

News

Keep up to date with the latest news and events from around the department and the wide-ranging projects our staff and students get involved with.

[More news throughout the School of Government and Society \(/schools/government-society/news/index.aspx\)](#).

Latest news

[IDD Launch New Module on Disability \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/02/module-on-disability.aspx\)](#)



IDD launches new PG module in 'Disability and Development' on campus and via distance learning.

Friday 21st February 2014

[IRiS Podcast: Struggles against subjection: the consequences of the criminalization of migration on migrants' everyday lives \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/02/struggles-against-subjection.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Dr Agnieszka Kubal (University of Oxford). Migration, Citizenship and Diversity: Questioning the Boundaries Seminar Series.

Thursday 13th February 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Development Strategies and Theories - A Perspective from Tanzania \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/02/development-strategies-theories-tanzania.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Dr Andrew Coulson, Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham.

Wednesday 12th February 2014

[IDD Recruiting Research Fellow \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/01/recruiting-research-fellow.aspx\)](#)



Applications are invited for the position of Research Fellow with the International Development Department to work on a two year Leverhulme Trust research project, 'Networking for fisheries co-management on Lake Victoria, East Africa', working alongside Dr Fiona Nunan.

Friday 31st January 2014

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Spread of the Birmingham Mafia: The Development of In-Country Programmes \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/01/development-in-country-programmes.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Professor Ken Davey OBE, Emeritus Professor, International Development Department, University of Birmingham.

Monday 27th January 2014

[IRiS Podcast: Beyond Reason: The Philosophy and Politics of Immigration \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/01/beyond-reason.aspx\)](#)



Speaker: Philip Cole, University of the West of England. Migration, Citizenship and Diversity: Questioning the Boundaries Seminar Series.

Tuesday 21st January 2014

[Blog: Violence in South Sudan illustrates the perils of state building \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/01/14/violence-in-south-sudan-illustrates-the-perils-of-state-building/\)](#)



Written by Professor Paul Jackson. The Christmas period in the newest nation in the world, South Sudan, has been a violent one. More than 1,000 people are believed to have died (BBC) with more than 120,000 forced to flee ethnic clashes (BBC) in one of the least developed countries in the world. The President of the UN Security Council, Gerard Arnaud, has warned that this could lead to a fully fledged ethnic war in the country and around 7,500 UN peacekeeping troops have deployed to the country. In a country that is awash with guns and with a long history of violence between ethnic groups, populist political rhetoric along ethnic lines is dangerous.

Wednesday 15th January 2014

[Exciting, Forward Thinking Undergraduate Degrees \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/courses/undergraduate.aspx\)](#)



Choose to study political science, international studies, sociology or european politics and take the opportunity to examine some of the most important political issues that we as citizens face in the 21st century.

Thursday 2nd January 2014

[International Collaboration map \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/collaboration/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/research/collaboration/index.aspx)



The College of Social Sciences is proud of its extensive links with universities and other strategic partners throughout the world. Through our network of global partnerships, we engage in a wide range of activities including staff and student exchange and collaboration in research and teaching.

Thursday 19th December 2013

[Doctoral Researchers Yearbook 2013 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/dr-yearbook-2013.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/dr-yearbook-2013.pdf)



The Yearbook showcases the innovative and cutting edge work of the Doctoral Researchers in the Schools of Business, Education, Government and Society and Social Policy. The quality of the research being undertaken within our Doctoral Research Community is outstanding and this Yearbook highlights the impressive scope, depth and breadth of the research being undertaken.

Wednesday 18th December 2013

[Podcast: Making Politics Practical II: Development Politics and the Changing Aid Environment \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2013/12/making-politics-practical.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2013/12/making-politics-practical.aspx)



This workshop - which was held at the University of Birmingham and co-hosted between IDD and the PSA Development Politics Group - thus takes the 2007 event forward and explores the '(re)politicisation' of development studies and the need for constructive, rather than merely critical, engagement with policy makers.

Wednesday 18th December 2013

[Video: International students at the University of Birmingham \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/international/students/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/international/students/index.aspx)



International students from Indonesia, Brunei, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia at the University of Birmingham talk about their time at Birmingham, including their experiences living in a vibrant and multicultural UK city.

Tuesday 10th December 2013

[Autumn Statement 2013 - Response \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/autumn-statement-2013-response.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/autumn-statement-2013-response.aspx)



We asked six leading academics for their response to the government's Autumn Statement and the likely impact it could have on everything from taxes to local service provision, the high street to personal wealth.

Tuesday 10th December 2013

[Blog: Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela 1918-2013 \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2013/12/06/nelson-rolihlahla-mandela-1918-2013/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2013/12/06/nelson-rolihlahla-mandela-1918-2013/)



Heather Marquette, Reader in Development Politics at IDD, and David Hudson, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy at UCL, are directors of research for the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP). They reflect on the inspirational achievements of Nelson Mandela – who embodied developmental leadership.

Friday 6th December 2013

[Autumn Statement 2013 - Expert Opinions \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/autumn-statement-2013.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/autumn-statement-2013.aspx)



We asked six leading academics for their expert opinions on this week's Autumn Statement and the likely impact it could have on everything from taxes to local service provision, the high street to personal wealth.

Wednesday 4th December 2013

[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The Development of Development: A Personal View \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2013/11/development-personal-view.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2013/11/development-personal-view.aspx)



Speaker: Professor Richard Batley, International Development Department, University of Birmingham. The International Development Department hosts a number of seminars throughout the autumn term which focuses on a number of different topics. The seminars are open to everyone.

Friday 29th November 2013

[The Conversation: Joseph Kony peace talks may be just another tactic \(http://theconversation.com/joseph-kony-peace-talks-may-be-just-another-tactic-20662\)](http://theconversation.com/joseph-kony-peace-talks-may-be-just-another-tactic-20662)



Written by Professor Paul Jackson. The government of the Central African Republic claims to be in talks with one of the world's most enigmatic African guerrilla leaders, Joseph Kony. But Kony has entered talks before with no intention of backing down. This latest announcement follows all the same patterns and should be treated with scepticism.

Monday 25th November 2013

[Listen to our latest podcasts \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/podcasts/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/podcasts/index.aspx)



Listen to the latest podcasts from across the School of Government and Society. Recent podcasts include "Hobbes's Dilemma and the Liberal Quest for World Order" by Robert O. Keohane; "The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: The Uses and Misuses of History"; "Hearing Local Voices in Peacebuilding" and many more from POLSIS, IDD, ICCS, CREES and IGS.

Friday 22nd November 2013

[ESRC grant success for Birmingham \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2013/11/esrc-success.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2013/11/esrc-success.aspx)



We are delighted to announce that the University of Birmingham has risen to third in the UK with Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) grant success in terms of values of award according to the Times Higher statistics.

Wednesday 20th November 2013

[Blog: Making 'climate compatible development' possible in coastal areas \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2013/11/19/making-climate-compatible-development-possible-in-coastal-areas/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2013/11/19/making-climate-compatible-development-possible-in-coastal-areas/)



Fiona Nunan is Lecturer in Environment and Development in IDD, specialising in natural resource governance and management in developing country settings, particularly within inland fisheries and coastal locations in East and Southern Africa, and in exploring the links between poverty and the environment.

Tuesday 19th November 2013

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