The debate around climate change has moved beyond carbon dioxide levels and climate models and is increasingly about values, culture, worldviews and ideology. Can the social sciences like psychology, sociology, anthropology and political science, offer a clear and concise framework for understanding why people reject the scientific consensus? While physical scientists explore the mechanics and implications of anthropogenic climate change, social scientists explore the cultural reasons why people support or reject their scientific conclusions.

Scientists do not hold the definitive final word in the public debate on this issue. There is a constituency beyond scientific experts, and the processes by which this constituency understands and assesses the science of climate change goes far beyond its technical merits and a simple assessment of scientific models. Beliefs about God, the role of government, trust in the market, the value of nature and faith in science are just some of the deeply held beliefs, worldviews and values that social scientists can examine.

Andy Hoffman is the Holcim (US) Professor of Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Michigan. Within this role, Andy also serves as Director of the Frederick A. and Barbara M. Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise.

He has published over a dozen books. He’s served on research committees for the National Academies of Science, the Johnson Foundation, the Climate Group, the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development and the Environmental Defense Fund.

When: Wednesday 20 March 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)

How to Revive the Israel-Palestine Peace Process
Hosted by Australian Institute of International Affairs

In 2007 the world was given hope for an end to the violent Israeli-Palestinian conflict when authority leaders at the Annapolis Conference first publically marked the ‘two-state’ model as the mutually agreed-upon framework for peace. Six years on the conflict continues, with diplomatic relations between the two sides as strained as ever, and currently no end to the conflict in sight.

Professor Alan Johnson, a senior associate at Britain Israel Communications & Research Centre (BICOM) stresses that a solution to the Israeli-Palestine question cannot be found until both sides make some tough compromises. Despite the popularity of the ‘two-state’ solution, Professor Johnson argues that the two communities interpret the model differently. For Palestinians the ‘two state’ model is a question of territory—they demand the same right to holy land, to a state, to self-determination as the Israelis. For the Israelis however, ‘two states’ is a question of existentialism—as long as Israel’s security needs are not met, and a realistic agreement about the Palestinian refugees that doesn’t threaten Israel as a Jewish state is not formulated, peace cannot be achieved.

With whom then does the blame for ongoing conflict lie? With whom does the initiative for peace lie? Professor Johnson has argued that “peace cannot be Israel’s gift”—both sides need to be willing to negotiate and make tough concessions—starting with Palestine recognising Israel’s right to exist. In his view, the international community needs to work with the political reality on the ground, focus on bottom-up not top-down initiatives, set realistic expectations and look for incremental steps forward.

When: Thursday 21 March 2013, from 6pm
Where: The Glover Cottages, 124 Kent Street, Sydney (located adjacent to the Kent St Fire Station)
Cost: AIIA members $15; Senior members / student member $10; Visitors $25; Student Visitors $15
How Binding Are the EU’s ‘Binding’ Renewables Targets?
Professor Angus Johnston, University College Oxford

Hosted by the Sydney Law School, University of Sydney

The development of the European Union’s law and policy on renewable energy has been slow and cautious. One big step forward was claimed with the Second Renewables Directive in 2009: Member States had agreed to accept ‘binding’ targets for renewable energy, rather than the ‘indicative’ targets which had applied under the First Renewables Directive in 2001. While the 2009 Directive has received much attention on various other topics (biofuels, guarantees of origin and trading/transfer mechanisms), comparatively little attention has been paid to what it means to have ‘binding targets’. This seminar will examine: how those targets have been developed, how they are defined; what enforcement mechanisms are available in EU law and their likely effectiveness; and some possible future approaches to this issue. Given the European Commission's intention to review the operation of the EU legal framework on renewables, with a view to making new proposals, it is hoped that some of the matters raised here will contribute to that review and future proposals.

Angus Johnston is a CUF Lecturer and a Fellow in Law at University College, where he arrived in September 2010.

He was a Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge (from 1999) and University Lecturer (from 2004) and then Senior Lecturer at Cambridge University (from 2008) until his appointment to Oxford. He has been a visitor to Harvard Law School and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg; he is also an affiliated lecturer at Cambridge University and at the Jacobs University, Bremen.

Lawyers/barristers: attendance at this seminar is equal to 1 MCLE/CPD unit.

