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In the News

Some of the stories featuring University of Birmingham staff and students that are making the news in July.

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July's News

Chris Allen (CoSS) was interviewed across a range of BBC radio stations about Islamophobia and the rise of the far-right, in the light of the tragic events in Norway.

These included: BBC Radio 4, BBC Cornwall, Stoke, Coventry and Warwickshire, Manchester, Sheffield, West Midlands and Guernsey.

Chris also authored a **Birmingham brief (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/perspective/far-right-allen.aspx)** on the same topic.

One wonders whether the Government and its institutions have been as guilty as the media in jumping to conclusions: focusing on 'Islamist' and Al qaeda inspired extremism at the expense of its far-right equivalent. **Dr Chris Allen (Jul 28)**

Jason Braithwaite's research looking at out of body experiences was featured across the UK media including the **Daily Mail (http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2014137/Why-body-experiences-mind.html?ito=feeds-newsxml)**, Daily Telegraph, Metro and Times. The research was also featured in international publications including **ABC News. (http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/body-experience-crazy/story?id=14054893)**

When it happens it feels totally real to the observer and is just as vivid as real perception. While some interpret these striking experiences as 'spiritual' or 'paranormal' science is now taking the study of such strange experiences very seriously indeed and is seeking to provide a more rational explanation." **Dr Jason Braithwaite**

The University's plans to launch a new research centre in Guangzhou were covered by a range of international news outlets including the Xinhua News Agency, University World News and the China Daily. Domestically the partnership was also featured in the **Birmingham Post (http://www.birminghampost.net/news/west-midlands-news/2011/07/01/university-of-birmingham-launches-joint-research-project-in-china-65233-28972757/)** and on **BBC News online (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-13994461)**

Building on a decade of engagement with partners in GuangzhouGuangzhou, I believe that as we strengthen our presence through the Birmingham Centre that future prospects for deep and lasting collaborations, bringing benefits to the citizens of Guangzhou and beyond, are bright. ***Professor David Eastwood***

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