

From the Director

It is with great pleasure that I write my first contribution to the Newsletter as Director of DDMI. However, this message will not be about future plans, but about the outgoing Director, Professor Nicholas J. Wheeler. In my opinion he was one of the most influential Directors – if not *the* most - in the DDMI's nearly 60 year history.

When the DDMI was transferred from its traditional London base to its spiritual home in Aberystwyth, where David Davies established the world's first University Department of International Politics, it was in a very difficult financial situation. It remains so, but under Nick Wheeler important steps were taken to try and establish it on a firmer footing.

At the same time, under his Directorship, the reputation and prominence of (contin...)

The David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies (DDMI) was created in 1950 to commemorate the work of Lord Davies, who was a tireless advocate for a more peaceful and orderly world through international cooperation, organisation and law. The DDMI moved in 2002 to its new home in the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University.

the DDMI both in Wales and indeed internationally has grown enormously. This has largely been due to Professor Wheeler's energy and academic involvement in key issues of the day, notably nuclear proliferation, climate change, and R2P. In Aberystwyth, in Cardiff, and in London he has organised numerous DDMI events over the past five years drawing in distinguished scholars, politicians, and officials.

In addition to these activities, Nick Wheeler has secured an impressive list of speakers for the DDMI annual lecture series (including the distinguished former UK Ambassador Sir Jeremy Greenstock, and the noted China specialist John Gittings); he saw to the renewal of the DDMI archive; and he began to create a very promising group of researchers, administrators, and advisers associated with the DDMI (including FBAs, a former diplomat and MP, as well as students).

Through his energy, vision, and hard work, Professor Wheeler has given the DDMI an impressive profile internationally in a relatively short time, and also on a shoe-string, and he has done it in ways that nicely echo the abiding international concerns of David Davies in the decades following the Great War. Professor Wheeler will still be much involved in the work of the DDMI, but his leadership will be missed. All of those involved with the DDMI give him our thanks for what he had done, and send our very best wishes as he presses ahead with his ESRC-funded research on trust-building in nuclear worlds.

Ken Booth, Director, DDMI

2011 Annual DDMI Lecture

Robert Jervis, Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of
International Politics, Columbia University

"Force and World Politics in Our Era"

5 May 2011, 6pm

Old Hall Lecture Theatre in the Old College
Aberystwyth University



Professor Robert Jervis

DDMI at Work on Climate Change

The DDMI is involved in research on climate change. This is an increasingly important area of environmental politics with pressing significance for the state of the world, including issues of international security, trust, justice, the special responsibilities of industrialized states, global health, development, and a great deal else.

The DDMI hosted a symposium on climate change and international politics in the autumn of 2009, and is participating in the Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W), a multi-university initiative. The DDMI has received money from the C3W to hire an assistant to develop funding for climate change research within the Department of International Politics.

Deputy Director Dr Grant Dawson is working with DDMI Climate Change Research Intern Gareth Price-Thomas on a paper on Canadian foreign policy, the Arctic, and climate change. Price-Thomas has prepared a climate change research bibliography available on the DDMI's website. The vast bibliography contains over 350 entries, and is searchable by author last name and by topic. Access to the bibliography is available on the DDMI website.

The *International Relations* Journal - International Recognition

International Relations has long maintained a reputation for publishing outstanding research in the field. The editorial policy is explicitly pluralist, favouring variety both in subject-matter and method, at a time when academic journals are becoming more specialized in scope and sectarian in approach.



In recent issues, the Journal has published articles on the consolidation of a norm against climate change (Denise Garcia), Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme (Michael Tkacik), democratisation and USAID (Matthew Alan Hill), the past and future of war (Richard Ned Lebow), perceptions of Russia (Sebastian Kaempff), China's energy security policy (Øystein Tunsjø), and a double special-issue on the work of Kenneth Waltz.

In the past year the Journal was accepted into the ISI Journal Citation Reports, an indication of its influence and standing as a 'top journal' within the field. *International Relations* is being indexed, starting with the 2008 issues. The impact factor and ranking will be announced in 2011.

The Journal has strong historical links to the DDMI, and today the Editor Professor Ken Booth and Editorial Assistant Dr Grant Dawson are Director and Deputy Director of the DDMI, respectively. Professor Booth works with three Associate Editors: Professor Michael Foley and Drs William Bain and Milja Kurki.

