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Research news

Recent research grants in Engineering and Physical Sciences (/university/colleges/eps/news/awards/research-grants-0714.aspx)

A selection of recent research awards in Engineering and Physical Sciences totalling in excess of 750,000. From quantum technologies to railways and more...

01/08/2014

Podcast: ASPA Roundtable on US Political Science (/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2014/07/aspa-roundtable.aspx)

Roundtable with Professor Steven R. Smith, the American Political Science Association (APSA) Executive Director and a leading scholar on the non-profit sector, 29 July 2014, Chaired by Professor Chris Skelcher, INLOGOV, University of Birmingham.

01/08/2014

Antiepileptic drugs taken during pregnancy may increase risk of impaired development for children (/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/01Aug-antiepileptic-drugs-taken-during-pregnancy.aspx)

New research suggests that taking antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy increases the risk of the child having impaired brain development.

01/08/2014

"Ideological Dissent in Downsian Politics" research podcast with Dr Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/research/research-podcasts.aspx)

In this latest podcast, Dr Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay discusses his research that looks at factors that play apart in politics, voting and the government.

31/07/2014

Hydrogen Locomotion (/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Hydrogen-Locomotion.aspx)

Hydrogen, as an energy carrier, has received a great deal of attention because it can be produced from many different feedstocks, like electricity, and therefore can provide a clean source of power with minimal local emissions, especially if a fuel cell is used. Recently the Traction Systems Group has investigated the suitability of hydrogen to operate trains. The studies included the energy supply chain and the associated carbon emissions to allow a comparison the incumbent technologies in the railway market.

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INLOGOV Summer Symposium 2014 (/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2014/07/summer-symposium.aspx)

This summer symposium brought together distinguished UK and international academics and leaders in the field of local government to share new ideas, creativity, evidence and experience on some of the major challenges for local government.

31/07/2014

Holdsworth - Law alumni newsletter 2014 (/schools/law/news/2014/07/holdsworth-2014.aspx)

The 2014 edition of our alumni newsletter had just been published. You can read it online here.

30/07/2014

Professor Martin Trybus on ELFA Thesis Prize jury (/research/activity/iel/news/2014/trybus-elfa-thesis.aspx)

IEL Director Martin Trybus is on the jury for the award of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) Thesis Prize for work submitted in 2013

29/07/2014

Intuitive Colorimetry comes to the School of Psychology (/schools/psychology/labs/saal/news/29July-intuitive-colorimetry-comes-to-the-school-of-psychology.aspx)

Dr Jason Braithwaite, who heads The Selective Attention and Awareness Laboratory (SAAL), was recently awarded funds to purchase a Mk III Intuitive Colorimeter unit (Cerium visual technologies) for the assessment of visual stress and visual anomalies across a variety of neurological conditions and disorders.

29/07/2014

Podcast: Israel is the only state taking the drone threat seriously – Professor David Dunn (http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/2014/07/17/podcast-israel-is-the-only-state-taking-the-drone-threat-seriously-professor-david-dunn/)

Professor David Dunn talks to The Bureau of Invesigative Journalism on a recent podcast saying that the biggest threat of drone technology is its potential use by terrorists and other non-state actors with "malign intent".

28/07/2014

Dinosaurs fell victim to perfect storm of events, study shows (/schools/gees/news/2014/28Jul-dinosaurs-fell-victim-to-perfect-storm-of-events.aspx)

Dinosaurs might have survived the asteroid strike that wiped them out if it had taken place slightly earlier or later in history, scientists say.

28/07/2014

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

NHS Savile inquiry: evidence on fundraising (/generic/tsrc/news/2014/07/nhs-savile.aspx)

John Mohan, TSRC Director, was one of a group of academics invited by History and Policy to present evidence to the Lampard Inquiry, overseeing the NHS's investigations into the activities of Jimmy Savile. John's evidence showed how and why charitable fundraising became of renewed significance to the NHS in the early 1980s, and according to the investigators it "provided invaluable insight into… the culture of the NHS" and the historical context to their inquiries.

25/07/2014

Less than 1% of UK public research funding spent on antibiotic research in past 5 years (/news/latest/2014/07/UK-public-research-funding-on-antibiotic-research-25-07-14.aspx)

Less than 1% of research funding awarded by public and charitable bodies to UK researchers in 2008–13 was awarded for research on antibiotics, according to new research published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases.

25/07/2014

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

Superdiversity: Theory, method and practice in an era of change (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/07/superdiversity-theory-method-and-practice-in-an-era-of-change.aspx)

The Institute for Research into Superdiversity recently held the world's first international, interdisciplinary conference on superdiversity at the University of Birmingham Business School.

24/07/2014

Professor Yvonne Elsworth featured on BBC Radio Four's 'In our time' (http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/iot)

How was the Sun formed, and what do we know about its structure and the processes going on inside our nearest star? Select 'The Sun 10 Jul' podcast from the linked page.

24/07/2014

Physics at Birmingham research paper appears in prestigious journal. (http://physics.aps.org/synopsis-for/10.1103/PhysRevLett.113.012502)

Professor Martin Freer's paper 'Carbon-12 Caught in a Triangle' featured in the high profile American Physics Society Journal.

24/07/2014

Three Papers by Kate Ince (/research/activity/b-film/news/2014/three-papers.aspx)

Kate Ince has recently delivered three research papers at international conferences and symposia.

24/07/2014

Cuba's Cinematic Élan Vital (/research/activity/b-film/news/2014/cuba.aspx)

Professor Rob Stone and University of Cambridge doctoral student Dunja Fehimović recently published a co-written article on contemporary filmmaking in present-day Cuba in The Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies.

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