

- to all personnel of the Faculty of Political and Social Science -

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Dear Colleague,  
Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

I would like to invite you to the public doctoral defense of John Irgengioro, doctoral student in Political Sciences.

The Public Defense takes place: **on Thursday, January 15 at 6 PM (18u) 2026, AUD C (1th floor), Sint-Pieterneuwstraat 41, 9000 Ghent.**

The dissertation is titled:

***"Attraction in a Multipolar World: A Mixed-Methods Explanatory Study of the Soft Power of Russia, China, and the EU Among Students from Leading Universities in Kazakhstan".***

*Prof. Dr. Fabienne Bossuyt (supervisor)*  
*Prof. Dr. Dawid Walentek (supervisor)*  
*Prof. Dr. Natalia Chaban (supervisor University of Canterbury)*

Kind regards,

Prof. Dr. Ronan Van Rossem  
Chair Examination Board