

Research news

[Ottawa shootings: Canada 'lost its innocence' a long time ago \(http://theconversation.com/ottawa-shootings-canada-lost-its-innocence-a-long-time-ago-33387\)](http://theconversation.com/ottawa-shootings-canada-lost-its-innocence-a-long-time-ago-33387)



Dr Steve Hewitt on the Ottawa shootings and Canadas previous terrorist attacks.
24/10/2014

[Japan's Shinzo Abe will struggle to recover from ministerial scandal \(http://theconversation.com/japans-shinzo-abe-will-struggle-to-recover-from-ministerial-scandal-33272\)](http://theconversation.com/japans-shinzo-abe-will-struggle-to-recover-from-ministerial-scandal-33272)



Written by Dr Julie Gilson. In a country that has had nine leaders since 2000, Japan's prime minister Shinzo Abe appeared to have found the recipe for longevity. But the resignation of two ministers from his government has left him in serious trouble.
22/10/2014

[Ukraine steels itself for winter as Novorossiia forges ahead \(http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiia-forges-ahead-33151\)](http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiia-forges-ahead-33151)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). The EU-Asia Summit in Milan, Italy, delivered little, if any, tangible progress to resolve the crisis in Ukraine. Relations between Russia and Ukraine's major European allies remain just a few degrees above a new Cold War-style ice age. And with only a preliminary gas deal achieved between Kiev and Moscow this may be quite literally true for Ukrainians as winter approaches.
20/10/2014

[University of Birmingham jumps nine places in world research rankings \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/10/ntu-ranking.aspx\)](http://university/colleges/mds/news/2014/10/ntu-ranking.aspx)

The University of Birmingham has risen an impressive nine points in the latest world research rankings, placing it in 112th place among the top 500 global research universities. The Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities 2014, also known as the NTU Ranking, ranked Birmingham ninth overall in the UK.
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['Taking Nonhuman Perspectives Seriously: The Importance of Non-Anthropocentrism for Nonhuman Animals' \(http://mindinganimalsconf3.in/\)](http://mindinganimalsconf3.in/)



In January 2015, PhD student Andrew Woodhall will present his paper at the Minding Animals conference in New Delhi, India.
10/10/2014

[Publication of papers from the Eighth Birmingham Colloquium \(/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/book-tands11-2014.aspx\)](http://research/activity/itsee/news/2014/book-tands11-2014.aspx)



The latest Birmingham Colloquium volume has been published!
03/10/2014

[New digital map reveals stunning hidden archaeology of Stonehenge \(/news/latest/2014/09/new-map-reveals-hidden-archaeology-of-stonehenge-10-09-14.aspx\)](http://news/latest/2014/09/new-map-reveals-hidden-archaeology-of-stonehenge-10-09-14.aspx)

A host of previously unknown archaeological monuments have been discovered around Stonehenge as part of an unprecedented digital mapping project that will transform our knowledge of this iconic landscape – including remarkable new findings on the world's largest 'super henge', Durrington Walls.

10/09/2014

[Food for thought: scientists use social media to expose global eating habits \(/news/latest/2014/09/social-media-and-eating-habits.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/social-media-and-eating-habits.aspx)

People in the UK eat their main meal at dinner time, Brazilians eat theirs at lunchtime, and the population of the US tends to eat more throughout the day, according to research by computer scientists at the University of Birmingham in the first study of its kind into eating and drinking habits using social media data.

09/09/2014

[Plant diversity in China vital for global food security \(/news/latest/2014/09/china-cwr.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/china-cwr.aspx)

With climate change threatening global food supplies, new research claims the rich flora of China could be crucial to underpin food security in the future.

08/09/2014

[The future of our crops is at risk in conflict zones, say Birmingham scientists \(/news/latest/2014/09/conflict-zones-cwr.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/conflict-zones-cwr.aspx)

Wild species related to our crops which are crucial as potential future food resources have been identified by University of Birmingham scientists, however, a significant proportion are found in conflict zones in the Middle East, where their conservation is increasingly comprised.

08/09/2014

[ITSEE at the British Patristics Conference 2014 \(/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/british-patristics-conference-2014.aspx\)](/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/british-patristics-conference-2014.aspx)



Members of ITSEE and other Birmingham theologians are giving papers at the Fifth British Patristics Conference in London from 3-5 September 2014.

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[Creating Change, Expanding Opportunity - IDD Annual Report 2013-14](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/idd/annual-report/2013-14.pdf)

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21/08/2014

[Inside Donetsk, a city at war, while the jaw-jaw over Ukraine continues \(http://theconversation.com/inside-donetsk-a-city-at-war-while-the-jaw-jaw-over-ukraine-continues-30486\)](http://theconversation.com/inside-donetsk-a-city-at-war-while-the-jaw-jaw-over-ukraine-continues-30486)



Written by Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University) and Professor Stefan Wolff. The past few days have seen another round of the seemingly endless cycle of escalation and de-escalation that has characterised the crisis in Ukraine for several months.

19/08/2014

[Sino-Indian Relations in the 21st Century: Economic and Security Implications and Responses \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/08/sino-indian-relations-21st-century.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/08/sino-indian-relations-21st-century.aspx)



This conference hosted by the University of Birmingham took place on Thursday 10 July 2014. The conference brought together leading scholars from China, India and the UK to address the following questions: what are the key drivers of Sino-Indian relations, particularly their economic and security relations? What are the cooperative and competitive elements in their economic and security strategies towards their Asian neighbours and beyond? What kind of regional and extra-regional responses are provoked by the increasing capabilities and expanding ambitions and activities of these rising powers?

18/08/2014

[University of Birmingham engagement with Brazil wins Outstanding International Strategy award \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/06/University-of-Birmingham-engagement-with-Brazil-wins-Outstanding-International-Strategy-award.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/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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50 years since the last execution can the UK help end the death penalty worldwide? (<http://theconversation.com/50-years-since-the-last-execution-can-the-uk-help-end-the-death-penalty-worldwide-30430>)



Birmingham Law School's Dr Bharat Malkani writes for the Conversation

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Self-styled people's governor of Donetsk tells us: these areas have always been Russian (<http://theconversation.com/self-styled-peoples-governor-of-donetsk-tells-us-these-areas-have-always-been-russian-29708>)



Written by Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University) and Professor Stefan Wolff. There are two competing and irreconcilable narratives about the crisis in eastern Ukraine that divide public opinion and media coverage in the region and the country – as much as they divide Russia and the West.

07/08/2014

Lack of trust and tit-for-tat escalation brings Ukraine to the brink of all-out war with Russia (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/perspective/ukraine-russia-conflict.aspx>)



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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>)



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