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Latest news

Blog: Three problems with the impact agenda (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/03/19/three-problems-with-impact/>)



Written by Katherine Tonkiss. In a recent post for the LSE Impact of Social Sciences Blog, I argued with Catherine Durose that while the idea of delivering policy relevant research is positive, too often our claims to relevance do not deliver genuine impact.

Wednesday 19th March 2014

Blog: Embarking on impact: why do it and what to consider (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/03/18/embarking-on-impact/>)



Written by Katharine Dommert. The impact agenda has emerged as a prominent component of academic life. Over the last few years alongside the pressures of writing, teaching and administration scholars have been encouraged (if not expected) to conduct impact and public engagement activities.

Tuesday 18th March 2014

Blog: Sustainable construction and local authorities: a failed experiment (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/03/17/sustainable-construction-and-local-authorities-a-failed-experiment/>)



Written by Max Lempriere. Sustainable housing policy is a hot-topic at the minute. The autonomy that local authorities have had from central government since 2007 to require local energy efficiency and sustainable construction that supersedes those in national building regulations is set to be revoked.

Monday 17th March 2014

Win:Win network: empowering women in leadership - 26 March 2014 (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/events/2014/winwin-network.aspx>)



We are delighted to announce that Norma Jarboe OBE, Director of Women Count and author of a recent report on gender and leadership in higher education will be joining us on 26 March 2014 to discuss her work and the potential benefits for colleagues. The Win:Win network offers a space primarily for academic women at the University of Birmingham to come together, share experiences, develop reciprocal support and facilitate action on issues of gender, diversity, employment, career development and leadership.

Tuesday 11th March 2014

Cooperation in the Contemporary World: University of Birmingham unveils latest MOOC (</schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/03/cooperation-contemporary-world-mooc.aspx>)



Experts from the the School of Government and Society including the International Development Department, Department of Political Science and International Studies and the Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security at the University of Birmingham have introduced a free, open online course today offering a taste of higher education to learners worldwide. Registration is now live for this online course which is scheduled to start in May 2014.

Monday 10th March 2014

Blog: The Political Colour of an English Parliament (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/03/07/the-political-colour-of-an-english-parliament/>)



Written by Chris Game. One of the closing questions put to Professor Eastwood following his recent Distinguished Lecture on The British State: Past, Present and Future concerned the place, if any, of an English Parliament in the kind of future federal or quasi-federal Britain about which the lecture had speculated.

Friday 7th March 2014

IRiS Podcast: Conviviality, Encounter, Diversity, Migration: But Where Did Race Go? (</schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/03/conviviality-encounter-diversity-migration.aspx>)



Speaker: Sarah Neal, University of Surrey. Migration, Citizenship and Diversity: Questioning the Boundaries Seminar Series.

Friday 7th March 2014

Professor Henry Maddick (</schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2014/03/professor-henry-maddick.aspx>)



Henry Maddick, the founder of INLOGOV died at the age of 98 on the 27th of January, after a lifetime of achievement.

Friday 7th March 2014

Blog: Migration, citizenship and diversity: questioning the boundaries (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/03/06/migration-citizenship-and-diversity-questioning-the-boundaries/>)

Written by Dr Katherine Tonkiss and Dr Nando Sigona. In recent decades, a significant transformation in the meanings, practices and experiences of membership in contemporary Western democracies has taken place. These transformations have challenged traditional conceptions of state membership which have typically assumed the existence of a nation-state, with a burgeoning line of scholarship challenging the significance of the nation-state in determining membership and endowing rights. This literature argues that recent trends in globalisation, human rights and multiculturalism have made state borders less important.

Thursday 6th March 2014

Blog: Policing the journey along the low road (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/25/policing-the-low-road/>)

Written by Alan Doig. Up to the 1980s, crime control in the UK was widely seen as virtually the sole domain and responsibility of law enforcement. Nearly all police forces had, for example, a fraud squad whose purpose was laid out in a 1970 Home Office circular (apparently 115/1970 since you ask) and who traditionally dealt with criminalised aspects of local government misconduct.

