

## **Introduction**

- OXPO aims to provide an institutional framework that fosters and stimulates scientific exchanges between the Politics and International Relations and the Sociology Departments of Oxford, Sciences Po's research centres and the Maison Française d'Oxford. As such, it is less a research centre than an exchange framework which offers various opportunities for researchers from Oxford and Sciences Po to meet and set up research projects or academic events together.
- OXPO is made up of a series of research projects initiated by the researchers of one or other of the partner institutes. It can also facilitate other types of exchange between the partner institutes, notably in teaching.
- It offers various possibilities for academics and doctoral students from Oxford and Sciences Po to visit their colleagues and do fieldwork.
- All information (programmes, events, visitors, reports) is available at: <http://oxpo.politics.ox.ac.uk/about/index.asp>

## **Staff**

- Coordinator: Sophie Duchesne
- Administrator: Esther Byrom
- Chair of the committees: David Goldey
- Programme convenors (following SMC 2010 recommendation): Katrin Auel (DPIR, Mansfield College), Nancy Bermeo (DPIR, Nuffield college), Christopher Bickerton (DPIR), Jean-Pascal Daloz (Maison Française, DPIR), David Goldey (Lincoln College), Sudhir Hazareesingh (DPIR, Balliol College), Andrew Hurrell (DPIR, Balliol College), Bastien Irondelle (CERI Sciences Po), Man Yee Kan (Sociology, St Hugh's College), Andrew Knapp (University of Reading), Christel Kesler (Nuffield College), Desmond King (DPIR, Nuffield College), Andrew Knapp (University of Reading), Patrick Le Galès (CEE Sciences Po), Laurent Lesnard (OSC Sciences Po), Nonna Mayer (CEE Sciences Po), Marie Mendras (CERI Sciences Po, LSE), Kalypso Nicolaïdis (DPIR, St Antony's College), Bruno Palier (CEE Sciences Po), Pascal Perrineau (Cevipof Sciences Po), Karoline Postel-Vinay (CERI Sciences Po), Olivier Rozenberg (CEE Sciences Po), Mirna Safi (OSC Sciences Po), Berny Sèbe (University of Birmingham), Martin Seeleib-Kaiser (Social Policy, Green Templeton College) and Vincent Tiberj (CEE Sciences Po).
- Visitors 2009-10:
  - To Oxford: Jérôme Sgard (CERI Sciences Po), Laurent Martin (Centre d'histoire de Sciences Po), Neil Martin (CEVIPOF Sciences Po), Simon Paye (CSO Sciences Po), Sabine Saurugger (IEP Grenoble, IUF), Hélène Thiollet (CERI Sciences Po)
  - To Sciences Po: Lucie Cerna (DPIR, Jesus College), Anne Deighton (DPIR, Wolfson College), Gwendolyn Sasse (DPIR, Nuffield College).
  - OXPO's coordinator and chair of the committees will be replaced in September respectively by Florence Faucher-King (CEE Sciences Po) and Andrew Hurrell (DPIR, Balliol College).

## **Organisation**

OXPO has two committees:

- The Steering Committee is constituted of representatives of the four funding institutions (Sciences Po, DPIR, Sociology Department and Maison Française). It meets every other year in Paris. It expresses an opinion as to the scientific programme of OXPO, established by the Coordinator, and as to the current status of work in progress. It suggests new orientations, should they be needed. It suggests any modification to the Agreement. The Steering Committee did not meet this year.
- The Scientific Management Committee represents the different research centres or disciplines (one representative of IR, Politics and Sociology for Sciences Po and for Oxford, as well as a representative of Maison Française research centre) and meets every year in Oxford. It discusses the focus of the OXPO's research efforts, it determines OXPO's personnel and budget requests and the subsequent allocation of funds and gives its approval for the yearly OXPO financial report. This year, the meeting took place on the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, chaired by David Goldey.

