

News

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Latest news

Undergraduate module: End of Empire: Problems of International History - Professor Scott Lucas <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-one/end-empire.aspx>



The aim of this course is to consider the notion of the "End of Empires" and what it means about power from 1900 to the present. That power is not only the power of empires --- past and current --- but also of those who challenge those empires and pursued their own political, social, economic, and ideological objectives. The course will intersect with ideas such as nationalism, decolonization, internationalism, and globalization.

Monday 10th November 2014

Undergraduate module: International Security - Professor Stefan Wolff <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/govsoc/modules/year-two/international-security.aspx>



The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the concepts and theoretical approaches central to understanding and analysing international security issues in the contemporary world.

Monday 10th November 2014

The big winner of the congressional elections is... Hillary Clinton (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/hillary-clinton.aspx>)



Written by Professor Scott Lucas. The new Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, proclaimed his party would 'turn the country around' after Republicans gained seven seats in the Senate and extended its advantage in the House of Representatives. However, beyond the rhetoric, there may be a far different story and a different victor from Tuesday night's vote: Hillary Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee for the 2016 presidential election.

Monday 10th November 2014

In Ukraine, the start of a new Cold War that Russia can't win (<http://theconversation.com/in-ukraine-the-start-of-a-new-cold-war-that-russia-cant-win-33988>)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). Twenty-five years after the fall of the Berlin Wall that ushered in the end of communism in eastern Europe and the break-up of the Soviet Union, all the signs point to a new Cold War between Russia and the West.

Monday 10th November 2014

Robert Keohane delivers lecture at the University of Birmingham (</schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/11/robert-keohane.aspx>)



Leading International Relations (IR) scholar, Robert Keohane (Princeton), visited Birmingham last week (29 October 2014) and delivered a lecture as part of the POLSIS Seminar Series.

Friday 7th November 2014

A View from Zaporizhzhia, SE Ukraine (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/11/a-view-from-zaporizhzhia-se-ukraine.aspx>)



Written by Duncan Leitch (CREES Doctoral Researcher).

Wednesday 5th November 2014

Was UK aid watchdog right to accuse DfID of failing to tackle corruption? (<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/poverty-matters/2014/nov/05/aid-watchdog-right-accuse-dfid-corruption>)



Three academics give their thoughts on the Icai report, which said Britain is failing to address corruption in the countries it gives aid to. But what do you think? Written by Heather Marquette, Richard Mallett and Mick Moore.

Wednesday 5th November 2014

Recent PhD Success Highlights Strength of POLSIS Doctoral Research (</schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/11/phd-success.aspx>)



Sixteen doctoral students gained a PhD in the past year in POLSIS.

Monday 3rd November 2014

[Jerusalem, Israeli settlements and why a third intifada could be about to kick off \(http://theconversation.com/jerusalem-israeli-settlements-and-why-a-third-intifada-could-be-about-to-kick-off-33646\)](http://theconversation.com/jerusalem-israeli-settlements-and-why-a-third-intifada-could-be-about-to-kick-off-33646)

Written by Dr Asaf Siniver. Does this month's escalation in violence in Jerusalem and the West Bank mean that a third intifada – a Palestinian uprising against the Israel's occupation, following those of 1987 and 2000 – is imminent? The latest events in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict prove that the next round could kick off at any moment.

Friday 31st October 2014

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[Podcast: Hobbes's Dilemma and the Liberal Quest for World Order \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/10/hobbes-dilemma-liberal-quest-world-order.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/10/hobbes-dilemma-liberal-quest-world-order.aspx)

A joint POLSIS/ICCS distinguished lecture given by one of the world's leading experts on international relations. Chair: Dr Tim Haughton (POLSIS/CREES), Speaker: Robert O. Keohane (Princeton University), Discussant: Professor Nicholas Wheeler (ICCS, University of Birmingham).