When: Thursday 21 March 2013, 6 - 7pm (Registration from 5:30pm)
Where: Minter Ellison Room, Level 13 Old Law School, St James Campus, Phillip St, Sydney
Cost: FREE, but registration is essential - Register here

Voices in Exile: Panoptic Perspectives
March 21st - 22nd, 2013. University of Sydney and Sydney Cheil Church

Panoptic Perspectives is the title of a two-day film event, organized by scholars from institutions in Sydney and Canberra, to be held in venues at Sydney University and Strathfield.

The purpose of this event is to offer different perspectives on a phenomenon much discussed in the popular media, but rarely considered beyond the singular, highly politicized and bi-polemic story of good and evil, right and wrong – North Korea.

Through the medium of film, and the discussion by guest speakers that will precede and follow each screening, it is hoped the audience will gain a more nuanced understanding of some of the issues surrounding ‘North Korea’ and the North Korean people.

Over two nights, the following three films will be screened:

The Journals of Musan (2011), Directed by Park Jungbum
21 March - 5:30pm @ Sydney Cheil Church (Sydney St & Concord Rd.)
22 March - 5:20pm @ Old Geology Lecture Theatre (next to Footbridge Theatre), University of Sydney, co-hosted by Global Social Justice Network
Q&A with the director (Jungbum Park) after the screening

A Schoolgirl’s Diary (2007), Directed by Jang In-hak
22 March - 1:45pm @ Architecture Lecture Theatre 3, Wilkinson Building, University of Sydney, co-hosted by Global Social Justice Network

Yodok Stories (2008), Directed by Andrzej Fidyk
21 March 2:00pm @ Sydney Cheil Church (Sydney St. & Concord Rd.)
Discussion with Dr. Leonid Petrov after the screening

Each screening is preceded by a short talk introducing the key themes of the film. Each film will also be followed by a questions and answers session. Guest speakers include Park Jungbum, director of The Journals of Musan

Daily Admission: Student $5, Adult $10
RSVP and more information: www.northkoreafilmfest.wordpress.com
Which Weber & which Hirschman in Boltanski & Chiapello’s New Spirit of Capitalism?
Professor Paul Du Gay, Copenhagen Business School

Hosted by Department of Sociology & Social Policy, SSPS, University of Sydney

Published in French in 1999 (in English in 2005), The New Spirit of Capitalism was immediately a publishing sensation in France, enjoying a scope and scale of public commentary rarely enjoyed by social science texts, especially ones weighing in at 843 densely argued pages. It received considerable attention in the French media, sparking debate about the meaning, significance and effects of contemporary mutations in economic and organisational life.

It also became a reference point in political discussions about the future of the welfare state, as well as the possibilities both of collective action in a ‘networked’ world and of reconciling the interests of social justice with the ‘laws of the markets’.

The book offers a comprehensive and subtle series of discrete but interrelated arguments, combining sociological and cultural analysis, socio-historical narrative, political economy, and engaged advocacy – that chimed with ongoing debates about the meaning, significance and effects of changing forms of capitalism and the role of neo-liberalism. Taken together, these arguments offered some important clues as to how and why neo-liberalism has proven so resilient and adaptable when faced with evidence of its own hubris.

In this seminar Professor Du Gay will focus on the two key components of the conceptual architecture of Boltanski and Chiapello’s The New Spirit of Capitalism: its engagement with the work of Max Weber and that of Albert Hirschman.

**Professor Paul du Gay** is Globaliserings Professor in the Department of Organization (IOA) at Copenhagen Business School, and Academic Director of the Business in Society Public-Private Platform.


**When:** Friday 22 March 2013, 3 - 5pm
**Where:** Room 148, Level 1, R.C Mills Building, University of Sydney
**Cost:** FREE (No RSVP Required)

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### Scandal of the Trial: HPV Vaccines, Public Health and Knowledge/Value

**Associate Professor Kaushik Sunder Rajan, University of Chicago**

Co-Hosted by Sydney Ideas and the Biopolitics of Science Network, University of Sydney

In early April 2010, the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) halted a project that involved the experimental administration of Gardasil, a vaccine developed by Merck used to prevent human papilloma virus (HPV) infection, in Bhadrachalam, in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The study was shut down because of apparent reports of violations of ethical guidelines. An immediate focal point of controversy was that Bhadrachalam is a predominantly tribal area, and questions were asked about conducting a study on tribal girls. This controversy developed into a full-blown controversy in its own right, but has also become the focal point of emergent civil society advocacy in India against unethical clinical trials.