## Financial Report

- OXPO expenses list 2009 (that includes expenses from the four partners: DPIR, Department of Sociology, Maison Française and Sciences Po):

Programme	Object	Expenses €	Expenses £
Coordination	Steering committee March 2009		181,87
	Scientific management committee June 2009	1276,80	326,43
	Visits coordinator to Oxford	360,26	
Dualization of European societies	Conference dinner		962,31
Comparative analysis of elites	Conferences		1303,97
	Publication (editing)	640	1693,30
Legislatures in Europe	Meetings	298,09	
	Conference	377,88	1361,56
Echoes of imperialism	Publication		1000
French Politics	Conferences		400
	fieldwork	111,53	97,80
Labor market integration of immigrants	Team meetings	1337,54	
Visitors support	Follow up young researchers (fieldwork)	584,94	66
	seminar	23	
Joint doctoral seminar	Spring 2009 (Europe in the world)	800	434,96
	Autumn 2009 (Politics of inequalities)		1241,69
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>Total in € (change march 2010):</b> <b>14496,44</b>	<b>5810,04</b>	<b>7828,2</b>

- DPIR expenses :

Financial Summary for 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010 in GBP	
Reserves balance carry forward 2009/10	£5,341.74
Expenditure for 2009/10	£5,361.98
Overspend for 2009/10	£20.24
Budget for 2010/11 (includes Department of Sociology contribution and overspend deduction)	£2,484

*Previously, carry forward balances were allowed, thus the year started with an income. This no longer applies in 2010/11.*

## Funding

- Annual DPIR contribution: the equivalent of €1500.
- In the convention, each OXPO partner committed itself to support OXPO with a yearly contribution of €3000 until the end of 2012 – Oxford support being divided between DPIR and Sociology). However, OXPO received this year the following contributions (spent in each institution) in addition to DPIR's:
  - Department of Sociology: €1500
  - Maison Française d'Oxford: €3000
  - Sciences Po: €4500
- In 2009, OXPO received an exceptional funding of £3000 from the French Embassy in London. Sciences Po UK Alumni are now supporting OXPO: they are funding a post-doctoral fellowship for a Sciences Po former student to visit Oxford (£10000) and will contribute next year to the regular budget £5000.

## Research

- Awards: Christopher Bickerton and Bastien Irondele won the Journal of Common Market Studies competition and received funding of £1,000 for a workshop they organised on "The EU in the international security". DPIR also provided £1,688 from its conference fund. The workshop papers will be published as a special issue (see below).
- Projects: The following programmes were supported by OXPO this year:
  - **French Politics.** Convenors: David Goldey and Pascal Perrineau in association with Andrew Knapp (University of Reading). *Related events:* On 3 March, Patrick Le Gales's seminar, " 'The Surreptitious Recentralization of France: the new law on regional & local government reorganization, intentions & consequences'. On Friday 30 April, conference, "The Results of the French Regional Elections and their Political Consequences" with Pascal Perrineau and Anne Muxel (Cevipof Sciences Po). On 12 May, Julian Mischi's seminar on "The French Communist Party & the Working Class (1930s-1980s): Communist activism, the view from the grass roots".
  - **Echoes of Imperialism.** Convenors: Kalypso Nicolaïdis and Berny Sèbe (Maison Française).
  - **Legislatures in Europe.** Convenors: Olivier Rozenberg and Katrin Auel.
  - **Beyond the BRICs metaphor. Making sense of « non-western power ».** Convenors: Andrew Hurrell, Marie Mendras and Karoline Postel-Vinay
  - **Comparative Analysis of Elites.** Convenors: Jean-Pascal Daloz and Sudhir Hazareesingh. *Related events:* on 21 January, workshop on 'The Distinction of Elites: Case studies'; on 28-29 May, conference on "Dealing with Religious Dissension: Historical and contemporary models".

- **Sequence modelling of everyday activities.** Convenors: Laurent Lesnard and Man Yee Kan. Related event: On 7-10 July, and 32nd annual meeting of the International Association for Time Use Research (in Paris).
- **The labour market integration of immigrants in the UK and France: a longitudinal approach.** Convenors: Christel Kesler and Mirna Safi
- **The dualisation of European societies.** Convenors: Bruno Palier and Martin Seeleib-Kaiser.
- **The European Union in International Security.** Convenors: Christopher Bickerton and Bastien Irondele. *Related event:* On 26 February, conference on EU security and defense policy.

