world-leading researchers.

You’ll graduate with a degree that is globally recognised and attractive to employers, with well-developed skills in research, critical and conceptual thinking and problem solving.
**International Relations**

**Bachelor of International Relations**
Can you see yourself jet-setting the globe with a career in trade, foreign affairs, journalism, international business or research? You have found the right degree. ANU is a leader in the field of International Relations. With our flexible program you can extend your chosen language subject into a major, and have the opportunity to go on exchange or an international/national internship.

**International Relations Major**
(48 units)

**International Relations Minor**
(24 units)

The study of International Relations has traditionally focused upon the (often hostile) engagements between nation-states and/or their diplomatic elites seeking to advance the national interest by war or other means. These are still important themes in the contemporary IR agenda. However, at the beginning of the 21st century analysts and policymakers require a more comprehensive body of knowledge and deeper understanding of the world and how it operates. The International Relations program is designed to introduce students to such knowledge and understanding in regard to both traditional and more recent agendas.

**Bachelor in Politics, Philosophy and Economics**
We all know that citizens in some countries have more freedom than citizens in others. But how do you measure freedom? If climate change is a world problem why don’t we do more about it? Should government compensate people who don’t bother to fully insure their homes against natural disaster? Why should those who do insure their homes have to contribute? There are many public policy puzzles and only through using the tools of politics, philosophy and economics can one see the problems from all angles: technical, ethical and practical. ANU’s unique elite PPE degree will provide the student with all the skills needed to understand how to analyse public policy and provides an ideal degree for those wanting careers in the public service, politics, international organisations, policy advisors or simply those who want to understand our political, social and economic worlds. As well as following offerings in the three main disciplines the degree also has a seminar-based course only for BPPE students.

**Human Rights**

**Human Rights Major**
(48 units)

**Human Rights Minor**
(24 units)

Courses in this program address the human rights discipline in both theory and practice. It is constructed so as to provide students with a robust understanding of political, legal, historical and philosophical origins and contemporary realities of the human rights field. Completion of this program will equip students with an understanding of key issues in the discipline, such as: the political, philosophical and historical development of ideas concerning human rights; the emergence and role of human rights in international relations; the interplay between human rights theory, law and practice; key contemporary theoretical debates on human rights; and the relationship between human rights and concepts such as social justice and equity.
Evie Rose is studying Bachelor of International Relations/Bachelor of Development Studies.

When I started looking for a university, ANU was the obvious choice. It has some of the most prestigious and experienced academics, a beautiful campus and engaging community, and a reputation for excellence. I was also interested in international affairs, and ANU is one of the leading IR universities in the world. I’ve never looked back, and now intend to go on to honours next year!

It has been an inspiring environment, and given me lots of opportunities to learn both academically and practically. We have engaged with remarkable and accomplished figures in foreign policy, renowned academics and career diplomats; visited various government institutions and organisations; and been able to specialise in areas of most interest to us. I was also able to go on an exchange to Sweden as my IR minor – an amazing experience. The highly regarded academic staff at ANU are passionate and genuinely interested in our learning, and I have been able to collaborate with a lecturer on academic research. IR has given me a great introduction to the issues and workings of today’s world, as well as research and analytical skills; important not only for foreign policymakers and diplomats, but for many fields.

Undergraduate Degrees

European Studies

Bachelor of European Studies
Can you see yourself bustling to work through the streets of Paris, Glasgow, Munich, London, Madrid or Geneva? If you are interested in the social, political and cultural structure of contemporary Europe – this program is for you. The Bachelor of European Studies focuses on the foundations of modern Europe, bearing in mind its long history and how this has shaped contemporary European societies. It also considers the innovative aspects of recent developments, particularly the possibilities for cooperation and unity as well as the tensions between diverse traditions. You will study a European language and travel to Europe for ‘in-country’ study at a partner institution.

The Contemporary Europe program will allow you to integrate diverse interests under one field of enquiry. Studying Contemporary Europe is a perfect way to combine international relations, politics, history, sociology, philosophy, literature and cultural studies, as well as being an ideal accompaniment to those learning European languages.

Latin American Studies

Latin American Studies Major (48 units)
Latin American Studies Minor (24 units)

The Latin American Studies program is designed for students interested in the social, political, historical and cultural life of Latin America. It focuses on contemporary Latin America as well as its history and ancient heritage. It also considers the innovative aspects of recent developments, particularly the possibilities for cooperation and tensions between diverse traditions.

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Undergraduate Degrees

Policy Studies

Bachelor of Policy Studies

Are you seeking a dynamic career in politics, the public service, advocacy organisations, not-for-profit social and community services or private industry?

The ANU Bachelor of Policy Studies equips you with a comprehensive understanding of Australian public policies and related international policies.

This well-regarded education experience includes the Applied Policy Project, in which you will be engaged in an intensive student-led investigation of a policy issue or controversy relevant to your interests. You may also have the opportunity to attend the Australian National Internship Program.

Our program is designed to develop the skills and knowledge you need to gather and analyse a range of economic, demographic and social data, to evaluate public policies and programs, and to participate in policy design, advocacy and communication.

Honours

The School of Politics and International Relations has a strong Honours program and offers both ANU and non-ANU students the opportunity to complete an Honours year. Honours students in the School of Politics and International Relations are highly valued and the School recognises Honours as a significant, transitional year between undergraduate studies and postgraduate study or employment; Honours prepares the way for high achievement in both.

In the Honours program students have the opportunity to undertake higher level coursework and carry out an independent research project under the guidance of a specialist academic supervisor. Students will take three seminar courses in the first semester, including a core course, Research Training, and two electives. The two electives are chosen from a list of options which normally includes courses in political institutions/public policy, international politics, and political theory. The options will vary from year to year. Students will write an Honours thesis of 17,500 words to be submitted at the end of the year.

> cass.anu.edu.au/study-with-us/honours

Heba Al Adawy is a PhD Candidate in Political Science.

Having studied in three different continents before coming to Australia, what really made me choose ANU over other options was the opportunity to have interacted with my supervisor in person. I was impressed with the space for Interpretivist Research provided by the School of Politics and International Relations, and this is one of the main reasons that sealed the deal for ANU over other options.

My current research involves an ethnographic study of public sector universities in Pakistan, and the ambiguities of a modernizing higher education sector within a securitizing state. I feel that the interpretivist framework gives me the tools, and the language, to undertake my research through a combination of critical discourse analysis and ethnographic methods.

I am grateful for the support provided by the School of Politics and International Relations, and the opportunities provided by ANU in general such as the monthly interpretivist meet-ups, critical reading groups, HDR research and training seminars, as well as the various writing retreats that allow us to connect with our fellow HDR students and share our experiences.
Postgraduate Degrees

Graduate Research

Political Science and International Relations within the College of Arts and Social Sciences is the highest ranked political science department in Australia. Our academic staff are among the best in the world and we attract high calibre visitors from across the globe who enhance and contribute to our research culture. This makes CASS the ideal environment in which to undertake a PhD.

