

## CREES Professor Julian Cooper receives OBE in New Year's Honours list

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CREES has great pleasure in announcing that [Professor Julian Cooper \(/staff/profiles/government-society/cooper-julian.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/government-society/cooper-julian.aspx), Professor of Russian Economic Studies, has been honoured with an OBE for services to Soviet and Russian economic studies in the New Year's Honours list. The honour was under the diplomatic list of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. After joining CREES in 1968 as a graduate student, Julian became a prominent figure in the research, teaching and administrative activities of the Centre. During this time, he won a number of high profile research grants, authored over 130 publications, led CREES as Director for over a decade, acted as an inspirational teacher to hundreds of undergraduate students of the Soviet and Russian economy, and provided expert guidance to a series of successful PhD students.

In addition to his services to academia, **Julian has made an extensive and unstinting contribution to the work of the policy community in the area of Russian economic studies**, providing advice to the British FCO, successive British governments, US governmental agencies, as well as international organizations such as NATO, the EU Commission, OECD and SIPRI, for which he has been principal consultant and regular author on Russian military economic matters for many years.

**Julian continues to play a prominent role in shaping British opinion on Russia** through his role as Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House. Although he formally retired last autumn, Julian will be continue working at CREES on a part-time basis until late 2013.

**Speaking on his richly deserved award, Professor Cooper said that** "I accepted the honour from the FCO with pleasure as I have enjoyed excellent working relations with them over many years, especially with their splendid, small, team of researchers concerned with Russia and the ex-USSR, two of the members of which are CREES alumni."

"However, following the same honour last year for Professor Philip Hanson, I regard it as an honour for CREES as a whole, for its high quality research-based policy engagement over many years. Provided CREES continues to enjoy support from the University - in terms of number of staff, unfortunately, we are at present the smallest we have been since the 1960s - I have no doubt that it will not be the last honour of its kind."

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