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This summer our newsletter concentrates on the achievements of old members and looks at the work of some current fellows. We also carry obituaries for Michael Brock and Noel Gale, who will be missed.

When a crisis brews it is often the case that someone at Nuffield has expertise. In this issue, Gwen Sasse and Olga Onuch describe their experiences as a result of their Ukrainian in-country knowledge. In contrast, Federico Varese announces a project that has no borders – Cybercrime. These are just some examples of the exciting work of Nuffield Academicians. We are looking forward to sharing more with you in future editions.

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Cybercrime is a growing problem that impacts countless citizens around the world, with its annual global cost now estimated by some to be in the hundreds of billions. Most efforts to curtail cybercrime thus far have rightly focused on technological capability, but there is now a great need to understand the human side of online crime—what motivates online criminals? Where do they come from? How do they operate? And what can a sociological approach teach us about better disrupting their activities?

These are key questions that the University of Oxford is tackling by building a cybercrime research capability within the Extra-Legal Governance Institute (ExLEGI) in its Department of Sociology. The Institute, run by leading criminologist Professor Federico Varesce, (SRF) will study how profit-driven cybercrime is organised and governed on a global scale. Until now very little sociological study has been undertaken to understand cybercriminals, and the University of Oxford is leading the way in this new analysis.

Jonathan Lusthaus, cybercrime expert
Jonathan Lusthaus is director of The Human Cybercriminal Project at the Extra-Legal Governance Institute, University of Oxford. A writer and scholar, with a background in sociology, international security and law, Jonathan’s work focusses on the “human” side of profit-driven cybercrime; who inhabits this world and how they are organised. He has interviewed close to one hundred cybercrime subjects across Europe, the United States, Australia and Asia. When not carrying out interviews, Jonathan is based in Oxford, where he is a DPhil student at Nuffield College. His work has been accepted for publication in a number of academic, policy and general interest outlets, including Global Crime, Democracy and Pacific Standard. The online base for his research can be found at: www.industryofanonymity.com.

Professor Federico Varesce
Bermeo, Nancy (PF 2007-)  
Nancy Bermeo and her co-editor Jonas Pontusson received the RIPE Read Award from the Review of International Political Economy for Coping with Crisis: Government Reactions to the Great Recession published by the Russell Sage Foundation. Since the volume contains essays by several Nuffield Fellows and associates including Ben Ansell, Lucy Barnes, Johannes Lindvall, David Rueda, and David Soskice, the award is truly a Nuffield College achievement.

Bowe, Colette (VF 2012-16)  
Colette Bowe was awarded Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire after being the driving force in cementing the reputation of Ofcom as the pre-eminent regulator in the UK. Its Chair since 2009, she has overseen the further liberalisation of the spectrum; the granting of the first local television licences in the UK; the continued competitive nature of the fixed line, mobile and broadband markets; the absorption of responsibility for postal regulation; and the spectrum elements of the 2012 Olympic Games. She is Chairman of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, and was previously Chairman of the Council of Queen Mary, University of London. She is a school governor and a trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and the Tablet.

Dilnot, Andrew (Warden)  
The Warden received his Knighthood from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace on Friday December 6th 2013, and was awarded Fellowship of the City and Guilds of London Institute on Thursday April 3rd 2014.

Gallagher, Jim (GGF 2010-14)  
Prof Gallagher has recently published the second edition of Scotland Choices with Iain Maclean and Guy Lodge to head the beginning of the formal period in the Scottish referendum.

Gottlieb, Charles (NSRF 2012-14)  
Charles Gottlieb won as a Co-Investigator an ESRC/DFID research grant Agricultural Misallocation, Occupational Choice and Aggregate Productivity - The Role of Insecure Land Rights and Missing Financial Markets. Charles also won a visiting fellowship at SAFE at the Goethe University of Frankfurt: http://safe-frankfurt.de/home.html.

Hedstrom, Peter (SRF 2011-17)  
Peter Hedstrom was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities.

Hendry, David (SRF 2011-15)  
Professor Sir David Hendry received the ESRC Celebrating Impact Lifetime Achievement Award on June 5th 2014. Over five decades Professor Hendry has developed macroeconomic models capturing how economies work, which are now embedded in software widely used by policymakers and decision-makers. To find out more please go to: http://www.esrc.ac.uk/news-and-events/announcements/30844/professor-sir-david-hendry-celebrating-a-career-of-impact.aspx

McLean, Iain (OF 1993-14)  
Iain McLean became chairman, Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway Preservation co, at its AGM in June.

