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A TALE OF TWO DAVIDS
From the Editor

Nuffield has celebrated many momentous years over its relatively short history – and 2015 will be no different as it will be witness to many changes that will have a profound effect on the college’s future.

The first of these is the appointment of Nuffield’s first Development Director, Caroline Kukura, who begins work in April. Caroline joins us from St Hugh’s where she was acting Director of Development.

Caroline’s role is to change fundamentally our relationship with you, the college’s alumni, so you will be hearing much more of her, and from her, in the coming years.

She will be joined by our new Development Executive, Emma Shires, also from St Hugh’s, and who began work with us at the start of the New Year. We are delighted to have her as part of the team.

This edition of Nuffield Newsletter is the first indication of the changes that Caroline and Emma will bring. We have redesigned it slightly and in coming editions will bring you more detailed reports of past, present and future activities of the college itself, its current members and, of course, its very active graduates around the world.

Another change of which you will hear more later on in the year is our purchase of The Friary Centre, close to the college, on Paradise Square, near to the Westgate Centre.

This is a former private college building of 4,200 square feet so offers us many opportunities for both internal and commercial use. We completed the arrangements on it at the end of November and are now making it dry and secure, as it has been empty for the past three years, before deciding on its long-term use.

Neil Fowler
Interim Bursar
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In the UK we have a General Election coming up in May in which much of the debate seems likely to revolve around issues at the heart of social science.

At Nuffield our two newest College-based research initiatives, the Centre for Social Investigation (CSI) led by Anthony Heath, and the Gwilym Gibbon Policy Unit, led by Iain McLean will both be active in the run up to the election.

The Gwilym Gibbon Unit (see page 13) will be mainly focused on issues in UK public policy from a political science perspective, while the CSI is a new research centre, which aims to address contemporary social issues of public interest and to engage with policy-makers and the public more generally.

The CSI’s work will be interdisciplinary (drawing on expertise in economics, politics and sociology and related disciplines such as social policy) and will aim to provide authoritative, non-partisan research on central social issues.

We hope that the centre will come to be seen as an independent and rigorous source of information and analysis of contemporary social issues, communicating in an accessible way to non-technical as well as academic audiences. These two new research groups join the Centre for Experimental Social Sciences (CESS, see page 12), and the huge range of research that our individual Fellows and students are engaged in to give Nuffield an enormously exciting array of social scientific endeavour.

Whether looking close to home in UK domestic politics, economics or society, or around the world, it is easy to see much that is to be celebrated and replicated, as well as much that is to be regretted, and much else that is yet to be understood, needs to be considered and analysed using social scientific tools.

We are very lucky indeed that at Nuffield our job is the development of social scientific thinking, and the application of its insights. It is a great privilege to work here.

Caroline Kukura
Director of Development and Alumni Relations

The New Year starts with a new aim for Nuffield:
to embark on Development and Alumni Relations.

Together with the Warden and Fellows of Nuffield, Emma Shires and I in the Development Office aim to create an exciting events programme and invite you back to College or events in London. This April, Nuffield takes part in the very popular University’s European Reunion for all Oxford alumni (www.alumniweekend.ox.ac.uk) and I hope to meet many of you at the academic events and our College evening in person.

I would like to find out more about why you like Nuffield, hear about your memories, where life has taken you from there and let you know about our plans to raise funds so that we can continue to attract only the very best students, irrespective of their background.

As much as I would have liked to have started with my colleague Emma Shires on January 5, my little baby daughter Elia, who is four months old, will be the focus of my attention until April. If, in the meantime, you would like to bring ideas to us about what you would expect from a new development team, please contact Emma directly (emma.shires@nuffield.ox.ac.uk and 01865 288691). We would love to hear from you.
After nine years in Oxford, including three as a post-doc at Nuffield, Neli moved in September 2013 to Essex University to take up a lectureship in Sociology.

Essex Sociology is renowned for its research excellence and has a lively and diverse department. Similarly to its Foundation Chair, Peter Townsend (and the mastermind behind the Index of Multiple Deprivation), I am very much interested in understanding neighbourhood disadvantage and deprivation, and have greatly enjoyed reading some of his early work and getting to know the history of the Department and the University.