Thursday 30th October 2014

[CREES Staff and Students discuss their research on the Caucasus in Ireland and France \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/10/crees-staff-and-students-discuss-research-on-the-caucasus-in-ireland-and-france.aspx\)](http://schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/10/crees-staff-and-students-discuss-research-on-the-caucasus-in-ireland-and-france.aspx)

Kataryna Wolczuk, Dr Derek Averre, Dr Kevork Oskanian and Nino Kemoklidze presented and discussed their research findings and ideas at the UACES 44th Annual Conference in Cork, Ireland and at a steering committee meeting of an international research project in Paris, France in September.

Tuesday 28th October 2014

[Pro-Western bloc set for majority in elections that expose deep divisions in Ukraine \(http://theconversation.com/pro-western-bloc-set-for-majority-in-elections-that-expose-deep-divisions-in-ukraine-33450\)](http://theconversation.com/pro-western-bloc-set-for-majority-in-elections-that-expose-deep-divisions-in-ukraine-33450)

Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). Ukrainians have voted for a new parliament. The exit polls, in line with earlier predictions, indicate that the Petro Poroshenko Bloc – which also includes the UDAR party of Kiev's mayor, former boxing champion Vitalii Klichko – came out on top (predicted to achieve around 23% of the vote), but will need partners to form a stable coalition that will give Poroshenko a majority in parliament.

Monday 27th October 2014

[Assessing the State of the EU \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/assessing-the-state-of-the-eu.aspx\)](http://schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/assessing-the-state-of-the-eu.aspx)

Dr Tim Haughton participated in a panel in Brussels discussing the past, present and future of European integration.

Friday 24th October 2014

[Drones are here to stay, but the government must do more to ensure greater public acceptance \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/10/drones-are-here-to-stay-23-10-14.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/10/drones-are-here-to-stay-23-10-14.aspx)

On 16 October, the Defence Secretary, Michael Fallon, announced that part of the UK Reaper drone fleet would be deployed in Iraq to support coalition efforts against the terror group ISIL. This week, he confirmed they would also be flying surveillance missions over Syria. These events mark the first operational use of UK Reapers outside Afghanistan and represent a significant and timely development in the UK government's stated policy towards 'drone warfare'.

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[Japan's Shinzo Abe will struggle to recover from ministerial scandal \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/japan-ministerial-scandal.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/japan-ministerial-scandal.aspx)

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[Japan's Shinzo Abe will struggle to recover from ministerial scandal \(http://theconversation.com/japans-shinzo-abe-will-struggle-to-recover-from-ministerial-scandal-33272\)](http://theconversation.com/japans-shinzo-abe-will-struggle-to-recover-from-ministerial-scandal-33272)

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[Ukraine steels itself for winter as Novorossiya forges ahead \(http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiya-forges-ahead-33151\)](http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiya-forges-ahead-33151)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). The EU-Asia Summit in Milan, Italy, delivered little, if any, tangible progress to resolve the crisis in Ukraine. Relations between Russia and Ukraine's major European allies remain just a few degrees above a new Cold War-style ice age. And with only a preliminary gas deal achieved between Kiev and Moscow this may be quite literally true for Ukrainians as winter approaches.

Monday 20th October 2014

[POLSIS Welcomes New Members of Staff \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/new-members.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/new-members.aspx)



New Members of Staff in POLSIS Strengthen Coverage of European politics, international political economy and international relations.

Monday 20th October 2014

[Albania-Serbia football drone farce shows Balkan nationalism is still a dangerous powder keg \(https://theconversation.com/albania-serbia-football-drone-farce-shows-balkan-nationalism-is-still-a-dangerous-powder-keg-33101\)](https://theconversation.com/albania-serbia-football-drone-farce-shows-balkan-nationalism-is-still-a-dangerous-powder-keg-33101)



Written by Dr Gëzim Alpion. Few thought that Serbia's Euro 2016 qualifying fixture against Albania on October 14 2014 would be an easy match. But the depths to which it sank are shocking even to those familiar with the potency of anti-Albanian feeling among Serbia's nationalist factions.

Thursday 16th October 2014

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