

# Dr Una McGahern

## CURRENT POSITION

- 2018 - Senior Lecturer in Politics, Newcastle University  
2013 – 2018 Lecturer in Politics, Newcastle University

## Previous Positions Held

- 2011 – 2013 Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow (Durham/Newcastle University)  
2010 – 2011 Teaching Associate in Middle East Politics (Newcastle Politics)

## EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2015 Higher Education Authority (Full Fellow)  
2006 – 2010 DPhil in Gov. & Intl. Affairs (School of Gov. & Intl. Affairs, Durham University)  
2005 – 2006 MA in Research Methods (School of Gov. & Intl. Affairs, Durham University)  
2001 – 2002 Independent Graduate Studies (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)  
1997 – 2001 BA in Applied Languages & Intercultural Studies (Dublin City University, Ireland)

## MEMBERSHIPS

- British International Studies Association, European International Studies Association, Council for British Research in the Levant

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISCIPLINE

### Conference and Workshop Organisation

- 2018: Co-Convenor (with Vivienne Matthies-Boon) of Section on 'Political Violence, Trauma and Space,' British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) annual conference, King's College London.
- 2017: Co-Convenor (with Kyle Grayson) of Section on 'Dislocating Geo-Power: New Approaches to Space, Culture and Violence in World Politics,' European International Studies Association (EISA) annual conference, Universita Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.
- 2012: Convenor of Workshop on 'Policing Protest in the Middle East', Durham University.

### Editorial Positions

- Associate Editor, *Mobilities* (2023-present)
- Associate Editor, *Politics* (2017-18)

### Specialist Reviewer

1 text-book (Polity Press), 3 monographs (SUNY Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge) and over 40 research papers published in 10 major journals, including: the *Journal of Politics*, *International Political Sociology*, *Security Dialogue*, *Political Geography*, *Mobilities*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *The Professional Geographer*, *Cultural Geographies*, *The Middle East Journal*, and *Journal of Mediterranean Politics*.

### Funding Evaluator

- 2016-2017: British Council Newton Fund

### PhD Examiner

- External: Ulster University (2017)
- Internal: Newcastle University (2016, 2018, 2019)

## SERVICE HISTORY

- Director of Undergraduate Studies in Politics (2020-2022)

- Degree Programme Director for 5 UG degree programmes in Politics: L200, L250, L290, L241, and LL21 (2016-2021)
- Contributor to various Curriculum Review and Development working groups over the year, including the organisation of a *Student Focus Group on Decolonising the Curriculum in Politics* (2022)
- Co-Founder and Organiser of the Ethnographic Methods Reading Group at the School of Geography, Politics & Sociology (2017-present)
- Founder of the Politics Teaching Circle at Newcastle University (established 2017)
- Member of Recruitment Panels for 7 T&R, 1 P&S, 10 TF/TA, and 1 HoD posts at Newcastle

## **TEACHING**

- POL2012 Introduction to Middle East Politics (UG Stage 2, 100 students)
- POL3099 Power, Security and Protest in the Middle East (UG Stage 3, 60 students)

## **Teaching Awards**

- Nomination to Newcastle University Student Union (NUSU) Award in the category of ‘Taught Supervisor of the Year’ (2021)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

McGahern, U. (2011) *Palestinian Christians in Israel: State Attitudes Towards Non-Muslims in a Jewish State*. Routledge – Durham Modern Middle East and Islamic World Series.

### **Journal Articles**

McGahern, U. (2023) ‘Cross-Border Student Mobilities: Mobility Capital and the Capital Accumulation Strategies of Palestinian Citizens of Israel’, *Mobilities*, epub ahead of print.

McGahern, U. (2019). ‘The Struggle to be Seen and Heard in Palestine’, *Geopolitics* 25(1): 267-271.

McGahern, U. (2019). ‘Making Space on the Run: Exercising the Right to Move in Jerusalem’, *Mobilities* 14(6): 890-905.

McGahern, U. (2017) ‘Protesting at the Crossroads: Framing ‘In-Between Places; in Spatial Analyses of Contention’, *Political Geography*, 59: 92-102.

McGahern, U. (2016) ‘“They Go to Get a Gun”: Hidden Histories of Violence and the Politics of Rumour in Israel’, *Security Dialogue*, 47 (6): 481-497.

McGahern, U. (2016) ‘Spatial Regimes of Power: Combined Municipal Policing in the Arab City of Nazareth’, *International Political Sociology*, 10 (3): 206-222.

McGahern, U. (2011) ‘The Limits of Dissent: Palestinian Media in a Jewish Ethnocracy.’ *Journal of Arab and Muslim Media Research*, 4 (1): 79-93.

McGahern, U. (2010) ‘Multicultural Norms and Strategies: Minority Policy in an Ethnocratic State.’ *Mediterranean Politics*, 15 (3): 415-433 (Journal IF of 1.979).

### **In preparation:**

‘Building a Border-City University in Palestine: Developing a Cross-Border Resistance Economy in Practice’ (with D. Iriqat, AAUP)

‘Resilience under Siege: A Border City University in Palestine’

## **FUNDING**

- Sept. 2011 – August 2013: ‘Protest-Policing in Israel’, post-doctoral research fellowship funded by Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship Scheme
- Oct. 2006 – Sept. 2009: ‘State Attitudes towards Palestinian Christians in Israel’, doctoral research project, part-funded by the Sir Peter Ustinov Prejudice Scholarship Fund
- Sept.-Oct. 2006, Palestinian Christian networks in the Galilee, travel grant funded by the Council for British Research in the Levant Travel Award

- Oct. 2005 – Sept. 2009: 'State Attitudes towards Palestinian Christians in Israel', doctoral research project, part-funded by an ESRC 1+3 Studentship scheme