1. Introduction

Since RAE2001, Politics and International Studies research at Westminster has benefited from substantial expansion and innovation through both its distinctive Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) and Department of Social and Political Studies (SPS). During this period our international reputation for excellence has been significantly raised through publications in leading journals and with major publishers, policy consultancy, the securing of prestigious external grants, new collaborative initiatives with various external partners, and organisation of high-profile public lectures and events. There have been ten new appointments in Politics and International Studies since 2001, as well as the promotion of several staff to readerships and professorships via the University's internal competitive processes.

As a postgraduate teaching and research centre, CSD's mission is to foster innovative scholarly and applied research that advances the knowledge of national and international politics, legislative governance, and various aspects of public policy (cultural, social, foreign, and environmental) and public life (public sphere, media). The history, present and future of democracy is a major contemporary issue internationally, and we have cultivated at Westminster a unique multi-disciplinary research environment that encourages and supports both individual scholarly work, as well as various collaborative activities, in this field.

Among our achievements since RAE2001 are the considerable expansion of our international relations, political theory, and multi-level governance research groups, as well as the development of a range of new research initiatives, including ones centred on democracy and Islam, intervention and state-building, and the governance of sustainable development. We have launched a new international Visiting Fellowship scheme, and appointed two highly-regarded Visiting Professors in CSD (Dr Tony Wright MP; Dr Ali Paya). We have also extended our formal collaborative links with a number of international institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and the *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin* (WZB). Each of these achievements has been underpinned by a targeted research strategy of selective promotion of high-quality individual and collaborative research, and related research funding and staff development policies. (See *CSD Research – Strategic Plan for 2006-2010*: www.wmin.ac.uk/csd, under 'About Us'.)

2. Research Structure

2.1 Promotion of research and development of research culture

Since its formation in 1989, Politics and International Studies research at Westminster has been developed mainly through the activities of CSD, based within the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages (SSHL). CSD is also home to an important research programme in Asian Studies (submitted UOA 49). With the School's introduction of various thematic Research Clusters in 2003, aimed at improved co-ordination of research

across departments, several members of SPS (which includes an undergraduate politics and international relations programme) have become more closely integrated in their research activities with the work of CSD, and the outputs of three (Hehir, Herrschel, Hogwood) are included in this RAE submission. All other submitted outputs are from CSD staff.

All of our activities – including three MA courses, doctoral training, public events – are underpinned and informed by scholarly and applied research. Our striving for excellence is reflected in our explicit research strategy and related support policies, including specified time allocation for individual scholarly work, with on average at least one third of annual workload devoted to research and scholarship. Staff and students also have access to a range of research development and training activities, including workshops on research methods, grant application processes, and peer mentoring. The effectiveness of these targeted support mechanisms is evidenced, among other things, by both the successful integration of new early-career researchers (Burke; Greenwood; Griffin; Holt; Moore), and the promotion of staff members to permanent posts (Burke; El-Affendi; Holt), readerships (Herrschel; Hogwood; Joss) and professorships (Chandler; Whitman).

Our research culture is further enhanced by the organisation of a variety of high-profile events within the subject area, including the fortnightly CSD Seminar, along with lectures and public events, such as the C R Parekh Lecture launched in 2005 (Benjamin Barber, Sheila Jasanoff) and the annual CSD Encounter series, now in its eleventh year (since 2000: Francis Fukyama, Mary Douglas, Adam Watson, Bruno Latour, Pierre Rosanvallon, Sir Bernard Crick, Abdolkarim Soroush). These are accompanied by various seminars and workshops specifically related to individual research programmes/groups (see 2.3 below).

The twice-yearly *CSD Bulletin*, now in its fourteenth year, has over 2,200 (of which 1,700 UK) subscribers, including academic institutions, policy organisations, think tanks and libraries, and we maintain a regularly updated website (www.wmin.ac.uk/csd), with links to research projects, research student activities, and seminars and events. CSD also has corporate membership of the Political Studies Association (PSA), the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and the American Political Studies Association (APSA).

Together, these elements have contributed to the distinctiveness and growing capacity of our research culture, creating spaces to engage in scholarly discussion and learning in a mutually supportive, collegial environment.

2.2 Research infrastructure

Until 2005, CSD shared facilities with the University's Policy Studies Institute (PSI), before relocating to offices in London's West End, giving easy access to the University's conference centre in the main Regent Street building, where SPS is also based. CSD research facilities include the new 'Westminster Forum' seminar venue and a spacious PhD research office.

