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Research news

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

"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

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

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

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

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

The Conversation: How harsher sanctions could help Putin turn Russia back into the Soviet Union (http://theconversation.com/how-harsher-sanctions-could-help-putin-turn-russia-back-into-the-soviet-union-29615)

Written by Dr Richard Connolly. The downing of flight MH17 has caused attention to shift once again to the prospect of even harsher penalties being imposed upon Russia by Western countries. Up to this point, sanctions have been limited to individuals within or close to Russia's ruling elite, as well as a few associated companies.

24/07/2014

IGS podcast: Ethics and the Holocaust (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/07/ethics-holocaust.aspx)

Speakers: Professor Marc Silberman, University of Wisconsin - Madison "The Ethics of Teaching Holocaust Violence". Justin Court, University of Wisconsin – Madison "The Ethics of Viewing Holocaust Violence".

23/07/2014

IGS podcast: From Wars of Liberation to Star Wars: Friedrich Schiller's Pop Culture Legacy (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/07/from-wars-liberation-to-star-wars.aspx)

Speaker: Professor Jeffrey L. High (California State University Long Beach), "From Wars of Liberation to Star Wars: Friedrich Schiller's Pop Culture Legacy"

23/07/2014

Flight MH17 and Russia's 'little green men' (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/perspective/russia-mh17.aspx)

Written by Dr Kataryna Wolczuk. "The shooting down of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 in Eastern Ukraine on 17 July has placed the conflict which has engulfed that part of Ukraine into an entirely new context. It has transformed the event from a localised, regional rebellion into a crisis that brings Russia's role into the open, writes Kataryna Wolczuk, of the Centre for Russian and European Studies."

23/07/2014

The Conversation: As Russia votes with Security Council, could MH17 be providing a wake-up call? (http://theconversation.com/as-russia-votes-with-security-council-could-mh17-be-providing-a-wake-up-call-29522)

Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. The unanimous vote in the UN Security Council on the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over rebel-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine is a welcome step. The resolution, drafted by Australia which lost 37 people in the tragedy, condemns the downing of the aircraft and calls for all states to co-operate with the investigation and demands that armed groups allow open access to the crash site.

23/07/2014

What does the future hold for the NHS? (/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2014/07/what-does-the-future-hold-for-the-nhs.aspx)

The following articles in the recently published publication reflect the broad range of interests held by HSMC colleagues, but all consider the future challenges and opportunities for the NHS, and interpret leadership in a range of contexts.

21/07/2014

New book series: Global Political Economies of Gender and Sexuality (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/03/global-political-economies-gender-sexuality.aspx)

Dr Nicola Smith, Senior Lecturer in POLSIS, has recently signed a book series. The book series is called 'Global Political Economies of Gender and Sexuality', is being published by Rowman & Littlefield International and is edited by Nicola Smith, Adrienne Roberts (University of Manchester) and Juanita Elias (University of Birmingham). The series has just started and they will have a big launch once the first books have been commissioned.

21/07/2014

Funded PhD opportunities: School of Social Policy (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2014/07/funded-phd-opportunities.aspx)

The School of Social Policy at the University of Birmingham, is seeking to recruit two full time doctoral research scholarships. Find out how to apply.

21/07/2014

Blog: From repression to co-production with citizens: Why we need behaviour change in healthcare (http://inlogov.com/2014/07/21/from-repression-to-co-production/)

Written by Jörgen Tholstrup. What's the mission of health care? I've been working as a physician and gastroenterologist both in Denmark and Sweden for more than 30 years. Over time, I've become more and more puzzled about our healthcare system and how otherwise responsible human beings can tolerate the way that common behaviourial rules are suspended when you access healthcare.

21/07/2014

The Conversation: How far were Russia's 'little green men' involved in the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17? (http://theconversation.com/how-far-were-russias-little-green-men-involved-in-the-downing-of-malaysia-airlines-flight-mh17-29422)

Written by Dr Kataryna Wolczuk. The shooting down of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 in Eastern Ukraine on 17th June has placed the conflict which has engulfed that part of Ukraine into an entirely new context. It has transformed the event from a localised, regional rebellion into a crisis that brings Russia's role into the open.

21/07/2014

One in four could not find £200 in an emergency, research shows (/news/latest/2014/07/one-in-four-could-not-find-200-in-an-emergency-research-shows.aspx)

Nearly a quarter of people would be unable to find £200 at short notice, new research shows.One in six admit they would have to borrow the money, with a further 8% saying they simply could not pay, according to data published in an annual financial-state-of-the-nation report by academics.

18/07/2014

The Israeli-Palestinian crisis: A distressing déjà vu (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/07/israeli-palestinian-crisis.aspx)

Written by Dr Asaf Siniver. The most depressing aspect of the current round of violence between Israelis and Palestinians, beyond the death toll and the human suffering, is the sheer predictability of this crisis. As far as contemporary armed conflicts go, few could match the intensity, inevitability and perpetuity of the ongoing struggle between the militant group Hamas and the Israeli government.

17/07/2014

Smart Leadership for Smart Cities (/schools/business/news/2014/july/smart-leadership-for-smart-cities.aspx)

Research undertaken at Birmingham Business School has been examining our understanding of how Smart Cities, which aim to offer improved local economic development, social and environmental outcomes.

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