Wivenhoe, where I and most of my colleagues live, has a very charming and Bohemian atmosphere that encouraged a lifestyle change for me – from intellectual high table conversations to long and broody country walks, and frequent visits to the jazz evenings in the local pubs – the Rose and Crown and the Black Buoy. Not bad!

2014 has been a very exciting year research-wise as I embarked on two separate research strands related to my interest in neighbourhood effects and integration. I received a small British Academy/Leverhulme grant to investigate the relationship between the rise in betting shops and anti-social behaviour in Britain.

Neighbourhoods change dramatically in times of crisis with disadvantage often becoming more pronounced and debilitating. Particularly, neighbourhoods with high levels of socio-economic deprivation are blighted by higher levels of crime and general anti-social behaviour. Important ‘social buffers’ such as voluntary and cultural groups disappear to be replaced by opportunistic organisations such as betting agents, money lenders and pawn shops. My research looks to systematise and subsequently use ecological longitudinal data on the changing number of betting agents in different neighbourhoods in Britain.

Related to this research project, I organised a series of public talks in Colchester and Clacton-on-Sea (which have experienced a significant rise in betting shops over the last six years) and outreach events as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Sciences. On one of these occasions, we had a stall in Colchester and distributed a short survey – and I was really overwhelmed by the great number of people who were ready to stop and share their views despite the pouring rain, biting cold and grey skies!

I continue to be fascinated with the role of multicultural contexts in everyday life and I have an Essex Executive Dean Fund to study how individuals respond to policy innovations such as multiculturalism. The project website was launched in November: www.multiculturalismexperiments.org. The experiments examine why certain sections of the general public regard multiculturalism as a poorly-understood, unfamiliar ‘innovation’ of the political class and apprehend it as a potential ‘hazard’. In doing so, we derive predictions from more or less established theories of risk perception and innovations. In November, I gave a Tedx talk on “Multiculturalism: Dead or Alive” and it has been really encouraging to see the wave of interest and engagement that the talk has encouraged among my students!

Finally, I am still learning to combine the busy teaching term with conference travel, presentations and invited lectures. I travelled to Moscow, San Francisco, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore (see photograph, left) this year and I hope 2015 will be as interesting and challenging!

Dr Demireva is also an Associate Member of Nuffield.

2014 has been a very exciting year research-wise.
Professor Halsey had been a member of Nuffield College for more than fifty years (1962-64 Faculty Fellow, 1964-1993 Professorial Fellow, and 1993-2014 Emeritus Fellow). There will be a memorial service later in the year. See the Nuffield website for details.
Memories of Chelly Halsey

‘At the last Sociology reunion, I stood outside the college with Chelly while he waited for his daughter to come by car to collect him. As we stood there two young men and a young woman came by, having taken drink, and burst into laughter at the sight of us standing there in dress suits, and asked what we’d been doing. I said we’d been to a dinner for sociologists, and the young woman asked what sociologists did. Chelly then gave her the four-minute version, holding her attention absolutely. When he finished she asked more and more questions, which he answered enthusiastically and without any condescension, until the young men grew bored and called her away. As they went away, Chelly turned to me and asked “What’s their back story, do you think?” I can’t think of any better illustration of his unfailing interest in new people, and his indefatigable commitment to Sociology.’

Prof Thomas Acton, Former Sociology student

Chelly was my supervisor for my doctorate in 1978-80. When, in 2011, 30 years later, I visited Oxford, he remembered me and was kind enough to find the time to chat through my memories and my subsequent career. A lovely man as well as a brilliant thinker, researcher and writer.’

Dr Mark Pattison, Former Politics student

At a High Table, shortly after he joined the College, Chelly was heard to boom out “I have just discovered that Oxford has substituted Gluttony for Sexy”. We are a discreet College but, perhaps inevitably, Chelly’s bon mot and its provenance soon reached a Sunday Telegraph gossip column.