DDMI Moving Forward with R2P Research

The Institute is engaged in research on Responsibility to Protect. Nicholas J. Wheeler and Tim Dunne (Research Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for R2P at the University of Queensland) are working on a chapter for an edited collection to be published by Routledge in 2011. Dr Dawson has written a paper on R2P that he will present at the International Studies Association meeting in Montreal in 2011.

London Workshop Report

The project on The Challenges to Trust-building in Nuclear Worlds, led by Professor Wheeler has published its Report from the Practitioners' Workshop held in the House of Commons in February 2010. Ahead of the May 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the participants examined the future of international nuclear arms control and non-proliferation with specific focus on the role of and potential for trust-building. The meeting brought together a group of 35 UK government officials, NGO representatives, and academics from around the world. The MP for Ceredigion Mark Williams (LibDem) welcomed participants and reminded them that the 'the project continues in the long tradition of scholarship that has been conducted in our region since 1919, when Lord Davies established the world's first department of international politics in Aberystwyth.' The report outlines the discussions in the four session devoted to the impact of international organizations on trust and verification, the nuclear stalemate with Iran, the relations among nuclear weapons states, and the outlook and the future of the NPT. The Report can be accessed on the project's website: http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/research_trust_building.html.

RUSI article

The April/May 2010 issue of the *Royal United Services Institute Journal* published an article by Jan Ruzicka and Nicholas J. Wheeler. The article explores various policy steps needed to maintain the nuclear non-proliferation regime. The article builds on discussions and insights from the Practitioners' Workshop held in the House of Commons (described above).

Posing the question 'What does it take to maintain the nuclear non-proliferation regime?' Ruzicka and Wheeler examine the role of trust and trustworthiness in such a regime. The authors present an argument that the non-proliferation regime depends on decisions to trust, which, in turn, allow states to gauge each other's trustworthiness. This proposition is then applied to three policy areas: the nuclear standoff with Iran, the New START agreement between the United States and Russia, and the recent debate within NATO over the future of tactical nuclear warheads in Europe. All three issues highlight the importance of interest-based bargaining in multilateral, bilateral, and alliance settings. However, positive outcomes in these areas depend on the development and maintenance of trusting relationships among states.

Zurich conference

Wheeler and Ruzicka participated in a major international conference on nuclear proliferation in Zurich in June 2010. The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, one of the leading academic institutions in the world, organized a three-day conference entitled 'Uncovering the Sources of Nuclear Behaviour: Historical Dimensions of Nuclear Proliferation'. The conference brought together a distinguished group of scholars from all over the world. Sessions focused on both global and regional dynamics of nuclear proliferation and attempts to curb it.

In the first session, dedicated to theoretical overviews of the state of the field, Wheeler delivered a talk on the lessons for nuclear non-proliferation from theories of trust-building. The paper drew on the research conducted as part of the project on The Challenges to Trust-building in Nuclear Worlds. It paid particular attention to rapprochement between potential nuclear rivals Argentina and Brazil in the 1970s and 1980s. Following the conference Wheeler and Ruzicka took part in the annual meeting of the Parallel History Project, in which the DDMI is one of the core institutions. The meeting planned the Project's research activities in the next two years.

Networking symposium

In September 2010 the project on The Challenges to Trust-building in Nuclear Worlds hosted the first 'Trust-building and the Nuclear Future' networking symposium. The symposium aimed to bring together early career researchers, established academics and practitioners working in the fields of trust research and/or nuclear politics. The meeting provided a forum for interaction between all three groups with a particular view to facilitating professional links for the early career researchers.

The participants agreed that the symposium more than achieved these goals. Guido Moellering of the Max Planck Institute Cologne delivered an outstanding opening presentation on 'How to study trust'. Presentations from early researchers constituted the next two panels. Impressive talks were given on the Argentine-Brazil nuclear rapprochement, British-Iranian relations, the Middle East nuclear weapons free zone, disarmament and the NPT. The final session brought together reflections on nuclear futures from a panel consisting of Andrew Barlow from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ken Booth of Aberystwyth University, and William Walker of University of St. Andrews. Another prominent guest, Patricia Lewis of the Monterey Institute of International Affairs, chaired the panel.

2010 Annual DDMI Lecturer - the Rt. Hon. Des Browne

The Rt. Hon. Des Browne, the former Labour Defence Secretary, spoke to a packed house in the Main Hall of the International Politics Building on 28 April 2010. This was the 40th in a distinguished series of Annual Lecturers begun in 1954.

