Politics in the Pub - Sydney

Politics in the Pub is a program of speakers and discussions centring around the broad theme of politics. The convenors describe themselves as ‘people who characterise ourselves as “left” and “democratic” who have established a left politico-cultural focus in Sydney to promote cross fertilisation and discussion.’

Friday 22 June 2012
Australian Police Culture - Tasers, Guns, and Deaths
Speakers:
- Dr. Michael Kennedy, Head of Policing Policy Program, UWS
- Cameron Murphy, President, Council of Civil Liberties

Friday 29 June 2012
Israel and Iran: Warmongering, Nuclear Threats, and Hypocrisy
Speakers:
- Dr. Noah Bassil, Macquarie University
- Anthony Loewenstein, Freelance Journalist, Author of My Israel Question

Friday 6 July 2012
Defence Department: The Uncontrollable and Unaccountable Monster
Speakers:
- Dennis Doherty, Secretary, Anti Bases Campaign
- Associate Professor Wayne Renolds, Newcastle University

Friday 13 July 2012
University Staff Cuts - Corporate Culture Takes Over
Speakers:
- Associate Professor Jake Lynch, Director, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney
- Freya Bundey and Emma Dall, University of Sydney Students

Friday 20 July 2012
Public Education: Gonski, Gillard, Gone
Speakers:
- Jane Caro, Author, Speaker, Academic
- Angelo Gabrielatos, Federal President, Australian Education Union

Friday 27 July 2012
‘Kony 2012’ - Fact and Fiction in Post-Colonial Central Africa
Speakers:
- Dr Wendy Lambourne, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney
- Jame Dhizazala, Uganda Doctoral Studies, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

When: 6pm - 7:45pm (dinner afterwards in nearby restaurant)
Where: The Gaelic Club, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills (across from Chalmer St exit and Devonshire St. tunnel at Central Station)
Cost: FREE (no RSVP required)
More Information: www.politicsinthe pub.org.au. Enquires to Charles Bradley - odl_bradley@pacific.net.au

The current program can be found at - http://politicsinthe pub.org.au/politicspub_2_2012.pdf
Visualising truths: Rethinking War Imagery in a Digital Era
Professor Stuart Allan, Bournemouth University

Hosted By Media @ Sydney, Department of Media and Communications

Visual imagery of warfare is a routine, everyday feature of our news media. For the photographer confronted with the challenge of bearing witness to conflict on our behalf, the effort to record its human consequences raises important issues of interpretation. This paper seeks to show how familiar assumptions about photojournalism’s capacity to represent violence in an impartial manner are being decisively recast by the ‘digital revolution’ in photographic technologies.

In examining ‘our camera-mediated knowledge of war,’ to use Susan Sontag’s phrase, it explores a number of questions confronting the photojournalist – both professional and amateur alike – committed to ‘making real’ the horrors of human suffering. Evidence is drawn from several case studies in order to assess the implications of digitalization for the future of photojournalism in wartime, with particular attention devoted to photojournalism’s moral responsibilities where visual truth-telling is concerned.

Professor Stuart Allan is Professor of Journalism in the Media School, Bournemouth University, where is also Director of the Centre for Journalism and Communication Research. He is the author or editor of sixteen books, including Digital War Reporting (co-authored with D. Matheson, Polity, 2009), Citizen Journalism: Global Perspectives (co-edited with E. Thorsen, Peter Lang, 2009), The Routledge Companion to News and Journalism (2010) and Journalism After September 11 (co-edited with B. Zelizer, second edition, Routledge, 2011). His most recent book, Citizen Witnessing: Revisioning Journalism in Times of Crisis, will be published by Polity later this year.

