

## Through the Plate Glass: 65 Years of International Theorising at Sussex and 15 Years of the Centre for Advanced International Theory

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It has been 65 years since the University of Sussex was established as the first of the post-Second World War plate glass universities and Martin Wright became its founding Dean of European Studies. 50 years later, the Centre for Advanced International Theory (CAIT) was established in 2011 with the aim to reconsider and promote theorizing in International Relations without being directly policy relevant. Until then, the discipline was driven by the desire to influence policy-making but that stood in the way of systematic theoretical analysis. In this roundtable, we invite past recipients of the Sussex International Theory Prize to reflect on the role that the University of Sussex had for International Relations Theories in the United Kingdom, Europe, and beyond and what role it still can play. What impact had Sussex play on International Relations Theories? Did CAIT achieve its ambitions from 15 years ago? Are International Relations Theories still important in an anti-intellectual world that and what role can and should Sussex play?

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