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Latest news

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>)



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.

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 powerful force, but only really for one election in 2008, and there were a stream of new parties...

Monday 28th July 2014

School of Government and Society hosts Foreign Office Seminar on EU Enlargement (</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>)



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.

Friday 25th July 2014

Dr Tim Haughton hands over the Directorship of CREES to Dr Richard Connolly and Dr Jeremy Morris (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/07/new-crees-directors.aspx>)



After two years as the Director of CREES, Tim Haughton hands the Directorship of the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies to Richard Connolly and Jeremy Morris.

Friday 25th July 2014

The Conversation: How harsher sanctions could help Putin turn Russia back into the Soviet Union (<http://theconversation.com/how-harsher-sanctions-could-help-putin-turn-russia-back-into-the-soviet-union-29615>)



Written by Dr Richard Connolly. The downing of flight MH17 has caused attention to shift once again to the prospect of even harsher penalties being imposed upon Russia by Western countries. Up to this point, sanctions have been limited to individuals within or close to Russia's ruling elite, as well as a few associated companies.

Thursday 24th July 2014

CREES renamed the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (</schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/07/crees-renamed.aspx>)



The Centre for Russian and East European Studies has been renamed the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies.

Wednesday 23rd July 2014

Flight MH17 and Russia's 'little green men' (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/russia-mh17.aspx>)



Written by Dr Kataryna Wolczuk. "The shooting down of the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 in Eastern Ukraine on 17 July has placed the conflict which has engulfed that part of Ukraine into an entirely new context. It has transformed the event from a localised, regional rebellion into a crisis that brings Russia's role into the open, writes Kataryna Wolczuk, of the Centre for Russian and European Studies."

The Conversation: As Russia votes with Security Council, could MH17 be providing a wake-up call? (<http://theconversation.com/as-russia-votes-with-security-council-could-mh17-be-providing-a-wake-up-call-29522>)



Written by Professor Stefan Wolff. The unanimous vote in the UN Security Council on the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over rebel-controlled territory in eastern Ukraine is a welcome step. The resolution, drafted by Australia which lost 37 people in the tragedy, condemns the downing of the aircraft and calls for all states to co-operate with the investigation and demands that armed groups allow open access to the crash site.

Wednesday 23rd July 2014

The Conversation: How far were Russia's 'little green men' involved in the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17? (<http://theconversation.com/how-far-were-russias-little-green-men-involved-in-the-downing-of-malaysia-airlines-flight-mh17-29422>)



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