Over the last two years we have completed a major upgrade of all our computing and audio-visual facilities.

2.3 Research groups and collaborative research

The development of a number of new and expanded research groups and programmes has been crucial to the strengthening of our research culture since 2001. Among the most prominent of these are:

- *Space of Democracy and the Democracy of Space Network*, developed since 2005 by Pugh (see 3.3) and Mouffe with various external partners to explore the political aspects of spatial practices and how this re-shapes concepts of space, democracy and the political;

- *European Civil Society Network* (CiSoNet, 2003-2004), led by the *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin*, and involving Keane as CSD partner, to analyse the emergence, dynamics and perspectives of a European-wide civil society;

- *Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance Research Training Network* (Whitman, Andreev, 2003-2005), a European university consortium aimed at providing doctoral and postdoctoral research opportunities in the field of multi-level governance in the European Union;

- *Westminster International Relations Group*(Chandler, Anand, Hehir, Moore), focusing on various aspects of intervention, state-building, failed states, and issues of identity with a particular focus on India and Tibet;

- *Legislative Governance Project*, led by Owens in international collaboration with several US, European and British partners, to analyse US congressional-presidential relations, the United States Congress, and comparative legislative politics;

- *Democracy and Islam Programme*, coordinated by Al-Effendi, Holt and Paya, to explore democratic processes in Muslim states, the complex relationship between the Muslim world and the West and, in particular the challenges facing Muslims in Europe, especially Britain;

- *Urban and Regional Governance*, led by Herrschel and Professor Newman (UOA 30), to carry out comparative policy-relevant research into the political, economic and cultural dynamics of governing cities, regions and city-regions, including the recent ESRC Research Seminar series 'Regions and Regionalisation through Business Clusters'.

Many international scholars – including doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers and tenured academics – have also joined CSD as Visiting Fellows, for between a month and one year, to work with individual staff members and research groups since 2001. These have included: Dr Gideon

Baker (United Kingdom); Dr Jeroen van Bouwel (Belgium); Dr Abu Jaber (Israel); Professor Ayse Kadioglu (Turkey); Dr Kari Karppinen (Finland); Dr Patrizia Nanz (Germany); Professor Masahiro Okamoto (Japan); Dr Mario Paolantonio (Canada); Professor Vukasin Pavlovic (Serbia).

2.4 Relationship with research users

In addition to the individual relationships staff have with policy-makers, non-governmental organisations and the media, we also nurture institutional relationships with research users at several levels. We are engaged in a number of collaborative research and knowledge transfer partnerships, including: a DTI-funded KTPS project (2004-2006) in co-operation with the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS, London), to investigate the use of the Autonomy software package in international security studies research (Whitman, Chandler); the *Electing Islamism* initiative (El-Affendi, Holt; 2006), developed in partnership with the US, German and Norwegian Embassies in London; the European Commission-funded *Citizen Participation in Science and Technology* (CIPAST, 2006-), a network of universities, parliamentary technology assessment bodies, and science museums, coordinated by *Science et Cité* and *Ecole des Mines* (Paris) and involving Joss and Mohr.

We have held joint seminars and workshops with various think tanks, policy-makers and community groups. Examples include: the CSD seminar on the role of think tanks (2006), hosted with Richard Whitman (Chatham House), Malcolm Rigg (PSI) and Karin Gavelin (Involve); a joint seminar with Members of Parliament, chaired by Tony Wright, on 'Civil Society Engagement' (2006); the *Muslims in Britain: the making of a new underclass?* series (2004), hosted with community groups, policy-makers and MPs; and the Democracy Club with Tom Bentley (Demos) on 'Do political parties stand in the way of democracy?' (2006), with Marlies Glasius on 'Social forums: a laboratory of democratic forms?' (2006), and with Kevin Marsh (Radio 4) on 'The journalism we need' (2005). We further organise the annual International Summer School for Democracy, jointly run since 1998 with the Anglo-Serbian Society (http://www.ays.org.yu/Html/bgd2007.htm), which aims to provide training for, and facilitate networking among, early career researchers, policy-makers and NGO representatives across South-Eastern Europe.

3. Staffing Policy

3.1 Development and support

All academic staff in CSD are given a time allowance (on average one third of total hours) for scholarly activities. Research Fellows have a maximum teaching workload of six hours per week. Staff are also expected to secure additional time through externally-funded research work. All research-active staff are further invited to bid for 'staff research development' allowances through the Politics and International Studies Research Cluster budget. This financial support allows staff to participate in academic conferences, engage in external networking, and prepare individual and collaborative research

grant applications. All such support is provided through the annual workload allocation process, and is based on agreed, measurable performance criteria and subject to annual monitoring (carried out through the School Research Strategy Committee, of which Joss is a member).

