

## Latest alumni news

**[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Local governance in the Commonwealth: Existing practices and emerging trends \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/local-governance-commonwealth.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/local-governance-commonwealth.aspx)**

Speaker: Munawwar Alam, Commonwealth Local Government Forum

Friday 23rd January 2015

**[Blog: Playwright, Prisoner and President: the Life of Vaclav Havel \(http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/playwright-prisoner-and-president-life.html\)](http://creesbham.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/playwright-prisoner-and-president-life.html)**

Written by Dr Tim Houghton, A review of Michael Zantovsky, Havel: a Life, London: Atlantic Books (2014). You only really appreciate someone when they have left. The death of Vaclav Havel in December 2011 provoked a week of mourning, warm and generous words from his political foes, and for many 'perhaps a rediscovery' of the man who had played so many different roles in his life: playwright, political prisoner and president (p. 14).

Tuesday 20th January 2015

**[IDD Guest seminar podcast: The world of our unmaking: Rethinking peacebuilding intentions, events and consequences \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/rethinking-peacebuilding.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/01/rethinking-peacebuilding.aspx)**

Speaker: Dr. Gëzim Visoka, Dublin City University

Monday 19th January 2015

**[Former Student Becomes Albanian Deputy Foreign Minister \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2015/01/former-student-becomes-albanian-deputy-foreign-minister.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2015/01/former-student-becomes-albanian-deputy-foreign-minister.aspx)**

Former PhD Student Odeta Barbullushi has been appointed Albania's new Deputy Foreign Minister.

Monday 19th January 2015



**[INLOGOV In-house programmes \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/courses/in-house.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/courses/in-house.aspx)**

If attending an on-campus programme at Birmingham isn't an option available to you or your staff, have you thought about our 'In-house' Programmes as an alternative? We often think of Universities as places that you come to - but we can come to you as well.

Friday 9th January 2015



**[IDD Guest seminar podcast: From the inside: A development academic's reflections on three years at the World Bank \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/development-academics-reflections-world-bank.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/development-academics-reflections-world-bank.aspx)**

Speaker: Willy McCourt, Senior Public Sector Specialist, The World Bank.

Thursday 11th December 2014

**[Mo Ibrahim Foundation MSc scholarship in Governance and State-building 2015 \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/mo-ibrahim-foundation-msc-scholarship.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/mo-ibrahim-foundation-msc-scholarship.aspx)**

The International Development Department is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity to undertake the MSc in Governance and State-building, followed by a six-month internship at IDD and six months with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in London with a full scholarship. Applicants must have the equivalent of a first class UK bachelors degree and be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Monday 8th December 2014



**[IDD Guest seminar podcast: Using aid as a sanctioning device: The case of budget support suspensions? \(/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/using-aid-as-a-sanctioning-device.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/12/using-aid-as-a-sanctioning-device.aspx)**

Speaker: Dr Nadia Molenaers, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp.

Friday 5th December 2014

**[POLSIS Seminar Series Discusses Major Topical Issues \(/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/11/polsis-seminar-series.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/11/polsis-seminar-series.aspx)**

Friday 28th November 2014

**Podcast: Reflections On UK Africa Relations by Mark Simmonds MP ([/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/reflections-on-uk-africa-relations.aspx](https://schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/reflections-on-uk-africa-relations.aspx))**



This event entitled 'Reflections on UK Africa relations', covered Mark Simmonds time in office as well as his thoughts on the future of UK Africa relations in arenas including development, security and trade. The event was organised by the BISA Africa and International Studies Working Group, of which Dr Danielle Beswick is co-convenor, as part of a series of events around the UK during 2014 on 'Britain and Africa after 50.'

Wednesday 26th November 2014

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