

Research news

[The Conversation: Climate change: it's only human to exaggerate, but science itself does not](http://theconversation.com/climate-change-its-only-human-to-exaggerate-but-science-itself-does-not-33150)



To exaggerate is human, and scientists are human. Exaggeration and the complementary art of simplification are the basic rhetorical tools of human intercourse. So yes, scientists do exaggerate. So do politicians, perhaps even when, as the UK's former environment secretary Owen Paterson did, they claim that climate change forecasts are "widely exaggerated". A more pertinent question is: does the way in which scientists and politicians speak publicly lead to wild exaggeration?

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[Interfaces Principal Investigator Gives Keynote Presentations \(/generic/interfaces/news/2014/Interfaces-Principal-Investigator-Gives-Keynote-Presentations.aspx\)](/generic/interfaces/news/2014/Interfaces-Principal-Investigator-Gives-Keynote-Presentations.aspx)

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[Divide and Conquer: novel trick helps rare pathogen infect healthy people \(/news/latest/2014/10/divide-and-conquer-17-10-14.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/10/divide-and-conquer-17-10-14.aspx)

New research into a rare pathogen has shown how a unique evolutionary trait allows it to infect even the healthiest of hosts through a smart solution to the body's immune response against it.

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[Poor quality data is informing the future of our patient care, warns study \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/10/Poor-quality-data-informing-the-future-of-our-patient-care-16-10-14.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/10/Poor-quality-data-informing-the-future-of-our-patient-care-16-10-14.aspx)

An investigation into how patient outcomes are assessed in clinical trials has revealed a worrying lack of consistency, raising concerns about funding being wasted on the acquisition of poor quality data.

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[The Centre for Research in Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship: 10 Years On \(/research/activity/business/creme/news/2014/october/creme-10-years-on.aspx\)](/research/activity/business/creme/news/2014/october/creme-10-years-on.aspx)

It's ten years since the Centre for Research in Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship (CREME), now operating at the heart of University of Birmingham's Business School, came into being.

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[The Conversation: Albania-Serbia football drone farce shows Balkan nationalism is still a dangerous powder keg \(https://theconversation.com/albania-serbia-football-drone-farce-shows-balkan-nationalism-is-still-a-dangerous-powder-keg-33101\)](https://theconversation.com/albania-serbia-football-drone-farce-shows-balkan-nationalism-is-still-a-dangerous-powder-keg-33101)



Written by Dr Gëzim Alpion. Few thought that Serbia's Euro 2016 qualifying fixture against Albania on October 14 2014 would be an easy match. But the depths to which it sank are shocking even to those familiar with the potency of anti-Albanian feeling among Serbia's nationalist factions.

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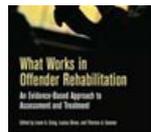
[A critical exploration of global public health \(/research/activity/CHLSP/news/2014/wellcome-trust-funding-conference.aspx\)](/research/activity/CHLSP/news/2014/wellcome-trust-funding-conference.aspx)



Professor Jean McHale and Dr Sheelagh McGuinness have been awarded a grant by the Wellcome Trust to run a conference "A critical exploration of

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[Landmark book series reveals What Works in Offender Rehabilitation \(/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/14Oct-landmark-international-book-series.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/14Oct-landmark-international-book-series.aspx)



News article about The School of Psychology's Professor Leam Craig and Dr Louise Dixon being invited to edit an international book series about offender rehabilitation.

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[Birmingham physicist elected UK ATLAS Physics Coordinator \(/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Birmingham-Physicist-elected-UK-ATLAS-Physics-coordinator.aspx\)](/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Birmingham-Physicist-elected-UK-ATLAS-Physics-coordinator.aspx)

Dr Kostas Nikolopoulos, Birmingham Fellow in the School of Physics and Astronomy, has been elected UK ATLAS Physics coordinator.

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This unique book, by HSMC's Jon Glasby and Catherine Needham, brings together, for the first time, advocates and critics of the personalisation agenda in English social care services to debate key issues relating to personalisation.

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[The Problems of Travelling to Access Basic Care #repealthe8th \(http://humanrights.ie/constitution-of-ireland/the-problems-of-travelling-to-access-basic-care-repealthe8th/\)](http://humanrights.ie/constitution-of-ireland/the-problems-of-travelling-to-access-basic-care-repealthe8th/)



Birmingham Law School's Dr Sheelagh McGuinness and Professor Marie Fox write for the Human Rights in Ireland blog.

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[ICCS Seminar Series 2014/15 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/events/seminar-series/2014-15/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/events/seminar-series/2014-15/index.aspx)



ICCS 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.

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[International Development Forum, Autumn 2014 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/events/2014/international-development-forum/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/events/2014/international-development-forum/index.aspx)



The International Development Forum is an initiative funded by the University of Birmingham Educational Enhancement Fund to provide an introduction to international development to students from across the University, at any level of study.

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[Podcast: "The Responsibility to Protect" and the Unreasonable Veto \(/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/10/the-responsibility-to-protect.aspx\)](/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/10/the-responsibility-to-protect.aspx)



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Volunteers needed for a clinical trial to advance research into blood cancer
(</university/colleges/mds/news/2014/10/volunteers-needed-for-a-clinical-trial-to-advance-research-into-blood-cancer.aspx>)

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Engineering and Physical Sciences in the media - October 2014 (</university/colleges/eps/news/eps-media/2014/october.aspx>)

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