

# PolSoc Welcome Session

## **Course directors:**

- Rachel Lewis (Sociology)
- Julia Welland (PAIS)

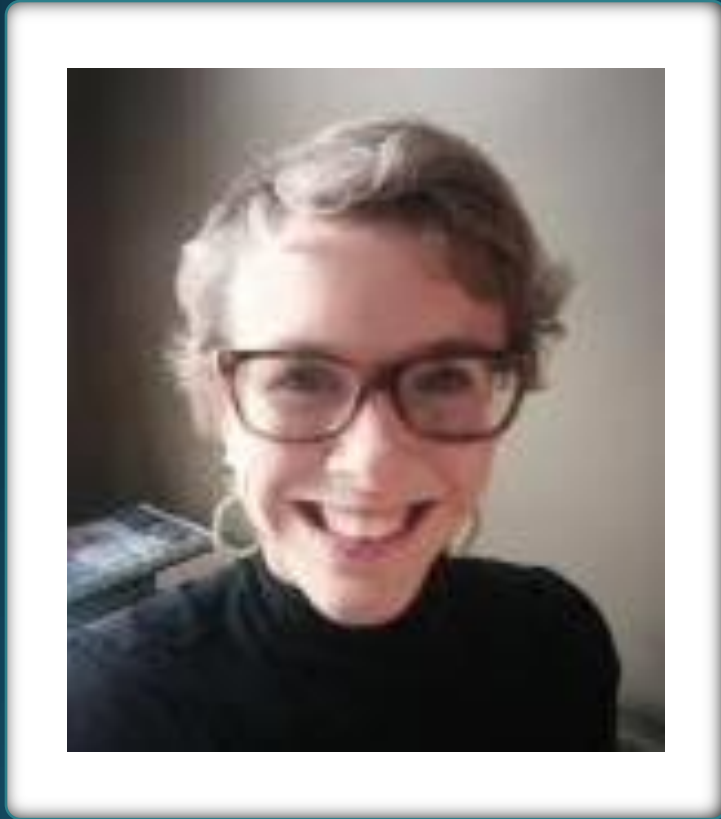
## **Student ambassadors:**

- Maisie Norris (final year)
- Mehru Nisa Shahid (final year)
- Harriet Howes (final year)

## **Outline of session:**

- Your course directors
- Course structure
- Study abroad
- Student-Staff Liaison Committees (SSLCs)
- Events/socials/societies
- Reflections from our student ambassadors
- Questions

# Your course directors



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- Associate Professor of War Studies

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# Your course directors



## Dr Rachel Lewis (Sociology)

- Teaching Fellow

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# Practical information



[The PAIS Undergraduate Handbook](#) contains all administrative information relating to your course



Please read it carefully to familiarise yourself with departmental procedures and refer to it in the first instance for any questions or queries

# Course structure – year 1

## Term 1

- Introduction to Politics (PO107, 30 CATS)
- World Politics (PO131, 30 CATS)
- Introduction to Social Analytics in Social Inequalities Research (SO130, 15 CATS)
- History of Sociological Thought (SO128, 15 CATS), OR Sociology of Gender (SO116, 15 CATS)

## Term 2

- Introduction to Politics (PO107, 30 CATS)
- World Politics (PO131, 30 CATS)
- Researching Society and Culture (SO120, 15 CATS)
- Sociology of Race (SO122, 15 CATS), OR Class and Capitalism in a Neoliberal World (SO126, 15 CATS)

# Course structures – years 2&3

## Year 2

- Political Theory From Hobbes (PO201, 30 CATS)
- Designing and Conducting Social Research (SO242, 15 CATS)
- Practice and Interpretation of Quantitative Research (SO243, 15 CATS), **OR** Modern Social Theory (SO245)
- Choices worth 60 CATS

## Year 3

Choices worth 120 CATS:

- At least 30 CATS from each department
- 30 CATS of outside options possible

# Year abroad

- Students can choose to apply for an intercalated year abroad through the Sociology department: You can apply to study at one of our partner universities or set up an approved work placement.
- Partner countries have included: Canada; France; Sweden; Australia; China; Hong Kong; Singapore; South Korea (and more!)



## Student-Staff Liasion Committees (SSLCs)

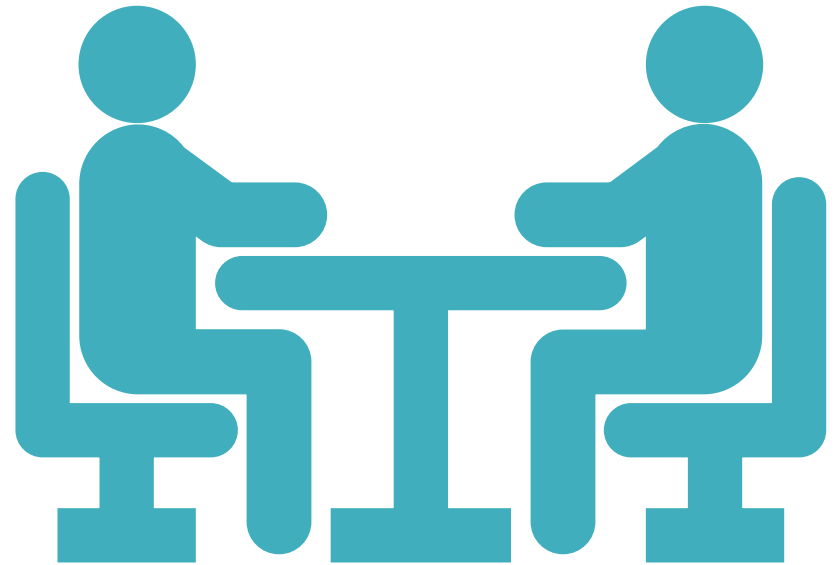
“SSLCs are committees made up of student representatives (course reps) and members of academic staff (e.g. academic convenors) They provide an accessible arena for students to discuss with staff issues connected to teaching, learning and student support. They also provide an opportunity for the department to receive feedback from students, particularly if changes to a course are proposed.”

(PAIS UG Handbook)



# SSLC meetings

- Two academics (course directors); two student reps from each year (six in total)
- Five meetings per year: x2 in terms 1&2; x1 in term 3
- A word on SSLC membership from one of our student ambassadors



# SSLC elections



Please put  
yourself forward



Nominations  
close 6<sup>th</sup> October  
(end of week 1)



Voting opens  
9am Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
October; closes  
midday Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> October  
(week 2)



Results and  
compulsory rep  
training for  
elected reps in  
week 3



First meeting in  
week 4/5

# Events/socials/societies

- Events and socials organised by the SSLC so come on board!
- PolSoc (Politics Society) and SolSoc (Sociology Society)



Final reflections from our student  
ambassadors



Any questions?