Social Sciences Birmingham Blog

The Social Sciences Birmingham Blog gives faculty from across the College of Social Sciences (CoSS) a platform to share their views and expertise on current affairs and issues surrounding their research.

The CoSS Marketing and Communications team is always looking for new content; if you would like to become a contributor please get in touch. It is worth getting in touch about your subject before writing your blog.

Guidance for blog entries

Audience: Other academics and the general public

Title: Choose a short, engaging title. This should summarise your blog and be appropriate for the audience.

Blog entry

- Max 500 words
- Write in plain English – write in short sentences (15-20 words), avoid jargon and explain complex ideas
- Write an introduction: introduce the topic to the audience and what the blog will include
- Be specific, use specific examples and relate to the audience
- Be concise, don’t repeat unnecessary information, think about what the audience needs to know to make your point
- Be yourself, write in your own voice
- Conclude your piece, include a summary of what you have discussed
- Include pictures and images where possible. The Conversation is a good example of the tone and style of blogs we’re looking for. We may even pitch relevant blogs to be featured here too.

Submitting your blog:

Submit your blog and any images to Chloe Ainslie, Deputy Communications Manager, College of Social Sciences, c.l.ainslie@bham.ac.uk
Advertising your blog

Blogs will be promoted through the College, University and any relevant School-centric social media accounts as well as featured in the College and School newsletters. For maximum reach and engagement, we would also encourage you to share these on your own social media accounts. We will schedule them into our content plan and this may mean your blog will not be published for a few weeks. If your blog relates to a specific current affair or is related to an outside topic that is date dependent then please do let us know so that we are able to schedule accordingly.

If there are any particular stakeholders (such as charities, potentials funders, community groups) that you would like us to target, please let us know when submitting your blog so we can include this in the communications plan.

Please clearly state the title of the blog and whether you are happy for the Marketing and Communications team to edit your blog e.g. grammar or structure.