In addition, our location in the national capital provides researchers in politics and policy at ANU access to a wide range of valuable resources. Canberra is where the Parliament is, where the national parties have their headquarters and where the lobbyists come to influence policy. Canberra is home to the federal government and the High Court. The chances are that, whatever research you do on Australian politics and policy, most of the action is going on here in Canberra. The School of Politics and International Relations is also home to world-class experts in other regions, including Europe and Latin America.

We have a large area of expertise and can supervise PhDs in most areas of political science, public administration, public policy, international relations, and some areas of political theory and sociology. The School provides training in research design and methods, to help research students develop their research project with the support of peers and academic advisors.

If you are considering undertaking a PhD in the School of Politics and International Relations you can be sure that the School will provide whatever support it can to enable you to obtain your goals. There are a range of scholarships available to support research students. Additional to scholarships, the School of Politics and International Relations endeavours to support its graduate students in undertaking fieldwork, obtaining further training, and attending conferences in the discipline.

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Master of Political Science

The Master of Political Science provides students with the analytical tools they need to answer a range of critical questions about contemporary political affairs ranging from election forecasting to ethnic conflict. The program provides training in political science research methods in addition to courses on the contemporary politics of Australia, Asia, and other major regions of the world. The course will be of interest to those intending to pursue research-oriented careers in government, international organisations, NGOs and private bodies concerned with political affairs, and to those intending further study in the field.
With over fifty courses to choose from, the School of Politics and International Relations offers something for everyone. Whether it’s human rights, peace and conflict, political theory, or the politics of Europe, Australia, or Latin America that draws your interest, the School has something for you.

Intifar Chowdhury is an honours student in the School of Politics and International Relations.

ANU’s commitment to academic diversity allowed me to concurrently study Genetics and International Relations during my undergraduate years. Although I was predominantly a science student, my interests in political science and international relations drew me to the world-renowned programs in the School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR). I discovered my interest for quantitative research during my time as an intern at the Parliament House for the Australian National Internship Program (ANIP). By the end of it, I was motivated to pursue my further studies on political elites.

My Honours Thesis looks at the role of gender in Westminster cabinet appointments. In the Honours Program, so far, I have gained extensive research training and developed both organizational and time-management skills, which best complement my lifestyle, passion and interests. SPIR is home to top-notch intellectuals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. It comprises a supportive environment where brilliant thinkers are always willing to lend a helping hand.

I highly recommend SPIR for those aiming to gain first-class research experience in one of the top colleges in the world.
Undergraduate Compulsory Courses

POLS1002
Introduction to Politics
The first aim of this course is to introduce students to some of the key concepts in the discipline of Political Science, including: power, legitimacy, conflict, accountability and democracy. The second aim is to use these and other concepts to examine the major institutions of Australian politics, often in a comparative perspective.

POLS1005
Introduction to International Relations: Foundations and Concepts
This course provides a broad ranging introduction to the study of international relations. It concentrates primarily on the major events, ideas and strategic practices that have shaped the traditional international relations agenda, before engaging the new agenda of the post-Cold War era, particularly the new international political economy of the globalisation era.

POLS1006
Introduction to International Relations: Contemporary Global Issues
What are the most pressing issues facing global politics today? This course looks at the ideas, issues, and actions that shape our contemporary world. It asks how we understand the world, how we might understand it differently and why certain issues dominate global politics while others are ignored.

POLS1008
PPE Integrative Seminar Year 1: Puzzles in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
Each week the students will be set an issue that is a problem in politics, philosophy or economics. The precise topics will vary from year to year, and many topics will be split into component parts and split over several weeks.

POLS1009
Research and Writing in Political Science
This course aims to develop students’ capacities in research and writing in political science effectively. It is intended for students wishing to pursue further study in political science, and aims to give students an introduction to the writing and research skills involved in political research. Topics may include: critical analysis of sources, constructing explanatory models, standards of logical demonstration, and organizing and presenting research results.

POLS2009
Bureaucracy and Public Policy
This course will provide an introduction to the study of public administration and public policy. Topics to be covered include: the role and nature of governmental bureaucracy; administrative politics; theories of bureaucracy and bureaucratic behaviour; governmental failings and corruption; governments, markets and ‘the community’; trends in modern government; and the policy-making process.

POLS2011
Development and Change
This course is about development and change in the contemporary world. It examines the main theoretical approaches to development and how they affect development practice. Against this background the course takes up some key themes connected to the current “development agenda”, including the role of social policies, foreign aid, gender, and environmental sustainability.

POLS2044
Contemporary Political Analysis
This course provides students with a continuation of the principles of social science research design and empirical analysis that they were exposed to in their first year courses. It begins with a review of the role of research design, method and methodology in social sciences.

POLS2094
Issues in International Political Economy
This subject deals with fundamental ideas about how world capitalism emerged and operates. It investigates the global system of trade, investment and finance, including the workings of the IMF, the World Bank and the WTO. Of particular importance will be the investigation of the effects of modern globalised capitalism on underdeveloped countries.

POLS2113
Human Rights
This course introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, policy instruments, and cutting-edge debates in the field of human rights. It examines the evolution of human rights in its philosophical, historical, and political contexts; various mechanisms and actors for promoting and protecting human rights; the trajectory and effectiveness of humanitarian intervention; and various forms of transitional justice.

POLS2119
Ideas in Politics
Ideas in Politics explores some of the central ideas and debates in politics today, including claims regarding the nature of freedom, democracy, power, and the state. An understanding of these ideas and debates is essential for coming to terms with the key ideological clashes that shape politics today.

POLS2125
Game Theory and Social Sciences
This course will teach the basic elements of game theory. It will focus on using the logic of games to make inferences and arguments about political and social behaviour, with readings on collective action, voting, bargaining, repeated interaction, war, and other examples.
POLS2132
Current Issues in International Security
This course focuses on three different current international security issues to give students depth in global security problems. The topics will change but will always include at least one traditional and non-traditional security issue, such as terrorism, cybersecurity, weapons of mass destruction, poverty, climate change, or maritime competition.

POLS2133
International Organisations in World Politics
This course examines the nature and place of international organisations in world politics. Attention is given to why international organisations were formed, how they operate, and what role they play in contemporary international affairs. The course looks at different theoretical approaches to understanding and explaining international organisations. Attention is then turned to a series of institutional groupings. The course concludes by taking up the interactions of international organisations with nongovernmental actors as well as how new configurations of global power are changing the international organisations landscape.

POLS3001
Foreign Policy Analysis: Understanding Global and Australian Foreign Policy Decision-Making
This course proceeds from the assumption that the decision by a government to engage in foreign war is the most serious that a government can take. Australia’s international history will be examined, presenting an occasion for examining its understandings and practices of international politics.

POLS3017
International Relations Theory
This subject focuses on the different ways in which theorists have attempted to explain and understand different aspects of international relations. It begins by introducing students to the nature and purpose of theory as well as the major theoretical concepts employed by IR scholars and policymakers.