Browne spoke on the need for political leadership to achieve a nuclear weapon-free world. He said that the danger from these weapons is increasing, and politicians must pursue disarmament with more vigour. The lecture will be published in *International Relations* (vol. 24.4, December 2010). A vidcast can be watched on the DDMI website, via www.aber.ac.uk/interpol.

Browne was interviewed by the *Western Mail*. The resulting article, 'Leadership important in fight to ban N-weapons,' may still be available on-line.

Workshop Explores Trust, Empathy, and Dialogue

The two-day workshop, organized by Dr Naomi Head and hosted by the DDMI and the Department of International Politics, brought together leading scholars and conflict resolution practitioners to address the role that trust, empathy, and dialogue play in transforming relationships in international politics which are dominated by distrust, violence and coercion. The speakers included Professor Lynne Cameron (Open University), Dr Gabrielle Lynch (Leeds), Paul Ingram (BASIC), Dr Roxane Farmanfarmaian (Cambridge), Professor Karin Fierke (St Andrews) and Samuel Passow (Kent).

Participants discussed the concepts of trust, empathy, and dialogue; the role of empathy in conflict and post-conflict reconciliation; the relationship between perceptions of justice and trust, and dialogue and empathy; the challenges to trust building both within and between states drawing on different empirical examples, and discursive practices which shape and construct conflict and its transformation. Outputs from the workshop will be featured on the DDMI's website and *Open Democracy*'s online 'War to Peace' dialogue.

The organizers acknowledge the financial support provided by the ESRC, Aberystwyth University's Commercialisation and Consultancy Services and the University Research Fund.

Workshop on Great Power 'Special Responsibility' for Order

The Department of International Politics hosted a three-day workshop entitled "Special Responsibilities: the US and Global Change" from 19-21 July 2010, as part of DDMI Associate Ian Clark's ESRC Fellowship on legitimacy and hegemony.

This event brought together a group of eminent academics from as far a field as Australia and the United States, as well as welcoming PhD students and staff from the Department. The resulting discussion was enormously beneficial to the project as a whole and in particular in terms of providing valuable feedback for an upcoming co-authored book on the subject.

Flemish Peace Institute and 'Options for Peace' Events

The DDMI was pleased to host Nelly Maes, President of the Flemish Peace Institute on 24 February 2010. She gave a lecture entitled "A New Internationalism: Flemish and Welsh Contributions," and also discussed ideas for developing a similar institute in Wales. On 4 June 2010, the DDMI hosted a round-table organised by the Welsh Nationalism Foundation on behalf of the Centrum Maurits Coppieters - a European political foundation - for their research project 'Options for Peace.' The round-table touched on the foreign and defence policies of EU states and potential new states emerging through the internal enlargement of the EU. Speakers included Jill Evans, an MEP for Wales representing Plaid Cymru.

The DDMI and WCIA: A Common Path

The DDMI and Welsh Centre for International Affairs in Cardiff (WCIA) have been working together. Deputy Director Dr Grant Dawson is filling the Director of the DDMI's place on the WCIA board, and is serving on the WCIA's strategic planning committee.

The DDMI and WCIA are also considering a joint project on the contribution of Lord Davies as a Welsh internationalist. The project might include an edited collection from the Lord Davies papers held at the WCIA, educational material for Welsh schools, and a scholarly article led by Dawson involving researchers in Cardiff and Aberystwyth.

The WCIA fosters education, dialogue and engagement on international affairs within Wales. The Temple of Peace and Health in Cardiff, founded by Lord Davies in 1938, is home to the WCIA.

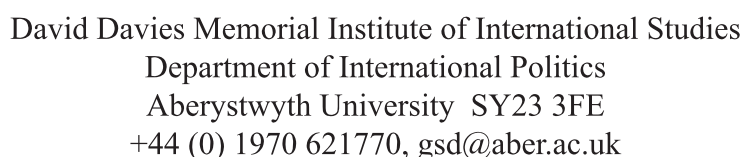
DDMI Archives Revitalization

With the recent move of the DDMI Archives within the International Politics Building, work has been done by Christina Bismark to re-organize the existing books and papers. The DDMI has a small but interesting collection of books, together with records going back to the DDMI's origins. Plans are being discussed for expanding the material in the Archives and also making it available for teaching and research.

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Staff Profile: Research Assistant and Webmaster Vincent Keating

A native of Halifax, Canada, he graduated with a degree in Economics from Dalhousie

A portrait of a man with light brown hair, a beard, and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a dark shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing some greenery.[illegible]

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/interpol/en/research/DDMI/DavidDavies.htm>