

Research projects

Ongoing projects

[Security-Democracy Nexus in the Caucasus \(CASCADE\) \(2014-2016\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2014/cascade.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2014/cascade.aspx)

Description

The CASCADE project will: 1. scrutinise Caucasian states and societies for the root causes of conflict and insecurity, 2. conduct synergetic research on democracy and security in the Caucasus, 3. analyse the links between the region and its wider neighbourhood, 4. provide forward-looking analysis on regional security and democratisation processes, and 5. develop a set of proposals on how the EU could enhance its role in the region.

[Rising Powers and Interdependent Futures \(2013-2015\) \(/research/activity/government-society/rising-powers/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/government-society/rising-powers/index.aspx)

Description

This interdisciplinary project aims to map Russia's governance-related influences in the post-Soviet states in the 'common neighbourhood' with the EU.

[Narratives of Violence in the North Caucasus \(2003-\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/archive/narratives-violence-north-caucasus.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/archive/narratives-violence-north-caucasus.aspx)

Description

The aim of this project is to analyse political violence in the North Caucasus. Of particular interest is the way in which aspects of violence in the North Caucasus have inscribed narratives of identity and broader theoretical accounts of transversal politics.

Completed projects

[Exploring the Role of the EU in Domestic Change in the Post-Soviet States \(2011 - 13\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2012/eu-domestic-change-post-soviet-states.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2012/eu-domestic-change-post-soviet-states.aspx)

Description

The project seeks to answer the following question: 'What role does the European Union (EU) play in domestic change in the post-Soviet states'?

[Innovative Teaching and Research through Academic Partnership \(2010 - 13\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2010/innovative-teaching-research-academic-partnership.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2010/innovative-teaching-research-academic-partnership.aspx)

Description

The project will seek to develop innovative educational and research links between The University of Birmingham and the Kazakh-British Technical University.

[Negotiating worker identity under post-socialism: an ethnographic approach \(2010 - 11\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2010/negotiating-worker-identity-under-post-socialism.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2010/negotiating-worker-identity-under-post-socialism.aspx)

Description

The project will theorise, and provide a basis for comparative evaluation of, the impact of neoliberalism on the working class outside the normal.

[The future of political opposition in Russia's managed democracy \(2009 - 11\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2010/future-political-opposition-Russia.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/russian-east-european-studies/research/projects/2010/future-political-opposition-Russia.aspx)

Description

The research adds to the existing academic debate on democratisation and will be of direct interest to Western policy-makers at a time of worsening relations between the West and Russia and growing Western concern with the nature of Russian democracy.