

New Professor in PIR

Professor Rachel Julian has been appointed Professor of Peace Studies. Rachel has 25 years of international experience in peace and conflict, including disarmament, peacebuilding and nonviolence. She was awarded her Professorship in recognition of her work in establishing Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping as a field of study, showing how civilians can protect other civilians from violence without the need for weapons or threats of violence.



Current research projects include *The role of civilians in ceasefire and local security, using unarmed civilian peacekeeping*, working with Nonviolent Peaceforce Philippines to study the roles and tasks that civilians have undertaken as civilian ceasefire monitors within the peace process. By working collaboratively with researchers in Mindanao, workshops have been carried out where people met, shared experiences and used art and drawing to explore how civilians are building peace. Rachel also has an AHRC funded project *Policy influence on countering human trafficking in Kenya* with Haart Kenya, which includes the voices of survivors of human trafficking in the development and improvement of counter-trafficking policies.



Rachel has recently participated in a writing workshop in Nairobi to develop a book on peacebuilding in East Africa written by people from East Africa, an international webinar series on Women Peace and Security in the ASEAN region, and works with emerging women leaders in Myanmar, supporting the use of participatory methods in understanding inequality and inclusion.

Alumni news

Ellen Lythgoe (BA International Relations & Global Development 2019) is a Partnership Support Officer at Salford City Council.

Jodie Champaneria (BA International Relations & Global Development 2017) is a Client Support Advisor for Equality Together, a charity which supports people with disabilities and their families.

Andrew Ratcliffe (BA Politics 2016) is a Planning and Development Manager with Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

Hayden Ridsdale (BA Politics 2020) has been accepted on the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme, which is ranked amongst the top 5 leadership development programmes in the UK.

Gabija Navickaite (BA International Relations & Global Development 2020) has started a graduate customer service apprenticeship with Leeds Building Society.

Amber Tatum (BA Politics 2020) is a Parliamentary caseworker at the House of Commons.

Agung Adi Nugraha (MA International Relations 2015) is Regional Officer SE Asia at Leeds Beckett University.

Gareth Reilly (BA Politics 2014) is a Senior Policy Advisor in the Implementation Unit at the UK Department for International Trade.

Ellen Mervyn (BA International Relations & Peace Studies 2019) is an intern at the UN Industrial Development Organization, a specialized agency of the UN that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability.



Staff retiring

Two long-standing members of PIR chose to take early retirement over the summer.



Dr Paul Wetherly originally studied for his degree at Leeds Polytechnic, before returning to teach after his MA and PhD, and working in local government. Paul authored a number of books, including *Marxism and the state*, and contributed to and edited others, including *Class, power and the state in capitalist society: Essays on Ralph Miliband*; *Islam in the west: Key issues in multiculturalism*; *The Business Environment: themes and issues in a globalizing world*, and *Political Ideologies*. Paul led a range of modules on the politics degree, and organized the annual PIR Festival which brought in a range of external speakers, including academics, MPs and NGO leaders, to enhance the curriculum.

Oriel Kenny joined the University after working as an academic and as a development practitioner in Kenya, Ghana and Bolivia, specializing in participatory development, small farmers and gender in society and the workplace. Within PIR, she led a number of modules focused on development policy and practice, and continued her work with projects on rural access to power and clean water in Gambia, Malawi and Brazil.

We wish them well in their next adventures, but both Oriel and Paul will retain Associate status with PIR so they will continue to be linked with us and we look forward to seeing them soon.



Staff research

Dr Chris Byrne has had a new book and journal article published:

Byrne, C., Randall, N. & Theakston, K. (2020) *Disjunctive Prime Ministerial Leadership in British Politics: From Baldwin to Brexit*. Palgrave; London

Byrne, C. (2020) What determines perceived graduate employability? Exploring the effects of personal characteristics, academic achievements and graduate skills in a survey experiment. *Studies in Higher Education* DOI: 10.1080/03075079.2020.1735329



In September, **Dr Maria O'Reilly** presented her work on "*Unpacking Defence Sector Reform Through a Feminist Institutional Lens*" at a virtual workshop hosted by the University of Reading and Newcastle University on 'Applying Feminist institutionalist approaches to the study of International Relations'.

Prof Rachel Julian has two further publications:

Bliessemann De Guevara, B., Furnari, E. & Julian, R. (2020) Researching with Local Associates: Power, Trust and Data in a Project on Communities' Conflict Knowledge in Myanmar. *Civil Wars*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698249.2020.1755161>

Julian, R. (2020) The Transformative Impact of Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping. *Global Society* 34(1): 99-111

Dr John Willott together with Dr Naeema Hann and Dr Nicole Whitworth (School of Education) is part of a new project led by Migration Yorkshire, together with the universities of Oxford, Leeds and Huddersfield, and the Institute for Public Policy Research. The project is supported by the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), a European Union fund designed to help member states manage migration and implement, strengthen and develop a common EU approach to asylum and immigration. John and colleagues will be delivering work to improve access to English language provision and employment for refugees and other migrants.