

Queen's University Belfast
School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy

MA Degrees and Bursaries

The School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy at Queen's University Belfast is inviting applications for their exciting range of taught MA programmes, as well as bursaries to cover EU/home tuition fees. These bursaries will be awarded to five academically outstanding students holding (or predicted to gain) a first class honours undergraduate degree.

From 2013-2014, the School is offering 8 MA programmes:

- MA in Comparative Ethnic Conflict
- MA in European Union Politics
- MA in International Relations
- MA in Irish Politics
- MA in Medical Ethics and Law (new for 2013-14)
- MA in Moral, Legal and Political Philosophy (new for 2013-14)
- MA in Politics
- MA in Violence, Terrorism and Security

All applications received for these programmes by Friday 28th June 2013 will be considered for bursary funding.

The School also runs the applied MA in Legislative Studies and Practice which funded with generous bursaries (tuition plus £8,500 maintenance support) by the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission. The deadline for applications for this programme is Friday 24th May 2013.

Further information on MA programmes and bursaries visit:

www.qub.ac.uk/pisp/ProspectiveStudents/PostgraduateStudentshipsand-Bursaries/

Foreword

The appearance of the inaugural *Queen's Political Review* is a clear signal of the vitality of the student community, both undergraduate and postgraduate, enrolled both in the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy, and other Schools in the Faculty. In particular, the energy of the editorial team in bringing to fruition their idea for the Review has been estimable: readers of this volume who have had experience of editing a publication will appreciate the dedication they have shown in navigating the many challenges and frustrations such an undertaking presents. It was they who hatched the scheme, sifted through the submitted work, selected the preferred essays and who ensured that the collection emerged on time and with such high production values. All their work made my task as 'guest editor' a much lighter one than I had anticipated: for that, I am immensely grateful.

In realising this initiative, congratulations must of course be extended to the authors of the essays. I have been fortunate enough to read their contributions in advance of publication and have been impressed—but not surprised—by the uniformity of their quality and the breadth of expertise they represent. Ranging from the more local to the truly global, from the procedural to the philosophical, the collection represents a wealth of talent within the student body, and the health of the disciplines it embraces.

It has been a genuine pleasure to be involved in this project: it confirms for me that the greatest reward of academic life is to see students flourish. The scholarship, knowledge and skill each contributor brings to her/his topic exemplifies the best of the academic side of student life, testimony to their development and, dare I say it, to the teaching and learning opportunities provided by their respective Schools.

The editorial team and the contributors have set an extremely high standard. I trust that their commitment inspires future generations of students to build on what is a thoroughly worthwhile enterprise. Let this be the first in a series of compelling and must-read Political Reviews!

Professor Rick Wilford,
Guest Editor