

News in the departments

Keep up to date with the latest news and [events \(/schools/government-society/events/index.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/events/index.aspx) from around the school and the wide-ranging projects our staff and students get involved with.

Podcast: Corporate Social Responsibility in Developing Countries Lecture (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/11/corporate-social-responsibility-in-developing-countries.aspx)



Speaker: Ms. Donna Guest, Senior Advisor on Southeast Asia at Institute for Human Rights and Business

Friday 7th November 2014

Robert Keohane delivers lecture at the University of Birmingham (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/11/robert-keohane.aspx)



Leading International Relations (IR) scholar, Robert Keohane (Princeton), visited Birmingham last week (29 October 2014) and delivered a lecture as part of the POLSIS Seminar Series.

Friday 7th 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)



Written by Duncan Leitch (CREES Doctoral Researcher).

Wednesday 5th November 2014

Was UK aid watchdog right to accuse DfID of failing to tackle corruption? (http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/poverty-matters/2014/nov/05/aid-watchdog-right-accuse-dfid-corruption)



Three academics give their thoughts on the Icai report, which said Britain is failing to address corruption in the countries it gives aid to. But what do you think? Written by Heather Marquette, Richard Mallett and Mick Moore.

Wednesday 5th November 2014

Recent PhD Success Highlights Strength of POLSIS Doctoral Research (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2014/11/phd-success.aspx)



Sixteen doctoral students gained a PhD in the past year in POLSIS.

Monday 3rd November 2014

Blog: Preaching to the choir: reflections on key leadership skills for local authority chief executives – part 3: courage (http://inlogov.com/2014/10/31/preaching-to-the-choir-reflections-on-key-leadership-skills-for-local-authority-chief-executives-part-3-courage/)



Written by Catherine Staite. Leadership is not a sprint – it's a marathon. You are in it for the long haul and that is why courage is so important. Maya Angelou argued that courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently and that is certainly evident in the role of chief executive. Not only do you need to keep yourself going through challenging times, you also need to be able to demonstrate courage to your staff and members. If you falter, so will they.

Friday 31st October 2014

Jerusalem, Israeli settlements and why a third intifada could be about to kick off (http://theconversation.com/jerusalem-israeli-settlements-and-why-a-third-intifada-could-be-about-to-kick-off-33646)



Written by Dr Asaf Siniver. Does this month's escalation in violence in Jerusalem and the West Bank mean that a third intifada – a Palestinian uprising against the Israel's occupation, following those of 1987 and 2000 – is imminent? The latest events in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict prove that the next round could kick off at any moment.

Friday 31st October 2014

Jerusalem, Israeli settlements and why a third intifada could be about to kick off (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/jerusalem-israeli-settlements.aspx)



Written by Dr Asaf Siniver. Does this month's escalation in violence in Jerusalem and the West Bank mean that a third intifada – a Palestinian uprising against the Israel's occupation, following those of 1987 and 2000 – is imminent? The latest events in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict prove that the next round could kick off at any moment.

Friday 31st October 2014

Blog: Achieving better outcomes for the troubled family of local government (<http://inlogov.com/2014/10/29/achieving-better-outcomes-for-the-troubled-family-of-local-government/>)

Written by Simon Parker. In this debate, Simon Parker (NLGN), Catherine Staite (INLOGOV) and Tony Bovaird (INLOGOV) agree that the current state of UK local government is unsustainable – but see different routes to rescuing a sustainable future.

Thursday 30th October 2014

Podcast: Hobbes's Dilemma and the Liberal Quest for World Order (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/conflict-cooperation-security/news/2014/10/hobbes-dilemma-liberal-quest-world-order.aspx>)

A joint POLSIS/ICCS distinguished lecture given by one of the world's leading experts on international relations. Chair: Dr Tim Haughton (POLSIS/CREES), Speaker: Robert O. Keohane (Princeton University), Discussant: Professor Nicholas Wheeler (ICCS, University of Birmingham).

Thursday 30th October 2014

IDD Guest seminar podcast: Researching change and continuity in rural Ethiopia: 20 villages over 20 years – the WIDE research project (</schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2014/10/ethiopia.aspx>)

Speaker: Catherine Dom, Mokoro Ltd, WIDE Research Team.