EURO212
Uniting Europe: history, politics, theory
The European Union is the most advanced supranational polity on the planet, but how did it get that way? Was it the Grand Design of far-sighted visionaries, or merely an unintended consequence of past decisions and policies? This course poses such questions and introduces students to the history and theory of European integration.

EURO3002
Comparative European Politics
The European Union is the most advanced form of supranational governance on the planet, yet it is widely tolerated rather than loved. Students completing this course will have an understanding of why it is so, drawing on an analysis of the politics of Europe in a comparative perspective.

HIST2230
Latin America: Conquest and Colonisation
This course provides an overview of the conquest and colonisation of Latin America. It does so in the context of the major theoretical perspectives and controversies surrounding this process. Topics dealt with will include the nature of the Aztecs and the Incas, motivations for conquest, and perspectives on colonisation.
Undergraduate Elective Courses

POLS2043 Pressure Groups and Political Lobbying
This course involves the study of the impact of pressure groups on politics and policy-making in Australia. The role of both sectional groups (such as business organisations and trade unions), promotional groups (including the environmental and women’s lobbies), as well as professional independent lobbyists, will be examined.

POLS2063 Contemporary Political Theory
Political theory is marked by its diversity and contested nature. In this course we examine the development of contemporary political theory. Beginning with Renaissance humanism and the Scottish enlightenment, the course also covers the gloom of Frankfurt School dialectics, and the chic of French post-structuralism.

POLS2095 Politics in Latin America
It has been said that Latin America pre-figured every political trend of the twentieth century. This course provides an overview of the politics of development in five Latin American countries – Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela and Chile. It will explore key economic development models and their political and social consequences in the region, over time, highlighting critical issues in contemporary Latin American Democracies and their development.

POLS2101 Refugee Politics: Displacement and Exclusion in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries
This course addresses three questions. Who is a refugee? What compels refugees to leave their homes? And how should governments and communities respond to them? Through concepts and case studies the course will illuminate the dynamics of political belonging and exclusion in international relations.

POLS2102 The Political Philosophy of Deception
Much of the Western political-philosophical tradition is based on deception. Political philosophers/theorists such as Plato, Machiavelli, and Strauss have argued that unless certain truths about reality and politics are hidden from the public, society will fall into ruin. This course examines how and why deception has become central to politics.

POLS2111 Elections, Political Behaviour and Public Opinion in Australia
Why do Australians vote the way they do? Why are young people more likely to support minor parties? What would happen if voting were not compulsory? This course will examine political behaviour and public opinion in Australia to investigate these questions and more.

POLS2114 Australian Political Institutions
Australia is one of the world’s oldest liberal democracies. This course examines the Australian political system, providing students with an overview of the cleavages that characterize Australia and the institutions that attempt to manage them. The course concentrates on formal political institutions and electoral competition.

POLS2120 Foundations of Political Theory
This course examines the intellectual origins and analytical foundations of Western political thinking, from classical Greece through to the early modern period, focusing on selected thinkers from Thucydides to Machiavelli. The course blends normative and analytical thinking in reconstructing the political concepts at the core of some of the greatest texts in the Western political tradition.

POLS2121 Ideas in Australian Politics
Political science generally examines relationships among ideas, institutions, and interests. This course focuses on Australian political ideas about institutions and interests. The aim is to understand the nature of political and policy argument in Australia by examining debate over central themes in Australian politics.

POLS2123 Peace and Conflict Studies
This course will critically examine the theoretical and practical issues surrounding peace and conflict studies. Integral to these discussions will be the application of theory to case-studies such as Israel-Palestine, South Africa, Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Iraq, East Timor, Sri Lanka and Rwanda.

POLS2126 Democracy: Its Causes and Consequences
How and why has democracy spread across the world? Is democracy important for citizens? How can international actors help encourage the spread of democracy? What does the history of democracy say about Australian history? This course will teach students about various aspects of democracy in a comparative and international context.

POLS2127 U.S. Politics
This course provides an introduction to U.S. political behaviour and institutions. We will discuss the design and rationale for the U.S. political system and the implications it has for both citizen involvement and governing. Throughout the course we will make comparisons between the U.S. system and other democracies around the world.
POLS2130 Public Choice and Politics
This course examines the application of public choice theory to problems in politics including political conflicts, decision-making, political institutions and ways of improving public policy making. Public choice theory seeks to account for the behaviour of individuals in non-market environments using simple models of political decision-making seeking to look beneath the surface phenomena of political institutions and processes to discover the mechanisms for which political outcomes emerge. It shows how well-meaning politicians and policies can end up with inefficient outcomes.

POLS2134 Gender and Politics
This course examines the roles of gender and feminist research in political science. The point of departure of this course is women’s long-standing underrepresentation in politics and its consequences for political research. The focus is on a comparative analysis of gender and politics; however, on many occasions we will draw on specific country experiences, including Australia, to illustrate particular topics. Issues of global importance will be discussed such as social movement, representation, elections, political parties, public policies, body politics, and LGBTIQ.

POLS2135 Race, Ethnicity and Representation
As industrialized societies become more diverse, there is a growing need to understand how ‘racial,’ ethnic and religious minorities participate in politics and society. This course will focus on the political and social inclusion of migrant and ethnic minority (MEM) groups in Australia and other countries. The course is designed both as an exercise in covering the theory and literature in the field, and as a vehicle for encouraging research in migration politics.

POLS2136 Power and Influence in World Politics
Why has the unparalleled military might of the United States seemingly been insufficient to achieve its interests in the Middle East, while Russia appears to be achieving significant foreign policy successes across the globe? Does China’s rapidly growing economy endow it with a potent economic instrument of power? This course focuses on puzzles like these, examining how power is accumulated and wielded in international relations.

POLS3029 Sharing Power: Federalism in Comparative Perspective
In this course, we will explore the logic of vertical power-sharing and what drives it from two very different theoretical perspectives: rational choice (American) and historical institutionalism (European). By doing so, we will examine one of the most dynamic research areas at the intersection of political science and economics. The workshop component will provide students a unique opportunity to design (reform) the Australian Federation.

POLS3031 Comparative Judicial Politics
This course will provide an overview of the major debates in comparative judicial politics. The primary goal is to familiarise students with principal questions and methodological approaches to the study of a major subfield in political science. This is not a course in constitutional law. Rather, the focus of this class will be on studying the law and courts as a political institution and judges as political actors.

POLS3032 The Politics of Empire
A revival of the word ‘empire’ has been used to describe global politics and American power. This course examines the American Empire Debate and IR approaches to theorising empire as a form of politics. Can we really call the US an empire at the dawn of the 21st century? Is the revival of the word significant? And how does a political theory of empire change our understanding of the international system?