Sir David Butler, Emeritus Fellow

Chelly and I worked together on his many research projects over the last three decades, and a warm friendship grew. Through the vicissitudes of those years, he was unfailing in his warmth and kindness, always interested, eager to listen and offer compassionate and incisive wise words at some difficult times. He was a man with enormous integrity, humility and sense of perspective. He knew what really mattered.

Jane Roberts, Research Officer

Chelly was an immensely kind man, courteous and principled, and was always interested in everything, and interesting to listen to, and invariably good-natured and patient. Our conversations ranged from the architecture of working-class terraced cottages in Sunderland to de-cluttering your home, and they were always a pleasure.

Elizabeth Martin, Librarian
Nuffield has three very eminent Sir Davids in its membership – Butler, Cox and Hendry.

For two of them, Sir David Butler and Sir David Cox, 2014 was a special year as they both celebrated their 90th birthdays.

Here, in our tale of two Davids, some of their closest colleagues present a personal view of their achievements.
In October the College and the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism delivered a special lecture for David’s 90th birthday. It was part of the annual series of seminars, which have hosted some of the media and politics’ most respected figures, that David ran for 53 years. David’s long-time friend and co-author Dennis Kavanagh tells what happened.

David Dimbleby, Chair of BBC Question time since 1994 and presenter of the BBC’s general election programmes delivered the lecture to mark Sir David Butler’s 90th birthday. Titled “Not the answers you fool, the questions”. The future of political interviewing’, David captivated the audience, which included many former students and co-authors of David Butler.

Please find photos of the event by heading to http://tinyurl.com/kdfujkh.

Between 1950 and 1979 no marathon BBC TV coverage of general elections was complete without David’s detailed analysis of voting and constituency results and relating them to national and past trends. As a junior figure on TV in the 1950 election he stole the show as his card index mind provided instant interpretation of the results. As one of the first tele-dons he became well-known because the BBC was then a monopoly service. He joked that he was the foremost psephologist because he was the only psephologist. He and Robert McKenzie (of swingometer fame) were resident faces on BBC TV’s all-night coverage, then a Great National Occasion.

Academically, he has been a pioneer. He virtually invented the Nuffield series of studies of British general elections, co-authoring those from 1955 to 2005, from Churchill to Blair. The origins of the series began in 1945, as a committee at Oxford’s new Nuffield College searched for a launch project. The historian R B McCallum was commissioned to do a study of the forthcoming election and recruited the student Butler to “provide some statistics”.

The series still endures and has no counterpart for its continuity and uniformity in analyses of candidates, campaign spending, media coverage, and voting statistics. Read by specialists and non-specialists it has improved media coverage of elections and remains a source for future historians. David and his co-authors were able to earn the trust and interview many of the leading political figures.
David’s intellectual breakthrough was in 1949 when he stumbled on a reference to the “cube law” in the 1910 Royal Commission Report on the electoral system. This suggested that if votes are divided between two parties A:B then the seats will be divided in the ratio of $A^3:B^3$, so exaggerating the majority of the winning party. The pattern held true for most of the later elections, including 1945 until 1970. His unsigned piece about his “law” for The Economist led to his taxi ride to brief Winston Churchill at Chartwell.

His (with the American Donald Stokes) prize-winning Political Change in Britain (1969) was the first nationwide study of voting in Britain. It showed how party loyalty had been handed down from parents, that people often changed party preferences between elections although changes were largely self-cancelling, and how class took over from religion as a cue for voting. The study’s legacy 50 years on is the British Election Study.

Over time some of his claims were overturned. The “cube law” broke down after 1970 with the decline of the Conservative-Labour duopoly. Swings across constituencies became less uniform as the North became more Labour and the South more Conservative. His claim that local campaigns and candidates counted for only a few hundred votes was undermined as more targeted local campaigns produced differing swings. Strong party identification, so crucial in his Political Change, has fallen precipitously, from 44% (1964) to 12% (2010).

Some politicians, predictably, tried to place him politically. He did not vote in the 1950s, an illusion of impartiality. He has friends across the parties but more partisan politicians each identify him with the other side. He is too sceptical of grand designs to belong to a party. He shared undergraduate tutorials with Tony Benn and, despite political differences, they remained lifelong friends.

