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### Latest news

#### **Inside Donetsk, a city at war, while the jaw-jaw over Ukraine continues (<http://theconversation.com/inside-donetsk-a-city-at-war-while-the-jaw-jaw-over-ukraine-continues-30486>)**



Written by Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University) and Professor Stefan Wolff. The past few days have seen another round of the seemingly endless cycle of escalation and de-escalation that has characterised the crisis in Ukraine for several months.

Tuesday 19th August 2014

#### **Contemporary Violence: Postmodern War in Kosovo and Chechnya Paperback version of book released (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/08/contemporary-violence-postmodern-war-kosovo-chechnya.aspx)**



The monograph by Cerwyn Moore, Contemporary Violence: Postmodern War in Kosovo and Chechnya (Manchester: MUP, 2014), is released in paperback.

Monday 18th August 2014

#### **Blog: On Reporting the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict (<http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2014/08/on-reporting-nagorno-karabakh-conflict.html>)**



Written by Dr Kamala Imranli-Lowe and Dr Galina Yemelianova. In early August 2014 the British media reported an escalation in the Armenia-Azerbaijan Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. This has brought the conflict, which has been less covered since the cease-fire of May 1994, back to the media's attention. This blog is intended to shed some light on the role of the British, and the wider Western, media in shaping particular attitudes among the public, as well as policy-makers involved in the negotiation process over this conflict.

Monday 18th August 2014

#### **The secret economic slowdown behind Putin's strategy for Russia (<http://theconversation.com/the-secret-economic-slowdown-behind-putins-strategy-for-russia-30183>)**



Written by Dr Richard Connolly. If you want to understand the sometimes confounding moves played by Russian premier Vladimir Putin, then you could do worse than look at the accounts. On the face of it the country has seen 14 years of growth in the past 15, but that hides a persistent slowdown in the rate of growth. And although sanctions imposed over Ukraine have grabbed the headlines, the truth is that economic weakness in Russia is homegrown.

Monday 11th August 2014

#### **Self-styled people's governor of Donetsk tells us: these areas have always been Russian (<http://theconversation.com/self-styled-peoples-governor-of-donetsk-tells-us-these-areas-have-always-been-russian-29708>)**



Written by Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University) and Professor Stefan Wolff. There are two competing and irreconcilable narratives about the crisis in eastern Ukraine that divide public opinion and media coverage in the region and the country – as much as they divide Russia and the West.

Thursday 7th August 2014

#### **Lack of trust and tit-for-tat escalation brings Ukraine to the brink of all-out war with Russia (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/ukraine-russia-conflict.aspx>)**



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff and Professor Tatyana Malyarenko (Professor of Public Administration at Donetsk State Management University). The renewed escalation of the Ukrainian crisis, following the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, shows no sign of abating. Fighting in the east has continued both in and around the rebel stronghold of Donetsk and at the Russian-Ukrainian border where, according to reports, Russia has now started shelling Ukrainian military positions.

Tuesday 29th July 2014

#### **The Conversation: Lack of trust and tit-for-tat escalation brings Ukraine to the brink of all-out war with Russia (<http://theconversation.com/lack-of-trust-and-tit-for-tat-escalation-brings-ukraine-to-the-brink-of-all-out-war-with-russia-29707>)**



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Monday 28th July 2014

#### **Blog: Predictably Unpredictable: The 2014 parliamentary elections in Slovenia (<http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2014/07/predictably-unpredictable-2014.html>)**



Written by Dr Alenka Krašovec, University of Ljubljana and Dr Tim Haughton, University of Birmingham. Parliamentary elections and party politics in Slovenia are becoming predictable in their unpredictability. For the first two decades of the country's independence party politics was largely stable. True, in the second decade the once mighty force of Slovene politics, Liberal Democracy, saw its support drop, the Social Democrats emerged as a

**[School of Government and Society hosts Foreign Office Seminar on EU Enlargement \(/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/07/fco-eu-enlargement.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/news/school-wide/2014/07/fco-eu-enlargement.aspx)**



The University of Birmingham organized a seminar with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as part of the Balance of Competences Review in the field of EU Enlargement.

Friday 25th July 2014

**[50 faces of CREES #53 - Dr Tim Haughton \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/tim-haughton.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/50-anniversary/profiles/tim-haughton.aspx)**



I arrived in CREES in September 2003 initially on a three year contract to cover for Judy Batt, but have been here ever since, serving most recently as Director of CREES from 2012-14. In that post, it was a pleasure and an honour to initiate and lead the 50th anniversary celebrations (including arranging the 50+ faces of CREES!), particularly the special annual conference which so many CREESniki attended.

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