POLS3033 Environment, Human Security and Conflict
This course examines the linkages between environmental conflicts and human security. The global rise in conflicts associated with control of natural resources (water, food, energy resources), has exposed the tensions between traditional notions of security and human-centred security concerns. Students will conduct in-depth analyses of cases of environmental conflicts around the world in order to identify the key actors, their projected values and interests, as well as the implications of different alternatives from a human security perspective.

POLS3035 The Politics of International Law
This course introduces students to the theoretical frameworks, empirical cases, policy instruments, and cutting-edge debates in the field of international law from an International Relations perspective. It examines major International Relations theoretical approaches to international law; the general principles of international law; and several specialised areas of international law, such as human rights, the environment, international criminal justice, trade, and/or the use of force.
POLS3036
International Terrorism
This course examines the principal issues associated with modern international terrorism and efforts to counter it. The objective of the course is to provide the student with a broad understanding of international terrorism, and to enhance the ability to engage knowledgeably in discussion and debate on the subject. The course considers a wide range of questions in order to provide students with a deeper understanding of the threat of terrorism today.

POLS3037
Globalisation: Communications, Culture, Democracy
This course looks at globalisation through the lens of communication and asks: what is the impact of communications technologies on global politics, culture and social organisation? What new forms of power, new modes of political organisation, and new forms of political culture are emerging?

POLS3038
Media and Politics
This course introduces the complex set of interactions between politics and the media. It examines the function, roles and strategies of both individual journalists and media corporations in their relationships with politicians, political institutions and citizens. It also considers the implications of the media as a powerful political institution in its own right.

POLS3039
Political Leadership and Executive Government
This scope course addresses the twin subjects of political leadership and executive government. It approaches these subjects theoretically, methodologically and comparatively. Additional topics to be addressed may include political communication, non-elected leaders (e.g. advisors and judges) and the executive experience at the sub and supranational levels of government.

POLS3040
Conflict and Change in Sub-Saharan Africa
This class explores the issues, ideas, and trends that shape sub-Saharan African politics. It offers an overview of political and economic development in this region and asks a number of questions including: Why has democracy been consolidated in certain countries but regressed or collapsed in others? Why do some African countries see political violence more frequently than others? How have international actors and events affected African politics and society?

SOCY3030
Applied Policy Project
The course involves students in the guided application of theories, concepts and analytical tools to real world policy problems/issues. The Applied Policy Project is designed as a ‘capstone’ course that enables students of Policy Studies to synthesize and apply their learning from preceding subjects to the sorts of issues they are likely to encounter in the workplace.
Clare Green is a third year Bachelor of International Relations student who completed a Washington DC internship in 2018.

The Washington Internship has been a definite highlight of my degree. Interning during such a historic time taught me much about the interactions between government and the people, how government can be used to help push policy that supports others, and the differences between US and Australian policymaking.

While I was interning in the office of Senator Roy Blunt I was able to research several topics including defence and security policy, immigration, and technology. As well as this, in liaising with constituents I was able to gain a deeper understanding into the everyday issues that affect the American people.

Being a part of this internship gave me the chance to further explore my passions as well as to explore how these apply to real-world situations in real time. After I returned from Washington I chose to research legislation and policy that apply to data analysis and the way that it relates to counter-terrorism operations in the Middle East, as well as how they apply to social media. This research helped me to consolidate the different skills that I have learnt over the course of my degree into an applicable way to take into my future career.

Internships

ANIP
Australian National Internships Program
The Australian National Internships Program provides students from any discipline with the opportunity to undertake a significant research project within a workplace, for academic credit towards their degree. Most placements are in Canberra at national institutions, peak industry bodies, public policy focused NGOs, or international organisations, such as foreign embassies. In addition, SPIR provides an opportunity to undertake an internship in Taiwan as part of ANIP.

POLS3022
Washington DC Internship
The Washington Internship consists of a six-week internship in the United States Congress during January and February each year. During their time in Washington, students will begin work on a research project to be completed at ANU during the first semester.

Honours Courses

POLS4011
Research Training: Scope and Methods
This course will prepare research students for demanding investigation of the content and process of political behaviour in a wide variety of settings. Students will be taught advanced research skills to interpret and explain political processes, drawing on debates over the choice of appropriate research methodologies for many different political and social settings.

POLS4012
International Cooperation
This course explores when and why states cooperate with each other, how they structure their cooperation (through informal arrangements, laws, and organisations), and what role(s) various domestic and international actors play in these processes. We will explore various issue-areas: economics, the environment, social and cultural matters, human rights, and development.

POLS4013
International Relations Theory
This course is designed as an introduction to contemporary theories, debates, and major scholarly traditions in international relations. As a core course offered in this field, the intention is to provide honours students with a general, but not elementary, overview. The course explores six traditions in international relations scholarship, three rationalist (realism, neoliberalism, and liberalism) and three constructivist (structural, agentic, and postmodern). Our primary concern is to examine and assess each approach’s foundational assumptions, method and scope of the problem defined.

Additional 4000 level Honours courses can be found on the next page.
Postgraduate Courses

POLS4021/POLS8021
Civilian Protection in Conflict and Post-Conflict Zones
This course addresses the issues of civilian protection in zones of armed conflict. It explores three key themes: the nature of contemporary forms of conflict; the experiences of civilians; the responsibilities of the international community to seek the protection of civilians in and after conflict.

POLS4027/POLS8027
Terrorism & Counter-Terrorism
This course will place terrorism, and the efforts at counter-terrorism, in the context of the spectrum of political violence spanning peaceful non-violent protest through to large-scale war.

POLS4031/POLS8031
Globalisation: Theories, Issues, Debates
This course explores the different frameworks by which globalisation has been understood and debated. It zeroes in on the issues that affect contemporary global life: poverty, crisis, security, identity, migration, development, nationalism, media and popular culture.

POLS4032/POLS8032
Globalisation: the Interaction of Economics and Politics
This course introduces students to how economics and politics have interacted during two centuries of globalisation; the economic forces driving globalisation; and principal debates in the literature on globalisation.

POLS4036/POLS8036
Human Rights and Human Responsibility
Are there any objectively existing human rights, as opposed to legal rights referred to as human rights and, if so, what are they? What responsibilities, if any, do human right generate on the part of third parties?

POLS4038/POLS8038
Comparative Political Institutions
This course examines the central issues in comparative political institutions across a range of jurisdictions and from a variety of perspectives. The overall aim of the course is to develop students' understanding and use of many general theoretical explanations surrounding debates in political institutions.

POLS4039/POLS8039
Comparative Political Behaviour
This course is designed to help students understand development in political behaviour literature and prepare for conducting independent research. In this course we consider the following topics: turnout, voting, economic voting and public opinion on various issues.

POLS4040/POLS8040
Comparative Federalism
The main objective of this course is to understand, in both theory and practice, the central goals and challenges inherent within a federal system of government. In this course, we will explore the logic of power-sharing and the motives that drive it.

POLS4041/POLS8041
Special Topics In Comparative Politics
This course will vary depending on who is teaching it in a given year. The central point of the course will be to use the research agenda of the academic staff to provide expanded opportunities for the study of comparative politics. Topic may include: parliaments, judicial politics, elite behavior, political parties, and media.

