

## Research news

### **[Rethinking Modern British Studies conference - call for papers](http://schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/rethinking-mbs.aspx)** **[\(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/rethinking-mbs.aspx\)](http://schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/rethinking-mbs.aspx)**



Call for papers.  
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### **[Connected histories in Birmingham](http://mbsbham.wordpress.com/2014/11/19/connected-histories-in-birmingham/)** (<http://mbsbham.wordpress.com/2014/11/19/connected-histories-in-birmingham/>)



Dr Kate Smith on Connected Histories: Voices Past and Present.  
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### **[Rural to urban migration in 18th century Scandinavia - evidence from the maritime sector](http://schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/labour-migration.aspx)** **[\(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/labour-migration.aspx\)](http://schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/labour-migration.aspx)**



A new working paper from Dr Jelle van Lottum.  
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### **[When UN peacekeepers commit atrocities, someone has to act](http://theconversation.com/when-un-peacekeepers-commit-atrocities-someone-has-to-act-34317)** (<http://theconversation.com/when-un-peacekeepers-commit-atrocities-someone-has-to-act-34317>)



Birmingham Law School's Dr Rosa Freedman writes about UN peacekeepers and atrocities for the Conversation  
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### **[Using intelligence to understand cancer's defence against immunity](http://news/latest/2014/11/understanding-cancers-defence-against-immunity-25-11-14.aspx)** ([/news/latest/2014/11/understanding-cancers-defence-against-immunity-25-11-14.aspx](http://news/latest/2014/11/understanding-cancers-defence-against-immunity-25-11-14.aspx))

A team from the University of Birmingham are looking to receive a boost to their research into a treatment for cancers linked to Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) through a pioneering crowdfunding scheme.

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### **[Delivering maternity services in an era of superdiversity](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/delivering-maternity-services-in-an-era-of-superdiversity.aspx)** ([/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/delivering-maternity-services-in-an-era-of-superdiversity.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/delivering-maternity-services-in-an-era-of-superdiversity.aspx))

This new article released online for the Journal of Ethnic and Migration studies uses maternity services as a vehicle for exploring the experiences of new migrants and the barriers they encounter when seeking to engage with welfare services in superdiverse neighbourhoods. The article highlights widespread concerns in terms of equality of access and outcomes which are likely to extend beyond maternity services to other forms of welfare and are particularly worrying in relation to asylum seekers, failed asylum seekers and family/spousal migrants.

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### **[Let Robot Battle Commence](http://university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Let-Robot-Battle-Commence-.aspx)** ([/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Let-Robot-Battle-Commence-.aspx](http://university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Let-Robot-Battle-Commence-.aspx))



Celebrating the fourth edition of European Robotics Week (ERW), the School of Computer Science at the University of Birmingham will be taking part in a number of robot challenges from Monday 24 - Friday 28 November to showcase its broad and pioneering activity in the field of robotic research and development.

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### **[Work on community languages](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/work-on-community-languages.aspx)** ([/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/work-on-community-languages.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/work-on-community-languages.aspx))

Work by IRiS academic, Professor Angela Creese, on community languages has been featured in various ways recently.

**[From Lab Bench to Backbench \(/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/From-Lab-Bench-to-Backbench.aspx\)](/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/From-Lab-Bench-to-Backbench.aspx)**

John Bridgeman, Professor of Environmental Engineering and Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences will be swapping lab coat for legislation, when he visits civil servant, James Riches, at the House of Commons today (Monday 24 November) for a "Week in Westminster", as part of a unique pairing scheme run by the Royal Society – the UK's national academy of science.

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**[Does Ed Miliband have a future as Labour leader? \(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/ed-miliband.aspx\)](/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/ed-miliband.aspx)**



Dr Matthew Francis discusses Ed Milibands future as Labour leader.

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**[Tower Hamlets residents must be wondering why they bothered to vote \(http://theconversation.com/tower-hamlets-residents-must-be-wondering-why-they-bothered-to-vote-34440\)](http://theconversation.com/tower-hamlets-residents-must-be-wondering-why-they-bothered-to-vote-34440)**



Written by Chris Game. With a forced smile and through gritted teeth, Tower Hamlets' elected mayor, Lutfur Rahman, has announced himself willing to accept – and even "welcome" – the intervention package set out for his borough by Eric Pickles, secretary of state for communities and local government.

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**[Erika Rackley speaks at 'Being Human' Festival Event at the UK Supreme Court \(/schools/law/news/2014/11/rackley-being-human-festival.aspx\)](/schools/law/news/2014/11/rackley-being-human-festival.aspx)**



Erika Rackley, a professor at Birmingham Law School, joined a panel of speakers, chaired by Supreme Court Justice, Lord Carnwarth, to consider what it means for a judge to 'be human'.

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**[Birmingham pub bombings 40 years on: why there is still no closure \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/11/Birmingham-pub-bombings-40-years-on-why-there-is-still-no-closure-20-11-14.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/11/Birmingham-pub-bombings-40-years-on-why-there-is-still-no-closure-20-11-14.aspx)**



Birmingham Law School's Professor Andrew Sanders writes for the Birmingham Brief

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**[Blog: Pickles' Tower Hamlets takeover: a sad affair all round \(http://inlogov.com/2014/11/20/pickles-tower-hamlets-takeover-a-sad-affair-all-round/\)](http://inlogov.com/2014/11/20/pickles-tower-hamlets-takeover-a-sad-affair-all-round/)**



Written by Chris Game. He kept Communities and Local Government Secretary, Eric Pickles, waiting until almost literally the 23rd hour of the 14th day of his two-week deadline. In the end, though, Tower Hamlets' elected mayor, Lutfur Rahman, having last Friday lost his second, and ill-advised, application for a judicial review, was left with little choice.

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**[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Green State in Africa: Environmental politics, climate change and social movements \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/green-state-in-africa.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/green-state-in-africa.aspx)**



Speaker: Carl Death, University of Manchester.

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**[Podcast: Russia and the West since 1991: a tale of growing distrust \(/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/11/russia-west-since-1991.aspx\)](/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/11/russia-west-since-1991.aspx)**



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### **Podcast: Russia and the West since 1991: a tale of growing distrust**

**(<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/11/russia-west-since-1991.aspx>)**



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### **Doctoral researcher's paper focuses on children's homes in Latin America (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/20Nov-doctoral-researchers-paper-focuses-on-childrens-homes-in-latin-america.aspx)**



PhD student Manuela Garcia Quiroga has published a paper on the subject of children's homes and foster care around the world, with a special focus on Latin America.

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### **Could a vaccine help to fight cancer? You can help us find out (/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/ebv-vaccine-cancer.aspx)**

Working with Cancer Research UK, the Birmingham research team (Prof Alan Rickinson, Dr Neil Steven and Dr Graham Taylor; all in the School of Cancer Sciences) have already tested the vaccine in a small number of patients with an EBV-related head and neck cancer. It is currently being tested in larger clinical trials worldwide.

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### **Abe can win Japan's snap election but he needs to win big (<http://theconversation.com/abe-can-win-japans-snap-election-but-he-needs-to-win-big-34438>)**



Written by Dr Julie Gilson. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's decision to call a snap election for December 14 comes after what has been a rather bad week for him. Japan has slipped back into recession for the first time since 2012 and Abe has seen his popularity ratings drop below 50% for the first time.

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