Mills, Melinda (PF 2014-)  
On July 1st Melinda Mills (Nuffield Professor of Sociology) will start the recently awarded European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant ‘ReproGene: Unravelling the genetic influences of reproductive behaviour and gene-environment interaction’. The award of approximately €2 million Euros includes 2 Postdoctoral and 2 DPhil researchers.

Snijders, Tom (PF 2006-14)  
The “Handbook of Rational Choice Social Research”, edited by Rafael Wittek, Tom A.B. Snijders, and Victor Nee, published 2013 by Stanford University Press, has won the bi-annual James Coleman Award for outstanding books of the Rationality and Society Section of the American Sociological Association. The award is given to this book and jointly to Delia Baldassarri’s ‘The Simple Art of Voting’. The Prize will be officially announced during the business meeting of the R&S section at the upcoming ASA in San Francisco in August.
Alumni News

Brieba, Daniel (S 08-13)
Daniel Brieba, a recent DPhil in Politics, was awarded the Walter Bagehot Prize by the Political Studies Association for the best doctoral thesis in Government and Public Administration.

Besley, Tim (S 83-86)
Tim Besley, School Professor of Economics and Political Science, has been elected President of the International Economic Association (IEA). The IEA is a federation of most of the World’s major economics associations and was founded in 1950. It is currently holding its 17th World Congress in Jordan.

Tim will replace Joseph Stiglitz, who is stepping down at the end of his three year tenure. Past presidents of the IEA include Robert Solow, Kenneth Arrow, Amartya Sen and Tony Atkinson. Tim is the third UK based economist to have been elected President of the IEA, along with Tony Atkinson, who was Tooke Professor of Economic Science and Statistics at the time of his presidency, and they are both members from Nuffield College.

Corden, Max (PF 67-76)
Max Corden now has a personal website, with a list of recent publications and autobiographical material. Address: www.maxcorden.com

Edwards, Peter (S 1969-71)
My latest book Australia and the Vietnam War (Sydney: NewSouth Press, 2014) is a distillation, updated for a twenty-first century readership, of the nine-volume Official History of Australia’s Involvement in Southeast Asian Conflicts 1948-75, of which I was Official Historian, general editor and author of the two volumes on strategy and diplomacy, Crises and Commitments (1992) and A Nation at War (1997). In recent years I have written a monograph on the restructuring of the Australian intelligence agencies, Robert Marsden Hope and Australian Public Policy (2011), and co-authored a centenary history of my old school, A School with a View (2010). I have been made a Member of the Order of Australia, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, and a Trustee of the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, and an earlier book, Arthur Tange: Last of the Mandarins (Sydney: Allen & Unwin, 2006), was awarded several literary prizes.

Finnegan, Ruth (S 60-3)
Professor Finnegan is an Emeritus Fellow in the Faculty of Social Sciences at The Open University. She has recently edited a collection book titled ‘Peace Writing’, and a list of all her publications can be found on the Open University website, under ‘staff’.

Harris, Howell (S 72-75)
Dr Howell has published a memoir that was at least in part about his life at Nuffield, ‘The Path I Trod: A Portrait of the Business Historian as a Young Idiot’ Pannon Management Review 2:2 (June 2013): 91-112.

Hazlehurt, Cameron (S 66-68, RF 68-70)
My book Ten Journeys to Cameron’s Farm: An Australian Tragedy, was published in November 2013, 37 years after the first interview cited in the footnotes. The work pivots on the mysterious wartime crash of an RAAF Lockheed Hudson in rough farmland outside Canberra, killing all ten men on board. The dead included three senior Cabinet Ministers and the Chief of the General Staff. Over some 240,000 words the book explores the lives of the victims; the political, military, aviation and social background; the investigations, inquiries, and cover-ups that followed; and the political consequences for the Menzies government. The book can be downloaded free of charge or bought from the ANU Press at http://epress.anu.edu.au/titles/ten-journeys-to-cameros-farm.

I am now happily returning to early twentieth century British politics and the emergence of David Lloyd George as Prime Minister in December 1916.

Jones, Eric (S 1961-3, RF 63-67)

Trainor, Rick (S 74-77)
Rick Trainor took up the post of Rector of Exeter College Oxford on 1 October 2014. During the period 2004-2014 he was Principal (with the additional title of President from 2008) and Professor of Social History of King’s College London. In addition, alongside his duties at King’s, he was President of Universities UK from 2007-2009 and was knighted in 2010.

