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Research news

New book series: Global Political Economies of Gender and Sexuality (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/03/global-political-economies-gender-sexuality.aspx)

Dr Nicola Smith, Senior Lecturer in POLSIS, has recently signed a book series. The book series is called 'Global Political Economies of Gender and Sexuality', is being published by Rowman & Littlefield International and is edited by Nicola Smith, Adrienne Roberts (University of Manchester) and Juanita Elias (University of Birmingham). The series has just started and they will have a big launch once the first books have been commissioned.

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Student wins Poster Prize at Universitas 21 Conference (/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/07/Student-wins-Poster-Prize-at-Universitas-21-Conference.aspx)

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Funded PhD opportunities: School of Social Policy (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/07/funded-phd-opportunities.aspx)

The School of Social Policy at the University of Birmingham, is seeking to recruit two full time doctoral research scholarships. Find out how to apply.

21/07/2014

Blog: From repression to co-production with citizens: Why we need behaviour change in healthcare (http://inlogov.com/2014/07/21/from-repression-to-co-production/)

Written by Jörgen Tholstrup. What's the mission of health care? I've been working as a physician and gastroenterologist both in Denmark and Sweden for more than 30 years. Over time, I've become more and more puzzled about our healthcare system and how otherwise responsible human beings can tolerate the way that common behaviourial rules are suspended when you access healthcare.

21/07/2014

The Conversation: How far were Russia's 'little green men' involved in the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17? (http://theconversation.com/how-far-were-russias-little-green-men-involved-in-the-downing-of-malaysia-airlines-flight-mh17-29422)

Written by Dr Kataryna Wolczuk. The shooting down of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 in Eastern Ukraine on 17th June has placed the conflict which has engulfed that part of Ukraine into an entirely new context. It has transformed the event from a localised, regional rebellion into a crisis that brings Russia's role into the open.

21/07/2014

RAND Europe Senior Research Fellow (/research/activity/iel/news/2014/trybus-rand.aspx)

IEL Director Martin Trybus has been appointed to a Senior Research Fellowship at RAND Europe for 2014-16.

18/07/2014

Report: Institute of European Law Annual Lecture 2014 (/research/activity/iel/news/2014/report-birkinshaw-annual-lecture.aspx)

"What have the Europeans done for us?" was delivered by Professor Patrick Birkinshaw of the University of Hull on 26 June 2014.

18/07/2014

One in four could not find £200 in an emergency, research shows (/news/latest/2014/07/one-in-four-could-not-find-200-in-an-emergency-research-shows.aspx)

Nearly a quarter of people would be unable to find £200 at short notice, new research shows.One in six admit they would have to borrow the money, with a further 8% saying they simply could not pay, according to data published in an annual financial-state-of-the-nation report by academics.

18/07/2014

The Israeli-Palestinian crisis: A distressing déjà vu (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/07/israeli-palestinian-crisis.aspx)

Written by Dr Asaf Siniver. The most depressing aspect of the current round of violence between Israelis and Palestinians, beyond the death toll and the human suffering, is the sheer predictability of this crisis. As far as contemporary armed conflicts go, few could match the intensity, inevitability and perpetuity of the ongoing struggle between the militant group Hamas and the Israeli government.

17/07/2014

Small nuclear reactors may be the key to a low-carbon future (/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/small-nuclear-reactors-low-carbon-future.aspx)

Take a hard look at the painful process of de-carbonising the UK's electricity supply, and it's clear that the options on the table are not great.

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Engineering and Physical Sciences in the media - July 2014 (/university/colleges/eps/news/eps-media/2014/july.aspx)

From small nuclear reactors to the science of the sun and more...

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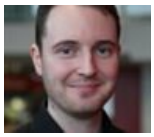
Smart Leadership for Smart Cities (/schools/business/news/2014/july/smart-leadership-for-smart-cities.aspx)

Research undertaken at Birmingham Business School has been examining our understanding of how Smart Cities, which aim to offer improved local economic development, social and environmental outcomes.

17/07/2014

The Conversation: Thaw in UK-Iran relations will depend on Rouhani's actions, not his words, say MPs (http://theconversation.com/thaw-in-uk-iran-relations-will-depend-on-rouhanis-actions-not-his-words-say-mps-29111)



Written by Dr Adam Quinn. The House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee's new report on policy towards Iran contains no surprises – startling new departures aren't in the nature of such documents – but does help crystallise a couple of important features of the present posture of the Western coalition's posture towards Iran.

17/07/2014

The Conversation: The BRICS plan for a new world order begins with a bank (http://theconversation.com/the-brics-plan-for-a-new-world-order-begins-with-a-bank-29251)

Written by Dr Marco Vieira. Could history one day judge the latest BRICS summit as significant as the Bretton Woods conference of 1944? That is the hope of leaders from Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa as they meet in the city of Fortaleza, Brazil to establish a new institutional architecture to counter (or maybe complement) the Western-controlled finacial system.

17/07/2014

Graham Gee gives evidence at the Lords Constitution Committee (/schools/law/news/2014/07/gee-lords.aspx)

Lecturer in the Law School was invited to give oral evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution as part of its inquiry into the office of Lord Chancellor.

17/07/2014

Euzkal Zinema: Three Generations of Basque Cinema (/research/activity/b-film/news/2014/euzkal.aspx)

Rob Stone was the only non-Basque/Spanish presenter at the Basque cinema conference co-organised by the Basque Film Institute and the University of the Basque Country.

16/07/2014

Snooping on irregular migrants breaches their human rights – and puts us all at risk (http://theconversation.com/snooping-on-irregular-migrants-breaches-their-human-rights-and-puts-us-all-at-risk-29173)

Birmingham Law School's Dr Rosa Freedman writes for the Conversation

16/07/2014

Report on the 15th Postgraduate Colloquium (/research/activity/bomgs/news/2014/colloquium-report.aspx)

George Makris reprots on the 'Language as Culture in the Eastern Mediterranean (330-2013)' postgraduate colloquium which took place in May.

15/07/2014

Blog: A view from Barnet's Chris Naylor: how the class of 2014 are responding to perma-austerity (http://inlogov.com/2014/07/15/a-view-from-barnets-chris-naylor-how-the-class-of-2014-are-responding-to-perma-austerity/)

Written by Chris Naylor. Two weeks ago I gave the lunchtime pep talk to a dozen young hopeful students each vying for a coveted place on Barnet's graduate programme. Furiously clever, ambitious for Barnet and public services more generally – I didn't envy those with the task of making a final selection. Like the alumni who have come through the Council's programme before them, many of whom a decade on, as senior managers, continue to make a profound contribution to the success of the borough, the Class of '14 will truly be the 21st Century Public Servants.

15/07/2014

Virtual reality technology comes to Burrator (/schools/eece/news/burrator-02-14.aspx)

The University of Birmingham's Human Interface Technologies Team will be bringing the latest in Virtual Reality and Gaming technologies to the shores of Burrator Reservoir this weekend, as they take part in the official opening of South West Lakes' new Discovery Centre. Having already "hit the news" in the south west with their recent achievements using VR techniques to recreate the A7 submarine the HIT Team will be demonstrating how Virtual Reality can be used to "turn the clock back".

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