

## Research news

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### **[Twelfth Cadbury Fellowship Scheme and Workshop \(/schools/historycultures/departments/dasa/news/2014/cadbury-fellowship.aspx\)](/schools/historycultures/departments/dasa/news/2014/cadbury-fellowship.aspx)**



The Department of African Studies and Anthropology at the University of Birmingham invites applications for the 2015 Cadbury Fellowship Scheme, which will focus on research on money.

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### **[Implementation of the European Union Roma Integration Strategy \(/generic/tsrc/news/2014/10/implementation-of-eu-roma-integration-strategy.aspx\)](/generic/tsrc/news/2014/10/implementation-of-eu-roma-integration-strategy.aspx)**

The below the radar work stream at TSRC has been working with the National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups to undertake a review of the UK Governments' Implementation of the European Union Roma Integration Strategy.

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### **[New publication: Commonplace Diversity: Social relations in a superdiverse context \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/10/commonplace-diversity-social-relations-in-a-superdiverse-context.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/10/commonplace-diversity-social-relations-in-a-superdiverse-context.aspx)**

Dr Susanne Wessendorf, Marie Curie Research Fellow at the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS), has a new book published entitled 'Commonplace Diversity: Social relations in a superdiverse context'.

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### **[PhD students publication success \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/news/2014/phd-success.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/news/2014/phd-success.aspx)**



Department of Philosophy PhD students have their papers accepted for publication in leading philosophy of religion journals.

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**[Opting out of Mediterranean rescue condemns desperate migrants to death \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/10/optiming-out-of-mediterranean-rescue-condemns-desperate-migrants-to-death.aspx\)](#)**



The UK government is seeking to defend its decision not to support rescue missions for migrants making the dangerous crossing to Europe via the central Mediterranean - Dr Nando Sigona writes in 'The Conversation'.

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**[Can I be excused? Finding out how the nation really feels about PE \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/28Oct-how-the-nation-really-feels-about-PE.aspx\)](#)**



School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences researchers have conducted a nationwide survey that aims to identify how our memories of school PE influence our relationship with physical activity as adults.

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**[Technology can help cure but healing is about more than just focusing on disease \(https://theconversation.com/technology-can-help-cure-but-healing-is-about-more-than-just-focusing-on-disease-33430\)](https://theconversation.com/technology-can-help-cure-but-healing-is-about-more-than-just-focusing-on-disease-33430)**



Birmingham Law School's Clark Hobson writes for the Conversation.

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**[Hearing the voices of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/10/hearing-the-voices-of-gypsy-roma-and-traveller-communities.aspx\)](#)**

Just published is a new book entitled 'Hearing the voices of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities: Inclusive Community Development', published by Policy Press and co-edited by TSRC Honorary Research Fellow, Andrew Ryder

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**[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Researching change and continuity in rural Ethiopia: 20 villages over 20 years – the WIDE research project \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/10/ethiopia.aspx\)](#)**



Speaker: Catherine Dom, Mokoro Ltd, WIDE Research Team.

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**[Blog: Preaching to the choir: reflections on key leadership skills for local authority chief executives – part 2: charm \(http://inlogov.com/2014/10/28/preaching-to-the-choir-reflections-on-key-leadership-skills-for-local-authority-chief-executives-part-2-charm/\)](http://inlogov.com/2014/10/28/preaching-to-the-choir-reflections-on-key-leadership-skills-for-local-authority-chief-executives-part-2-charm/)**



Written by Catherine Staite. Charm is shorthand for a sophisticated set of skills which enable you to make new connections and solve old problems. Charm is about much more than being nice in a superficial way – otherwise known as 'smarm'. If you don't have real charm then just be gruff and honest. Everyone will understand. Smarm, on the other hand, will simply breed distrust.

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**[Landscapes, sources and intellectual projects in African history: rethinking historical evidence and its interpretation \(/schools/historycultures/departments/dasa/news/2015/landscapes-cfp.aspx\)](#)**



Call for papers.

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**[Housing and Communities Fellow launches new book at UoB Brussels office - 3 November 2014 \(/schools/social-](#)**

A new book on social housing organisations in England and the Netherlands by Housing and Communities Honorary Fellow, Darinka Czische is being launched on 3 November in Brussels.

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**[Pro-Western bloc set for majority in elections that expose deep divisions in Ukraine \(http://theconversation.com/pro-western-bloc-set-for-majority-in-elections-that-expose-deep-divisions-in-ukraine-33450\)](http://theconversation.com/pro-western-bloc-set-for-majority-in-elections-that-expose-deep-divisions-in-ukraine-33450)**



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). Ukrainians have voted for a new parliament. The exit polls, in line with earlier predictions, indicate that the Petro Poroshenko Bloc – which also includes the UDAR party of Kiev's mayor, former boxing champion Vitali Klichko – came out on top (predicted to achieve around 23% of the vote), but will need partners to form a stable coalition that will give Poroshenko a majority in parliament.

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**[PERFECT at the World Association of Social Psychiatry on 13-15 November 2014 \(/generic/perfect/news/2014/wasp-2014.aspx\)](/generic/perfect/news/2014/wasp-2014.aspx)**



Magdalena Antrobus to present a poster at the World Association of Social Psychiatry Jubilee Congress in London.

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**[Unsteady on your feet? Little touches could make all the difference \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/22Oct-little-touches-could-make-all-the-difference.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/22Oct-little-touches-could-make-all-the-difference.aspx)**



When a toddler takes their first steps we observe an uncertain sway in their walking. Being unsteady on our feet is something we can experience throughout life – and a new study has shown how even the lightest fingertip touch can help people to maintain their balance.

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