



## Editorial

Dear Readers,

A warm welcome to the second issue of *Hydra*, the postgraduate journal for the School of Social and Political Science.

*Hydra*'s mission is to strengthen dialogue in SSPS by drawing attention to the excellent postgraduate work going on in the School. The articles in this second issue address a variety of topics, but they do so in a way that is accessible and engaging for a non-specialist audience.

Jacque Clinton begins the issue by examining how historical institutionalism and path dependency have influenced the development of healthcare policy in the UK and US. Nida Sattar follows this with a deconstruction of the complexities of citizenship, focusing on the multilayered situation faced by the “rejected Biharis” of South Asia.

The final four articles all engage with issues around international aid and development; Katharine Heus critiques the construction of evidence of aid effectiveness in global health interventions, while Megan Wanless examines the World Bank's approach to dealing with corruption. Katherine Allen interrogates the M-PESA money transfer initiative in Kenya, and Serena Suen rounds off this issue of *Hydra* by questioning accepted wisdom about the role of women's education in global development initiatives.

*Hydra* is a student publication; we could not have produced this issue without the hard work of authors, aided by thoughtful comments from student reviewers. We are grateful to both groups for investing their time and intellect into *Hydra*. Many thanks as well to Richard Freeman, Head of the Graduate School, who has been a staunch supporter of *Hydra* from the beginning. Angela Laurins, Library Services Manager, has provided us with crucial guidance during the process of making *Hydra* a sustainable journal. We hope that *Hydra*, like its namesake, will endure and regenerate for years to come.

With our very best wishes,



*The Hydra editorial team*