

Postgraduate Study in Politics at Manchester



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Outline of today's talk

- An introduction to 'who we are' and 'what we do'
- An overview of the MA programmes we offer and their structure
- Q&A





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- Best Lecturer in Humanities (UoM Teaching Awards)
- Best Dissertation Supervisor (UoM Teaching Awards)
- Sir Bernard Crick Awards for Outstanding Teaching for a New Entrant (PSA)
- Humanities Teacher of the Year (UoM award)



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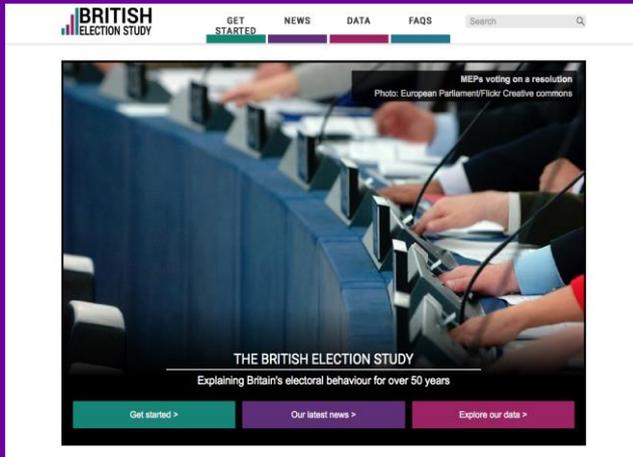


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Critical Global Politics

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第十屆中美青年外交官
The 10th US-China Diplomatic Dialogue

Events

Explore upcoming and past events delivered by Manchester China Institute.

A photograph of two men sitting at a table during a panel discussion. The man on the left is wearing a light blue shirt and glasses, and the man on the right is wearing a dark suit and glasses. They are both looking towards the camera. The background is a red banner with Chinese and English text. The English text reads 'The 10th US-China Diplomatic Dialogue'. The Chinese text reads '第十屆中美青年外交官'. Below the banner, there are logos for '復旦大學美國研究中心' (Fudan University Center for American Studies), '曼徹斯特中國研究所' (Manchester China Institute), and '澳門美國問題研究所' (Macau Center for American Studies).

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Sustainable Consumption Institute

A logo for the Sustainable Consumption Institute. It features the Manchester University crest (a shield with a book and a lamp) and the text 'MANCHESTER 1824' above 'The University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute'. To the right, the text 'Sustainable Consumption Institute' is written in a large, bold, purple font.

hcri
Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute

A logo for the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (hcri). It features a stylized human figure icon to the left of the text 'hcri' in a bold, lowercase font. Below 'hcri' is the full name 'Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute' in a smaller font.

