

## PROGRAMME CONVENOR BACKGROUND



Professor Lisle's research interests are interdisciplinary and draw mainly from International Relations, Critical Security Issues, Visual Culture, Mobility Studies, Materialism, post-Humanism, Social and Political Theory and Media and Cultural Studies. Her work explores the relevance of cultural and visual artefacts (e.g. contemporary travel writing, museum exhibits, photographs, art, war films) to world politics and argues that the cultural realm tells as much about International Relations as the official documents usually privileged in the context.

"This MA prepares students to critically examine how pressing security issues are increasingly being felt at border sites around the world. The course explores how issues such as migration, security, human rights and sovereignty converge at key border sites, while engaging with these issues first hand on an internship".

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## MA GLOBAL SECURITY AND BORDERS

## GLOBAL CHALLENGES: CONFLICTS AND COOPERATION IN CONTEXT

# MA GLOBAL SECURITY AND BORDERS

Borders have become a key site and central concern of global security practices, from the Mexican-United States border to the Mediterranean ports of the European Union. The many facets of borders – as containers of identity, sites of power, laboratories for technology and thresholds of violence – will be introduced and critically analysed on this programme. Key modules will help students

navigate this complex terrain by providing a firm grounding in critical security studies and critical border studies. Students will have the chance to apply their academic insights within a work-based environment with borders/security professionals through the Borders Internship module.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme has three different components: Core modules, an Elective module, and a dissertation.

**Core Modules:** offer foundational knowledge and understanding in Global Security and Borders, practical experience and active learning within a work-based situation, as well as teaching the key skills regarding how to design a research project.

*These compulsory modules include:*

- Approaches to Research Design
- Borders Internship (double-weighted – 40 CATS)
- Contemporary Security
- Global Security and Borders

**Elective Modules:** offer the chance to specialise in a particular area of interest, build on foundational knowledge, and develop focused expertise.

*One module is to be chosen from a range including:*

- Carbon Literacy for a Low Carbon Society and Economy
- Conflict Intervention
- Ethnic Conflict and Consensus: The Power of Institutions
- Gender, Politics and Democracy
- Global Terrorism
- Institutions and Politics of the EU
- International Political Economy
- Philosophy of Conflict and War
- The Politics of the Republic of Ireland

Note that this is not an exclusive list and these options are subject to staff availability.

**Dissertation:** to develop a particular area of specialism, facilitate independent learning and instil a variety of skills, students will also write a dissertation of no more than 15,000 words.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- A unique opportunity, not offered anywhere else in the UK or Ireland, to study the crucial interaction of global security practices and borders as sites of power, identity and politics. The chance to apply theoretical insights in the real world through the Borders Internship module where you will also learn key transferrable employability skills.
  - Research-led teaching by world leading experts who have been awarded grants by UK and EU funding bodies to undertake research on the interaction of borders and security. The School's active research environment, includes internationally renowned guest speakers, staff seminars and reading groups.
  - This programme has the particular benefit of an Internship module where students will learn to manage their time and acquire transferrable skills in a work-based environment. Potential careers emerging from this degree include: local, region and national government, policy analysis, border agencies, customs and excise, and research for interest and advocacy NGOs.
- Please Note:** the closing date for applications to this programme is Wednesday 31st May, 2018 at 4pm. Applications received after the closing date will be regarded as LATE and will be considered only if vacancies exist when all applications received by the closing date have been processed.