3.2 Early career researchers

The New Research(er) Development Scheme, introduced in 2003, specifically aims to facilitate the uptake of research by new/early-career staff, especially those based outside CSD. This amounts to approximately 5% of CSD's overall research budget. Staff can bid for buyout from teaching, funding for field research, and/or funding for the preparation and dissemination of research outputs. In doing so, the scheme also helps these staff to integrate more closely in the Centre's research environment, and thus to benefit from the advice and mentoring provided by senior colleagues.

3.3 Contribution of Category B staff

Whitman, who left his Chair of European Politics in spring 2006 to move to the University of Bath, following a secondment to Chatham House (2003–2006), made a substantial contribution to CSD's profile both in his research capacity and in his role as Head of Department (since assumed by Joss). His research vacancy was filled with the appointment of Anand as Reader in International Relations (2007). The legacy of Pugh, who left CSD for the University of Newcastle in spring 2005, following the successful completion of his ESRC Fellowship, continues in the form of *The Democracy of Space & the Space of Democracy* project. Mohr, who moved to the University of Nottingham in 2006, was instrumental in securing CSD's involvement in the CIPAST network.

3.4 Arrangements for ensuring research sustainability

The strong support for the future development of Politics and International Relations research demonstrated in the University's strategic plan (see 4) provides the overall institutional framework for the further development of our research. Since 2001 we have demonstrated our commitment to expanding our staff research base, through the transfer of fixed-term appointments to permanent positions (El-Affendi, Holt, Burke), the appointment of new permanent staff (Anand, Hehir, Moore) and new Research Fellows (Brooks, Greenwood, Griffin, Tambakaki), and the recruitment of a new part-time Web designer/manager (Navarria) in Summer 2007.

At CSD/cluster level, the sustainability of research is being ensured through our five-year research plan, and through a balanced funding strategy combining QR funding, the University's research development funding scheme, external research grants, and applied research (knowledge transfer) funding. Several of our staff have successfully bid for external grants from a broad range of funding bodies, including AHRC (Holt), ESRC (Anand, Herrschel), the British Academy (Chandler, Owens), the British Council (Joss, Newman UOA 30), the Department of Trade and Industry (Whitman), the

Nuffield Foundation (Keane), the Leverhulme Trust (Keane), the United States Institute of Peace (Holt), the Ford Foundation (Keane), the McArthur Foundation (El-Affendi), the King Baudouin Foundation (Joss), and the European Commission (Joss). We are currently working to further improve the organisational support for external grant application. To achieve this, we plan to recruit a research grant manager by early 2008, managed through WestmARC, the University's Research and Consultancy Office.

4. Research Students

Our growing doctoral research programme (with currently over 25 enrolled students) is overseen by the School Research Degrees Committee, whose Chair is ultimately responsible for PhD students' progress and achievement. Since 2001, we have further strengthened our monitoring and training of PhD students through: 1) the compilation of supervision logbooks and an annual School monitoring system; 2) the incorporation of a viva voce examination for the MPhil/PhD transferral stage; 3) a comprehensive research training programme, running across the first and second year of registration, incorporating expertise from CSD, SPS and other relevant departments. This offers tailor-made training in a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods, postgraduate taught modules, and personal development skills sessions, in line with the requirements of the funding councils. All students are invited to undertake training in teaching and assessment via the Postgraduate Certificate of Special Study for Supporting Learning, and several students have engaged in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. CSD further provides designated office space and research facilities for doctoral students, with computers and other electronic resources, located at our Wells Street base. SSHL runs an annual research students conference, while CSD PhD students additionally convene their own seminar series.

Approximately 15% of CSD's overall research budget is spent on our PhD programme. We provide a range of financial support for doctoral students, including a twice-yearly conference-funding scheme, as well as the Margaret Blunden PhD scholarship, established in 2004. Several of our international students have secured external scholarships in support of their doctoral research.

5. Research Strategy

Our present and future strategy takes effect at three distinct, yet related levels. At the level of the University as a whole, Politics and International Studies teaching and research has been identified in the University's current strategic plan (2005-2010) as one of five key thematic priorities, meaning that it will constitute a major focus for specific development and institutional support. The strategy's aim is to further invest in and develop a distinctive and coherent Politics and International Relations programme, and overcome the compartmentalisation of related research within the current Campus, School and Department structures. The new Governance and Sustainability research programme (see below) is a recent successful example of these efforts.

