### Research news

### The Conversation: Lack of trust and tit-for-tat escalation brings Ukraine to the brink of all-out war with Russia (http://theconversation.com/lack-of-trust-and-tit-for-tat-escalation-brings-ukraine-to-the-brink-of-all-out-war-with-russia-29707)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). The renewed escalation of the Ukrainian crisis, following the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, shows no sign of abating. Fighting in the east has continued both in and around the rebel stronghold of Donetsk and at the Russian-Ukrainian border where, according to reports, Russia has now started shelling Ukrainian military positions.

28/07/2014

#### A word in your ear, but make it snappy (/news/latest/2014/07/crocodile-ears.aspx)



To most, crocodiles conjure images of sharp teeth, powerful jaws and ferocious, predatory displays – but they are certainly not famous for their hearing abilities. However, this could all change, as new research is shedding light on the reptiles' ears, showcasing their evolution from the reign of the dinosaurs to the era of Crocodile Dundee.

25/07/2014

# <u>The Conversation: As Russia votes with Security Council, could MH17 be providing a wake-up call?</u> (<a href="http://theconversation.com/as-russia-votes-with-security-council-could-mh17-be-providing-a-wake-up-call-29522">http://theconversation.com/as-russia-votes-with-security-council-could-mh17-be-providing-a-wake-up-call-29522</a>)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. The unanimous vote in the UN Security Council on the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over rebel-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine is a welcome step. The resolution, drafted by Australia which lost 37 people in the tragedy, condemns the downing of the aircraft and calls for all states to co-operate with the investigation and demands that armed groups allow open access to the crash site.

23/07/2014

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

# Relations between China and India take centre stage at Birmingham conference (/news/latest/2014/07/china-india-conference.aspx)



A ground-breaking conference at the University of Birmingham will bring together scholars from China, India and the UK to address contemporary Sino-Indian relations. Focusing on economic and security implications, speakers will also discuss the implications of China and India's simultaneous rise on the West.

08/07/2014

#### ISIS and a new caliphate (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/perspective/isis-perspective.aspx)



Professor David Thomas presents the latest Birmingham Perspective. 08/07/2014

<u>University of Birmingham to facilitate academic cooperation with Rio de Janeiro</u> (/schools/business/departments/economics/news/2014/july/university-of-birmingham-to-facilitate-academic-cooperation-with-rio-de-janeiro.aspx)

Academics from the University of Birmingham and a Research Foundation in Rio de Janeiro working to facilitate academic cooperation in Brazil and the UK. 07/07/2014

<u>Prominent Chinese genomics institute announces world-leading research centre with the University of Birmingham (/news/latest/2014/07/Prominent-Chinese-genomics-institute-announces-world-leading-research-centre-with-the-University-of-Birmingham.aspx)</u>



BGI, the world's largest genome research institute, has signed a ground-breaking agreement with the University of Birmingham that will create the Joint Centre for Environmental Omics (JCEO) between the two institutions. The JCEO will seek to protect environment, health and global biodiversity by analysing the toxicity of compounds more efficiently than has been achieved before.



UN Human Rights Council keeps up its bad form on LGBT rights (http://theconversation.com/un-human-rights-councilkeeps-up-its-bad-form-on-lgbt-rights-28676)



Birmingham Law School's Dr Rosa Freedman writes for the Conversation (with Camilla Barker, University of Oxford) 04/07/2014

#### A rigorous review of the role and impact of private schools in developing countries (/schools/governmentsociety/departments/international-development/news/2014/07/private-schools-developing-countries.aspx)



A new review analyses recent evidence on the role and impact of private schools on education for children in developing countries, focusing on the delivery of education for the poor.

04/07/2014

### Holiday chaos as new terror plot sparks fears of extra checks at airports (http://metro.co.uk/2014/07/03/holiday-chaosas-new-terror-plot-sparks-fears-of-extra-checks-at-airports-4786319/)



Dr Steve Hewitt was featured in an article in Metro discussing the additional monitoring happening at international airports in the wake of fresh terror scares

04/07/2014

#### 'One of Us' petition marks a sinister mobilisation of the pro-life movement in Europe (http://theconversation.com/one-of-us-petition-marks-a-sinister-mobilisation-of-the-pro-life-movement-in-europe-27731)



Birmingham Law School's Dr Sheelagh McGuinness writes for the Conversation (with Professor Heather Widdows) 01/07/2014

#### Funding strengthens UK-Rio research links (/news/latest/2014/06/Funding-strengthens-UK-Rio-research-links.aspx)



The University of Birmingham and the University of Nottingham have a new funding agreement to work with leading research institutions in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro. The agreement will initially support up to 10 collaborative research projects over two rounds of funding worth £340,000. 23/06/2014

#### Poll places Birmingham academics among world's most influential researchers (/news/latest/2014/06/Poll-places-Birmingham-academics-among-worlds-most-influential-researchers.aspx)

Four academics from the University of Birmingham have been named as Highly Cited Researchers in a prestigious list of the world's leading scientific minds. 20/06/2014

#### University of Birmingham engagement with Brazil wins Outstanding International Strategy award (/news/latest/2014/06/University-of-Birmingham-engagement-with-Brazil-wins-Outstanding-International-Strategy-award.aspx)



The University of Birmingham has won the Outstanding International Strategy Award in the 2014 Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards (THELMAs). The award honours Birmingham's bold approach to secure its position in Brazil as the UK higher education institute (HEI) partner of choice

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University of Birmingham engagement with Brazil wins Outstanding International Strategy award (/schools/education/news/2014/06/University-of-Birmingham-engagement-with-Brazil-wins-Outstanding-International-Strategyaward.aspx)



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### The British Graduate Shakespeare Conference 2014

(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/events/Britgrad/index.aspx)



Conference report and videos. 17/06/2014

# International research programme makes its home at the University of Birmingham (/news/latest/2014/06/International-research-programme-makes-its-home-at-the-University-of-Birmingham.aspx)



A prestigious international research initiative, the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP), has made its home at the University of Birmingham with funding in place to continue its work for the next three years. The new research grant marks a first step towards the consolidation of the Developmental Leadership Program as a global partnership.

16/06/2014

### <u>Dr Pamela Robinson comments on Thai slave labour: producing prawns for supermarkets in the UK and US (/schools/business/departments/management/news/2014/june/dr-pamela-robinson-comments-on-thai-slave-labour.aspx)</u>

Dr Pamela Robinson discusses the recent news regarding the exploitation of labour in international supply chains involved with the production of prawns for supermarkets in the UK and US.

13/06/2014

### <u>The Business of Heritage - Stonehenge and its Redevelopment</u> <u>(/schools/historycultures/departments/ironbridge/news/2014/business-heritage-stonehenge.aspx)</u>



Professor Mike Robinson will lead a one day course on 26 June 2014 for English Heritage. The course is aimed at teachers of GCE and GCSE Business, Leisure and Tourism, Travel and Tourism and Applied Business and forms part of the OCR Professional Development Programme.

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