

## Acknowledgement

In 1991 Buchanan wrote,  
About secession, states, and what he'd note,  
Democracy and small states, a link so clear,  
New ethnic and political collectives will appear.  
As law and economy globalise their ride,  
New nationalists worldwide, up the Clyde, coincide.

World politics and sports that sway,  
Education, faith, all and more in play,  
My book shows, with Scotland's might,  
How statehood forms in world society's light.  
In the nation's embrace, identity's swell,  
Politics navigates its own distinct trail.

At FIW, I found my ground,  
A place where questions do abound.  
Multidisciplinary and so grand,  
Politics, science, religion: research hand in hand.  
Lunchtime chats and colloquia bright and wide,  
In proposals and publications we unite and divide.

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