When: Monday 2 July 2012, 11am - 12:30pm
Where: Rogers Room, Woolley Building, the University of Sydney
Cost: FREE

Afghanistan and Beyond: The Politics of Foreign Intervention
Politics in the Pub - Northside

Speakers

Bernard Philip
Director, Afghanistan Domestic Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Senior Civilian Coordinator, Provincial Reconstruction Team, Uruzgan Province 2010-11

Honorary Associate Professor Ian Bickerton
Lecturer in US Foreign Policy and Middle East Affairs, University of NSW; Author of The Illusion of Victory: The True Costs of Modern War and Co-Author of Unintended Consequences: The United States at War

Abdul Karim Hekmar
Former Afghan refugees and advocate for the Hazara people of Afghanistan; Photographer of an exhibition on Afghanistan titled Unsafe Haven; Writer of articles published in The Age, The Australian and The National Times

When: Saturday 7 July 2012, 12:00 noon
Where: Upstairs Function Room, The Union Hotel, 271 Pacific Highway, North Sydney
Cost: FREE (Donations Welcome)
Who Gets What: the New Economics of Matchmaking and Market Design
Professor Alvin Roth, Harvard Business School
Co-Hosted by Sydney Ideas and School of Economics, University of Sydney

What are markets and marketplaces? How do they work? How do they fail? How can we fix them when they’re broken? In recent years economists have stepped forward as market designers to try to craft answers to these questions. These questions are particularly difficult for matching markets, which are markets in which you can’t just choose what you want, but also have to be chosen. If a market has an application or selection procedure, it’s a matching market, and matching markets determine some of the most important transitions in life. Who goes to which schools and universities? Who gets which jobs? Who gets scarce organs for transplant? Professor Alvin Roth illustrates with examples of recent market designs, in school choice, labor markets and kidney exchange in the US.

Al Roth is the George Gund Professor of Economics and Business Administration in the Department of Economics at Harvard University. He works in game theory, experimental economics, and market design. The best known of the markets he has designed (or, in this case, redesigned) is the National Resident Matching Program, through which approximately twenty-five thousand doctors a year find their first employment as residents at American hospitals. He has also helped in the re-organisation of the labor markets for various other kinds of medical and health care professionals.

He helped design the high school matching system used in New York City to match approximately ninety thousand students to high schools each year. He is one of the founders and designers of the New England Program for Kidney Exchange, for incompatible patient-donor pairs. He is the chair of the American Economic Association’s Ad Hoc Committee on the Job Market, which has designed a number of recent changes in the market for new Ph.D. economists.

When: Tuesday 10th July 2012, 6pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Eastern Avenue, the University of Sydney
Cost: FREE

Israel and International Humanitarian Law: Between the Neo-Realism of State Security and the ‘Soft Power’ of Legal Acceptability
Dr. Amichai Cohen, Ono Academic College
Hosted by The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies

Dr. Amichai Cohen is an associate Dean and Senior Lecturer of International Law at the Faculty of Law of the Ono Academic College. He holds an LL.B. (summa cum laude) from the Hebrew University, and an LL.M. and JSD degrees from the Yale Law School. In 2009-2010 he was a visiting Professor at the American University – Washington College of Law. His research interests include, International Humanitarian Law, Israel’s National Security Law, and the interplay between international law and domestic law.

Dr. Cohen has organized and participated in a wide range of international academic conferences and published extensively in prominent academic journals. Dr. Cohen’s recent book is, Israel’s National Security Law: Political Dynamics and Historical Development (Routledge, 2011) (with Stuart A. Cohen).

This will be Dr. Cohen’s only Sydney Lecture. He will be in Australia as a guest of the Embassy of Israel and is invited to speak at the 2012 Annual Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law Conference in Wellington on ‘Putting an iron cap on the rule of proportionality’.

When: Tuesday 10th July 2012, 12:30pm
Where: Shaw Stockbroking Theatrette, Level 15, 60 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
RSVP and Information: ydele@nswjbd.com
In the past few decades massive economic, political, social and cultural transformations have taken place in the re-gion known as Asia. In the process, it has acquired an increasingly prominent place in the world. Whether or not this ‘rise of Asia’ merits talk about a coming ‘Asian century’, it is clear that the historical context for the study of Asia has irrevocably changed.

Four major considerations are at play here. Increasing globalisation has led to growing interpenetration and interde-pendence between different parts of the world. This problematises prevailing boundaries, not least those between ‘Asia’ and ‘the West’. Economic development throughout the region has given rise to the emergence of complex and vi-brant new societies for which descriptors as ‘traditional’ or ‘postcolonial’ are inadequate. These recent transformations have led to a burgeoning interest in studying Asia among scholars who do not call themselves ‘Asianists’. In short, as Asia becomes an increasingly prominent, complex and self-confident region in the world, the meanings and potentials of ‘knowing Asia’ require fundamental rethinking at multiple levels.

