

## Research news

### **[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.

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### **[Acer members speak at ITASD Conference \(/schools/education/news/2014/10/Acer-members-speak-at-ITASD-Conference.aspx\)](/schools/education/news/2014/10/Acer-members-speak-at-ITASD-Conference.aspx)**

Four members of the Autism Centre for Education and Research (ACER) spoke about their research at the ITASD Conference at the Institute Pasteur in Paris.

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### **[High Temperature Research Centre reaches the top \(/news/latest/2014/10/High-Temperature-Research-Centre-reaches-the-top.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/10/High-Temperature-Research-Centre-reaches-the-top.aspx)**

Construction of the University of Birmingham's High Temperature Research Centre reached a significant milestone this week as the University and contractor Wates Construction celebrated the development's 'topping out'.

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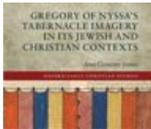
### **[Professor awarded prestigious ACSM Citation Award \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/21Oct-SportExR-Professor-awarded-prestigious-ACSM-Citation-Award.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/21Oct-SportExR-Professor-awarded-prestigious-ACSM-Citation-Award.aspx)**



Professor Janice L Thompson, Professor of Public Health Nutrition and Exercise at the School of Sport, Exercise and rehabilitation Sciences, has recently been awarded the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Citation Award. This is one of the two most prestigious awards given by ACSM and is granted to an individual or group who has made significant and important contributions to sports medicine and/or the exercise sciences.

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### **[Publication of Ann Conway-Jones, Gregory of Nyssa's Tabernacle Imagery \(/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/conway-jones-book-2014.aspx\)](/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/conway-jones-book-2014.aspx)**



Publication of Ann Conway Jones's book on Gregory of Nyssa's Tabernacle Imagery.

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### **[Read the latest briefing papers from CHASM \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/10/latest-briefing-papers-from-chasm.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/10/latest-briefing-papers-from-chasm.aspx)**

Read the latest Briefing Papers from the Centre on Household Assets and Savings Management (CHASM).

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### **[ITSEE welcomes new postgraduates \(/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/new-students-2014.aspx\)](/research/activity/itsee/news/2014/new-students-2014.aspx)**



Start of the new academic year at ITSEE.

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### **[Ukraine steels itself for winter as Novorossiya forges ahead \(http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiya-forges-ahead-33151\)](http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiya-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.

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**[The Conversation: Climate change: it's only human to exaggerate, but science itself does not \(http://theconversation.com/climate-change-its-only-human-to-exaggerate-but-science-itself-does-not-33150\)](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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**[Call for Papers - Postgraduate Conference on Sport Politics, Policy and Society \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/17Oct-Postgraduate-Conference-on-Sport-Politics,-Policy-and-Society.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/17Oct-Postgraduate-Conference-on-Sport-Politics,-Policy-and-Society.aspx)**



To celebrate the launch of a new Sport Policy Centre, within the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences, a graduate conference on the theme of 'Sport Politics, Policy and Society' will take place on 4 December 2014 followed by an invited guest speaker.

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

**[New book from Dr Maggie Kubanyiova shortlisted for prestigious Book Award \(/schools/education/news/2014/10/new-book-from-Dr-Maggie-Kubiovana-shortlisted-for-prestigious-Book-Award.aspx\)](#)**

'Motivating Learners, Motivating Teachers: Building Vision in the Language Classroom' shortlisted for prestigious book award  
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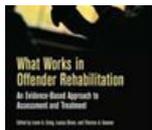
**[A critical exploration of global public health \(/research/activity/CHLSP/news/2014/wellcome-trust-funding-conference.aspx\)](#)**



Professor Jean McHale and Dr Sheelagh McGuinness have been awarded a grant by the Wellcome Trust to run a conference "A critical exploration of global public health" and to hold a public lecture "Ebola: towards an International Health Systems Fund"

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



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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