## Publications

- Working Papers: OXPO has introduced a new WP series which gathers papers written by its visitors, at Oxford and Sciences Po. The 2008-09 series was put on line this year with the following contributions:
  - **OXPO\_08-09g:** [Yes they can: an experimental approach of diversity MP eligibility in France](#), July 2009. *Vincent Tiberj, Visiting Scholar from CEVIPOF to Oxford, Trinity Term 2009*
  - **OXPO\_08-09f:** [L-worlds: The curious preference for low quality and its norms](#), July 2009, *Diego Gambetta, Visiting Professor from the Department of Sociology, Oxford, to Sciences Po, 2009. Paper co-authored with Gloria Origgi.*
  - **OXPO\_08-09e:** [Europe's Compromising Union: An Introduction](#), July 2009, *Christopher Bickerton*
  - **OXPO\_08-09d:** [Children of the Revolution? Unity and Difference in the National Identity of French Children](#), Spring 2009, *Katharine Throssell*
  - **OXPO\_08-09c:** [Socialization for Excellence: Broadening Access to Higher Education In France and England](#), May 2009, *Annabelle Allouche*
  - **OXPO\_08-09b:** [Top Civil Servants at School: The Diffusion of Competency Frameworks in Great-Britain](#), May 2009, *Natacha Gally*
  - **OXPO\_08-09a:** [Europe's Persistent Low Saliency: A Contribution to the Debate on the Politicization of the EU](#), March 2009, *Sophie Duchesne*

Papers are available at [http://oxpo.politics.ox.ac.uk/working\\_papers/index.asp](http://oxpo.politics.ox.ac.uk/working_papers/index.asp). Many of them are to be published shortly (see below). The 2009-10 series is in preparation.

- Journal issues:
  - Bickerton, Christopher, Irondele, Bastien & Menon, Anand eds., "Security Cooperation beyond the Nation-State: the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy", special issue, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, vol. 49, n° 1, forthcoming 2011.
  - Daloz, Jean-Pascal ed., 'Elite Symbolic Superiority : Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives', *Historical Reflections/Réflexions historiques*, forthcoming Fall 2010.
  - Duchesne, Sophie ed., « L'identité Européenne, entre science politique et science fiction », *Politique Européenne*, 30, Spring 2010.
  - King, Desmond & Le Galès, P. eds., « Sociologie de l'Etat », to be published in *Revue Française de Sociologie* (accepted).
- Articles in journals:
  - Allouche, Annabelle & Buisson-Fenêt, Hélène, "The minor roads to excellence: positive action, outreach policies and the new positioning of elite high schools in France and England?", *International Studies in Sociology of Education*, Vol. 19, N°3/4 , Sept/Dec 2009, p229-244.

