

## News from across the College

### News from Business School

Atom Feed (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/atom>)

**Go Further, Faster on Devolution to Create Better Jobs Nationwide, Urges All Party Group Connecting Universities to Business Event** ([/schools/business/news/2014/december/connecting-universities-to-business.aspx](http://schools/business/news/2014/december/connecting-universities-to-business.aspx))



As part of the Connecting Universities to Business Event, Professor Simon Collinson, Dean of Birmingham Business School, delivered a speech on 'Universities as drivers of high-value growth'.

16/12/2014

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**NatWest Venus Awards Employee of the Year** ([/schools/business/news/2014/december/employee-of-the-year.aspx](http://schools/business/news/2014/december/employee-of-the-year.aspx))



Congratulations to Birmingham Business School's Professor Kiran Trehan who was awarded the accolade of 'Employee of the Year'.

12/12/2014

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### News from School of Social Policy

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**Dr Judith Smith appointed as new Director of Health Services Management Centre** ([/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2015/01/new-director-hsmc.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2015/01/new-director-hsmc.aspx))

The University of Birmingham is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Judith Smith as the new Director of the Health Services Management Centre (HSMC), succeeding Professor Jon Glasby.

16/01/2015

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**Birmingham celebrates HSJ rising star!** ([/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2015/01/birmingham-celebrates-hsj-rising-star.aspx](http://schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/news/2015/01/birmingham-celebrates-hsj-rising-star.aspx))

Birmingham's Jacob Matthews has been identified as an NHS 'rising star' by the Health Service Journal.

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### News from School of Education

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**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

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**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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