He has studied what interested him and that excluded public policy and theory. At Nuffield he enjoyed the gossip of who is up and down and its mix of sociologists and economists and research students.

Dennis Kavanagh was co-author with Sir David Butler of nine Nuffield British election books between 1974 and 2005.

Please see an interview with Sir David Butler on the eve of David’s 90th in The Oxford Times here: http://tinyurl.com/n5385qx.
The evening celebrations began by reflecting David’s love of music, with a moving recital by James Carpenter (harpsichord) and Rhian Daniel (violin and voice) in the College Chapel. The day finished with a celebratory dinner in Hall at which David was joined by Joyce and other close members of his family. The toast was proposed by the Warden, Sir Andrew Dilnot. Joyce celebrated her own 90th birthday in November – we send them both all our warm good wishes for their 10th decades.

Special thanks go to the Warden and Fellows of Nuffield College for generously hosting this event, to Kate Price who so ably and cheerfully handled all the local arrangements, and to all the College staff who helped to make the day so memorable.

The organisers also want to express their grateful thanks for the generous sponsorship of the Biometrika Trust, Cambridge University Press, University of Oxford’s Department of Statistics, the Mayo-Chatfield ERROR fund, and the MRC Centre for Outbreak Analysis and Modelling.

Contributed by the organisers: Lucy Carpenter, Anthony Davison, Christl Donnelly, Valerie Isham, Nancy Reid and Nanny Wermuth

Please find a warming article in the Economist on ‘How statisticians changed the war...’ including Sir David Cox here: http://tinyurl.com/ixn8sh5.
The Nuffield College Centre for Experimental Social Sciences (CESS) celebrates its seventh year in operation with an exciting new initiative that will significantly expand the opportunities for conducting experimental research at Oxford.

Currently CESS provides researchers with a state-of-the-art experimental lab for conducting experiments with a subject pool that consists of both Oxford students but also non-students from the Oxford community. In addition, CESS designs and implements online experiments; many of them with its own UK online subject pool of approximately 1000 individuals; but also with second-party subject pools such as Amazon Mechanical Turk.

On January 21, Nuffield CESS will be signing a memorandum of understanding with the Universidad Santiago de Chile that will establish a jointly managed experimental facility in Santiago that will allow CESS to easily implement both lab and online experiments using a South American subject pool. The Santiago facility will have an experimental lab designed and jointly managed by the Nuffield CESS team. As a result, CESS will be able to schedule experiments in both its Oxford and Santiago locations. The possibility of recruiting from very diverse subject pools will be particularly attractive to researchers interested in exploring cross-cultural differences in behaviour and reasoning.

Over the past couple of years, CESS has been developing an impressive capability for conducting innovative experiments on the Internet – and recently received Google funding to further these initiatives. The Santiago agreement will play an important part in this regard because the project will fund the development of a South American online experimental subject pool. As a result CESS will be able to field large-scale experiments with subject pools from very diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

Large-scale field experiments have become very popular for the social science community but also for governments and NGOs who are concerned with designing effective public policies. The Poverty Lab at MIT is one of the leading global institutions that participates in the design and implementation of such random control trial (RCT) projects. As part of the CESS-Santiago initiative, CESS will participate more actively in the implementation of large-scale field experiments particularly in Latin America where there has been a large demand for these types of experimental projects.

CESS has been very active in facilitating the instruction of experimental methods. We currently run a number of workshops here at Oxford and conduct summer school course on experimental methods in Oxford and in North America. The CESS-Santiago initiative will significantly expand our commitment to providing experimental methods training to South American students and faculty. As part of the agreement CESS will be offering training workshops at Nuffield and at the Universidad Santiago de Chile – CESS will also be adding a third experimental methods summers school in Santiago that will primarily target students and researchers in South America.

Professor Ray Duch is Director of CESS and an Official Fellow of Nuffield.
When the people of Scotland were asked on September 18 last year whether their country should be independent they answered no by 55% to 45%.

Yet four months later the losers are behaving as if they had won and the winners are behaving as if they had lost. The polls show that if the referendum were held today, the result would be yes. Why is this?