At the level of the School, a new Westminster Politics and International Relations programme has been under development since Winter 2006-07. The aim of this initiative is to build an overarching School-wide programme for this area by more closely integrating thematically-related teaching and research located in CSD and SPS. Within this programme, CSD will retain its distinctive brand as a postgraduate teaching and research department. The first set of policies to implement this strategy has already been put in place, including a more focused and research-informed coordination of curriculum development, and a more pro-active and integrated staff research development policy.

At the level of CSD itself, our research strategy has as its overall aim the consolidation and expansion of the Centre as an internationally-renowned multidisciplinary centre of research excellence and innovation for the advancement of the knowledge and understanding of democracy, politics, societies and cultures (and their interdependencies) in local, national, and international settings, with the capacity to engage colleagues working in a range of areas both within and outside the University.

A particularly key area of ongoing expansion is **international relations and security** research, where the recent appointment of new researchers provides an exciting opportunity for future growth. We are currently developing new strands of research on international (humanitarian) intervention, state-building, and security and identity politics in relation to world regions, especially India, Tibet and China (and their relations with Africa, Europe and the USA). Reflecting this enhanced research profile, we also aim to extend further our successful international relations taught MA programmes.

In **political theory**, the recent addition of Tambakaki gives an opportunity to ensure long-term succession and to support new research on international citizenship, human rights and agonistic politics. Mouffe's involvement in the *Democracy of Space and the Space of Democracy* network will allow the further development of our collaborative research on the politics of spatial practices, while Keane's Leverhulme Fellowship will deliver a major new research project on the future of representative democracy, in addition to his ongoing history of democracy project, which will result in a forthcoming book *The Life and Death of Democracy* (2008-09).

The **Legislative Governance Project**, led by Owens, will pursue several international collaborative projects, including one seeking to assess the variability of party voting in the US House of Representatives from 1953 to 2004 using a new operational indicator, and a second involving a longitudinal study of speakers of US House of Representatives, 1789-date, to measure and explain these House leaders' leadership styles over time. A third project will analyse the impact of special rules restrictiveness on agenda-setting in the US House of Representatives, 1947-2008, while the fourth will focus on the impact of 9/11 and the global 'war on terror' on executive-legislative relations, both in the US and in other legislatures in different political systems.

The **Democracy and Islam** research programme will focus its efforts in the next 3-5 years on three main themes: (a) multiculturalism and the future of democracy—the role of Muslim intellectuals in the West, including an analysis of anti-democratic trends among Muslims (El-Affendi); (b) women and Islamic resistance in Lebanon and the Palestinian territories (Holt); (c) Iran's experience of modernity, with special reference to the role of intellectuals (Paya). The programme will host the annual postgraduate Democracy & Islam workshop for PhD students, first introduced in 2006, and will be complemented by Dr Tasmia Mesbahuddin, ESRC/NGPA Postdoctoral Research Fellow at CSD from October 2007, whose research will focus on civil society discourse in the context of Bangladesh.

Our newly formed (in 2007) **Governance and Sustainability** programme will be the basis for another major area of research development over the next 5 years, bringing together political, social and environmental scientists working both on new concepts and practices of multi-level and multi-actor governance, and how these interrelate with emerging discourses and practices of sustainable development. Coordinated by Joss, this multi-centre project will involve both staff in Politics (Brooks, Greenwood, Griffin, Herrschel, Hogwood) and colleagues in the School of Architecture and Built Environment (UoA30), PSI and Environmental Sciences (UoA17), as well as external partners at Johns Hopkins University (Dr Arthur Molella) and the Smithsonian (Professor Robert Kargon), providing a unique high-quality research focus and contribution to contemporary policy debate.

The new **City-Region Policy Network**, established in Autumn 2007 by Herrschel and involving the Lincoln Institute of Policy (Cambridge, Massachusetts), Portland State University (Oregon), the Government of British Columbia, the University of Gdansk (Poland), and various policy-makers in Europe and North America, will focus research on the international comparison of political and economic governance in metropolitan areas.

As well as these, a strategy for a new **British Politics and Public Policy** research group is currently being developed by Joss with the Director of PSI and Dean of School SSHL. We envisage specifically recruiting new academic staff in this area over the next five years, including a readership/chair of British Politics, to be linked up with the various policy research groups at PSI (employment, social security, environment), thus providing an integrated programme of British politics and policy research and consultancy.

