

News from across the College

News from Business School

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/business-school>)**Building trust with clients is a top priority for financial advisers in 2015, Birmingham Business School MidEx study shows** ([/schools/business/news/2015/january/midex-study.aspx](http://schools/business/news/2015/january/midex-study.aspx))

A study to examine content marketing for the financial advisory sector, commissioned by Ember Television, has yielded some interesting findings.

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Economics at Birmingham ranked in top 6 for research intensity in recent REF ([/schools/business/departments/economics/news/2015/january/ref-research.aspx](http://schools/business/departments/economics/news/2015/january/ref-research.aspx))

The commitment to research that exists within Economics has been underlined by the results of the recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 exercise, with the Department ranked 6th out of 28 institutions on research intensity.

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News from School of Social Policy

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/social-policy>)**Briefing Paper: Basic bank accounts in Ireland** ([/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/briefing-paper-basic-bank-accounts-in-ireland.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/briefing-paper-basic-bank-accounts-in-ireland.aspx))

Basic Bank Accounts in Ireland: Not so much a false start as a faulty start? Read the latest Briefing Paper from CHASM.

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CHASM Briefing Paper: December 2014 ([/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/briefing-paper-saving-during-economic-down-turn.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/briefing-paper-saving-during-economic-down-turn.aspx))

Should people on low incomes be encouraged to save during an economic down-turn? Latest Briefing Paper from CHASM

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News from School of Education

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/education>)**Dr Penny Lacey** ([/schools/education/news/2015/01/dr-penny-lacey.aspx](http://schools/education/news/2015/01/dr-penny-lacey.aspx))

It is with great sorrow that we have to announce that Dr Penny Lacey passed away peacefully on Monday 12 January 2015. We will remember her as a colleague who was admired by both her students and the community for the contributions that she made to the field through her teaching and research.

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'What is Character? Virtue Ethics in Education' MOOC attracts huge interest ([/schools/education/news/2015/01/what-is-character-virtue-in-ethics-mooc.aspx](http://schools/education/news/2015/01/what-is-character-virtue-in-ethics-mooc.aspx))

The Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues' Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), 'What is Character? Virtue Ethics in Education' has attracted a huge amount of interest ahead of its launch, reflecting the growing interest in character education.

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News from School of Government and Society

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/government-society>)**Podcast: Ethnic minority political representation in Britain: the end of the Race Relations Paradigm?** ([/schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2015/01/ethnic-minority-political-representation-in-britain.aspx](http://schools/government-society/departments/political-science-international-studies/news/2015/01/ethnic-minority-political-representation-in-britain.aspx))

The Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS) Departmental Seminar. Speaker: Maria Sobolewska (Manchester), Respondant: Dr Chris Allen (University of Birmingham).

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Blog: The fairness (or otherwise) of the 2015-16 local government finance settlement (<http://inlogov.com/2015/01/21/the-fairness-or-otherwise-of-the-2015-16-local-government-finance-settlement/>)

Written by Chris Game. In choosing to announce the 2015-16 local government finance settlement just eight days before Christmas, ministers presumably hoped – as, indeed, I'd expected – that the argument about the presentation of funding and spending cut statistics for local authorities, both collectively and individually, would have died away by mid-January. However, it hasn't, which is why I too am returning to the topic, which had its importance re-emphasised several times over the past week.

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