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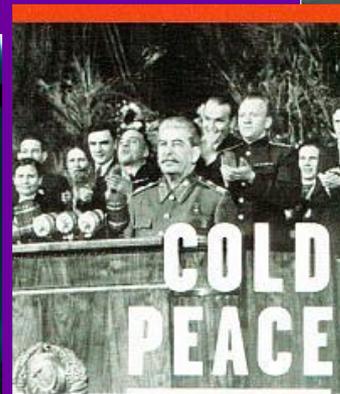
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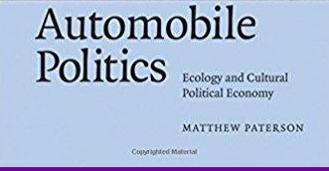
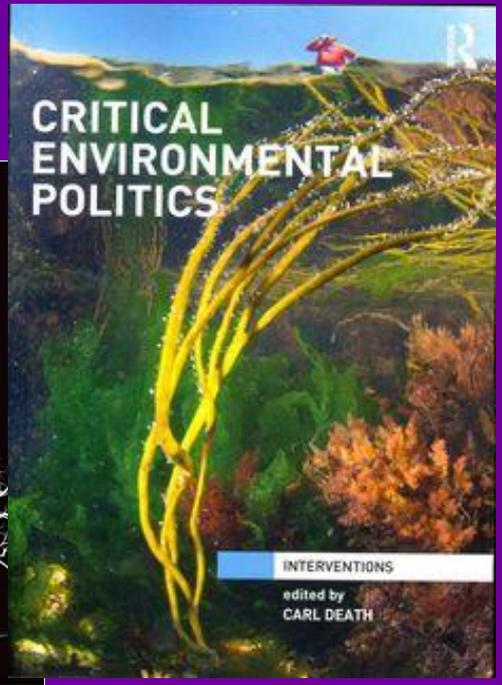
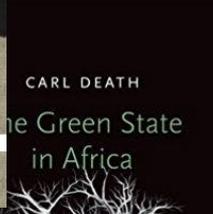
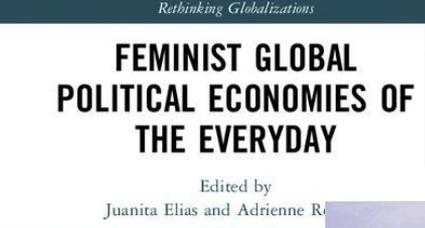
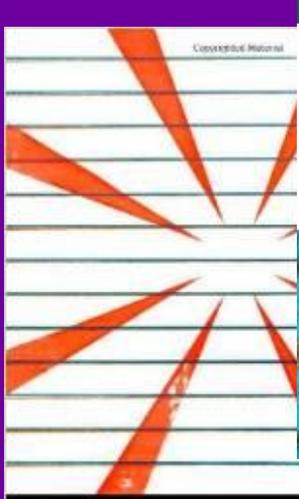