Kaushik Sunder Rajan describes this controversy as an entry point into a broader consideration of the politics around pharmaceuticals and health in India today. How do these politics emerge in relation to global logics of biocapital? In what ways does public health get conscripted into, and changed in the process of, articulations with these global logics? What kinds of experimental subjectivity get produced as a consequence? He will argue that what is at stake here is the re-theorisation of knowledge, of value, and of the nature of their articulation, and the necessity of asking questions of the ethical and the political in the light of such re-theorisations.

**Kaushik Sunder Rajan** is Associate Professor of Anthropology and of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. He initially trained as a biologist and works on the anthropology of science, technology and medicine. His work has focused on a number of interrelated events and emergences. His book, *Biocapital: The Constitution of Post-Genomic Life*, tries to capture a flavor of these emergences.

**When:** Tuesday 26 March 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
**Where:** Lecture Theatre 106, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)
**Cost:** FREE (RSVP Required)
ABOUT THE SPEAKER

PROFESSOR ROLAND AXTMANN
UNIVERSITY OF SWANSEA

Roland Axtmann is Professor of Politics & International Relations at the University of Swansea and Director of the Centre for the Study of Culture & Politics, as well as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology & Social Policy at the University of Sydney. He has also held visiting appointments at Heidelberg University (Germany); Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria); University of California, Los Angeles; Deakin University, the University of Queensland, and the Institute for Democracy & Human Rights at the University of Sydney.

Roland has published widely in the areas of democracy, globalization, macro-political change and (international) political theory. His books include Democracy: Problems and Perspectives (Edinburgh University Press, 2007), Authority, State and National Character: The Civilizing Process in Austria and England, 1700–1900 (Ashgate, 2007) with H. Kuzmics), Understanding Democratic Politics: Concepts, Institutions, Movements (London: Sage, 2003), and he has published in leading journals such as History of Political Thought; History of the Human Sciences; Review of International Studies; International Political Science Review; International Politics; Theory, Culture & Society; German History; German Politics & Society; and Leviathan.

He is currently working on questions concerning democratic governance and the legitimacy of global public authority structures, focussing on issues such as global constitutionalism, cosmopolitanism, representation and participation in global governance, and transnational democracy.

This workshop will address the question of how to understand and analyse the emergence of new forms of global governance and authoritative public power. Global governance, it will be suggested, can be conceptualised as an element of the political economy of the reproduction of capitalism. At the heart of this project of global governance, carried out by an ever-expanding global financial and organisational elite, lies the attempt to ‘lock in’ commitments to liberalisation and to ‘lock out’ popular-democratic and parliamentary forces from control over crucial economic, social, and ecological policies.

The workshop will be divided into a morning (10am-12pm) and an afternoon session (2-4pm), with lunch provided 12-2.

In the morning seminar session, Professor Axtmann will outline his thoughts on these themes, followed by comments from Professor Hans Hendrischke (Chinese Studies Centre, Business School, University of Sydney) acting as discussant, as well as audience questions.

The afternoon session will consist of a research development workshop where Professor Axtmann will engage with the research interests of participants.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Greg Martin <greg.martin@sydney.edu.au> asap, as places are limited, with a 200-word outline of your current research project and interests.
Egypt’s Changing Role in the Middle East After the Arab Spring
Amro Ali, University of Sydney

Hosted by the Australian Institute of International Affairs

It’s not easy to see where Egypt is heading, or whether it can recover from the downward economic spiral that has accompanied the so-called revolution. After the exuberance of Tahrir Square in 2011, protests have returned and the air is full of disillusion with the elected Muslim Brotherhood government and the absence of improved living standards.

The post-revolutionary struggle has pitted Egypt’s various actors including the establishment, military, the Brotherhood and Islamists, a pluralistic opposition, and a volatile public in a struggle to define the trajectory of Egypt’s future. It has also severely called into question Egypt’s regional leadership credentials by demonstrating Cairo’s inability to influence other simmering conflicts in the area, or to act as a brake on Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

Domestically, there is an uneasy truce between Egypt’s generals, upon whom President Morsi is dependent to maintain security, and the Muslim Brotherhood government. Both sides joined forces to drive out the Mubarak regime; both sides need each other.