The development strategy for our **doctoral research programme** is three-fold: to work towards Research Council recognition (a feasibility study will be undertaken in November-December 2007 with a view to submitting an application to ESRC in spring 2008); to further develop our formal training programme and teaching opportunities; and to increase the number of scholarships to attract a greater proportion of high-quality applications. We are also working to develop a new **postdoctoral programme**, providing early career researchers with research and teaching opportunities, to be achieved by creating new postdoctoral fellowships through both internal (seed) and external (research grant) funding and sponsorship.

We will build on our successful **public events** and external relations programme, by hosting further high-profile CSD Encounter events (our next speaker, December 2007, will be Julia Kristeva), C R Parekh Lectures, and Democracy Club seminars, alongside our well-established CSD Seminar. We will also expand our **Visiting Research Fellowship** scheme by widening the scholarly exchange with the *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin*, Johns Hopkins, and the Smithsonian. As a result of a recently secured grant from the Nirman Foundation (Virginia, USA), we will be setting up new exchange programmes with Indian-based research organisations, such as the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS).

Esteem Indicators

Anand, ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow in 2002-2003, gave international guest lectures at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (New Delhi), the Centre for the Study of Society and Secularism (Mumbai), and the Royal Literary and Scientific Institution (Bath); was interviewed as a Tibet expert by the *Christian Science Monitor* (quoted by *USA Today*), *Pacific News Service* and *The Straits Time Singapore*; and organised the Annual Workshop for the British Association for South Asian Studies (2006).

Chandler is Editor of the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* (Routledge) and related Routledge book series; held editorial board membership of *International Peacekeeping* (until 2006), *Cosmopolis: Revue de Cosmopolitique* and *ID: International Dialogue*; and gave numerous keynote lectures at Universities and diverse government, NGO, and military policy forums across the UK, US, Western Europe, the Balkans and Turkey. His media appearances have included CNN, Sky, Al-Jazeera, BBC *Newsnight*, and Radio 4's *Today Programme*.

El-Affendi co-authored the *UNDP's Arab Human Development Report* (2005); received the Allama Iqbal Award for Creativity in Islamic Thought (2006); was Visiting Fellow at Northwestern University (Chicago) and the Chr Michelsen Institute (Bergen); and delivered keynote speeches at: Harvard University, LSE, The Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars (Washington DC), the University of Cordoba, the Kuala Lumpur International Forum on Islam, and the Qatar Foundation (Doha). He contributed to policy seminars at the United Nations (New York), the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the European Commission. His media appearances have included Channel 4, BBC radio and television, Al-Jazeera and Dubai TV.

Greenwood acted as reviewer for *Review of Political Economy* and was invited to present at the 2007 international conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, Leipzig.

Griffin acted as reviewer for several articles in *Geoforum* and *Environmental Politics* and is an advisory member of the Institute of Green Economics.

Hehir acted as reviewer for *International Peacekeeping*, *The Journal of Intervention and State-Building*, *Global Governance*, and Oxford University

Press; delivered invited papers to the Pakistan Security Research Unit, University of Bradford, and the Jordanian Regional Centre on Conflict Prevention's publication, *Conflict in Focus*. He organised an international conference on State-Building (University of Limerick, 2005) and edited *State-building: Theory and Practice* (Routledge). Media appearances have included Ireland's RTE1 and Radio Sheffield.

Herrschel was Guest Editor of *Environment and Planning C* (2001) and *Geoforum* (2005); co-/hosted, as Chair of the Royal Geographical Society's Post-socialist Geographies Research Group, conferences at the universities of Westminster (2001), Prague (2003) and Krakow (2005); chaired four ESRC-funded symposia on regional governance (2005/6); co-hosted a symposium on regional governance by the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (2006); gave keynote addresses to: the Australian Local Government Association's Annual Conference (Melbourne, 2005), the North-Rhine Westphalian Government (2005), and the Regional Studies Association (Nordic Section) conference (Norway, 2006); and was Visiting Fellow at the University of Gdansk (2005).

Hogwood was appointed a member of the Scientific Panel of the Devolution Club (2006), an international academic association working in the field of comparative public law and politics (www.devolutionclub.it); provided training on UK devolution for the Italian Scuole Superiore Pubblica Amministrazione (Higher Civil Service Academy); acted as external reviewer for a special issue of *West European Politics* and for the ESRC's Large Grants Scheme; and contributed to the consultation in connection with the European Commission's White Paper on European Governance, the Northern Ireland Assembly's response to European Union issues, and the Reform of the EU Structural Funds.

