

Research news

[What can today's soldiers learn from WW1? \(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/boff-bbc.aspx\)](/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/boff-bbc.aspx)



Dr Jonathan Boff presents a series of articles and videos for BBC's iWonder.

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[IRiS Event: Ralph Grillo seminar on Superdiversity \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/ralph-grillo-event.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/ralph-grillo-event.aspx)

All are welcome at this event at which Ralph Grillo from the University of Sussex will ask the question 'How can the law be expected to cope with 'Superdiversity'?'

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[New paper investigates scientific explanations for Near-Death Experiences \(/schools/psychology/labs/saal/news/11Nov-new-paper-investigates-explanations-for-near-death-experiences.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/labs/saal/news/11Nov-new-paper-investigates-explanations-for-near-death-experiences.aspx)



School of psychology PhD student Hayley Dewe is a co-author on a new paper published, as part of wider engagement and scientific outreach, in The [UK] Skeptic magazine, which explores how the latest findings from brain science can help explain Near-Death Experiences.

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[Connected or Disconnected? Re-thinking the role of local councils in changing times \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/connected-or-disconnected-rethinking-the-role-of-local-councils-in-changing-times.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/connected-or-disconnected-rethinking-the-role-of-local-councils-in-changing-times.aspx)

The Third Sector Research Centre, in partnership with the National Association of Local Councils, the University of Gloucestershire and the Institute of Local Government Studies, hosted a conference at Hucclecote Village Hall (Gloucestershire), to explore the challenges facing town and parish councils.

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[Fixing aid: we can't turn off the tap at the first sign of corruption \(http://theconversation.com/fixing-aid-we-cant-turn-off-the-tap-at-the-first-sign-of-corruption-33769\)](http://theconversation.com/fixing-aid-we-cant-turn-off-the-tap-at-the-first-sign-of-corruption-33769)



Written by Dr Heather Marquette. Over the past 15 years, those working in aid have changed the way they talk about corruption. Detecting and measuring corruption when money is sent overseas has become a hot topic since the United Nations...

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[Understanding and improving mental health services for young people \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2014/11/understanding-and-improving-mental-health-services-for-young-people.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2014/11/understanding-and-improving-mental-health-services-for-young-people.aspx)

With a number of health and social care communities considering whether to develop their child and adolescent mental health services into a more integrated 0-25 pathway, comparative research at the University of Birmingham is exploring how such issues are approached in England, Wales and Scotland and in three Australian states.

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[The big winner of the congressional elections is... Hillary Clinton \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/perspective/hillary-clinton.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/perspective/hillary-clinton.aspx)



Written by Professor Scott Lucas. The new Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, proclaimed his party would 'turn the country around' after Republicans gained seven seats in the Senate and extended its advantage in the House of Representatives. However, beyond the rhetoric, there may be a far different story and a different victor from Tuesday night's vote: Hillary Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee for the 2016 presidential election.

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[Researchers contribute to Guardian debate on fragile states \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/researchers-contribute-to-guardian-debate-on-fragile-states.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/researchers-contribute-to-guardian-debate-on-fragile-states.aspx)



IDD's Siân Herbert and Suda Perera were among the expert panellists for a live Q&A on approaches to development in conflict-affected states on The Guardian Development Professionals Network website.

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[In Ukraine, the start of a new Cold War that Russia can't win \(http://theconversation.com/in-ukraine-the-start-of-a-new-cold-war-that-russia-cant-win-33988\)](http://theconversation.com/in-ukraine-the-start-of-a-new-cold-war-that-russia-cant-win-33988)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). Twenty-five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall that ushered in the end of communism in eastern Europe and the break-up of the Soviet Union, all the signs point to a new Cold War between Russia and the West.

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[New set of standards to improve adult social care commissioning \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2014/11/new-set-of-standards-to-improve-adult-social-care-commissioning.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2014/11/new-set-of-standards-to-improve-adult-social-care-commissioning.aspx)

A new set of standards to help local authorities improve the effectiveness and quality of adult social care commissioning has been launched at the National Children and Adult Services (NCAS) Conference in Manchester.