The conference will encourage reflection on the implications of these shifts on the field of Asian studies, both in Aus-tralia and internationally.

The 19th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) will be held on the Parramatta Campus of the University of Western Sydney, hosted by the University's Institute for Culture and Society, the School of Humanities and Communication Arts, and the Centre for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies.

**When:** Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 July, 2012  
**Where:** Parramatta Campus, University of Western Sydney  
**More Information and Registration:** For program and directions, please visit the [website](http://sydney.edu.au/sydney_ideas/lectures/2012/professor_michael_williams.shtml).

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**Liberal Order in the Face of the Future: Insights from the ‘IR enlightenment’**  
**Professor Michael C Williams, University of Ottawa**  
**Co-Hosted by Sydney Ideas and The Department of Government and International Relations**

According to many observers, the existing liberal international order faces profound challenges: the ‘rise of authoritarian great powers’, diminishing American influence, and the emergence of a variety of explicitly anti-liberal fundamentalisms, to name but a few. For International Relations (IR) as a discipline, the current situation poses crucial theoretical and political questions that echo the very origins of the field, when in the wake of the second World War an intellectual current that can be called the ‘International Relations enlightenment’ struggled with the limits of liberalism and its fate in the emerging world order. Revisiting and recovering the insights of this often misunderstood movement and its attempts to construct a revived liberalism provides fertile terrain for exploring the character and depth of contemporary challenges and the intellectual legacies and limitations that IR possesses in confronting them.

This lecture is the Keynote lecture in the fifth Oceanic Conference on International Relations OCIS V, a biennial event is an initiative that brings together the growing community of international studies researchers in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, and the wider region.

**Professor Williams** is Professor in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ot-tawa. His research interests are in International Relations theory, security studies, and political thought. His most recent book (with Rita Abrahamsen) is *Security Beyond the State: Private Security in International Politics* (2011).

His articles have appeared in journals including the *European Journal of International Relations, International Or-ganization, International Studies Quarterly, Millennium*, and the *Review of International Studies*.

**When:** Wednesday 18 July 2012, 5pm - 6:30pm  
**Where:** Eastern Avenue Auditorium, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney  
Two decades ago, the study of the British Empire seemed on the verge of becoming an antiquarian project as, even in the Dominions, national histories surged ahead. The fraught debate about the existence, or otherwise of, American imperialism and the appearance of Western troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya has revived a vigorous debate about its supposed precursor. Opinions, however, are violently divided between those who see the history of the British Empire as a long litany of oppression interrupted by occasional genocide and those who see it as an exercise in the expansion of free trade and political representation. This lecture seeks both to create a typology of forms of empire and also to show how its form and impact on indigenous peoples varied greatly from period to period.

While it considers political and economic history, the lecture is particularly concerned with the intellectual history of empire and the manner in which subject peoples took up, adapted and rejected European ideas in the light of their own traditions and beliefs.

**Professor Chris Bayly** studied at Balliol and St Antony’s College, Oxford, and moved to Cambridge in the 1970s. He has remained there since then, barring numerous trips to India and Southeast Asia and periods as visiting lecturer in Europe, Japan and the USA. The main focus of his work has been on India and his most recent book on this subject is *Recovering liberties: Indian thought in the age of liberalism and empire (2011)*. He has also published on imperial and world history, particularly, *The birth of the modern world 1780-1914: Global connections and comparisons* (2004). He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1993. In 2007, he was knighted for his ‘contribution to history outside Europe’ and in 2008 he became a Trustee of the British Museum.
**Everything Political** is an events newsletter designed to publicise details of all forthcoming research and public events in the field of politics, very broadly defined. The newsletter is not confined to events (co-)hosted by the University of Sydney; it hopes to include all interested parties who wish to publicise and promote politics-themed events. Everything Political will be published on the last Thursday of each month.

Everything Political is a new public service to all members of staff, and to interested publics outside the University. Its main purpose is to raise the level of visibility and co-operation among research and teaching staff interested in politics. The newsletter will enable people to plan their events in advance, so avoiding clashes and duplication.

**Event Submission**

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- Brief summary of the event, including titles, speakers, relevant subject details and details of the sponsoring organisations
- When, where (maps included, where possible), cost and RSVP or further information details
- An image in JPEG, GIF or High Res format related to your event

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