POLS8042
Research Training: Scope and Methods
This course will prepare research students for demanding investigation of the content and process of political behaviour in a wide variety of settings. Students will be taught advanced research skills to interpret and explain political processes, drawing on debates over the choice of appropriate research methodologies for many different political and social settings.

POLS4047/POLS8047
Interpretation, Method & Critique: Interpretivist Methods in the Social Sciences
The course offers students an opportunity to discuss general issues related to the logic, conduct and significance of social science inquiry and the politics of knowledge in the 20th and 21st Century as well as equip students with pragmatic and technical skills associated with interpretivist oriented research design, analysis, data collection, inference, interpretation and critique.
## Undergraduate Compulsory Courses

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Fancy doing research at the Australian Federal Parliament, working for a member of Congress in Washington D.C., or being part of a vibrant student society? The School of Politics and International Relations offers fantastic opportunities to gain practical experience and build networks.

**Australian National Internships Program**

The Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) gives Australian and International undergraduate and postgraduate students an opportunity to work at the heart of Australian policy and politics. The elite program arranges semester-long research-orientated internships at a variety of Canberra locations.

Interns develop career and research skills while building professional networks that can give them an advantage in a competitive employment market.

ANIP is the only program that offers Australian Commonwealth Parliamentary Internships. In addition, the program offers a range of placement options including the Australian Public Service, the ACT Legislative Assembly, the ACT Public Service, non government organisations and lobby groups, think-tanks and Embassies.

Through ANIP the School also offers an opportunity to undertake an internship in Taiwan.

As an Intern you will undertake a research project for which you will receive academic credit. Depending on the program, Interns will write a 4,000 –10,000 word research report. In addition, Interns attend workshops focused on research methods and public policy.

> anip.anu.edu.au

> facebook.com/ANIPInternshipsProgram
Washington Internship

The Washington Internship program gives students a unique opportunity to network with some of the most powerful people in American politics.

The six-week internships in the United States Congress take place in January and February and are available to ANU undergraduate students.

Interns work in either the office of a member of Congress or the office of a congressional committee. During their internships students start a research project which they complete during their first semester at ANU.

The internship offers you the opportunity to develop a strong background in American politics and the opportunity to experience political life in Washington DC. You will pursue an advanced program of study and research on a specialised aspect of American Government, politics and public policy.

During your internship placement you will also be invited to attend several functions to add to the Washington experience. These include functions or briefings coordinated through the Congressional liaison office at the Australian Embassy and the US State Department.

Admission to this course is highly competitive as there are only six places available each year.

> anip.anu.edu.au/internships/washington

International Relations Society

The Australian National University’s International Relations Society is one of the largest student-run organisations at ANU. The society was founded with the aims of promoting the academic study of International relations and to facilitating the interaction of international relations students with both each other and Canberra’s wider political and diplomatic community. The society’s membership body includes not only ANU students, but ANU staff, academics, alumni and others from outside the university – you do not have to be studying international relations to join, you simply need to be interested in the world around you!

The society organises events throughout the year such as academic lectures, education/degree-oriented events, careers fairs, embassy visits and panels with representatives from government departments and NGOs. Examples of recent events include: a Mexican embassy visit, careers panels with DFAT & NGOs, a ‘Women in International Relations Breakfast’ with UN Women and an academic panel analyzing the 2018 election in Russia.

Being involved with the society is a great way to meet people and immerse yourself in Canberra’s vibrant diplomatic community.

> irsociety.anu.edu.au

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PPE Society

The Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) Society at the ANU was formed with an aim to support students studying in the field and also provide an outlet for ANU students to explore topics and issues that engage the different disciplines together and individually. The society has had great success in delivering help with administrative concerns while also organising academic and social with leading experts and providing a platform for students studying PPE or interested in the disciplines to meet fellow students. PPE is becoming one of the more popular areas of study at the ANU and we have had great success connecting the staff in the field with the students at various stages of their studies. We have also been able to foster an environment of peer learning having organised multiple programs where younger students have been able to connect and learn from older students through academic support and through advice on the different options available and their experiences at the ANU. The PPE Society is a great way to get to meet other students interested in the field.

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The School of Politics and International Relations is home to several leading national research centres including the ANU Centre for European Studies, the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies, the Centre for the Study of Australian Politics, and the Australian Centre for Federalism. The centres are hubs of expertise, bringing together leading thinkers, and connecting with the wider community.

**ANU Centre for European Studies**

The ANU Centre for European Studies (ANUCES) was established in 2001 to underscore the ANU-wide commitment to European studies. It began as a special initiative of the European Commission and ANU, and took over the role formerly played by the National Europe Centre.

ANUCES brings together the talents of hundreds of researchers, teachers and students, including associates from all seven ANU colleges. With strong links to government and industry, ANUCES delivers research, education and outreach activities supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The Centre’s purpose is to create synergies, promote interdisciplinary dialogue, and generate collaborative research projects at home and abroad.

ANUCES has hosted an array of lectures and seminars for the academic, diplomatic and wider Canberra community, including the annual Schuman Lecture that brings eminent speakers to Canberra to share thoughts and research on important and timely topics related to Europe.

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**Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies**

The Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS), established in 2008, promotes research and teaching in Latin American Studies as a means to reinforce existing links and enable the creation of new relationships between Australia and Latin America, particularly in the fields of social and political sciences, the humanities, life and environmental sciences and economics.

ANCLAS aims to contribute to the expansion and deepening of Australian-Latin American and Asia-Pacific relations through mutual engagement by conducting world-class research capable of utilising and creating synergies among world-leading experts in the fields of social and political sciences, the humanities, and economics through interdisciplinary dialogue and collaborative research projects at home and abroad.

The Centre’s location at the apex of both Asia and Latin America serves as focal point for students and scholars to be involved in research, education and outreach programs for Latin America within the Asia-Pacific to study and research how these continents interact. ANCLAS organises public lectures, film festivals, seminars and forums with academics, eminent speakers and members of Government and the diplomatic corps.

*anclas.anu.edu.au*
The Centre for the Study of Australian Politics was established in 2013 to promote greater public interest in the structure of political debate in Australia. The Centre provides fresh intellectual analysis of the trends behind the headline news, drawing on the sharpest minds that ANU can muster. Those interested in examining the big ideas driving the way politics is practised, debated and analysed turn to the Centre for the latest academic research from ANU scholars on Australian politics. The Centre brings together the best analysts studying the developing character of national politics, including those best placed to identify what is internationally distinctive and interesting about the way that politics is conducted in Australia. Political competition is at its best when it is a contest of ideas and the Centre helps as a new broker of ideas in the study of Australian politics.