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[Research project: Network governance and low carbon transitions in European cities \(Nov 2014 - Oct 2017\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/projects/inlogov/2014/network-governance-low-carbon-transitions-european-cities.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/projects/inlogov/2014/network-governance-low-carbon-transitions-european-cities.aspx)



How can European cities transition to a low carbon future? What are the governance challenges in creating environmentally sustainable cities? Can ideas about 'network governance' enhance adaption to climate change by improving interaction between citizens, businesses, associations and governments?

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[Research project: Do flexible institutions enhance democracy? A comparative analysis of public governance innovations in Brazil and the UK \(Jul 2014 - Jul 2016\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/projects/inlogov/2014/do-flexible-institutions-enhance-democracy.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/projects/inlogov/2014/do-flexible-institutions-enhance-democracy.aspx)



The purpose of this exploratory research is to bring complementary expertise from the UK and Brazil to the analysis of democratic innovations - the global search for new ways in which societal, economic and cultural problems can be resolved through the direct involvement of citizens, civil society organisations, and other parties.

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[Podcast: Corporate Social Responsibility in Developing Countries Lecture \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/corporate-social-responsibility-in-developing-countries.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/corporate-social-responsibility-in-developing-countries.aspx)



Speaker: Ms. Donna Guest, Senior Advisor on Southeast Asia at Institute for Human Rights and Business

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[Singapore business leaders donate £1 million for new library \(/news/latest/2014/11/singapore-alumni-major-gift.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/11/singapore-alumni-major-gift.aspx)

Professor Kok Khoo Phua and Doreen Liu, founders of Asia's largest international scientific publishing company, have donated e-books worth £1 million for the new University of Birmingham library.

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[Birmingham Law Professor wins Phillip Leverhulme Prize \(/schools/law/news/2014/11/rackley-phillip-leverhulme-prize.aspx\)](/schools/law/news/2014/11/rackley-phillip-leverhulme-prize.aspx)



Professor Erika Rackley has been awarded a Phillip Leverhulme Prize for her achievements in the field of law. Around 30 prizes are awarded annually in recognition of the achievements of 'early career researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising'.

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[Reverse Othello Syndrome and Epistemic Innocence \(/generic/perfect/news/2014/othello.aspx\)](/generic/perfect/news/2014/othello.aspx)



Lisa Bortolotti is the featured Philosopher on Meena Krishnamurthy's blog.

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[Human Factors in Healthcare \(/schools/eese/news/human-factors-healthcare.aspx\)](/schools/eese/news/human-factors-healthcare.aspx)

Professor Bob Stone's research on utilising virtual environments for patient care featured in an IEHF publication 'Human Factors in Healthcare'

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[New Zealand's 'integrated performance and incentive framework': Will it drive a 'whole of system' approach to health service design? \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/viewpoint/2014/new-zealands-integrated-performance-and-incentive-framework.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/viewpoint/2014/new-zealands-integrated-performance-and-incentive-framework.aspx)



New Zealand's health system shares many similarities with the NHS. It is largely tax funded, public hospitals predominate and are free of patient charges, while private GPs receive government subsidies with a key difference that there is always a patient co-payment to see a GP.

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[A visit to Beijing's third hospital \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/viewpoint/2014/a-visit-to-beijings-third-hospital.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/viewpoint/2014/a-visit-to-beijings-third-hospital.aspx)



China is a bit of a hot topic at the moment. This is no more so than the reform of its healthcare system with a variety of perspectives being put forward about the successes and missed opportunities associated with the progress made to date.

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[Birmingham and Nottingham projects to strengthen UK-Rio research links \(/news/latest/2014/11/faperj-funding.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/11/faperj-funding.aspx)

The University of Birmingham and the University of Nottingham have strengthened their collaborations with Brazilian institutions in the state of Rio de Janeiro after securing funding for a number of country-specific research projects. The Rio de Janeiro State Funding Agency (FAPERJ) has allocated £100,000 for nine research projects in 2014/2015, with the amount matched by combined funding from the Universities of Birmingham and Nottingham.

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