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Department of Political and Cultural Studies

Research Specialisms



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Political and Cultural Studies is truly inter-disciplinary in its research culture and has established a reputation for innovative and world class research. This is apparent through an extensive publication output, a record of organising major conferences, seminars and research networks and a wide range of contributions to public life beyond academia. Our researchers have leading roles in the Callaghan Centre for the Study of Conflict, Power and Empire, the Centre for the Study of Culture and Politics (C-SCAP) and the Burton Centre for the Study of Wales.

The Department is committed to deliver exciting teaching programmes which are intellectually wide-ranging, stimulating and demanding. We build on a track record of delivering high quality masters and undergraduate degrees that now goes back several decades and many of our graduates have gone on to successful academic and professional careers in government, education, media, intelligence and risk analysis, defence and foreign affairs, the diplomatic core, armed forces, global marketing and advertising, International and National business and relief and humanitarian organisations.

We offer three distinct research degrees, each of which requires you to conduct original research on a specific topic:

- A PhD (100,000 word thesis; three years full-time - five years part-time)
- An MPhil (60,000 word thesis; two years full-time - four years part-time)
- An MA by Research (30,000 word thesis; one year full-time - two years part-time)

Entry Requirements

PhD entry requirements are an upper second degree plus a Master's degree in a relevant subject. M.Phil and Master's by Research applicants must have a minimum of 2.1 at undergraduate level or relevant Professional qualifications. International applicants should have a minimum IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent. Students may enrol in September, January, April or July.

How to Apply

Applications can be made to either the University's Admissions Office or look at the website - www.swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate, where you will also find the on-line application form and details of current fees.

Contact

Potential applicants are most welcome to contact the Arts and Humanities Graduate Centre admissions team for more details and advice on designing a research proposal, email: COAHGradCentrePGRAdmissions@swansea.ac.uk.

For further information on staff research specialisms, please contact: Dr. Mark Evans, email: m.a.evans@swansea.ac.uk.

Visit our staff pages for full information on staff research expertise and supervisory interests: www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/aboutus/

Department of Political and Cultural Studies

Dr Emel Akcali

Specialist Subjects: State, Society and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa, Social Movements and Upheavals, Globalisation and neoliberalism, Ethno-territorial conflicts and their resolution, Critical Realism.

Dr Sonja Amadae

Specialist Subjects: International political economy; the theory of classical liberalism and neo-liberalism; the philosophy of the social sciences; cyber-governance.

Dr David Anderson

Specialist Subjects: American Civil War; New South; Memory and Commemoration.

Professor Roland Axtmann

Specialist Subjects: History of Ideas; German Political Thought, 19th and 20th Century; Political Theory with special focus on Democratic Theory; Macropolitical Change, with special focus on State Formation, Nation-State and Globalisation.

Professor David Bewley-Taylor

Specialist Subjects: The US 'War on Drugs', The UN and International Drugs Policy, US Foreign Policy, US Politics and Government, Surveillance and Urban America.

Mr Rob Bideleux

Specialist Subjects: Communism, post-communism, democratization, European integration, migration, intercultural studies, Orientalism, postcolonialism, genocide.

Professor Jonathan Bradbury

Specialist Subjects: UK politics, territorial politics, devolution, centre-regional/local relations, sub-national government, political parties and public policy.

Dr Themis Chronopoulos

Specialist Subjects: Urban History, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Popular Culture and Public Policy.

Dr Gerard Clarke

Specialist Subjects: Politics and International Development, especially the role of civil society organisations (including non-governmental organisations and faith-based organisations) in development contexts; human rights and international development, especially rights-based approaches to development; governance and international development, including aid policy and practice; politics and development in South-East Asia, especially the Philippines and Vietnam.

Professor Alan Collins

Specialist Subjects: International relations, Strategic studies, Security studies, Southeast Asia.

Dr Dion Curry

Specialist Subjects: multi-level governance, legitimacy, public policy, public administration, EU politics, networks.

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Dr Mark Evans

Specialist Subjects: Political and moral philosophy, liberalism, socialism, justice, human rights, just war theory, international ethics.

Dr Ekaterina Kolpinskaya

Specialist subjects: political representation; legislative behaviour; parliamentary studies; minority studies; political participation; elections and voting; quantitative methods; British politics.

Dr Stephen McVeigh

Specialist Subjects: War and Society, War and memory, The Spanish Civil War, American military history, The American West, 20th century American literature, American film and American popular culture.

Dr Eugene Miakinkov

Specialist Subjects: Russian History, 18th century Europe and Russia, Diplomatic History, Militarism, Military Culture, Military Thought and Theory, War and Society and militarisation of artificial intelligence.

Dr Gerard Oram

Specialist Subjects: Military Law; War Crimes and Atrocities; Morale (military and civilian); War and Cinema; First World War; Second World War.

Dr Krijn Peters

Specialist Subjects: Disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatants, child soldiers, transitional justice and international crimes, youth marginalisation and exclusion, rural and agrarian development, post-war reconstruction, multi-nationals and corporate social responsibility. Region of expertise: West Africa.

Dr Bettina Petersohn

Specialist Subjects: Comparative Politics, territorial politics, minority nationalism, institutional reform and accommodation of cultural diversity.

Dr Mario von der Ruhr

Specialist Subjects: Philosophy of Religion; Philosophical Anthropology; Neo-Kantian Ethics; Philosophy and Literature; Wittgenstein; Simone Weil.

Professor Michael Sheehan

Specialist Subjects: International security, North-East Asia, the international politics of space, balance of power theory, comparative liberal politics.

Dr Luca Trenta

Specialist Subjects: US Foreign policy, Presidential decision-making, Covert action, drones and targeted killing, IR theory, strategic studies, security studies.

Dr. Matthew Wall

Specialist Subjects: Comparative elections, electoral reform, political communication, public opinion and online politics.

Dr. Bryn Willcock

Specialist subjects: American foreign policy, American history, terrorism, nuclear history and British & European politics.

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Graduate Centre

The College of Arts and Humanities has a Graduate Centre. The Centre fosters and supports individual and collaborative research activity of international excellence and offers a vibrant and supportive environment for Political and Cultural students pursuing postgraduate research and postgraduate taught masters study. The Centre also provides postgraduate training to enhance research skills and offers support for career development.

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