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Departments

The School of Government and Society is one of the leading UK and international centres for politics, international relations, international development, sociology, and European studies. The School brings together academic staff, research staff and doctoral students across a number of discrete disciplinary fields within the Social Sciences.

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International Development Department

The work of the International Development Department (IDD) is focused on poverty reduction through the development of effective governance systems.

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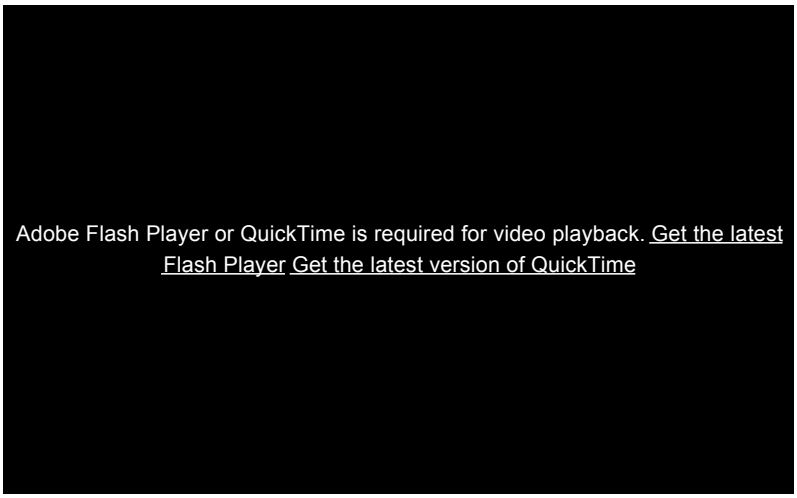

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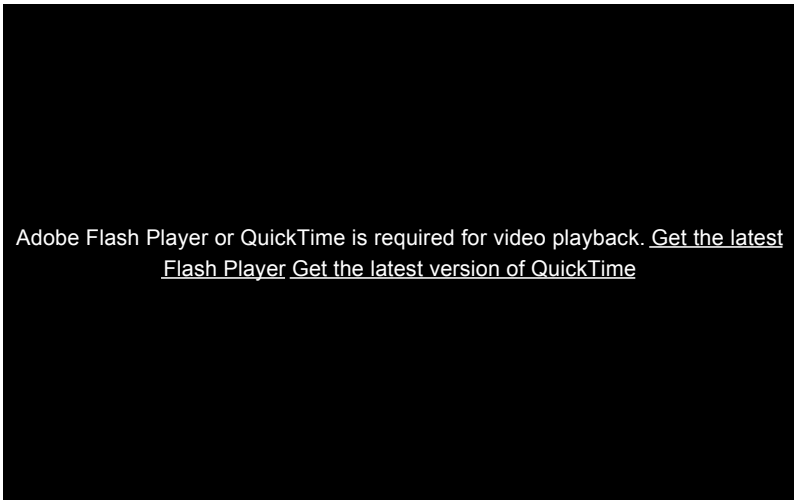
Institute of Local Government Studies

The Institute of Local Government Studies (INLOGOV) is the leading academic centre for research and teaching on democratic local governance and strategic public management.

We seek to enrich the world of local public service with up-to-date research evidence and innovative Ideas for making a positive difference for citizens and local communities.



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Department of Political Science and International Studies

The Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) is one of the largest of its kind in the UK .

The Department inspires and enhances intellectual development and enthusiasm for learning in staff and students alike. It has enjoyed a consistently high place in the Guardian league tables, since these were first published in 2000. The Department also plays host to **Sociology (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/sociology/index.aspx)**, the **Institute of German Studies (http://www.igs.bham.ac.uk/index.shtml)** and the **Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) (/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/index.aspx)**.

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Centres in the School:

Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security

The Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security (ICCS) was established at the University of Birmingham in February 2012. Its key purpose is to promote a multidisciplinary approach to the security challenges that arise from global interconnectedness.

These security challenges pose theoretical and practical questions relating to the possibilities of reducing the risks of violent conflict, as well as developing cooperation and trust, both regionally and globally.

More about the **Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security (ICCS) (/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/index.aspx)** .

Institute of German Studies

Established in 1994 as a joint venture between the **German Academic Exchange Service (https://www.ucms.bham.ac.uk/lcms/publish/about/www.daad.org.uk)** (DAAD) and the University of Birmingham, the Institute for German Studies is part of a network of centres around the world. Our research is cross-disciplinary, encompassing the culture, history, politics and economics of Germany in its European context.

We are based at the University of Birmingham as an interdisciplinary Institute within the College of Social Sciences and the College of Arts and Law. We work closely with other departments in the University, including **Modern Languages (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/lcahm/departments/languages/index.aspx)** , **Modern History (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/historycultures/departments/history/index.aspx)** and the **Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/index.aspx)** .

More about the **Institute of German Studies (IGS) (/research/activity/institute-german-studies/index.aspx)** .

GSDRC: policy-oriented research

For over a decade, IDD has led a cutting-edge research and knowledge management centre, GSDRC. This supports many aid agencies, synthesising the latest evidence and expert thinking to inform policy and practice. GSDRC provides applied knowledge services on demand and online, specialising in issues of governance, social development, humanitarian response and conflict.

More about the **GSDRC: policy-oriented research (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/gsdrc.aspx)** .

Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies

The Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) is one of the world's leading research institutes in its field.

While our expertise is firmly grounded in the former states of the USSR and Eastern Europe, we recognise the global importance of this region. This is reflected in CREES' research and teaching interests that cut across Eastern and Western Europe.

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Sociology at Birmingham

Sociology at Birmingham is an excellent place to develop a sociological imagination to understand the challenges and opportunities we face.

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