

Research news

[POLSIS Seminar Series 2014-15 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/events/seminar-series/2014-15/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/events/seminar-series/2014-15/index.aspx)



POLSIS hosts a number of seminars throughout the year which focuses on a number of different topics. Listen to the latest podcasts from our recent events.

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[New digital map reveals stunning hidden archaeology of Stonehenge \(/schools/historycultures/departments/caha/news/2014/hidden-stonehenge.aspx\)](/schools/historycultures/departments/caha/news/2014/hidden-stonehenge.aspx)



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A host of previously unknown archaeological monuments have been discovered around Stonehenge as part of an unprecedented digital mapping project that will transform our knowledge of this iconic landscape – including remarkable new findings on the world's largest 'super henge', Durrington Walls.

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[Recent publications and conference presentations demonstrate the strength of research in POLSIS \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/09/publications-conference-presentations.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/09/publications-conference-presentations.aspx)



Several publications and conference presentations by academics in the Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) demonstrate the quality and vibrancy of research in the department

09/09/2014

[The Conversation: BRICS keep supporting Russia in bid to rebalance world power \(https://theconversation.com/brics-keep-supporting-russia-in-bid-to-rebalance-world-power-31122\)](https://theconversation.com/brics-keep-supporting-russia-in-bid-to-rebalance-world-power-31122)



Written by Dr Marco Vieira. While Western nations beef up economic sanctions and Nato discusses what stance to take toward Russia, the BRICS are maintaining tacit support for Moscow despite the Ukraine crisis.

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[Blog: In case you missed it: the Local Government \(Independence\) Bill \(http://inlogov.com/2014/09/09/in-case-you-missed-it-the-local-government-independence-bill/\)](http://inlogov.com/2014/09/09/in-case-you-missed-it-the-local-government-independence-bill/)



Written by Chris Game. It was partly the timing. In combination, the suddenly increased likelihood of both Scottish independence and a Coalition break-up were bound to eclipse last Friday's scheduled Second Reading of the Local Government (Independence) Bill. It was unfortunate, though. After all, local government independence would be a pretty big deal too, wouldn't it?

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[How age alters our immune response to bereavement \(/news/latest/2014/09/age-alters-our-immune-response-09-09-14.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/age-alters-our-immune-response-09-09-14.aspx)

Young people have a more robust immune response to the loss of a loved one, according to new research from the University of Birmingham, providing insight into how different generations cope with loss.

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[Food for thought: scientists use social media to expose global eating habits \(/news/latest/2014/09/social-media-and-eating-habits.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/social-media-and-eating-habits.aspx)

People in the UK eat their main meal at dinner time, Brazilians eat theirs at lunchtime, and the population of the US tends to eat more throughout the day, according to research by computer scientists at the University of Birmingham in the first study of its kind into eating and drinking habits using social media data.

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[Chris Allen appears on Radio WM Breakfast Show \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/chris-allen-interview-with-radio-wm.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/chris-allen-interview-with-radio-wm.aspx)

Listen to the recording of Chris Allen's appearance on BBC Radio WM's Breakfast Show hosted by Pete Morgan where he discussed the ongoing shadow cast by the allegations made as part of Operation Trojan Horse.

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[IRiS to host workshop on poverty among refugees and migrants \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/poverty-among-refugees-and-migrants.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/poverty-among-refugees-and-migrants.aspx)

All are welcome at a workshop hosted by the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) on causes, experiences and responses to poverty among migrants and refugees.

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[Plant diversity in China vital for global food security \(/news/latest/2014/09/china-cwr.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/china-cwr.aspx)

With climate change threatening global food supplies, new research claims the rich flora of China could be crucial to underpin food security in the future.

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[The future of our crops is at risk in conflict zones, say Birmingham scientists \(/news/latest/2014/09/conflict-zones-cwr.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/conflict-zones-cwr.aspx)

Wild species related to our crops which are crucial as potential future food resources have been identified by University of Birmingham scientists, however, a significant proportion are found in conflict zones in the Middle East, where their conservation is increasingly comprised.

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[The Conversation: Why 'fools rush in' is Obama's watchword in Iraq and Syria \(http://theconversation.com/why-fools-rush-in-is-obamas-watchword-in-iraq-and-syria-31267\)](http://theconversation.com/why-fools-rush-in-is-obamas-watchword-in-iraq-and-syria-31267)

Written by Dr Adam Quinn. US president Barack Obama has yet to work out exactly what America's strategy is in confronting Islamic State (IS), and has been foolish enough to say so in public. Cue the foreseeable torrent of point-scoring from opponents.

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[IRiS to host event on examining diet and physical activity behaviours amongst older adults through the lens of superdiversity \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/diet-and-physical-activity-amongst-older-adults.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/diet-and-physical-activity-amongst-older-adults.aspx)

All are welcome at this Free workshop "Examining diet and physical activity behaviours amongst older adults through the lens of superdiversity" which is being hosted by IRiS.

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[From tiny flies to great discoveries \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/04sep-bsf-tiny-flies-great-discoveries.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/04sep-bsf-tiny-flies-great-discoveries.aspx)

The Drosophila Research Labs in the School of Biosciences will be presenting an exhibit at the British Science Festival, Birmingham Library, Saturday 6th September 10:00 to 16:30: "From tiny flies to great discoveries".

04/09/2014

[Bugs, Birmingham and Bangalore- a visit to the Indian Institute of Science \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/03sep-bugs-birmingham-bangalore.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/03sep-bugs-birmingham-bangalore.aspx)

Staff from Biosciences and the Institute of Microbiology and Infection (IMI) visit the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore next week to take part in a joint microbiology symposium.

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[Grassroots civil society at crossroads \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/grassroots-civil-society-at-crossroads.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/grassroots-civil-society-at-crossroads.aspx)

A new paper co-written by Jenny Phillimore with IRiS and TSRC colleagues, explores how very small scale 'grassroots', that is self-organised civil society action, including

that undertaken by minority and new migrant groups, contributes to society at local level.

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'Community research within a social constructionist epistemology' : New article from IRiS (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/new-article-on-social-constructionist-framework-published.aspx)

A new article by Jenny Phillimore, co-written with colleagues at the University of Victoria, Melbourne, explores the way that a social constructionist framework can lend itself to undertaking policy relevant research.

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NATO Must Look Forward to the Past (https://ip-journal.dgap.org/en/ip-journal/topics/nato-must-look-forward-past)



Written by Professor Mark Webber and Heidi Reisinger (Senior Analyst at the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy). NATO's intent to follow America's lead and pivot towards Asia is illogical and unrealistic. The Ukraine crisis has served to bang their heads together and remind them that although the connection to the US is crucial, NATO business is in Europe.

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Shadow of extremism scandal lingers as Birmingham goes back to school (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/09/shadow-of-extremism-scandal-lingers-as-birmingham-goes-back-to-school.aspx)

If a week is a long time in politics, then the school summer holidays must have seemed like a lifetime the for governors, teachers, pupils and staff at the 21 schools at the centre of the Trojan Horse plot in Birmingham.

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