



'Democracy and Globalisation' Study Day

13 July 2013, Avenue Campus, Building 65, 10am – 4pm

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee and welcome

10.15 – 11.00 Pia Riggiozzi - 'Regions, Democracy and Globalisation'

Regional integration has been another form of governance by which governments respond to the challenges of economic globalisation, promoting economic development and political stability. For some academics and practitioners regional integration is expression of great powers' exercise of influence (US, EU). For others a region can become a site of resistance to great powers intervention (Latin America, Asia, Africa). This lecture focuses on the latter trend and looks at recent changes in the global political economy to explore the ways regionalism in the South is moving from traditional economic and security considerations to embrace alternative models of social development and democratisation.

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee Break

11.20 – 12.05 Chris Fuller - "'Lawfare" and global reach of American Force': An assessment of the extent to which America's use of drones against al-Qaeda constitutes a "just war".

Since Barack Obama came to office in 2009, he has embraced the use of remotely piloted vehicles (commonly known as "drones"), as his weapon of choice for combating al-Qaeda. In his first term, he authorized over 300 strikes from these drones, killing thousands of militants, and potentially hundreds of civilians too. Critics of the drone campaign say it breaks international law. Supporters claim it is "the only game in town" when it comes to tackling the threat posed by al-Qaeda. Obama himself used his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech to place his conduct within the traditions of "just war". This talk will explore the requirements of a just war, and debate whether the drone campaign meets these requirements.

12.05 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 David Owen - 'Transnational Citizenship and the expansion of the demos'.

The increasing global interdependence of states in combinations with significant migrations flows is reshaping the late 19th century institution of national citizenship we have inherited. This talk explores these transformations and the implications for democracy of the growth of transnational forms of citizenship.

13.45 – 14.30 Richard Penny - 'Cosmopolitanism, Democracy and Global Justice'.

Questions about equality, justice and rights have typically been pursued against an assumed background of (largely) bounded nation states. Such assumptions, if they were ever defensible, look increasingly anachronistic in an age of greater global awareness, interdependence and integration. This talk will address some of the challenges (and opportunities) that such global transformations raise for moral political theory.

14.30 – 14.50 Coffee Break

14.50 – 15.35 David Owen - 'Looking back, looking forward: the future shape of global politics'.

Why did the state become the dominant political form of the past three hundred years? Can it remain so – or are there now structural, material and ideological factors driving the selection of new forms of political organisation? Looking back at the rise of the state against its competitors, this talk considers possibilities for the transformation of the ordering of global politics.

15.35 – 16.00 Closing discussion