- Duchesne, Sophie, Haegel, Florence, Frazer, Elizabeth et alii, "Europe between integration and globalisation. Social differences and national frames in the analysis of focus groups conducted in France, Francophone Belgium and the United Kingdom", in *Politique Européenne*, 30, 2010, p.67-105.
- Gambetta, Diego & Hertog, Steffen: "Why are there so many Engineers among Islamic Radicals?", *Archives Européennes de sociologie*, L, 2, 2009, pp. 201–230.
- Gambetta, Diego & Orrigi, Gloria, "L-worlds. The curious preference for low quality and its norms", to be published in *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*.
- Rozenberg, Olivier, « Présider par plaisir. L'examen des affaires européennes à l'Assemblée nationale et à la Chambre des Communes depuis Maastricht », *Revue française de science politique*, 59/3, 2009, pp. 401-427.
- Safi Mirna, "Patterns of immigrant intermarriage in France: Intergenerational marital", *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung-Journal of Family Research*, vol. 22, n° 1, 2010, 89-106.
- Safi Mirna, "Immigrants' life satisfaction in Europe: Between assimilation and discrimination", *European Sociological Review*, vol. 26, n° 2, 2010, 159-176.
- Books chapters:
  - Allouche, Annabelle, « Quels effets des dispositifs d'ouverture sociale ? Le cas des élèves bénéficiaires », in Van Zanten A.(Dir.), *Démocratiser les élites*, forthcoming PUF 2010.
  - Allouche, Annabelle, « La mobilisation des savoirs dans les dispositifs d'égalité des chances, de la sociologie aux sciences de gestion » in Van Zanten A.(Dir.), *Démocratiser les élites*, forthcoming PUF 2010.
  - Tiberj, Vincent: "Yes they can: an experimental approach of diversity MP eligibility in France", *The Political Representation of Immigrants and Minorities: Voters, Parties and Parliaments in Liberal Democracies*, edited by Bird, Saalfeld and Wüst, London, forthcoming 2010.
- Others:
  - Auel, Katrin, 'Missing the Point. The Decision of the German Constitutional Court on the Lisbon Treaty and the Democratic Deficit of the EU', *Notre Europe*, June 2010,
  - Brouard, Sylvain & Tiberj, Vincent, « Pour une approche pragmatique des « statistiques ethniques », Rapport pour la commission Héran (Comité pour la mesure et l'évaluation de la diversité et des discriminations).
  - Gambetta, Diego: "Heroic impatience", *The Nation*, March 22 2010, available at <http://www.thenation.com/article/heroic-impatience>.
  - Kesler, Christel and Safi, Mirna, "Immigrant/Native Labour Market Inequalities: A portrait of patterns and trends in France and the United Kingdom ", Equalsoc Final Conference, June 2010, Amsterdam
  - Lesnard, Laurent & Kan, Man Yee, "Two-Stage Optimal Matching Analysis of Workdays and Workweeks". *Department of Sociology working paper 2009-04*, Oxford, [http://www.sociology.ox.ac.uk/research/electronic\\_resources.asp](http://www.sociology.ox.ac.uk/research/electronic_resources.asp).

### Other events

- On top of the events listed with related research programmes (see above), OXPO 4th Joint Doctoral Seminar: 'The Dynamics of Politics and Inequalities' on 9 December.

### External Relations

- OXPO is as such an international network. All programmes are co-convened by an academic from Oxford and another from Sciences Po and the exchange scheme is meant to provide colleagues with the opportunity to stay abroad. Most programmes are although connected to other international colleagues.

## Plans for the next Academic Year

- Two events planned already:
  - "New Directions in the Study of Social Distinction", Workshop, 10 November 2010, Maison Française, convened by Jean-Pascal Daloz
  - "Perceptions, Realities, and Politicization of Inequalities, in a Time of Worldwide Recession" organised by the « POLINE » (Politics of Inequalities) network on the 26-28th of May 2011, in Paris (Sciences Po). A call for papers will be circulated in September 2010.
- Projects: One new project is introduced; "Politics of inequalities" that will link the Paris network with Oxford, thanks to Nancy Bermeo and Tak Wing Chan.
- Visitors:
  - From Paris to Oxford:  
Laurent Fourchard (Michaelmas)  
Michel Cahen (Hilary)  
Nathalie Berny (Trinity)  
Aurélie Daher (Post-doc)  
Mathieu Ichou (Student, Sociology)  
Nassim Majidi (Student)
  - From Oxford to Paris:  
Nicholas Cheeseman (one month, Spring)  
Petra Schleiter (one month, Spring)  
Giovanna Lauro (Student)

## Priorities for Development

*Please list your centre's needs. If you would like to provide a profile of your centre specifically to be sent to the Development Office, please insert it here. Otherwise we will send your annual report to the Development Office.*

OXPO has developed quite smoothly and regularly since it was created 6 years ago. Publications are increasing, visitors are clearly happy (the visiting professorship to Sciences Po introduced last year seems quite successful considering the number of applications we got this year) and new programmes are introduced each year. The coordinator and chair of committee will change this year. This will certainly give rise to new ideas for development.

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