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Latest news

[Nemtsov murder: Chechen theories shouldn't take heat off Putin \(http://theconversation.com/nemtsov-murder-chechen-theories-shouldnt-take-heat-off-putin-38736\)](http://theconversation.com/nemtsov-murder-chechen-theories-shouldnt-take-heat-off-putin-38736)



Written by Dr David White. Despite the detention of five suspects, speculation about who is responsible for the brutal assassination of Russia's former deputy prime minister and prominent opposition politician Boris Nemtsov continues unabated.

Tuesday 17th March 2015

[Russia has lost an opposition leader of substance \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/boris-nemtsov-murder.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/boris-nemtsov-murder.aspx)



Written by Dr David White. "The key challenge for Russia's broad opposition movement is to maintain consistently high levels of protest by mobilising passive opponents of the regime – not just as a response to specific events and outside of election periods."

Wednesday 4th March 2015

[In death, Boris Nemtsov embodies the hope of a better Russia \(http://theconversation.com/in-death-boris-nemtsov-embodies-the-hope-of-a-better-russia-38242\)](http://theconversation.com/in-death-boris-nemtsov-embodies-the-hope-of-a-better-russia-38242)



Written by Dr Adrian Campbell. For Russia to make peace with its troubled post-Communist history, it needs a 1990s hero to remember. Boris Nemtsov could be just that.

Monday 2nd March 2015

[Podcast: Trouble in the Neighbourhood? The future of the EU's Eastern Partnership Birmingham Seminar \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2015/02/future-of-the-eu-eastern-partnership.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2015/02/future-of-the-eu-eastern-partnership.aspx)



This Birmingham seminar for the Trouble in the Neighbourhood? The future of the EU's Eastern Partnership project, in partnership with the European Commission Representation in the UK and the University of Birmingham, took stock of recent developments in the EU's relationship with the countries in its eastern neighbourhood: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine.

Thursday 26th February 2015

[Moscow holds aces as bombing rattles shaky Ukraine ceasefire \(http://theconversation.com/moscow-holds-aces-as-bombing-rattles-shaky-ukraine-ceasefire-37879\)](http://theconversation.com/moscow-holds-aces-as-bombing-rattles-shaky-ukraine-ceasefire-37879)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). Just as the latest peace deal to stabilise Ukraine was being put into place, a bomb exploded in the city of Kharkiv, killing two people and injuring at least ten, while another was found and defused in Odessa.

Monday 23rd February 2015

[Podcast: The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: Current Discourses and Future Perspectives \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2015/02/nagorno-karabakh-conflict-event-feb.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2015/02/nagorno-karabakh-conflict-event-feb.aspx)



This one day conference discussed the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict which is one of the most complex and protracted ethno-territorial conflicts in the post-Soviet space. It focused on the role of local and regional actors and the current political and academic discourses on the conflict.

Friday 20th February 2015

[The Soviet Union is dead! Long live the Russian economic union \(http://theconversation.com/the-soviet-union-is-dead-long-live-the-russian-economic-union-37678\)](http://theconversation.com/the-soviet-union-is-dead-long-live-the-russian-economic-union-37678)



Written by Dr Richard Connolly. Plummeting oil prices, conflict over Ukraine and the West's imposition of sanctions have contrived to send the Russian economy into a tailspin. But it is not just Russia that is suffering – the economic downturn is having a ripple effect well beyond its borders.

Tuesday 17th February 2015

[Ukraine ceasefire announced at Minsk summit – what next? \(http://theconversation.com/ukraine-ceasefire-announced-at-minsk-summit-what-next-37532\)](http://theconversation.com/ukraine-ceasefire-announced-at-minsk-summit-what-next-37532)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. After all night talks in the Belarusian capital Minsk, the outcomes of the four party talks in the so-called Normandy format (Ukraine, Russia, France, and Germany) have neither brought a major breakthrough or a complete disaster. As a deal, it is not a solution, but perhaps a step towards one.

