

News from across the College

News from Business School

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/atom-feed>)**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/atom-feed>)**Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Case Study: Latest discussion paper from TSRC** ([/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/gypsy-roma-and-traveller-case-study-latest-discussion-paper-from-tsrc.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/gypsy-roma-and-traveller-case-study-latest-discussion-paper-from-tsrc.aspx))

This latest discussion paper from TSRC explores the debates around community led research, drawing on the specific case study example of European Gypsy, Traveller and Roma research networks.

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Social housing in the age of superdiversity ([/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/social-housing-in-the-age-of-superdiversity.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/news-and-events/2015/01/social-housing-in-the-age-of-superdiversity.aspx))

New IRIS Working Paper looks at the challenges of superdiversity for social housing.

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News from School of Education

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/atom-feed>)**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/atom-feed>)**Oil crisis: can short-term pain lead to economic gain for Russia?** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/thebirminghambrief/items/2015/01/oil-crisis-22-01-15.aspx>)

The recent crash in oil prices is causing much anxiety in oil-producing states. From Iran to Venezuela, many have come to rely on elevated oil prices to fuel economic growth and support government spending.

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Blog: Shuffling the decks: quick fixes versus long-term stability (<http://www.developmentprogress.org/blog/2015/01/22/shuffling-decks-quick-fixes-versus-long-term-stability>)

Development Progress Blog. Ahead of the launch of our case studies on security progress in Liberia and Timor-Leste, Suda Perera writes on the risk that 'quick fixes' to violent conflict pose to development in the long-term. Taking the example of the Democratic Republic of Congo, she outlines the pitfalls of empowering warring parties and the challenging reality that good elections do not necessarily result in good democracy.

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