Politics & International Relations at Glasgow

Christopher Carman
Head of Politics & International Relations
Politics?

- **Political science** is *the* foundational social science (Aristotle 384-322 BC)
- But what is ‘politics’? Collective processes for decision making

Politics & IR at UoG?

- Top scholars who actually enjoy teaching!
- Employability skills: analysis (+Q-Step); reasoning; writing; collaboration; communication
- LOTS of options (aprox 30-35 Honours courses/yr)
Excellent Curriculum / Engaging Teaching Staff

• National Student Survey (NSS 2019)
  • Staff are good at explaining things (90%)
  • Staff have made the subject interesting (92%)
  • Course is intellectually stimulating (90%)
  • Overall I am satisfied with the quality of the course (86%)
- **Politics**
  - Our ‘traditional’ and long-standing programme, offering flexibility in and across topics (Politics & IR) and Joint Degrees (aprox. 39)

- **International Relations (IR)**
  - Our new, specific programme, offering *specialisation* in IR, but less flexibility in Joint Degrees (4 joint degrees)

*For entry into the IR programme you **must** have applied using the IR UCAS code.*
The **International Relations plan** is a specialised programme with a core course at the Honours level and a requirement to take a set number of IR courses + methods course and dissertation

- More specialised; less choice in Honours years; fewer Joint Degree options

The **Politics plan** will remain *less structured & more flexible* at the Honours level with a broader set of Honours options across Politics, IR and SocSci + methods course and dissertation

- Broader programme; more choices of courses in Honours years; more Joint Degree options
• **First year courses:**
  
  • **Politics 1A: Introduction to Politics:** introduces core concepts, theories, institutions, actors and issues in the study of politics.
  
  • **Politics 1B: Introduction to International Relations:** study of the key concepts, theories, actors and issues in international politics (how states and non-state actors interact across borders).

• **Second year courses:**
  
  • **Politics 2A: History of Political Thought:** study of key texts and concepts in the history of political thought.
  
  • **Politics 2B: Comparative Politics in Globalising World:** study of authoritarian / democratic regimes and how these regimes function in a globalized world of states.
Politics:
• American Politics
• British Prime Ministers
• Business & Politics
• Chinese Politics
• Civil Society & Social Capital
• Egalitarianism and its Critics
• Feminist Perspectives in Politics
• Global Distributive Justice
• Intergroup Conflict
• Internet & Politics
• Politics, Communication Democracy
• Scottish Government
• Issues in British Politics
• Latin American Politics

International Relations:
• International Political Economy
• Global Inequalities & International development
• European Union and International Relations
• War & International Security
• Just War in the 21st Century
• Narratives of Conflict in Middle East
• Politics of Gender & Development
• Politics of the EU
• Protest Politics
• Securitisation
• Defence Policymaking
• Post-colonial IR
Beyond the classroom:

- Internships, both at UoG and elsewhere:
  - John Smith Centre parliamentary internship programme, designed to be flexible, accessible and provide opportunity to all social science student
  - UoG internships, working with lecturers and professors on research projects

- Student mobility – we encourage students to get out in the world through exchange programmes

- Short trips and experiential learning

- Lectures by senior visiting scholars and major (political) figures of the day
Thank you!!!

Any questions on Politics and International Relations email: Thomas.Lundberg@glasgow.ac.uk