

## Feminist and Postcolonial geopolitics

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Various critical commentators have suggested that this dominant geopolitical vision of security states is failing us. The language of binary opposites has only served to reinforce these distinctions and has increased levels of insecurity. Furthermore, so much has the US-enemy binary dominated analysis, there is little sense of how the rest of the world understands contemporary political events in these discussions, and so what alternative understandings of security and geopolitics might emerge from other sites. A number of feminist and postcolonial geopolitical theorists have insisted upon the need to construct understandings of geopolitics which ground theory in an understanding of the material effects of different geopolitical imaginaries on the lives of people around the world rather than abstract conceptualisations of securing state interests. I would like to supervise projects adopting a feminist or postcolonial approach, which focuses on devising alternative, embodied notions of “human security”.

### Application procedure and deadlines

To be considered for PhD studentships to be held in the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences (GES), suitably qualified candidates should apply via the website of the College of Science and Engineering (<http://www.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scienceengineering/graduateschool/prospectivestudents/essentialinformation/>). Closing dates for University and research council funded studentships will be in early in the new year, as stated on the GES studentships page: (<http://web2.ges.gla.ac.uk/~mlee/GES%202010%20studentships>).

Non- English speakers must meet the University's English language requirements. Candidates for ESRC studentships should also meet the ESRC's requirements for both academic qualifications and residential eligibility. For more information go to <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/index.aspx> and please note that *non-UK European Union citizens will be awarded fees only by ESRC.*

For informal enquiries about the research projects please contact the relevant supervisors. Information on the GES graduate school and the application process can be obtained from Mrs Jean McPartland, the assistant to head of the School ([Jean.McPartland@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Jean.McPartland@glasgow.ac.uk)), or Professor Susan Waldron ([Susan.Waldron@Glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Susan.Waldron@Glasgow.ac.uk)), the head of the GES graduate school.