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# Global Communities News

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## News

### IRiS research showcased at the American Sociological Association Conference (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/08/iris-research-showcased-at-sociological-conference.aspx)

In recognition of his pioneering work on undocumented migration in the UK, Dr Nando Sigona contributes to a thematic session on comparative approaches to migrant "illegality" at Sociological Conference in San Francisco.

**Monday 18th August 2014**

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### Beyond Islamophobia? Media shows Muslim families to be 'normal' (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/07/beyond-islamophobia-media-shows-muslim-families-to-be-normal.aspx)

For some time now, speculation has raged over the number of young British Muslims travelling to Syria and Iraq with the intention of fighting in the ongoing conflicts there. Dr Chris Allen writes in a recent article in 'The Conversation'.

**Tuesday 1st July 2014**

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### Podcast: Jacqui Smith and Marcia Shakespeare on the shooting of Letisha Shakespeare and combating gang culture (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/06/jacqui-smith-marcia-shakespeare.aspx)

Podcast of Jacqui Smith (former Home Secretary) and Marcia Shakespeare (mother of Letisha Shakespeare) talking about gang culture and the shooting of Letisha in Birmingham in 2003.

**Tuesday 17th June 2014**

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### Dark legacy of Birmingham's 'Trojan Horse' episode (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/06/dark-legacy-of-birminghams-trojan-horse-episode.aspx)

Despite the findings from the investigations into 21 Birmingham schools by Ofsted being published on Monday, the shadow cast by Operation Trojan Horse's allegations are likely to loom large over the city's Muslims.

**Monday 16th June 2014**

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### Birmingham has most to lose in Gove-May extremism row (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/06/birmingham-has-most-to-lose-in-gove-may-extremism-row.aspx)

Allegations of an "Islamist" plot to infiltrate and take over schools in Birmingham at the centre of Operation Trojan Horse are looking increasingly thin. But they have caused a very public row between education secretary Michael Gove and home secretary Theresa May over how to deal with extremism in schools, Dr Chris Allen writes in today's 'Conversation'.

**Thursday 5th June 2014**

Social Sciences (/research/activity/social-policy/global-communities/news/index.aspx?stylemediatype=print&TaxonomyKey=0/1/187/196)

### Operation Trojan Horse: Examining the 'Islamic takeover' of Birmingham schools (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/06/operation-trojan-horse-examining-islamic-takeover-of-birmingham-schools.aspx)

It is believed that at least 25 schools in Birmingham are now being investigated in response to allegations of what the media and city council are routinely describing as "takeover" bids by "hardline Muslims". IASS's Chris Allen comments on 'Operation Trojan Horse'.

**Tuesday 3rd June 2014**

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### IRiS research video: Dr Ricky Joseph (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/06/video-new-iris-research-film.aspx)

In the latest addition to the IRiS research videos, Dr Ricky Joseph talks about the Doctoral Research Diversity Network (DRDN) and how this research fits in with the work on the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS).

**Monday 2nd June 2014**

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## Irregular migrant crossings in the Mediterranean (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/04/irregular-migrant-crossings-in-the-mediterranean.aspx)

Dr Nando Sigona from the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS), was interviewed recently by Jon Sopel on the BBC World's Global on Melilla, Lampedusa and Fortress Europe.

**Thursday 17th April 2014**

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## IRiS practitioner researchers organise exhibition (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/04/iris-practitioner-researchers-organise-exhibition.aspx)

All are welcome at this exhibition at the Barber Institute which is a snapshot of Birmingham's Chinese community captured through oral history interviews, photographs and other records.

**Thursday 17th April 2014**

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## Government Workshop with Baroness Warsi (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/03/government-workshop-with-baroness-warsi.aspx)

Students from the 'Doing of Not Doing God: religion, policy and politics' third year Social Policy undergraduate module were given the opportunity to meet and hear Baroness Sayeeda Warsi speak about the role and relevance of different religious communities in the city of Birmingham.

**Monday 31st March 2014**

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