Tuesday 28th October 2014

Blog: Preaching to the choir: reflections on key leadership skills for local authority chief executives – part 2: charm (<http://inlogov.com/2014/10/28/preaching-to-the-choir-reflections-on-key-leadership-skills-for-local-authority-chief-executives-part-2-charm/>)

Written by Catherine Staite. Charm is shorthand for a sophisticated set of skills which enable you to make new connections and solve old problems. Charm is about much more than being nice in a superficial way – otherwise known as 'smarm'. If you don't have real charm then just be gruff and honest. Everyone will understand. Smarm, on the other hand, will simply breed distrust.

Tuesday 28th October 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>)

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>)

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

Blog: Postcard from Tokyo: local government remorse, Japanese-style (<http://inlogov.com/2014/10/27/postcard-from-tokyo-local-government-remorse-japanese-style/>)

Written by Chris Game. I've had the good fortune to spend the past week in Tokyo, as Japan commemorates the 50th anniversary of arguably the most geo-politically transformative Olympic Games, in the city that underwent a scarcely credible urban transformation in order to stage them.

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>)

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

Friday 24th October 2014

Drones are here to stay, but the government must do more to ensure greater public acceptance (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2014/10/drones-are-here-to-stay-23-10-14.aspx>)

On 16 October, the Defence Secretary, Michael Fallon, announced that part of the UK Reaper drone fleet would be deployed in Iraq to support coalition efforts against the terror group ISIL. This week, he confirmed they would also be flying surveillance missions over Syria. These events mark the first operational use of UK Reapers outside Afghanistan and represent a significant and timely development in the UK government's stated policy towards

[Blog: Preaching to the choir: reflections on key leadership skills for local authority chief executives – part 1: creativity \(http://inlogov.com/2014/10/24/preaching-to-the-choir-reflections-on-key-leadership-skills-for-local-authority-chief-executives-part-1-creativity/\)](http://inlogov.com/2014/10/24/preaching-to-the-choir-reflections-on-key-leadership-skills-for-local-authority-chief-executives-part-1-creativity/)



Written by Catherine Staite. I have called this blog series 'preaching to the choir' as it is dedicated to local authority chief executives and they already know a great deal about leadership. They wouldn't survive and thrive in their posts if they didn't.

Friday 24th October 2014

[Blog: The Boko Haram ceasefire and violence in Nigeria \(http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/10/23/the-boko-haram-ceasefire-and-violence-in-nigeria/\)](http://iddbirmingham.wordpress.com/2014/10/23/the-boko-haram-ceasefire-and-violence-in-nigeria/)



Written by Professor Paul Jackson. Amongst the violent international groups vying for our attention, Boko Haram in Nigeria has been one of the most persistent. Boko Haram declared an Islamic caliphate in Gwoza, along the Cameroon border, in August 2014, and the group has been raiding several cities across the north.

Friday 24th October 2014

[Japan's Shinzo Abe will struggle to recover from ministerial scandal \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/japan-ministerial-scandal.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/perspective/japan-ministerial-scandal.aspx)



Written by Dr Julie Gilson. In a country that has had nine leaders since 2000, Japan's prime minister Shinzo Abe appeared to have found the recipe for longevity. But the resignation of two ministers from his government has left him in serious trouble.

Thursday 23rd October 2014

Displaying 81 to 100 of 1000

[Previous \(/schools/government-society/news/departmental-news.aspx?NewsListingOrig_List_GoToPage=4&stylemediatype=print\)](#) ... [3 \(/schools/government-society/news/departmental-news.aspx?NewsListingOrig_List_GoToPage=3&stylemediatype=print\)](#) [4 \(/schools/government-society/news/departmental-news.aspx?NewsListingOrig_List_GoToPage=4&stylemediatype=print\)](#) [5 6 \(/schools/government-society/news/departmental-news.aspx?NewsListingOrig_List_GoToPage=6&stylemediatype=print\)](#) [7 \(/schools/government-society/news/departmental-news.aspx?NewsListingOrig_List_GoToPage=7&stylemediatype=print\)](#) ... [Next \(/schools/government-society/news/departmental-news.aspx?NewsListingOrig_List_GoToPage=6&stylemediatype=print\)](#)