> politicsir.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/centre-for-the-study-of-australian-politics

The Australian Centre for Federalism was formed in 2012 to re-establish ANU as a leading academic institution for the study of comparative federalism, subnational and local politics, and multi-level governance. Federal systems are diverse, varying in design, purpose, and in practice. If these varying characteristics matter, it is because of the effects on policy outcomes ranging from the protection of citizenship rights, to social and human development, to environmental protection, and the regulation of industry and natural resources.

The centre aims to bring new debates to the study of federalism both in Australia and outside—framed within a fresh comparative approach. The current centralizing trend in Australian federalism stands in sharp contrast to other regions around the world currently pursuing diversity in policy. For scholars interested in the power of local governments from Brazil to Germany, to indigenous politics in Canada and Australia, or, the challenges of multi-level governance and territorial conflict in Europe, this is the centre to showcase your research and ideas and promote debate.

> politicsir.cass.anu.edu.au/centres/australian-centre-for-federalism

The Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) is recognised globally as a leading provider of executive-level education for the public sector. The ANU is a major partner of ANZSOG, which undertakes research of national importance, residential executive development, postgraduate supervision in SPIR and engagement with governments and public sector organisations.

ANZSOG runs annual conferences, roundtables and workshops and commissions research projects of national significance. ANZSOG also maintains an ambitious publication program producing research monographs, conference proceedings, occasional papers and manuals for practitioners. Over 50 titles have been published through ANU press on diverse topics of public policy and public management.

Professor John Wanna is the ANZSOG foundation chair at ANU; he oversees research projects and supervises PhDs in public policy; provides specialist media commentary and is the National Research Director for ANZSOG.

> www.anzsog.edu.au/research/publications
The School of Politics and International Relations is home to academic experts in Australian politics, international relations, comparative politics, human rights, political theory, Europe, Latin America, and much more. Our staff have been recognised for teaching excellence with a range of student-led, University, and national teaching awards. Many staff have won prestigious national and international research grants. Meet the academic staff who teach the diverse classes on offer, supervise research students, and carry out path-breaking research.
Dr Andrew Banfield
Head of School
Undergraduate Convenor, Politics
MA (McMaster), PhD (Calgary)
Research Interests: Political institutions, comparative politics, and Australian politics.
Andrew Banfield’s research primarily focuses on political institutions, particularly legislative assemblies and Supreme Courts. His current research interests centre around comparative judicial careers in Westminster-derived countries, specifically focussing on Supreme Courts. The research asks about the career paths (where do judges come from), why do they leave the job, and post-retirement activities. Other research interests include a long standing interest in the role of Supreme Courts and the development of public policy, with a particular focus on ‘moral’ issues like euthanasia and same-sex marriage.

POLS1002
Introduction to Politics
POLS3022
Washington DC Internship
POLS3031
Comparative Judicial Politics

Dr Katrine Beauregard
Lecturer
MSc in Political Science (Université de Montréal), PhD in Political Science (University of Calgary)
Research Interests: Comparative politics, political behaviour, gender and politics, and political methodology.
Katrine Beauregard joined the School of Politics and International Relations in January 2015. Her work focuses on political behaviour and the factors that explain differences among citizens. After completing a master thesis in Montréal on gender differences in political interests among teenagers, she moved to Calgary to pursue a Ph.D. Her Ph.D dissertation investigated how political institutions can provide incentives and barriers that affect citizens’ political participation differently according to their gender. Part of this dissertation has been published in the European Journal of Political Research in an article that demonstrates that electoral systems play an important role in understanding gender gaps in political participation. Dr Beauregard’s current projects focus on extending her dissertation work on the effects of political institutions on political behaviour by investigating how institutions can be used to include marginalized groups in the political process.

POLS2044
Contemporary Political Analysis
POLS2111
Elections, Political Behaviour and Public Opinion in Australia
POLS2134
Gender and Politics

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Kenneth Benoit has published extensively on quantitative methodology, especially quantitative text analysis applications to study politics. He leads several large software development projects in natural language processing and text analysis, including the R package quanteda: Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data. His research encompasses party competition, coalition governments, legislative politics, and electoral systems. He was a co-founder and Associate Editor of Political Science Research and Methods, the journal of the European Political Science Association, and currently serves as an associate editor for the American Political Science Review. He has held positions at Trinity College Dublin and is also currently Professor of Quantitative Social Research Methods at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
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April Biccum, Canadian born, received an MA in Critical theory and Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations from Nottingham University. April’s research brings postcolonial theory into the study of International Relations with a focus on political communication and political mobilization in the study of Empire, global governance and education and Global Citizenship, looking specifically at the conceptualisation and theorisation of empire and imperialism and the politics of knowledge embedded in Global Citizenship Education.

POLS3032  
The Politics of Empire

POLS3037  
Globalisation: Communications, Culture, Democracy

POLS8031  
Globalisation: Theories, Issues, Debates

POLS4047/POLS8047  
Interpretation, Method & Critique: Interpretivist Methods in the Social Sciences

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**Lecturer**  
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POLS1009  
Research and Writing in Political Science

POLS2126  
Democracy: It’s Causes and Consequences

POLS4011/POLS8042  
Research Training: Scope and Methods Honours

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Professor of Political Science
Honours Convenor
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BA Hons (Central Lancashire), Licence (Louvain), MA/DEA (Louvain), PhD (Geneva)
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Patrick Dumont’s main research interests are coalition theory, executive-legislative relations, parties and party systems, political elites for which he has published in journals such as the European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Journal of European Public Policy, Public Choice and won the Vincent Wright award for best article in 2007 in West European Politics. His latest (co-edited) books are The Selection and Deselection of Ministers Around the World and European Integration and Consensus Politics in the Low Countries in 2015. He is also co-editor of Routledge Research on Social and Political Elites. His other topics of interest include the development of online Voting Advice Applications and related issues of political representation. Before coming to the ANU Patrick Dumont held positions at the Université catholique de Louvain and University of Luxembourg.

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Prior to joining ANU Richard Frank was a research fellow and manager of the Electoral Integrity Project at the University of Sydney and an assistant professor at the University of New Orleans. Dr Frank received his PhD in 2009 from Binghamton University. His research focuses on the domestic effects of international politics and the causes of election integrity, electoral violence, civil conflict, and human trafficking. Recent articles have appeared in *Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Democracy, PS: Political Science and Politics*, and *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. Co-edited volumes include *Advancing Electoral Integrity* (OUP 2014) and *Contentious Elections* (Routledge 2015). Current research projects include a book manuscript on global human trafficking patterns and an ARC Discovery Project on election violence.

**POLS1005**  
Introduction to International Relations: Foundations and Concepts

**POLS3033**  
Environment, Human Security and Conflict

**POLS3040**  
Conflict and Change in Sub-Saharan Africa

Professor Benjamin Goldsmith  
Professor of International Relations  
BA (Columbia), MA (Georgetown), PhD (Michigan)  
Research Interests: International relations, interstate peace and conflict, public opinion and foreign policy and forecasting mass atrocities.  
Ben Goldsmith’s research focuses primarily on domestic factors that affect states’ foreign policies. This has led him to investigate international public opinion and US foreign policy, the causes of interstate war, military spending, and whether decision makers learn from other states’ experiences in international relations. He also leads the Atrocity Forecasting Project, a collaboration with computer scientists. His articles have appeared in leading journals including *Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of International Relations, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, and *World Politics*. He has received several major grants and is currently an ARC Future Fellow. Before joining ANU in 2017, he held positions at the University of Sydney and the National University of Singapore.