Tuesday 25th February 2014

Blog: The Coalition's mishandling of recall: worse than Baldrick's war poem (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/24/the-coalitions-mishandling-of-recall/>)

Written by Chris Game. Seeking an arresting phrase to convey the protracted abjectness of the events described in this blog, my first thought was Education Secretary Michael Gove's 'misbegotten shambles' – his accusatory summary of how certain historians and popular TV programmes like Blackadder have depicted the First World War.

Monday 24th February 2014

INLOGOV briefing paper: Bridging the gap (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/bridging-the-gap.pdf>)

Bridging the gap: can demand management, behaviour change and coproduction improve outcomes and reduce costs in public services?. Lecture delivered at the University of Illinois at Chicago, October 2013. This paper focuses on public services in England.

Wednesday 19th February 2014

Blog: Devolution's biggest hurdle: Whitehall's culture of contempt (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/14/culture-of-contempt/>)

Written by Chris Game. Labour published its draft 2015 local government manifesto recently. Entitled Labour and localism: perspectives on a new English deal, the core of the deal is a radical new approach to the financing of local government.

Monday 17th February 2014

Blog: It wouldn't be honest! Will closing the high road lead to congestion on the low road? (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/12/it-wouldnt-be-honest-will-closing-the-high-road-lead-to-congestion-on-the-low-road/>)

Written by Alan Doig. Only a few weeks after my recent article on addressing fraud, corruption and conflict-of-interest in local government from the enforcement and public ethics perspectives – the low road and high road approaches – the EU produced an overview report on corruption.

Thursday 13th February 2014

Blog: Directly elected mayors in England: leading local government? (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/13/leading-local-government/>)

Written by John Fenwick and Howard Elcock. The first directly-elected executive mayors in England took office more than a decade ago. Drawing inspiration from European and American experience, the directly elected mayor appealed to New Labour and Conservative policy-makers alike, offering an apparent solution to perceived problems of weak local leadership and bureaucratic stagnation.

Thursday 13th February 2014

IRiS Podcast: Struggles against subjection: the consequences of the criminalization of migration on migrants' everyday lives (<http://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

Blog: Partnerships and service integration - is it all just hot air? (<http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/11/partnerships-hot-air/>)

Written by Axel Kaehne. Since the 1990s, policy makers and academics have had a pet project in public service reform. Over time, they have called it differently but always meant essentially the same: public services collaborating with each other to improve service quality. At some point, it was called partnerships (remember the Partnership Agenda under Tony Blair's government?), then it was service integration, a term particularly popular amongst health care professionals.

Tuesday 11th February 2014

[Blog: The 21st century public servant - drivers of change \(http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/06/21st-public-servant-drivers/\)](http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/06/21st-public-servant-drivers/)



Written by Maria Katsonis and Helen Sullivan. In 2013 the Melbourne School of Government and the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet began collaborating on a project to explore the roles, skills and characteristics of the 21st century public servant. This blog piece describes some of the key drivers of change we identified, most of which are relevant across a range of contexts, though their impact will be shaped by local political and economic contexts.

Thursday 6th February 2014

[Blog: The Big Society lasted 1000 days. Will we ever see ideas of its like again? \(http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/05/big-society/\)](http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/05/big-society/)



Written by Dr Stephen Jeffares. "This is not the first time in the last year we have heard reports of "big ideas" "biting the dust". The same has been levelled at Cameron's purported big idea in politics: The Big Society."

Wednesday 5th February 2014

[Blog: Who is in control of the sandbags? \(http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/04/sandbags/\)](http://inlogov.wordpress.com/2014/02/04/sandbags/)



Written by Philip Whiteman and Ian Briggs. "The recent news that the Minister for the Environment, Owen Patterson, has visited flood torn Somerset and the Environment Agency, has had a bit of a tough time in the media. It has started to open up a few interesting questions and issues around who is actually accountable and who is responsible for flood response."

Tuesday 4th February 2014

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