Amro Ali will talk on the future of the Arab world’s most populous country. Can it retain – or perhaps more accurately regain the centre of gravity for the region? Can the disagreements between the various parties and the public be reconciled, or will the country become more divided, and less respected?

Amro Ali is a PhD scholar at the University of Sydney, a political analyst, and satirist. His interests are geared towards researching the socio-political landscape of Egypt and the Middle East, and advancing civil society in this volatile part of the world. Following a long period in Egypt researching the after-effects of the Egyptian Revolution and presenting his findings in Europe and the US, Amro has now settled in the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney.

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RSVP: Register Here

Postgraduate Workshop: Global Order and Governance
Co-Hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Policy and the Law and Society Research Network

This workshop follows on from the seminar and workshop held on the same subject on Monday 25 March, but with a specific focus on the research projects of postgraduate students. It will continue considering the analysis of the emergence of new forms of global governance and authoritative public power, the role of global elites and the fate of popular-democratic and parliamentary forces in relation to central economic, social, and ecological policies.

Lunch will be provided after the workshop, 12-1pm.

Roland Axtmann is Professor of Politics and International Relations at the University of Swansea and Director of the Centre for the Study of Culture and Politics, as well as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology & Social Policy at the University of Sydney. He has also held visiting appointments at Heidelberg University (Germany); Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria); University of California, Los Angeles; Deakin University, the University of Queensland, and the Institute for Democracy & Human Rights at the University of Sydney.


He is currently working on questions concerning democratic governance and the legitimacy of global public authority structures, focussing on issues such as global constitutionalism, cosmopolitanism, representation and participation in global governance, and transnational democracy.

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When: Thursdahy 28 March 2013, 10am - 1pm
Where: Law Seminar Room 105, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)
Reinventing Fire: Changing the Energy Rules For a Growing Economy
Robert ‘Hutch’ Hutchinson, Rocky Mountain Institute, USA

Co-Hosted by Sydney Ideas and the US Studies Centre

The Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) is a US based organisation which specialises in delivering sustainable options and strategic scenarios for communities to improve the liveability of cities. Its mission is “to drive the efficient and restorative use of resources” especially via integrative design and systems thinking. Their strategic focus, executed through specific initiatives, is to map and drive the transition from coal and oil to efficient and renewable energies and holistic approaches to develop liveable cities. Since 1982 they have designed and applied many innovations to help make the world richer, fairer, cooler, and safer – from contributions toward tripled-efficiency cars, trucks, and airplanes, power and water efficiency, renewable energy, community economic development, and more.

RMI’s next initiative is Reinventing Fire, a program that will bring together 30 years of innovation. It aims to change the way most people have been getting and using energy since the Industrial Revolution. It will clarify choices on how to speed the transition away from the use of fossil fuels, by showing what exists, what works, what makes sense and makes money, and what can change the world.

‘Hutch’ Hutchinson’s talk for Sydney Ideas will focus on strategies for Australia to create a new energy future. His talk will be followed by a panel discussion with local experts and an opportunity to ask questions.

Hutch Hutchinson is a guest of the United States Studies Centre and is participating in the Delivering a Sustainable Future City workshop, supported by New South Wales Trade and Investment.

When: Wednesday 3 April 2013, 7 - 8:30pm
Where: Law School, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)

How China’s Wartime Past is Shaping its Present – and Future
Professor Rana Mitter, University of Oxford

Co-Hosted by Sydney Ideas and the China Studies Centre, University of Sydney

Beijing’s policies continue to dominate the news in the Asia-Pacific region. Will China and Japan clash in the seas of East Asia? Will China be able to implement social welfare policies that will calm dissent and social unrest? Why did it take so long for China to become such a major power? One unexpected but crucial story that helps illuminate these different questions is the wrenching history of China’s experience during World War II, in the epic war against Japan from 1937 to 1945. Over 14 million Chinese died and some 80 million became refugees during those years. This lecture will explore how the battered China of wartime became today’s superpower in the making – and why.

Rana Mitter is Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China at the University of Oxford, and a Fellow of St Cross College. His research has focused on the historical development of Chinese nationalism, with a particular interest in the Sino-Japanese War of the 1930s and 1940s, and its effects on shaping contemporary China. He is the author of several books including A Bitter Revolution: China’s Struggle with the Modern World (Oxford, 2004), for which he was named Young Academic Author of the Year by the UK Times Higher Education Supplement in 2005, and Modern China: A Very Short Introduction (Oxford, 2008). His new book China’s War with Japan, 1937-1945: The Struggle for Survival, will be published in June 2013.