**POLS2043**  
Pressure Groups and Political Lobbying

**SOCY3030**  
Applied Policy Project

Professor Darren Halpin  
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Director, Centre for the Study of Australian Politics  
Graduate Convenor  
BA Hons, PhD (UWS)  
Research Interests: Interest Groups and Lobbying, Think tanks, Political Organisations, Australian Politics and Comparative Politics.  
Darren Halpin’s research agenda examines interest groups in the policy process, with specific emphasis on the political representation provided by groups, the level of (and necessity for) internal democracy within groups, and in assessing group organizational development/capacity.  
Professor Halpin has undertaken research in several countries, including Australia, the UK, Denmark and the US. Professor Halpin is Co-editor of the journal *Interest Groups and Advocacy* and the Foundation Series Editor for the book series *Interest Groups, Advocacy and Democracy* (Palgrave, UK). Before joining the ANU in 2012 he was Associate Professor of Political Science at Aarhus University in Denmark.
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BA Hons, PhD (ANU)
Research Interests: International relations, refugees and migration, Vietnamese politics and political literature.
Kim Huynh’s most recent book is a collection of political novellas entitled Vietnam as if... Tales of youth, love and destiny (ANU Press). His biography of his parents, Where the Sea Takes Us: A Vietnamese-Australian Story (HarperCollins) has attracted academic and literary acclaim, being short-listed for the Australian Society of Author’s prize and ACT book of the year. He co-authored Children and Global Conflict (Cambridge University Press) and co-edited The Culture Wars: Australian and American Politics in the 21st Century (Palgrave-McMillan). Kim has published journal articles and book chapters on political theory, Vietnamese politics, women’s studies and refugee politics, and has written essays and opinion editorials for a range of Australian newspapers along with the BBC Vietnamese. He’s a recipient of the ANU Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Kim is also a part-time presenter on the ABC Radio Canberra Drive Program and has run for public office (GoKimbo.com.au).

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Woo Chang Kang joined the School of Politics and International Relations in July 2016. He received his PhD in 2015 from New York University. Prior to coming to ANU, he was a postdoctoral research associate at the Council on East Asian Studies, Yale University (2015 – 2016). His research focuses on political economy and political behavior in East Asia, with a secondary interest in the United States. His doctoral research addresses how electoral incentives of incumbents affect the allocation of government resources in South Korea, Japan and the United States. Beyond his dissertation work, Dr Kang is interested in political participation, incumbency advantage, the effect of civil wars, and public opinion. His work appears or is forthcoming in Electoral Studies, Conflict Management of Peace Science and the Journal of East Asian Studies.

Dr Matthew Kerby
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Matthew Kerby joined the School of Politics and International Relations in 2015. He teaches and researches broadly in the areas of comparative politics and research methods. His primary research interests fall under the umbrella of executive and legislative elite studies with an emphasis on the elite careers of prime ministers and cabinet ministers. More recently, this research has evolved to include other political actors such as legislators, subnational elites, and judges. Dr Kerby has published in the fields of party politics, legislative studies, political communication and Irish and Canadian politics. Recent articles have appeared in the Canadian Journal of Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Journal of Legislative Studies, Political Communication, Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, and Parliamentary Affairs.

POLS2044
Contemporary Political Analysis

POLS3039
Political Leadership and Executive Government
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MPA, PhD (Princeton)  
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Originally from Melbourne, Darren Lim joined the School of Politics and International Relations in June 2015. He received his PhD in 2014 from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. His research primarily focuses on economic statecraft, the foundations of interdependence, particularly between China and its major economic partners (including Australia), and the mechanisms through which trade and investment links can affect states’ security and foreign policies. Originally from Melbourne, Darren Lim joined the School of Politics and International Relations in June 2015. He received his PhD in 2014 from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. His research primarily focuses on economic statecraft, the foundations of interdependence, particularly between China and its major economic partners (including Australia), and the mechanisms through which trade and investment links can affect states’ security and foreign policies. Other research projects include “hedging” security strategies in East Asia, the relationship between Security Council membership and foreign aid receipts, and the political economy of power transitions in the context of US-China relations.

POLS2136  
Power and Influence in World Politics

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Lecturer  
Convenor, Human Rights Major  
BA, MA (Seoul National University), PhD (University of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Research Interests: International relations theory; human rights; international law and organisations; transnational activism; policy diffusion.  
Dongwook Kim joined the School of Politics and International Relations in June 2015. He received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the USA. He was Hewlett Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law at Stanford University. Dr Kim taught at the University of Chicago as Lecturer in International Relations and at Marquette University as Assistant Professor of Political Science. He is currently working on several research projects on the diffusion and effectiveness of national human rights institutions, the growth and impact of human rights international nongovernmental organisations, transitional justice, and democracy. His research has appeared in International Organization, European Journal of International Relations, and Journal of East Asian Studies.

POLS2133  
International Organisations in World Politics

POLS3035  
The Politics of International Law

POLS4013  
International Relations Theory

Professor Jacqueline Lo  
Professor of International Relations  
Director, ANU Centre for European Studies  
PhD (UWA)  
Research Interests: Asia in the West, diaspora and migration, cosmopolitanism, cross-cultural and intercultural engagement, memory and memorialisation.  
Jacqueline Lo is Director of the Australian National University’s Centre for European Studies, Associate Dean (International) for the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences and Adjunct Research Fellow of the Centre for Interweaving Performance Cultures at the Free University of Berlin. Her research focuses on issues of race, colonialism, diaspora and the interaction of cultures and communities across ethnic, national and regional borders. Publications include Staging Nation (HKUP 2002), Performance and Cosmopolitics (Palgrave Macmillan 2007, with Helen Gilbert). Her latest publications include editing a special issue of Crossings: Journal of Migration and Culture focusing on transnational memories in Germany and Australia (2013) and a special issue of the Asia Europe Journal (2014). She was awarded the Chevalier Ordre des Palmes Académiques in 2014.
Professor Ian McAllister  
Distinguished Professor of Political Science  
BA (CNAA), MSc (Strathclyde), PhD (Strathclyde)  
Research Interests: Comparative politics, with particular reference to elections and voters, Russian politics, Northern Ireland politics, Australian parties and elections.  
Ian McAllister is currently engaged in three main projects. (1) An examination of Russian elections and voting since democratization in 1990. (2) The political socialization of first and second generation immigrants in Australia. (3) A book-length comparative study of the role of public opinion in the transition from authoritarianism to democracy. His most recent books are Conflict to Peace: Society and Politics in Northern Ireland Over Half a Century (Manchester University Press, 2013, co-author) and Political Parties and Democratic Linkage (Oxford University Press, 2011, co-author).  
Dr Charles Miller  
Lecturer  
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Research interests: international security, research methods, public opinion, military institutions, war and peace, socialization.  
Dr Miller obtained his MA in international relations from the University of Chicago in 2007 and his PhD in political science from Duke University in 2013. Interested in international security and political methodology, Dr Miller’s current research has two focuses—military institutions and public opinion and foreign policy. In the first area, his research has examined the question of why soldiers fight in war, using micro-level datasets to examine the influence of socialization and identity on combat motivation. In public opinion and foreign policy, he has examined questions ranging from the extent to which the American public are prepared to trade off lives and money in pursuing foreign policy goals, the attitude of the Australian public towards the alliance with the United States and the role of economic ties in shaping Australian views of China.
A/Prof John Minns
Associate Professor

BA Hons (UNSW), PhD (UNSW)
Research Interests: International political economy, political economy of development, and Latin American politics.

