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Research news

Podcast: The Security Impact of Drone Warfare (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/09/security-impact-of-drone-warfare.aspx)

From counter-terrorism operations in Afghanistan, to Amazon delivery services, the use (and ownership) of drone technology has major implications for domestic and international security. But what are the legal and ethical implications of this technology, and can drones ever be fully autonomous? Join leading experts for a topical and timely debate on the civilian and military use of drones.

11/09/2014

Study ties groundwater to human evolution (/schools/gees/news/2014/11sep-study-ties-groundwater-to-human-evolution.aspx)

A new study, led by Dr Mark Cuthbert of the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, shows that our ancient ancestors' ability to move around and find new sources of groundwater during extremely dry periods in Africa millions of years ago may have been key to their survival and the evolution of the human species.

11/09/2014

'Harnessing the potential of technology' at the British Science Festival (/facilities/digitalhumanitieshub/news/2014/british-science-festival.aspx)

Members of the Digital Humanities Hub team gave a series of quick-fire presentations for the public.

11/09/2014

More needed to protect our sportspeople from brain injury say Birmingham experts (/news/latest/2014/09/sportspeople-brain-injury.aspx)

Two University of Birmingham academics are calling for more research to be carried out looking at how the brains of sportspeople – including children – react when they receive a blow to the head.

11/09/2014

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)

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.

10/09/2014

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

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.

10/09/2014

New digital map reveals stunning hidden archaeology of Stonehenge (/news/latest/2014/09/new-map-reveals-hidden-archaeology-of-stonehenge-10-09-14.aspx)

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.

10/09/2014

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)

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)

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.

09/09/2014

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/)

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?

09/09/2014

How age alters our immune response to bereavement (/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.

09/09/2014

Food for thought: scientists use social media to expose global eating habits (/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.

09/09/2014

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)

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.

08/09/2014

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)

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.

08/09/2014

Plant diversity in China vital for global food security (/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.

08/09/2014

The future of our crops is at risk in conflict zones, say Birmingham scientists (/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.

08/09/2014

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)

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.

05/09/2014

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)

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.

04/09/2014

From tiny flies to great discoveries (/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)

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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