

## Undergraduate Conference

This conference is designed for, and organised and run by Undergraduate students from Government and Society. From choosing the speakers and organising the panels to designing the marketing and promotion strategy, this is a conference by students and for students, supported and guided by G&S staff. It provides an opportunity to build your CV by getting involved with organisation, or gaining experience of presenting papers and chairing sessions in an academic setting.

### POLSIS Student Conference

The POLSIS student conference is open to undergraduate and taught postgraduate students (from POLSIS, IDD and INLOGOV) interested in multi and inter-disciplinary fields related to social sciences. It is an opportunity to celebrate and promote students' achievements here at the University of Birmingham.

It is designed to provide an opportunity for students from all departments and courses to present their own papers alongside academics on the following themes: International Politics, Economics, Sociology, Interactive Media, Culture and Society, Education, Perspectives on Gender, Local Government, Crisis and Austerity, International Development, Social Inequalities and The Environment.

This conference will give you a chance to give a presentation to a group of academics and peers. An expert panel will be asking questions, generating discussion and judging the various presentations. In addition, there are going to be prizes of £100 for the best three speakers!

### Student Testimonials

"Presenting at the last year's POLSIS Student Conference was a truly thrilling experience! It was a great opportunity to present my ideas in a professional format, to test my public-speaking skills, to feel like a real academic.

I was also awarded the Best Presentation Prize – a great honour, a valuable addition to my CV, and frankly quite a significant contribution to my summer holiday budget. With no hesitation, I recommend the Conference to each and every one of you!"

*Konrad Jagodziński – 3rd year International Relations with Political Science student*

### Further information

For further information about the conference, please visit the following pages:

- Website/blog: <http://polsisconference.co.uk/> (<http://polsisconference.co.uk/>)
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/polsis.student.conference> (<https://www.facebook.com/polsis.student.conference>)
- Twitter account: [https://twitter.com/POLSIS\\_Conf](https://twitter.com/POLSIS_Conf) ([https://twitter.com/POLSIS\\_Conf](https://twitter.com/POLSIS_Conf))
- Youtube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/POLSISconference?feature=watch> (<http://www.youtube.com/user/POLSISconference?feature=watch>)

### Previous events

**[Victims vs Villains: The 3rd Annual Student Conference \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2013/10/victims-vs-villains-3rd-annual-student-conference.aspx\)](#)**, June 2013

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Government and Society/POLSIS Conference, Victims vs. Villains, was held in June 2013 and, once again, the event was a great success thanks to all the students, staff and outside speakers who got involved.

**[Cosmopolitan Dimensions. 2nd Annual Student Conference, June 2012](#)**

By disseminating original, normative and empirical research on topics which assess the dimensions of contemporary cosmopolitanism, students are given the means to build their confidence, expand their network, actively bring their own contribution to the study of their chosen topic, discuss and evaluate ideas in order to make a step closer to a higher level of personal and professional development in an academic environment.

**['Global Societies' 1st Annual Student Conference \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2011/06/global-societies.aspx\)](#)**, June 2011

This is the first annual conference organized by the POLSIS department and is dedicated entirely to students. This year, the conference offers both undergraduates and taught postgraduates a fantastic opportunity to debate contemporary themes that permeate the dynamics of "global societies".