John Minns was the Director of the Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies (ANCLAS). He was President of the Association of Iberian and Latin American Studies of Australasia from 2010–2012. A former Fulbright Scholar, his main research interests centre on the political economy of developing and newly industrializing countries, especially in Latin America. He won the ANU Students’ Association Award for Teaching in 2008, the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for Teaching in 2009 and the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2010. In 2010 he was also awarded the Prime Minister’s Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year and in 2011, the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Education.

A/Prof Juliet Pietsch
Associate Professor

BA Asian Studies (Chinese) (ANU), Dip. Ed (UC), MA (UTAS), PhD (ANU)
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Juliet Pietsch has been involved in numerous funded research projects based on the collection and analysis of survey data. Her past projects include the 2010, 2013 and 2016 Australian Election Studies, 2013 National Survey of Asian Australians, World Values Survey, Australian Survey of Social Attitudes and the ANU Poll. She has led several comparative research projects on the political participation and representation of migrants and ethnic minorities in Europe, North America and Australia. She is currently an investigator on an ARC research project which looks at the problems of inconsistent migration data and migration flows in the Asia Pacific Region.

Professor Zoe Robinson
Professor of Political Science

B.Mus (Griffith), BA (ANU), LLB (Hons) (ANU), JD (Hons) (Chicago) JSD (Chicago)

Zoe Robinson joined the School of Politics and International Relations in 2018. She came to the ANU after nine years working as a Professor of Law at DePaul University in Chicago, IL, USA. Her research primarily focuses on the intersection of law and politics particularly as it relates to judicial behaviour, as well as applied human rights, examining the impact of politics on human rights outcomes particularly as they relate to race and religion. Her most recent book (co-edited) is The Rise of Corporate Religious Liberty, published by Oxford University Press. Other research interests include interest group behaviour, the effect of interest groups on human rights outcomes, and the impact of politics on constitutional interpretation.

POLS2011
Development and Change

POLS2094
Issues in International Political Economy

HIST2230
Latin America Conquest and colonisation

POLS2101
Refugee Politics: Displacement and Exclusion in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries

POLS2135
Race, Ethnicity and Representation

POLS2113
Human Rights

POLS2114
Australian Political Institutions

POLS8036
Human Rights and Human Responsibility
Dr. Jill Sheppard  
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Jill Sheppard’s research focuses on why people participate in politics, what opinions they hold and why, and how both are shaped by political institutions and systems. Her current projects include studies of ethnic political participation in Australia, opinion formation and electoral behaviour, compulsory voting and its effects on voters, internet use and political learning, and political socialisation in the workplace. Recent papers on participation and voting have been published in Australia and internationally. Methodologically, her interests focus on sampling and fielding population-based surveys, questionnaire design, and respondent recruitment and retention. From 2017, Jill is an investigator on Australia’s contribution to the Asian Barometer and World Values Survey projects, and an investigator on the Australian Election Study.

POLS2114  
Australian Political Institutions

POLS2119  
Ideas in Politics

POLS2120  
Foundations of Political Theory

POLS3038  
Media Politics

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Shawn Treier was previously a postdoctoral fellow at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, and has taught at the University of Georgia, University of Minnesota, and the University of Virginia. His 2008 article “Democracy as a Latent Variable”, co-authored with Simon Jackman, won the 2010 Gregory Luebbert Award for the best article in comparative politics. Shawn’s research involves the application of Bayesian measurement models to the study of American political institutions, political behaviour and public opinion, and the measurement of democracy. He is currently working on a book manuscript on the United States Constitutional Convention (with Jeremy Pope). His work has appeared in the American Journal of Political Science, Political Analysis, Journal of Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Law and Courts, American Politics Research and Legislative Studies Quarterly.

POLS2125  
Game Theory and Social Sciences

POLS2127  
U.S. Politics

POLS2130  
Public Choice and Politics

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John Uhr has a PhD in political science from the University of Toronto, Canada, and later a Harkness Fellow in the United States. He taught for many years in the Crawford School of Public Policy at the ANU. He has been the initial director of the School’s Centre for the Study of Australian Politics. He has published Deliberative Democracy in Australia (1998), Terms of Trust: arguments over ethics in Australian government (2005), and Prudential Public Leadership: promoting ethics in public policy and administration (2015). His edited books include Public Leadership (2008), How Power Changes Hands: transition and succession in government (2011), Studies in Australian Political Rhetoric (2014) and Eureka: Australia’s Greatest Story (2015).
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Jana von Stein joined the academic staff as an Associate Professor in 2018. She was an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan, and then a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington. Jana studies international institutions – both their design and their effectiveness – and is particularly interested in human rights and environmental affairs. Her earlier research focused specifically on questions of compliance. More recently, she has been looking at the human rights treaty behaviour of autocracies, and the use of survey experiments and text analysis in international relations research. Her work has been featured in the American Political Science Review, the Australian Journal of Political Science, the British Journal of Political Science, the Journal of Conflict Resolution, and in other venues.

POLS1005
Introduction to International Relations: Foundations and Concepts

POLS2113
Human Rights

POLS4012
International Cooperation

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POLS1006
Introduction to International Relations: Contemporary Global Issues

POLS3036
International Terrorism

POLS4027/POLS8027
Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

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BEd (McGill University), BA (Concordia University), PhD (University of Calgary)
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Dr Michael Zekulin joined the ANU from the Department of Political Science at the University of Calgary (Canada). He has written and presented on issues related to terrorism and homegrown terrorism, its impact on international and national security as well as how it affects state-society relations and conceptions of identity in Western democratic states. His work has been published in Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Studies in Conflict & Terrorism and The Journal of Military and Strategic Studies. Currently, Dr Zekulin is working on a book manuscript on the phenomenon of homegrown terrorism. Research projects underway include an examination of terrorist groups’ messaging and communication strategies, developing and expanding current CVE initiatives and the methodological challenges of creating case studies in the field of terrorism studies.
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