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Qualifications

PhD, International Relations (London School of Economics)

MA (Hons), first class, Philosophy and Politics (Glasgow)

Biography

Dr Quinn joined the POLSIS Department as a Lecturer in January 2009, having previously worked as a Lecturer the University of Leicester. He obtained his doctorate at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2008. He became Senior Lecturer in International Politics in 2013.

His primary area of interest is American grand strategy, especially the relationship between America's relative power in the international system and its internal ideological debates over foreign policy. He is also interested in International Relations theory, especially realist approaches. His first book, *US Foreign Policy in Context: National Ideology from the Founders to the Bush Doctrine* (2010), sought to locate the National Security Strategy of the George W. Bush administration within the long-term context of American thinking about international order.

Dr Quinn is currently the leader of an ESRC Seminar Series on 'The Future of American Power', which will take place during 2013-14. This is in collaboration with the LSE, Chatham House, University of Warwick and City University, London. He was convenor of the US foreign policy group of the British International Studies Association (BISA) 2008-12, and convened the US foreign policy section of the general conference of the European Consortium on Political Research (ECPR) in 2009 and 2011. He served as a trustee and executive committee member of BISA in 2010 and 2011. He was founding editor of the BISA magazine, *International Studies Today*, and of its USFP working group counterpart, *Argentia*, He is a Fellow of the Transatlantic Programme at the LSE IDEAS research centre. He is an alumnus of the US-UK Fulbright programme's Summer Institute hosted by New York University, which he attended in July-August 2009. He attended the US-UK Strategic Dialogue, co-convened by Chatham House and the Council on Foreign Relations in 2012 and 2013

Teaching

I am convenor of the following modules:

- POLS 310 – US Foreign and Security Policy
- POLS G23 – US Foreign and Defence Policy (graduate level)

Postgraduate supervision

Dr Quinn welcomes enquiries from those wishing to undertake doctoral research in the following areas:

- United States foreign policy
- United States politics
- International Relations theory
- Case-study based theory-building

Those with a serious interest in pursuing PhD-level research are welcome to consult me directly by email. It would be helpfulif you include as detailed a research proposal as possible with your message. For guidance on what a good research propoposal should contain, please see the departmental guidelines available here.

Dr Quinn has previously supervised three Doctoral Researchers to successful completion:

- **Andrew Futter (http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/politics/people/afutter)** (2011), 'The evolution of the US ballistic missile defence debate, 1989-2010'.
- **Mark McClelland (http://maplecroft.com/portfolio/new-analysis/2013/12/03/maplecrofts-dr-mark-mcclelland-speak-lse-us-shale-boom-and-future-american-power/)** (2012), 'The unbridling of virtue: neoconservatism between the Cold War and the Iraq War.
- **Jonna Nyman (http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/politics/people/dr-jonna-nyman)** (2014), 'Energy and security: discourse and practice in the US and China'

He is currently the primary supervisor co-superviser for:

- **Andris Banka (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/doctoral-researchers/profiles/banka-andris.aspx)**, 2nd year, 'Drone warfare and the erosion of the norm against targeted assassination'

Research

Research and academic interests

- United States foreign policy
- International security
- American history
- International Relations theory

Current and recent projects

My current research focuses on debates surrounding American power and world order, and the consequences of American relative decline. i

Other activities

Administrative responsibilities

School of Government & Society Director of Doctoral Research

Leader of the School delegation to the Harvard National Model United Nations conference.

Host of the Politics @ Birmingham podcast series.

Social media presence

Blog: **www.beingrealistic.com (http://www.beingrealistic.com)**

Facebook feed: **Adam Quinn (https://www.facebook.com/adam.quinn.161)**

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Views expressed through social media are my own and not those of my employer.

Publications

- **Book**

Quinn, A. (2010) *US Foreign Policy in Context: National Ideology from the Founders to the Bush Doctrine*, (London and New York: Routledge)

- **Journal articles**

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Quinn, A. and Cox, M. (2007) 'For Better, For Worse: How America's Foreign Policy became Wedded to Liberal Universalism', *Global Society*, 21(4), pp.499-519

- **Book chapters**

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Quinn, A. (2009) 'Admiration Reborn: The British View of the US Presidential Election', in M. Maass, ed. *The World Views of the US Presidential Election*, London: Macmillan

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Quinn, A. and Cox, M. (2008) Hard Times for Soft Power: America and the Atlantic Community. In D. Held and H. L. Moore, eds. *Cultural Politics in a Global Age:*

Uncertainty, Solidarity, and Innovation, David Held and Henrietta L. Moore, (eds), Oxford: Oneworld. Ch.21

Expertise

- United States foreign policy
- American politics

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Media experience

I write regularly for the commentary website **The Conversation (http://theconversation.com/uk)**

I have appeared as an expert commentator on Al Jazeera English's *Inside Story*

I have occasionally provided quotations for articles in the mainstream press, including *The Telegraph*

Expertise

United States foreign policy; US politics; US history.

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