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### Latest news

#### **[Podcast: The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: The Uses and Misuses of History \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/11/nagorno-karabakh-conflict.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/11/nagorno-karabakh-conflict.aspx)**



This round-table 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 historical narrative in the political discourse of all parties involved in the conflict. The round-table gathered together scholars and policy-makers with a lengthy empirical and political experience of this turbulent region.

Thursday 27th November 2014

#### **[Creating tomorrow's leading social scientists \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/dr-fees/ESRC-research-council.aspx)**



The Birmingham Doctoral Training Centre is one of only 21 across the UK to be accredited by the ESRC. It has 22 ESRC scholarships to fund doctoral research starting in 2015.

Monday 17th November 2014

#### **[In Ukraine, the start of a new Cold War that Russia can't win \(http://theconversation.com/in-ukraine-the-start-of-a-new-cold-war-that-russia-cant-win-339888\)](http://theconversation.com/in-ukraine-the-start-of-a-new-cold-war-that-russia-cant-win-339888)**



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

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

#### **[CREES Staff and Students discuss their research on the Caucasus in Ireland and France \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/news/2014/10/crees-staff-and-students-discuss-research-on-the-caucasus-in-ireland-and-france.aspx\)](/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 Vitali 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 \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/assessing-the-state-of-the-eu.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/assessing-the-state-of-the-eu.aspx)**



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

Friday 24th October 2014

#### **[Ukraine steels itself for winter as Novorossiia forges ahead \(http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiia-forges-ahead-33151\)](http://theconversation.com/ukraine-steels-itself-for-winter-as-novorossiia-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

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**[ICCS Seminar Series 2014/15 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/events/seminar-series/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/events/seminar-series/index.aspx)**

ICCS hosts a number of seminars throughout the year which focuses on a number of different topics. Listen to the latest podcasts from our recent events.

Tuesday 14th October 2014

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**[CREES academic delivers talk at book launch \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/crees-academic-delivers-talk-book-launch.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/10/crees-academic-delivers-talk-book-launch.aspx)**

Dr Derek Averre of CREES spoke about Europe and the Ukraine crisis at a book launch at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS) in Oslo.

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