

# Catherine Hirst

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## EDUCATION

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- 2018 –**            **MPhil/PhD in International Relations**  
*London School of Economics and Political Science*  
Dissertation: Revolution and International Order
- 2012 – 2013**      **MSc in International Relations, with Distinction**  
*London School of Economics and Political Science*  
Dissertation: The Politics of Shi'ia Transnationalism
- 2007 – 2011**      **Bachelor of International Studies (Honours) - Class I**  
*University of Sydney*  
Majors: Government and International Relations, Political Economy  
Dissertation: The Politics of Shari'a Reform: a framework for the reconciliation of Islamic law and gender rights in Malaysia
- 2009**              **International Exchange Programme, University of Copenhagen**  
*Centre for African Studies*

## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

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- 2019 –**            **Norwegian Institute of International Affairs**  
*International Security PhD Fellowship*  
Research Group: Global Order and Diplomacy
- 2018 –**            **University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**  
*Researcher – Mass Migration Governance in Europe and the Middle East*  
Responsibilities: writing immigration policy reports; conducting interviews with refugees and stakeholders; production of a documentary on refugee experiences; organising stakeholder networks with relevant actors.
- 2016 – 2017**      **Department of Premier and Cabinet, New South Wales Government**  
*Policy Officer and A/ Senior Policy Officer, Economic Policy Group*  
Responsibilities: analysis and refinement of new policy options; providing rigorous advice on Cabinet submissions and liaising effectively with NSW and Commonwealth agencies on policy proposals.
- 2016**              **Lowy Institute for International Policy**  
*West Asia Program*  
Responsibilities: research for a joint paper on the security threat posed by foreign fighters returning from Iraq and Syria; organisation of, and participation in, roundtables with key Middle East experts; editing journal articles; blog writing
- 2014 – 2015**      **Policy Cures**  
*Analyst*  
Responsibilities: Data collection, collation, and analysis for the purposes of developing evidence-based global health policy recommendations

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2016**            **Australian National University, National Security College**  
*Casual Sessional Academic*  
Sectarianism and Religiously Motivated Violence (graduate course)
- 2012**            **University of Sydney, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**  
*Casual Sessional Academic*  
Southeast Asia: Dilemmas of Development (undergraduate course)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2018**            Biennial Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)  
Standing Group on the European Union, Sciences Po, Paris, 13-15 June 2018, *UK Migration Governance: Keeping Calm and Carrying on in Response to the 'Refugee Crisis'*, Catherine Hirst and Naures Atto.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Policy papers**    Hirst, C and Atto, N. (2018). "United Kingdom - Country Report: Legal and Policy Framework of Migration Governance", *Global Migration: Consequences and Responses - RESPOND Working Paper Series*, 2018/12
- Moran, M, Guzman, J, Chapman, N, Abela-Oversteegen, L, Whittall, C, Howard, R, Farrell P, Halliday, D, Hirst, C (2014). *Neglected disease research and development: Emerging trends*, Sydney: Policy Cures
- Moran, M, Guzman, J, Chapman, N, Abela-Oversteegen, L, Whittall, C, Howard, R, Farrell P, Halliday, D, Hirst, C (2014). *Reproductive health: R&D for the developing world*, Sydney: Policy Cures
- Book chapters**    Osman, R and Hirst, C (2013). "Sisters in Islam: Engendering Islamic Law Reform in Malaysia", in Lily Zubaidah Rahim (ed.) *Muslim Secular Democracy*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.191-210
- Online**            Hirst, C and Atto, N (2018). "The UK's ailing asylum seeker dispersal policy: Where to from here?", *Responders*, Uppsala Universitet
- Hirst, C (2016). "The Taliban three years after Mullah Omar", *The Interpreter*, Lowy Institute
- Hirst, C (2016). "To betray one's cause or one's friends? The dilemmas facing ISIS and Jabhat al-Nusra", *The Interpreter*, Lowy Institute

## LANGUAGES

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- 2017**            **Saifi Institute for Arabic Language, Beirut**  
*Certificate of Arabic Language Proficiency – Lebanese Arabic, A+*
- 2012 – 2013**    **London School of Economics and Political Science Language Centre**  
*Certificate of Proficiency in Arabic: Level One (Standard), with Distinction*

VOLUNTEER WORK

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**Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign**

*Newsletter Editor, Public Relations Team*

2017 –

**Amnesty International NSW Women's Rights Network**

2015 – 2017

**Spirited Voices from the Muslim World: Islam, Democracy & Gender Rights**

*Conference Organiser*

2011