Holt was invited to contribute a briefing paper on Palestinian refugees in Lebanon to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee report on *Global Security: The Middle East*; invited by the German Embassy, Saudi Arabia to contribute to a symposium on *Mutual Perceptions of Europe and the Arab World from 1450 to the Present* (May 2007); and interviewed as an expert on Muslim women and violent conflict by Lebanese television channels NBN and al-Manar.

Joss acted as reviewer for *Public Understanding of Science, American Politics Quarterly*, *Science as Culture* and the Wellcome Trust's Society Research Awards Funding Committee; is a member (since 2004) of the UK government's *Sciencewise* strategy group, the Wellcome Trust's Society Activity Awards Funding Committee (since 2005), and German Ministry of Research and Education's Science Policy research programme (2003-2007). He delivered keynote addresses at the 2002 *BA Science Communication* annual conference, the King Baudouin Foundation *Governance – A Different Voice* lecture series (Brussels, 2003), and the *EuroScience Forum* (Stockholm, 2004). He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (2004).

Keane was appointed Karl Deutsch Visiting Professor at the *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin* (2004-2007); Fellow at the Institute for Public

Policy Research; and gained a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship in 2007. He gave the B N Ganguli Memorial Lecture (Delhi, 2005), and keynote addresses at: the 9th Open Society Forum (2004); the *II Encontros de Mondariz Balneario* (2004); the Taiwan Foundation (Taipei, 2005); and the *Conferencia Gulbenkian* (2006). Media appearances have included Radio 4's *In Our Times* (2002, 2006), Australian Radio ABC (2006/7) and *The New York Times*, *New Statesman*, *Times of India*, and *Publico* (Lisbon). He is currently preparing a BBC Radio series on the history of democracy (transmission in 2008).

Mouffe is editorial board member of *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *La revue du Mauss*, and *Debate Feminista*; a member of the Coordinating Committee of the European Science Foundation Network (ESF) 'The Politics and History of European Democratisation'; and Advisory Board member of the Austrian Ministry for Science and Education Programme 'Democracy and European Integration'. She gave numerous international key note addresses including at: *La construccion de la democracia en la ciudad de Mexico* (Mexico, 2004); *XI Symposium of the International Association of Women Philosophers* (Goteborg, 2004); *Nations Unlimited* (Stavanger, 2005); *Mass Democracy on Trial* (Amsterdam, 2005); *XII Encuentro latino-americano de Communicacion Social* (Bogota, 2006); *Media, ICT and Democracy* (Bergen, 2006); *Regimes of Representation* (Bucharest, 2007); *Changes and Resistances* (Gdansk, June 2007). She hosted *The Future of Democracy in Europe* conference (Vienna, 2006) with the Austrian Academy of Science.

Owens is editorial board member of *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, and *Politics and Policy* (also Associate Editor since 2005); chair of the Southern Political Science Association's Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award Committee, the PSA's Richard E Neustadt Prize Committee; Research Fellow, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, the American University, Washington DC (since 2004) and the Institute for the Study of the Americas at the University of London; Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts; Guest Scholar at The Brookings Institution and APSA's Centennial Center. He gave invited keynote addresses at the American University, University of Maryland, Sorbonne-Paris, Technische Universitat Dresden, the US Embassy, London, the Library of Congress, and the Institute for Democracy in South Africa; was book reviewer for *THES*, and manuscript reviewer for journals including the APSR, AJPS, BJPS, LSQ, and the BJPIR; adviser to the Nuffield Foundation and ESRC.
Parekh was awarded the Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for lifetime contribution to political philosophy by the Political Studies Association (2002); the Distinguished Global Thinker Award by the India International Centre Delhi (2006); the Inderdependence Prize from the Campaign for Democracy (New York, 2006), and the Padma Bhushan honours in the 2007 Indian Republic Day Honours list. He was elected Fellow of the British Academy (2003) and Litowitz Lecturer at Yale University (2004); appointed President of the Academy of Social Sciences, and the British Association of South Asian Scholars (2004—); and Distinguished Visitor at the Cardazo Law School, New York (2005).

Tambakaki has acted as a reviewer for *Contemporary Political Theory*, and is on the editorial board of *The CSD Bulletin*. She has recently been invited to co-author a forthcoming book on agonism and law (Ashgate).