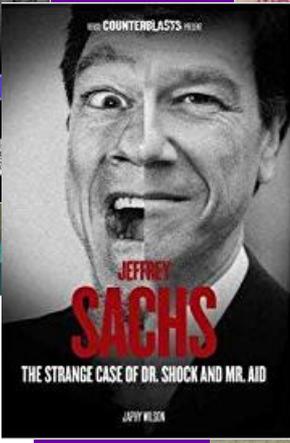
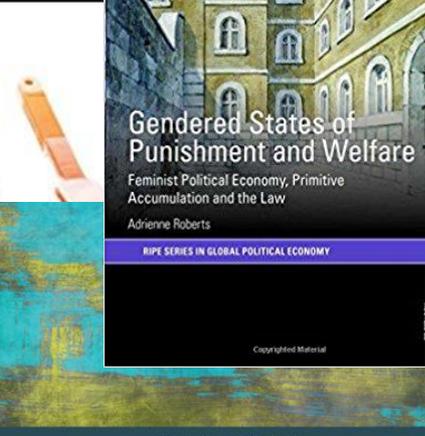
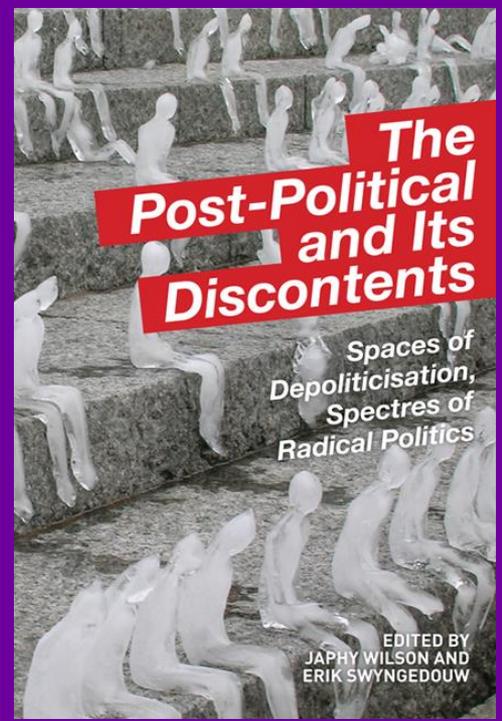
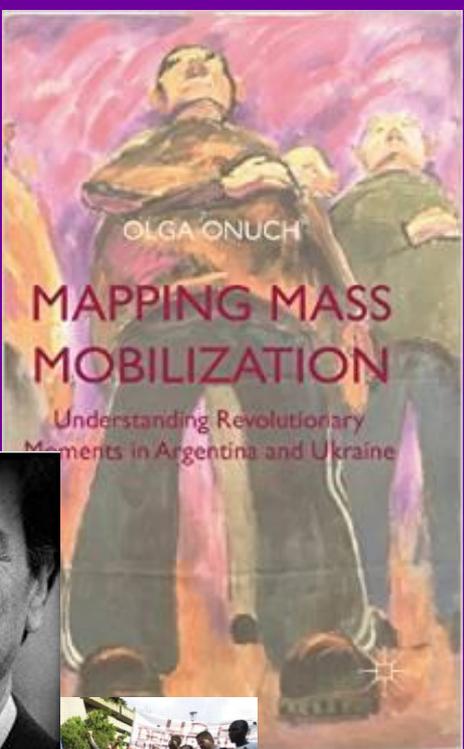
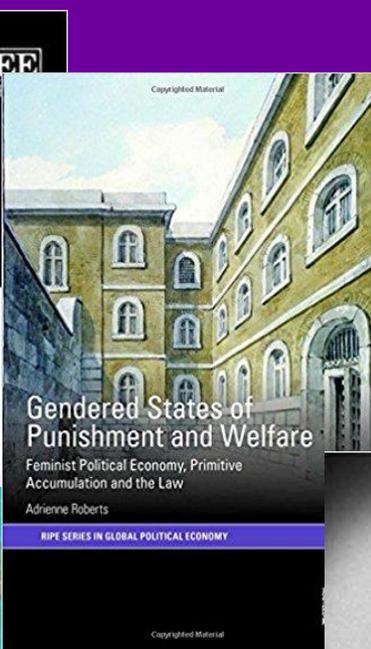
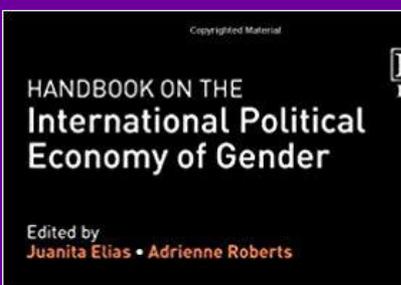
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MA Programmes & Pathways