The Yes campaign manifesto was an uncosted list of the good things that might happen after independence. It proposed no tax increases and only one spending cut (on defence), although the Scottish Government’s own public-spending statistics showed that either heavy tax increases, or heavy spending cuts, or some of each would be needed in the event of a Yes vote. It also promised things that it did not have the power to deliver on its own, such as a shared currency with the rest of the UK and seamless continuation of EU membership.

The Yes campaigners derided their rivals as ‘Project Fear’. Of course that was literally true. After a Yes, one bad thing would have happened for sure (on public spending) and others would have been averted only by international cooperation (e.g., a run on the currency). The No side struggled for a more positive message. It came in the very last days, with Gordon Brown (especially) on what makes the UK a social union – where whole regions, or cohorts of people, in hard times are supported by those in better times, and expect to return the favour. I think the key factors in this strange reversal of fortunes are:

- a crisis of confidence in the Labour Party, as it saw its heartlands vote Yes;
- poor communications from the No side;
- the Prime Minister’s unwise post-referendum linkage to ‘English Votes on English Laws’;
- inadequate media scrutiny of implausible promises. For instance, nobody got across the point that the Yes numbers didn’t add up.

- relatedly, the requirement on the broadcasters for political balance. Every captain of industry who (belatedly) pointed out that independence would impose substantial costs had to be given equal airtime with a care-home owner who said it would bring great gains.

On all these nitty-gritty issues, the sides were like 1066 and All That’s portrayal of the Cavaliers and Roundheads: Wrong but Wromantic and Right but Repulsive. Don’t get me wrong: I am a Scots (w)romantic, and if the vote had been Yes I would have applied for my Scottish passport. But I wish the debate would become grounded in reality.

Three predictions, one optimistic one pessimistic, one neutral. (1) Within Scotland, now that MSPs will have to balance the joy of spending against the grief of taxing, the tax-and-spend debate will become more adult. (2) Within the UK, if the EU referendum promised by David Cameron for 2017 takes place, the level of debate will be similarly unedifying. (3) If the UK votes No with Scotland voting Yes to the EU (quite a likely outcome), the next Scottish independence referendum will follow soon after, with a different result to the last.
Fellows’ news

22nd September 2014

*Congratulations to Gwen Sasse, Professorial Fellow*

Gwendolyn Sasse is now a non-resident associate at Carnegie Europe. Her research focuses on Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, EU enlargement, and comparative democratisation.

The more permanent affiliation grew out of the various blogs that she has written for them on Ukraine-related matters, but it will now also cover other topics too. Find Gwen’s latest analysis here: [http://tinyurl.com/q6h5t3g](http://tinyurl.com/q6h5t3g)

Carnegie won the European Think Tank of the Year Award 2014 and is routinely in the top two/three think-tanks worldwide in various rankings.

6th November 2014

*Bess Bukodi, Professorial Fellow and John Goldthorpe, Emeritus Fellow, publish their study on downward mobility*

A study led by Oxford University shows that, contrary to what is widely supposed, there has been no decline in social mobility in Britain over recent decades but rather than going up as in the past, more of us are moving down the social ladder. The study by Oxford University, with the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, is published in the early online issue of the British Journal of Sociology.

“Over the past four decades, the experience of upward mobility has become less common, and going down the social ladder has become more common,” said study co-author Bess Bukodi.

If you would like to read more please find articles here:

[http://tinyurl.com/mxx26xr](http://tinyurl.com/mxx26xr)

[http://tinyurl.com/po4nldc](http://tinyurl.com/po4nldc)

[http://tinyurl.com/pmbdm72](http://tinyurl.com/pmbdm72)

12th November 2014

*Martin Browning, Professorial Fellow, publishes book ‘Economics of the Family’ with authors Pierre-André Chiappori and Yoram Weiss*

The family is a complex decision unit in which partners with potentially different objectives make consumption, work and fertility decisions. Couples marry and divorce partly based on their ability to coordinate these activities, which in turn depends on how well they are matched. This book provides a comprehensive, modern and self-contained account of the research in the growing area of family economics. The first half of the book develops several alternative models of family decision making. Particular attention is paid to the collective model and its testable implications. The second half discusses household formation and dissolution and who marries whom. Matching models with and without frictions are analysed and the important role of within-family transfers is explained. The implications for marriage, divorce and fertility are discussed.

