

Faculty of Humanities PSS CoreMunicate February 2017

Manchester Urban Institute launch

The Manchester Urban Institute (MUI) launches this year, and its first launch event is now open for all staff to attend.

The MUI was established last year, building upon over four decades of urban research at the University, and uniting the strengths of a number of research centres and groups. To mark this exciting development, Professor Michael Keith from the University of Oxford is attending first external launch event on **7 February 2017**. You can read the details of the full MUI launch programme on the [website](#).

The talk is titled 'The future's promise? Technocratic dreams, Faustian urbanism and the cities yet to come' and the event takes place in the Samuel Alexander Building Theatre and foyer, at 5.30pm, followed by a reception.

- If you would like to reserve a place, please visit the [eventbrite listing](#).
- You can find out more about the [Manchester Urban Institute](#) on the website or email mui@manchester.ac.uk. You can also follow them on Twitter @UoMUrban.

Research Review Exercise 2016-17

The Research Review Exercise (RRE) has launched and RRE-eligible staff will have until **midnight on Monday 30 January 2017** to update output selections by proposing and ranking the outputs that they believe are likely to be judged internationally excellent (3*) or world-leading (4*) and provide supporting text. Staff have not been asked to update 'Esteem/ Activities' and 'Impact' this year.

Help

- For more information, how-to guides and FAQs, please visit the RRE webpages on Staffnet: www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/pure/rre

New Year's Honours

Carol Smart, Professor Emerita of Sociology in the School of Social Sciences, has been awarded a CBE. She has had a long and distinguished career in sociology and socio-legal studies, and was Co-Director of the Morgan Centre for Research into Everyday Life until she retired in 2014.

Carol said: "I was delighted to learn that I was being mentioned in the New Year Honours List, because it is a fantastic public recognition of my contribution to sociology. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the importance of the intellectual environment provided by my outstanding colleagues in the Morgan Centre, as well as all of the colleagues I have worked with closely in the past."

Rt Hon John Bercow appointed Honorary Professor

The Right Honourable John Bercow, MP has been appointed as an Honorary Professor of Politics by the School of Social Sciences.

John has been the Member of Parliament for Buckingham for almost 20 years, and in 2009 was elected as Speaker of the House of Commons. Following the general election in 2015, where he retained his constituency, he was re-elected as Speaker, unopposed.

Francesca Gains, Professor of Politics in the School of Social Sciences, said: “I am delighted the Right Honourable John Bercow has joined our School as an Honorary Professor of Politics. The Politics Department invited John Bercow to give our ‘[Sammy Finer Lecture](#)’ this year on “The Making of a Modern Parliament”. It was clear that our students relished the chance to engage with such an approachable politician who is at the centre of British politics and who has a reforming passion to improve the working of democracy”.

Alliance Manchester Business School named in ‘global elite’ in QS Business Schools Report 2017

One of the world’s premier university ranking bodies, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), has named Alliance Manchester Business School a ‘Global Elite School’ when it comes to employability and research excellence.

The QS Global 250 Business Schools Report 2017 identifies the top 250 full-time MBA programmes from around the world, and ranked Alliance Manchester Business School 11th in Europe for research excellence, and 16th for employability.

Recommissioning of the AHRC North West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership (NWCDTP)

The North West Consortium Doctoral Training Partnership is a consortium of seven institutions and nine cultural partners in the North West that has been funded by the AHRC since 2014 (and for a total of five years – until 2019). It funds PGR studentships, and has specific budgets for training and cohort development activities. The Consortium plays an important role for the PGR community in the arts and humanities subjects, offering specialist training, research events and networking across the seven institutions and beyond. It also plays a role in the wider region by working with cultural partners, who offer placements / internship opportunities, training and impact events across the North West in collaboration with our students.

The recommissioning is taking place this year for the next five years of funding. The AHRC has launched a new call for Doctoral Training Partnerships (2019-2024) and the NWCDTP will be working towards submitting a bid for its recommissioning in October 2017. The NWCDTP is currently working with its HEI and non-HEI partners in preparation for this bid.

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People

Research Support Services

Martin Greenhalgh has been appointed as the Research Support Manager in the School of Environment, Education and Development as a maternity cover for Charlotte Jackson. Martin joins the Humanities Research Support Services from the Faculty of Science and Engineering where Martin spent time as a Research Support Officer and then Research Support Manager in the School of Physics.

Communications and Marketing Team

Nicola Watkinson will return to the post of Internal Communications and Engagement Manager from 6th February. Felicity Wicks, who has been covering her maternity leave, will be returning to her substantive role in the Directorate for the Student Experience, as Student Recruitment and Widening Participation Officer.

School of Social Sciences

Several new appointments have been made:

- Carla Liburd - School Resources Manager
- Joseph Barrett - Welfare Officer (Student Support Office).
- Christopher Ashworth – UG Programme Administrator (Philosophy)
- Emily Haughton – UG Assistant and Receptionist
- Babak Bassirian – Receptionist