



2014/15 – Semester Two

The members of the Critical Global Politics (former Poststructural and Critical Thought Cluster) work within or are inspired by poststructural and critical thought. They share research interests in areas such as the politics of violence, the politics of ethics and the politics of knowledge. The majority of the group studies these themes in the context of international politics. The group offers possibilities for its members to discuss recent or ongoing work, broaden their knowledge and network with likeminded academics.

Workshops

The European Union: a cybersecurity actor? (Trans)national agencies, discourses and practices

22nd – 23rd January 2015Arthur Lewis Building, Board Room, 2nd floor

Since its first use in the 1990s by computer scientists, cybersecurity has transcended its mere technical conception of computer security to become the expression of a worst-case scenario with devastating societal effects. The question of cybersecurity is thus no more solely examined through law-enforcement lenses; it has entered and significantly reshaped the political, doctrinal and strategic debates. How have the EU and its security agencies coped with this new and multifaceted strategic domain? A two-day workshop sponsored by the French Ministry of Defence Strategic Research Institute (IRSEM), the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (MJMCE), and Critical Global Politics Cluster of the University of Manchester (Political Horizons).

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Critical Global Politics Launch Roundtable



“WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF CRITICAL GLOBAL POLITICS?”

John Hobson (University of Sheffield)
Nick Vaughan-Williams (University of Warwick)
Marysia Zalewski (Aberdeen University)

Wednesday, March 11th 2015, 3 – 5pm (Martin Harris John Casken Lecture Theatre)

Followed by wine reception, Arthur Lewis Building 4th floor.



SMART - Seminars on Methods, Analysis, Research and Theories

The aim of SMART is an invitation to discuss, understand and domesticate some delicate but engaging methods and theories. Please contact:

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Talks, Lectures and Presentations

✧ **January 27, 4-6pm (University Place 1.218)** ✧

Robert Pfaller (University of Linz, Austria)

“The Unbearable Enjoyment of the Other: postmodern sensibility and the politics of anxiety”

Co-sponsored by Politics in Times of Anxiety project

✧ **February 11, 2-3.30pm (University Place, 1.219)** ✧

Franck Billé (University of Cambridge)

“Sino-Russian Border Architecture: Mimesis, Orientalism, Gigantism”

Joint seminar with the Centre for Chinese Studies

✧ **March 3, 4-6pm (University Place 1.219)** ✧

Louiza Odysseos (University of Sussex)

“Governing through impunity, Resisting through rights: Technologies of conduct within Postcolonial Governmentality”

✧ **March 11, 3-5pm (Martin Harris John Casken Lecture Theatre)** ✧

“Roundtable: What is the Future of Critical IP?”

John Hobson (University of Sheffield)

Nick Vaughan-Williams (University of Warwick)

Marysia Zalewski (Aberdeen University)

✧ **March 18, 3.30-5pm (ALB, 2 floor Boardroom)** ✧

Chris Rossdale (Royal Holloway University of London)

“Being Anti-Militarist and Anti-Militarist Being”

Joint seminar with Global Political Economy Cluster

✧ **May 6, 2- 3.30pm (University Place 2.218)** ✧

Adi Kuntsman (Manchester Metropolitan University)

“Digital Militarism: ordinary violence in the social media age”

For more information on our events and for further details please email politicalhorizons@manchester.ac.uk or visit our website politicalhorizons.co.uk