The book is intended for graduate students in economics and for researchers in other fields interested in the economic approach to the family.

4th December 2014

*PSA Annual Awards*

Every year, in November, the Political Studies Association holds its annual awards ceremony. These awards recognise the achievements of academics, politicians, political campaigners, journalists and other contributors to the conduct and study of politics.

This year’s ceremony took place in November in the heart of Westminster at Church House. Jon Snow of Channel 4 News was the Master of Ceremonies, presiding over a splendid evening which honoured the contribution made by politicians, academics, journalists and campaigners to another historic year of political activity.

**Nuffield winners were**

- **Politician - Best Use of Evidence**  
  Norman Lamb, Visiting Fellow

- **Special Recognition Award**  
  Professor Iain McLean, Official Fellow

- **Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies**  
  Baroness Onora O’Neill, Honorary Fellow

- **Political Studies Communicator**  
  Dr Robert Ford, former Student

- **W.J.M. Mackenzie Book Prize**  
  Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Associate Member, former Student and Research Fellow
JOHN STEVENSON, ECONOMICS STUDENT 1969-71
John published (July 2014), with Dr Chris Cook, ‘A History of British Elections since 1689’ (Routledge, 2014), an electoral history of Britain from the late seventeenth century to 2010. He is preparing for publication the proceedings of a Colloquium held at Nuffield in September 2013 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Cobbet whose papers are held in Nuffield Library.

PETER EDWARDS, SOCIOLOGY STUDENT 1973-76
Paul has co-edited ‘Studying Organizations Using Critical Realism’ (OUP, 2014). He has retired from his position at Birmingham Business School, but continues there in a part-time capacity, while also continuing as editor-in-chief of Human Relations.

MICHAEL DEMPSTER, ECONOMICS RESEARCH FELLOW 1966
Michael has been elected to a foreign membership of the ‘Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei’. This is the Italian Academy, founded in 1603 by Prince Frederico Cesi and directed in its early decades by Galileo Galilei. Professor Atkinson is also a member of the academy.

Ola is FX Quant Fund Manager and has two children — Blythe, eight years old and Nadia Ophilia, five months old.

IAN BYATT, ECONOMICS STUDENT 1955-57
Ian has been appointed to the Public Interest Committee (PIC) of Baker Tilly Audit LLP. The PIC has been appointed to ensure that the public interest, as defined by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), is properly followed by Baker Tilly in the conduct of audits. This is a three-year appointment.

WILLIAM WALLACE, POLITICS STUDENT 1965-67 AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER 1988
I have just become the oldest member of the British government (with the retirement of Ken Clarke). My visiting card says that I am a ‘Minister in the Government Whips Office’ in the Lords, which is about as difficult to grasp as most other aspects of our second chamber. In this coalition government I am the Liberal Democrat ‘voice’ in the Foreign Office and the Cabinet Office. I have sat on the Civil Service Reform Board, have negotiated successive rounds of the ‘EU Balance of Competences’ exercise, have taken a number of Bills through the Lords, and have led on a number of international conferences for the government. Since constitutional reform has been one of my responsibilities, I have also answered successive debates on Lords reform, and gained an acute sense of the difficulties of carrying through political change in Westminster and Whitehall. I’m struck by the extent to which the half-reformed Lords has become the chamber which amends and reshapes legislation which has sailed through the Commons unscathed; lobbies and NGOs target us as each Bill approaches the House. But after the election in May 2015 I am planning a long holiday.

DAVID HOWELL, VISITING FELLOW 1992-2000
I have now stepped down as Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and also as President of the British Institute of Energy Economics. I remain President of the UK Energy Industries Council, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Chair of the think-tank Commonwealth Exchange and Chair of the Council of Commonwealth Societies. My latest book, ‘Old Links and New Ties; Power and Persuasion in an Age of Networks’, was published in November 2013. I have also just completed my chairmanship of the House of Lords Select Committee of Inquiry into Soft Power and British Influence. The Report of this Committee was published in March 2014 – entitled ‘Persuasion and Power in the Modern World’.