Van den Brul, Caroline (GF 93-94)
Professor Van den Brul was the Guardian Research Fellow from 1993 -94 and her book: ‘Crackle and Fizz: Essential Communication and Pitching Skills for Scientists’ was published in early February by Imperial College Press. It is a book for scientists and other experts who need to explain the significance and potential of their work to colleagues, committees, funding bodies or the general public. It details how to harness story telling principles to make complex or technical content easier to communicate and fulfilling for audiences.
Obituaries

Michael Brock, CBE
Honorary Fellow of Nuffield College and Corpus Christi College, Oxford
9 March 1920 - 30 April 2014

Michael Brock was the fifth Warden of Nuffield College, succeeding Sir Norman Chester in 1978. If Chester was the ‘founding’ Warden, under whose leadership the College achieved its Royal Charter, Brock may be seen as the first ‘modern’ Warden, setting the pattern which subsequent Nuffield heads of house have followed: stints of around ten years, gradual reform of the College through consultative chairmanship of Governing Body and keeping a weather eye on the major changes that happen in the University.

Brock retained rooms in College long after his retirement, where he remained active editing Volumes Six and Seven of the History of the University of Oxford. He enjoyed lengthy after lunch conversations when he would share the gossip of the late nineteenth century as though it was in that day’s newspaper; his habit of dropping his voice as the real scandal was revealed made the experience enjoyably conspiratorial. Of course, as others have remarked, Michael assumed that one knew all the dramatis personae.

Brock came up to Corpus Christi to read Greats in 1938, but he deferred his degree to take a commission in the Middlesex Regiment in 1940. When he returned to Corpus in 1945 he changed to Modern History and stayed there as JRF, Tutor and Senior Tutor for the next 21 years. No surprise, then, that according to his wishes his memorial was held at Corpus. However, in Oxford terms it may be that his association with Wolfson College was his most significant administrative legacy. Michael left Corpus in 1966 to become the Deputy President and Bursar under Sir Isaiah Berlin (another Corpus graduate) and in this role his influence on the college buildings and the establishment of Wolfson as a democratic and egalitarian graduate college was undoubtedly important, if not always recognized due to Berlin’s charisma. The recognition certainly did not extend to his succeeding Berlin and in 1977 Michael took up a post at Exeter University, which was merging with St Luke’s College of Education (it is not easy to imagine him mingling with St Luke’s renowned rugby players).

In the end, it was Nuffield College that offered Michael the opportunity to lead a graduate college. In 1978 the College was recovering from the financial ravages of the oil crisis and the election to the Wardenship was contested (and, incidentally, generated much debate about voting systems used in subsequent elections). But Nuffield's identity as a small social science college was already fixed and if Michael was not to repeat the formative work of his Wolfson years he did bring to bear his intricate knowledge of University politics in defence of the College. Michael’s formidable partnership with his wife, Eleanor, resulted in their last work, Margot Asquith’s Great War Diary 1914 -1916 (OUP), which was launched in the Chester Room in Nuffield College on 27 June 2014.

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Noël Harold Gale, MA, DSc, PhD, BSc, ARCS, FSA
Emeritus Professor of the University of Oxford
Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.
24 December 1931 – 3 February 2014

Noël was a star pupil of Brockenhurst Grammar School and graduated in Physics from Imperial College, London. He started his PhD degree in St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London, on application of nuclear physics to medicine, but then changed to a pure physics degree which he completed at the University of Manchester. Still as a nuclear physicist he worked for several years at the Harwell Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment until the early 1960s when he was employed by the University of Oxford in the Department of Geology (later Department of Earth Sciences) to build one of the earliest mass spectrometers to be used in isotope geochronology.