Rana presents and contributes regularly to programmes on television and radio, including BBC World News, the History Channel, and Night Waves on BBC Radio 3 in the UK. His essays and reviews have appeared in publications including the Financial Times, Outlook, The Telegraph (Kolkata), The Times of India, The Guardian, The Economist, and History Today.

When: Tuesday 9 April 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
Where: Law School, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)
Professor Harold Bruff will deliver an address as a part of the 2013 Distinguished Speakers Program on the topic The President and Congress: Separation of Powers in the United States of America.

Although the framers of Australia’s Constitution adopted many features of the United States Constitution, they rejected the separation of legislative and executive power in favour of responsible government in a parliamentary system like that of Great Britain. This lecture will review the main consequences for the United States of its choice to separate these two branches. Many current controversies in America reveal the effects of separation, including the appointment of executive and judicial officers, the funding of the federal government, and the conduct of foreign relations and war.

Professor Harold Bruff is the Rosenbaum Professor of Law at the University of Colorado School of Law, where he was dean from 1996-2003. He received his B.A. in American history from Williams College (Phi Beta Kappa) and his J.D. from Harvard Law School (magna cum laude).

He has served in the Office of Legal Counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he advised the DOJ, the White House, and executive agencies on issues of constitutional and administrative law. He has testified before Congress many times, and has written several books and many articles on administrative law and separation of powers.

**When:** Thursday 21 March 2013, 6 - 7pm (Registration from 5:30pm)

**Where:** Sydney Law School, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

**Cost:** Full Fee $25; SLS Alumni $20; University of Sydney Student $10


Lawyers/barristers: attendance at this seminar is equal to 1 MCLE/CPD unit.

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**Government and International Relations Colloquium Series**

**University of Sydney**

**Wednesday 17 April 2012**

**Confronting the Impossible: Racial Integration in the United States**

**Professor Sharon Stanley, University of Memphis**

Professor Stanley’s broad research interests focus upon modern and contemporary political thought, with a particular emphasis on the Enlightenment, its critics, and its contested legacy.

Her first book, *The French Enlightenment and the Emergence of Modern Cynicism* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) traces the relationship between cynicism and enlightenment in the thought of eighteenth-century French writers, including Diderot, Rousseau, La Mettrie, and the authors of libertine literature, and concludes by examining contemporary diagnoses of cynicism as the dominant mode of consciousness in “postmodern” democracies. She has also published related articles in Political Theory, Polity, and Eighteenth-Century Thought.

Additionally, she maintains a separate research agenda in American constitutional law. She is currently working on a new project that examines the concept of racial integration in political, legal, and cultural discourse. A piece from this project appears in *Contemporary Political Theory*.

**When:** 4 - 5pm

**Where:** Darlington Centre Boardroom, University of Sydney

**More information can be found at:** [http://sydney.edu.au/arts/government_international_relations/News_and_Events/colloquium.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/arts/government_international_relations/News_and_Events/colloquium.shtml)
Chinese business groups have grown into huge enterprises with significant economic and political clout. As a result of institutional reform, corporate restructuring, and listings in China and abroad, these business groups, especially within the energy sector, have become so big, profitable and well-connected that they are challenging the authority of the central government. Yet, increasingly, business leaders are appointed to government positions as ministers or provincial governors. What is the mechanism of this elite circulation and how does it impact the power relations between Party-state-business in China? Will increasing rotation between leading positions in the Party, government, and business strengthen the Party and government control of the corporate sector or will it strengthen big business’ influence on the decision-making processes and policy outcomes in the Chinese polity? The seminar addresses these questions based on in-depth studies of the Chinese nomenklatura system and advances the notion of fragmented integration to characterize the evolving relationship between business groups and the Party-state. The seminar also argues that in order to abolish vested interests and interest politics, reform of the role, function, and organization of Chinese business groups is necessary.
**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**
Everything Political is an initiative of staff based at the University of Sydney, the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales. It will be published on the last Thursday of each month. If you wish to submit details of an event for inclusion in the newsletter, please email: sdl@sydney.edu.au by the 17th of the month. We require the following information for every event:

- 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
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