

## Research news

### **Government funding will allow quantum technology industry to flourish in UK**

**(<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/11/quantum-technology-27-11-14.aspx>)**

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### **Watch Jenny Phillimore's inaugural lecture (/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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### **The changing world of perfume and why some chemicals are being taken out**

**(/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/changing-world-of-perfume-chemicals-taken-out.aspx)**

There are two types of perfume in the world: the fast turnover celebrity perfumes, designed to hit the market and make profits before a star's capital wanes; and the timeless classics, with their expensive ingredients and loyal followings. While the names endure, many of the ingredients and quantities have changed over time.

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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>)**



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)**

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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### **Folic acid reduces the risk of babies being born small for gestational age; but uptake remains low (/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Folic-acid.aspx)**

Taking folic acid before conception significantly reduces the risk of small for gestational age (SGA) at birth, but despite the benefits there are still thousands who opt against following the recommendation.

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### **Exploiting the 'spooky effects' of quantum mechanics: physicists receive £80 million in funding (/news/latest/2014/11/26-Nov-14-quantum-mechanics-physicists-receive-80-million-in-funding.aspx)**

A consortium led by physicists at the University of Birmingham including the Universities of Glasgow, Nottingham, Southampton, Strathclyde and Sussex have been awarded a UK Quantum Technology Hub with a total EPSRC, University and industry contribution exceeding £80 million to translate their work in quantum sensors into technology that could help industry solve many problems.

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### **Rethinking Modern British Studies conference - call for papers**

**(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/rethinking-mbs.aspx)**



Call for papers.



## **[Connected histories in Birmingham \(http://mbsbham.wordpress.com/2014/11/19/connected-histories-in-birmingham/\)](http://mbsbham.wordpress.com/2014/11/19/connected-histories-in-birmingham/)**

Dr Kate Smith on Connected Histories: Voices Past and Present.

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## **[Rural to urban migration in 18th century Scandinavia - evidence from the maritime sector \(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/labour-migration.aspx\)](/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/labour-migration.aspx)**

A new working paper from Dr Jelle van Lottum.

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## **[When UN peacekeepers commit atrocities, someone has to act \(http://theconversation.com/when-un-peacekeepers-commit-atrocities-someone-has-to-act-34317\)](http://theconversation.com/when-un-peacekeepers-commit-atrocities-someone-has-to-act-34317)**

Birmingham Law School's Dr Rosa Freedman writes about UN peacekeepers and atrocities for the Conversation

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## **[Using intelligence to understand cancer's defence against immunity \(/news/latest/2014/11/understanding-cancers-defence-against-immunity-25-11-14.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/11/understanding-cancers-defence-against-immunity-25-11-14.aspx)**

A team from the University of Birmingham are looking to receive a boost to their research into a treatment for cancers linked to Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) through a pioneering crowdfunding scheme.

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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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## **[Let Robot Battle Commence \(/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Let-Robot-Battle-Commence-.aspx\)](/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/Let-Robot-Battle-Commence-.aspx)**

Celebrating the fourth edition of European Robotics Week (ERW), the School of Computer Science at the University of Birmingham will be taking part in a number of robot challenges from Monday 24 - Friday 28 November to showcase its broad and pioneering activity in the field of robotic research and development.

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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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## **[From Lab Bench to Backbench \(/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/From-Lab-Bench-to-Backbench.aspx\)](/university/colleges/eps/news/college/2014/From-Lab-Bench-to-Backbench.aspx)**

John Bridgeman, Professor of Environmental Engineering and Director of Research and Knowledge Transfer in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences will be swapping lab coat for legislation, when he visits civil servant, James Riches, at the House of Commons today (Monday 24 November) for a "Week in Westminster", as part of a unique pairing scheme run by the Royal Society – the UK's national academy of science.

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## [Does Ed Miliband have a future as Labour leader? \(/schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/ed-miliband.aspx\)](#)



Dr Matthew Francis on balancing party unity and electability.

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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 \(/schools/law/news/2014/11/rackley-being-human-festival.aspx\)](#)



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'.

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