His work in the Age Laboratory of this department led in 1975 to a meeting with Prof. Wolfgang Gentner of Heidelberg University who proposed that they collaborate on developing the use of lead isotope analysis in revealing the origin of ancient silver Greek coinage. Soon afterwards Professor Colin Renfrew suggested to Noël that a really interesting project would be to investigate Bronze Age sources of lead and silver in the Aegean. Over the course of the next thirty years, at the University of Oxford, Noël Gale became a leading scientist in the field of application of lead isotope analyses in provenance studies of Bronze Age metals in the Mediterranean. Thanks to his total devotion to this subject and his uncompromising scientific integrity he raised this technique to a status amongst the archaeologists similar to that of Carbon-14 dating. Subsequent controversy over this method of provenancing ancient metals helped to refine the interpretation methodology and kept it on strong scientific grounds. His contribution to science based archaeology cannot not be underestimated.
At first glance Nuffield today might not appear like the place known for in-depth research into particular countries. In recent months, however, country and regional expertise from college members has been in demand. Gwendolyn Sasse (Professorial Fellow in Politics) and Olga Onuch (Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow and Newton Fellow until recently) have been among the most visible commentators on the dramatic events in Ukraine in the British, European and international media in recent months (e.g. BBC, NPR, Al Jazeera, Deutsche Welle, Financial Times, Washington Post). They have also been called upon to advise governments and international policy-makers and have written for leading policy-oriented think-tanks, such as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the New America Foundation.

From a social science perspective Ukraine represents an interesting case to explore the mechanisms at work on a number of key issues in comparative politics, such as comparative democratization, ethno-territorial conflict, societal mobilization, and the scope and limitations of international actors in shaping domestic politics. In particular, Ukraine’s ongoing state- and nation-building and post-communist transition since 1991, its complex and politically salient regional diversity, conflict potential in Crimea in the 1990s, and the ‘Orange Revolution’ in 2004, are of empirical and conceptual interest.

Gwen’s and Ola’s earlier work on Ukraine, which is part of their respective broader comparative research agendas, helps to put current events in context. For example, Gwen’s research on Crimea (The Crimea Question: Identity, Transition, and Conflict, Harvard University Press 2007; paperback edition 2014) explains how in the 1990s Crimea became a case of ‘non-conflict’, mostly due to an institutional process of accommodation. It provides a corrective to the bias in the study of conflict that is built almost entirely on the violent cases. The annexation of Crimea by Russia in early 2014 provides the counterpoint to the 1990s and teaches us about the breakdown of political will, institutions and bilateral relations during a political crisis. Ola’s work on mass mobilization (Mapping Mass Mobilization: Understanding Revolutionary Moments in Argentina (2001) and Ukraine (2004)) highlights, in particular, the role of the state’s infringement of collective civic rights in mobilizing ordinary citizens, and details the different stages of the mobilization process. When the EuroMaidan protests erupted last November, Ola jumped on the opportunity to conduct surveys among protest participants. The survey running from November 26, 2013 to January 10, 2014 provides a unique data set on the motivations and participation patterns of protesters, collected during rather than after the event. The main finding so far is that social networks are vital to the mobilization process. Moreover, while social media such as Facebook, have been heralded as the central mobilizing technology, social media were primarily used as a source of information by individuals who had previous protest experience.

Ola and Gwen are planning to jointly investigate the extent to which political identities in Ukraine, a conglomerate of regional, ethno-linguistic, political and socio-economic attitudes and preferences, have changed as a result of the current political crisis based on a combination of survey and focus group data.
Events Calendar

Have a wonderful Summer break!

September 2014
Saturday 13th - 14th ~ Oxford Open Doors
Friday 19th ~ AGM and Nuffield Society Dinner
Saturday 20th ~ Scottish Referendum Seminar
Friday 19th - 21st ~ Oxford Alumni Weekend

October 2014
Monday 13th ~ New Students and Fellows Welcome Party

November 2014
Friday 28th ~ Stated Meeting Dinner

December 2014
Tuesday 9th ~ JCR Panto and Dinner
Friday 12th ~ Carol Service
Friday 12th ~ Midwinter Dinner
Sunday 14th ~ Childrens Christmas Party

These events are by invitation only. To ensure you receive your invite please keep us updated with your current email and contact details.

Conferences
Nuffield College is now part of Conference Oxford which means our meeting spaces are available to anyone. We have had a successful year so far!

We encourage Alumni to be in touch with us if you are looking for a venue in Oxford. Please find more information on our website (under Conferences):

http://www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk/About/Conferences/Pages/home.aspx
or email: conference@nuffield.ox.ac.uk

Nuffield Alumni Directory
I would like to thank those who have been in contact to update their details. The purpose of the directory is to increase Alumni relations and without your current details this can provide a communication barrier.

If you would like to alter or update your details at any time please contact: kate.price@nuffield.ox.ac.uk.

The current Alumni Directory will be sent to all members soon.

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