- MA Politics
- MA Political Science
 1. European Politics & Policy
 2. Governance & Public Policy
 3. Democracy & Elections
 4. Political Theory
 5. Philosophy and Political theory
- MA Human Rights
 1. Political Science;
 2. Law/Political Science
- MA International Relations
- MA International Political Economy
- MA Political Economy
- MA Peace & Conflict Studies

Two types of MA degree

Specialist (standard) Route – 180 credits
More choice of modules

Research Route – 180 credits

ESRC approved research training courses
Qualify for entry into PhD programme
Research methods training

Details:

<http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/subjects/politics/postgraduate-taught/>

Structure of Standard Route MA

1. Compulsory modules (45-60 credits)
 1. Dissertation Research Design (15 credits)
 2. Core methodology course (15 credits)
 3. Pathway specific core modules (30 credits)
2. Optional modules (60 credits)
 - Some pathway restricted, some open choice
3. Dissertation (60 credits)

*Human Rights Programmes: compulsory modules 75 credits

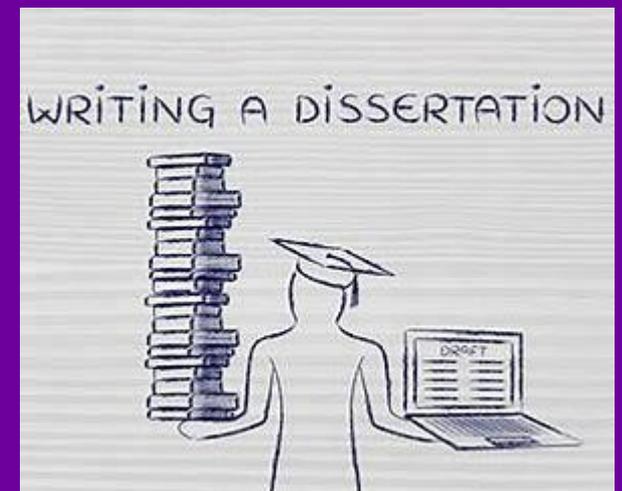
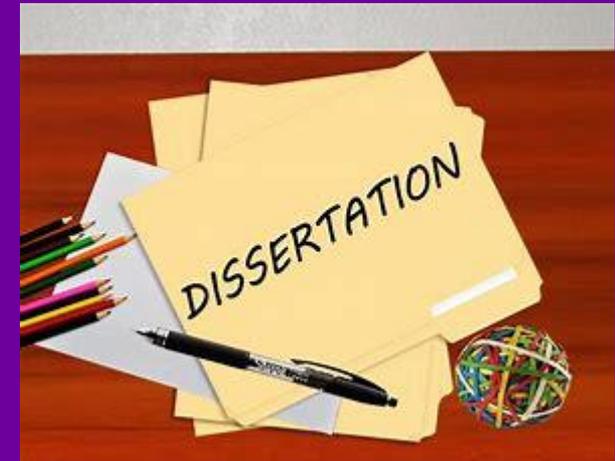
** Peace and Conflict Studies: alternative arrangements for dissertation

Structure of Research Route MA

1. Compulsory modules (90 credits)
 1. Pathway specific core modules x 2 (30 credits)
 2. Dissertation Research Design (15 credits)
 3. Quantitative Methods (15 credits)
 4. Qualitative Methods (15 credits)
 5. Philosophy of Politics Research (15 credits)
 2. Optional pathway modules (30 credits)
 3. Dissertation (60 credits)
- * Human Rights Programmes 105 credits compulsory modules

Dissertation

- Independent research project
- Work closely with supervisor
- 60 credits
- Semester 2
- In conjunction with modules:
 - Dissertation Research Design
 - Peace and Conflict Studies Research
 - Core modules on your pathway



Qualifying for the PhD

Research Route

- Prepares for PhD with methodology courses
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Philosophy of Politics Research
- 1 + 3 funding

PhD at Manchester

- Part of North-West Doctoral Partnership:
 - Lancaster University
 - University of Liverpool
 - University of Manchester
 - Keele University
 - methods@manchester
- Funding from ESRC or School of Social Sciences

Assessments

Varies across modules – but capped at 4000 words or work equal to that (for 15 credit modules)

Typical structure:

Essay (75%): 3,000 words

AND

Presentation (25%): Individual/group

OR

Short assignment (15%): 1000 words

Participation OR weekly journal (10%)

Future careers

- 85% in employment or further study within six months (Unistats 2017)



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Careers service



Politics works closely with the UoM Careers Service e.g. placements, job listings, visiting speakers, one-to-one support sessions

Destinations of previous Politics graduates

Types of jobs: Accountant, Assistant Editor, Assistant to the Congresswoman, Charity Worker, Finance Analyst, Graduate Claims Handler, Graduate Internship Economic Adviser, Investment Consultancy, Legal Assistant, Mergers and Acquisitions Intern, National Citizen Service Administrator, Parliamentary Assistant, Policy Adviser, PR Associate, Production Coordinator, Research Associate, Trainee Army Officer.

Employers: Adam Smith Institute, Blackburn Council, Bloomberg, British Army, Civil Service, Deloitte, EY, Ford, House of Commons, KPMG, Manchester City Council, Manchester United, Ministry of Defence, National Audit Office, PwC, The Tutor Trust, Towers Watson.

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