

Research news

[Watch Jenny Phillimore's inaugural lecture \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/jenny-phillimore-inaugural-lecture.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/jenny-phillimore-inaugural-lecture.aspx)

Jenny Phillimore, Professor of Migration and Superdiversity and Director of the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS), gave her inaugural lecture in September, 'Integration for who? Getting on in an era of superdiversity'.

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[Iran nuclear deal will come down to economic pressure \(http://theconversation.com/iran-nuclear-deal-will-come-down-to-economic-pressure-34668\)](http://theconversation.com/iran-nuclear-deal-will-come-down-to-economic-pressure-34668)



Written by Professor Scott Lucas. Iran has failed to reach an agreement with six world powers about the future of its nuclear programme after talks. Talks in Vienna about the future of Iran's nuclear programme have failed for the time being. The countries involved have agreed to resume discussions in December with a view to reaching a political agreement by March 1 next year and a final deal by the end of June.

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[Understanding the practice and developing the concept of welfare bricolage \(UPWEB\) \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/understanding-the-practice-and-developing-concept-of-welfare-bricolage.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/understanding-the-practice-and-developing-concept-of-welfare-bricolage.aspx)

IRiS were successful in their bid for NORFACE funds as part of the Welfare State Futures Programme. The UPWEB project, led by IRiS Director Professor Jenny Phillimore will commence in 2015.

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

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

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

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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'.

21/11/2014

[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.

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)

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)



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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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HSMC in Australia: Setting health priorities (/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/viewpoint/2014/hsmc-in-australia-setting-health-priorities.aspx)



Last week was the biennial meeting of the International Society for Priorities in Health Care, and it took place in the glorious setting of the South Wharf of the Yarra river in sunny Melbourne Australia.

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Creating tomorrow's leading social scientists (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/creating-tomorrows-leading-social-scientists.aspx)

The University of Birmingham is proud to offer 25 ESRC scholarships to fund postgraduate training and doctoral research.

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The future of social housing (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/the-future-of-social-housing.aspx)

Housing and Communities Research Group launches new research programme on the future of social housing.

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Deciphering Obama's letter to the Supreme Leader

(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/11/obama-letter-13-11-14.aspx)



Earlier this week, it was reported by The Wall Street Journal that President Barack Obama had sent a secret letter to the Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, urging him to accept the terms of a comprehensive agreement with the United States and other major world powers on the issue of Iran's nuclear programme.

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[Creating tomorrow's leading social scientists \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx)



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[Blog: What legacy will the rush to build houses leave for the next generation? \(http://inlogov.com/2014/11/12/what-legacy-will-the-rush-to-build-houses-leave-for-the-next-generation/\)](http://inlogov.com/2014/11/12/what-legacy-will-the-rush-to-build-houses-leave-for-the-next-generation/)



Written by Ian Briggs. Many rural and semi-rural localities are struggling to cope with the increasing number of applications for potential new housing developments, a proportion of which seem to defy logic and sound planning sense when matched against local knowledge and established patterns of socialisation.

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[Sans Papiers: The Social and economic lives of young, undocumented migrants \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/sans-papiers-social-and-economic-lives-of-young-undocumented-migrants.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/11/sans-papiers-social-and-economic-lives-of-young-undocumented-migrants.aspx)

IRiS's Dr Nando Sigona and Professor Roger Zetter (University of Oxford) will present their new book 'Sans Papiers: The social and economic lives of young undocumented migrants', at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford on Wednesday 19 November.

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