LUCIAN CERNAT, POLITICS STUDENT 1999-2000
I am the 2014 recipient of the Alan A. Powell Award. This award is granted to Board Members by the Purdue Centre for Global Trade Analysis in recognition of outstanding contributions in support of CGE economic modelling. Over the past two decades, the Global Trade Analysis Project has been one of the most prominent network of researchers and policy-makers analysing international policy issues.

MOHAMMED DORE, ECONOMICS STUDENT 1970-72
After I completed my D.Phil at Nuffield in 1975, I published a book in 1977, entitled ‘Dynamic Investment Planning’, based on my doctoral dissertation. Of course the book has been out of print for many years. However, Routledge has declared it to be a “classic” and have decided to re-issue it, along with books by Charles Kindleberger, Emille Durkheim and others. It was re-published in November last year.


ALI MAZRUI, POLITICS STUDENT 1961-63, died on 13th October 2014.

Sadly we note the deaths of the following former members

Nuffield alumnus and lecturer in Modern History at the University of St Andrews, Chandrika Kaul, published her recent work ‘Communications, Media and the Imperial Experience’ in November 2014. Publishers Palgrave Macmillan are offering a 30% discount upon presentation of their flyer. Please see our website for further details: http://tinyurl.com/n3nbfei
Upcoming events

The Butler Media & Politics Seminars
All take place on Fridays at 5-6.30pm in the Butler Room in College in conjunction with the Reuters Institute. All welcome.

Friday 20th March
Economics Reunion Dinner
Economics alumni, current academics and students will get together for the triennial Economics Reunion Dinner. Look out for an official invitation coming soon.

24th-26th April
Meeting Minds: Alumni Weekend in Europe, Vienna
Join the Warden, Sir Andrew Dilnot, and Director of Development, Caroline Kukura, for the University’s biennial European Reunion Weekend. In addition to the weekend’s academic programme, Nuffield will be holding an alumni dinner on the Friday evening.

Sunday 26th April
Bluebell Walk, Nuffield Place
An event that welcomes all Nuffield members and their spouses/partners to enjoy the Bluebells at Nuffield Place (Huntercombe, near Henley-on-Thames, RG9 5RY). Look out for an invitation with more details in February.

Thursday 14th May
General Election Seminar
A week after the election itself, Nuffield and the London office of the European elections will be hosting a lecture at Europe House, 32 Smith Square, SW1, from 5.00 to 6.30pm, followed by drinks. Panelists (so far) are Professor Vernon Bogdanor (former-Nuffield student), Peter Kellner of YouGov (former-Nuffield visiting fellow), Geoff Evans (Official Fellow), and Ivor Crewe (Honorary Fellow) who will talk about European implications. The Warden, Sir Andrew Dilnot, will also be present. Official invitations will be sent soon.

Tuesday 14th July
Bowls Match, Nuffield Place
A popular event, seeing the Bursary take the Chester Wood prize this year. Will an Alumni team be formed and take it back in 2015?

18th-20th September
Alumni Weekend

23rd January
Professor Jane Green
British Election Survey and University of Manchester
‘The General Election - how is voting going to change?’

30th January
Bridget Kendall
BBC diplomatic editor
‘The challenges of reporting the Russia/Ukraine Conflict’

6th February
Lindsey Hilsum
International editor, Channel 4 News
‘Time present and time past: how everyone wants journalists to see history their way’

13th February
Lord Guy Black
Telegraph director and board member of Ipso, the new press standards body
‘Media freedom in 2015 - the aftermath of Leveson and beyond’

20th February
Luke Harding
Foreign correspondent, The Guardian
‘Nothing is true: the Kremlin’s global information war and the Russian media’

6th March
Andrew Tyrie
MP and chair of Treasury Select Committee
Title to be confirmed

13th March
Dr Matthew Goodwin
Nottingham University, co-author of ‘Revolt on the Right: Explaining Public Support for the Radical Right in Britain’
‘What impact will UKIP have at the 2015 general election?’