Latest student news

Keep up to date with the latest news related to and involving our Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research students from around the school.

IDD Guest seminar podcast: Research and risk-aversion in conflict-affected societies (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/04/research-and-risk-aversion-in-conflict-affected-societies.aspx)

Speaker: Dr Suda Perera, Developmental Leadership Program. This seminar discusses the political and physical constraints affecting research within conflict-affected environments, and the growing trend towards remotely gathered data, through an autoethnography of research on armed group dynamics in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Monday 20th April 2015

IDD Guest seminar podcast: Policy integration and synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation in forest and agriculture (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/04/climate-change.aspx)

Speaker: Dr Monica Di Gregorio, University of Leeds. This study assesses the level of policy integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation in the forestry and agricultural sectors in Brazil and Indonesia, and explores barriers and opportunities to address trade-offs and achieve mutual benefits.

Tuesday 14th April 2015

Sociology Society Careers Conference 2015 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/undergraduate/2014-15/sociology-society-careers-conference.aspx)

The Sociology Society hosted a careers conference on 04 February 2015. This event provided current students with the opportunity to meet alumni from a variety of careers including HR, PR/Marketing, Consultancy, Social Work, Law (in particular a postgraduate qualification) and Education.

Thursday 2nd April 2015

Germanwings crash: the ins and outs of the two-person rule (http://theconversation.com/germanwings-crash-the-ins-and-outs-of-the-two-person-rule-39453)

Written by Daniel Rio Tinto, Doctoral Researcher in POLSIS. It takes two people to launch a nuclear missile - it's time the same level of safety returned to the cockpit.

Monday 30th March 2015

INLOGOV Informs, Issue 7 - Spring 2015 (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/informs/issue-7.pdf)

Research, Advice and support, Executive development and Postgraduate programme news from the Institute of Local Government Studies, University of Birmingham.

Thursday 19th March 2015

Students get a first-hand view of working for the UN (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/teaching/student-profiles/postgraduate/polsis/2014-15/model-un-boston.aspx)

MA students Alice Vogliotti, Satish Gurung and Pui Thanaporn Wiboonpote travelled to Boston and New York for the Model UN conference and to visit UN Headquarters. When they returned to Birmingham they Skyped with an alumnus about the realities of working in the UN. This is a report of their experiences.

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Success of Sociology Highlights the Breadth of Expertise in POLSIS (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2015/03/success-sociology.aspx)

Sociology is an integral part of POLSIS and has demonstrated innovation, student engagement and high levels of student satisfaction

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Alumni profile: Following her heart led her to Helping Hands in Cambodia (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/alumni/profiles/undergraduate/lisa-morris.aspx)

A final year POLSIS lecture sparked Lisa Morris's (BA Political Science and Sociology, 2008) interest in Cambodia and she now spends her days amongst the rice fields and coconut palms managing the NGO Helping Hands Cambodia.

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Study Trips, Simulations and Outside Expertise Enhance the Teaching in POLSIS (/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2015/03/polsis-student-enhancement.aspx)

Visits to Brussels, Participation at Model UN and NATO events and Classes Taught by Practitioners Enhance the Student Experience in POLSIS.

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Students gain experience through conflict simulation (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/news/2015/03/students-gain-experience-through-conflict-simulation.aspx)

In March 2015, IDD, in collaboration with Responding to Conflict – a Birmingham-based NGO working on conflict resolution – ran a full day conflict simulation for the students of the module Conflict, Humanitarian Aid and Social Reconstruction.

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