



British reports & official publications update: May 2015

Welcome to the Nuffield College Library's British reports & official publications update! Please [let me know](#) if you have any further suggestions for items we should obtain.

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Websites of the month: Election 2015: what did the voters see?

UnlockDemocracy and [ElectionLeaflets.org](#) have been [surveying members of the public about the election campaigns](#). Read their preliminary analyses of the impact of the televised leader's debate and the content of 2015 election leaflets.

[RePEc \(Research Papers in Economics\)](#)

RePEc is a collaborative effort of hundreds of volunteers in 84 countries to enhance the dissemination of research in Economics and related sciences. The heart of the project is a decentralized bibliographic database of working papers, journal articles, books, books chapters and software components, essentially the world's largest collection of on-line Economics working papers, journal articles and software.

News:

[Members of Parliament need social science research to give their work a solid basis](#)

Members of Parliament need social science research to give their work a solid basis, the Green Party MP Caroline Lucas told a Campaign event. Ms Lucas, MP for Brighton Pavilion, was speaking at a roadshow at the University of Brighton run to present the Campaign's [Business of People](#) report and its work more generally. 27 April 2015.

[ORA-Data welcomes new users and feedback](#)

The Bodleian has recently launched a new service for the University, the Oxford Research Archive for Data (ORA-Data). An integrated digital repository and catalogue for research data, ORA-Data offers a service to archive and enable the discovery, citation and sharing of data produced by researchers at Oxford. ORA-Data is aimed especially at researchers who wish:

- to deposit data that underpins publications
 - to deposit data that their funding body requires be preserved and made accessible
 - to add a record to the University's catalogue of data about a dataset stored elsewhere
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[From Devo-max to West Lothian-Max](#)

In this LSE post, James Dennison discusses the implications of potential changes to Westminster politics in Scotland in the context of the “West Lothian” question. He argues that the election of a large number of SNP MPs is likely to greatly exacerbate tensions that were previously dormant, and could pose a challenge to the democratic legitimacy of the post-election government.

[Citizens forecast a hung parliament with the Conservatives as the largest party](#)

Can citizens forecast the outcome of the UK election? In this LSE General Election 2015 post, Andreas Murr presents the results of his forecasting model, which predicts constituency level results by asking citizens in each constituency which party they think is likely to win in their area. The forecast suggests that there will be a hung parliament, with the Conservatives as the largest party.

[What happened to poverty under the Coalition?](#)

This report presents New Policy Institute’s estimates of the latest headline poverty statistics for the United Kingdom, for the financial year ending in March 2015. Starting with the latest published poverty statistics, for 2012/13, they have estimated the combined effects of the changes that have taken place since then in the size and mix of the population, the levels of employment and earnings, as well the value of benefits and tax allowances.

[How do citizens choose who to vote for? A sociological account of the 2015 UK general election](#)

In this LSE European Politics and Policy blog post, Lambros Fatsis takes a sociological perspective on the voting process by assessing how citizens choose to exercise their vote. He writes that there are both ‘civic-oriented’ and ‘culture-oriented’ explanations for how citizens make their choice and that understanding this process offers a greater understanding of our political identity.

[The devolution dashboard: Where do each of the main parties stand on decentralisation?](#)

With decentralisation certain to be one of the most vital issues facing the next parliament, IPPR’s ‘decentralisation dashboard’ offers an illustrated guide to the strength and nature of each party’s commitments to devolution in England.

[The myth of ‘self-government’ is threatening both the UK’s place in the EU and Scotland’s place in the Union](#)

The UK government is expected to publish a draft bill on 28 May outlining a framework for the country’s referendum on EU membership. Andrew Glencross writes in this LSE blog post that UK politics is now increasingly defined by two different kinds of ‘exceptionalism’: a push within the UK for self-government outside of the EU, and Scottish demands for self-government within the UK. He argues that while neither the breakup of the UK nor a Brexit is inevitable, if they do occur it will be because of misplaced belief in the nostrum of self-government.

[Party leader satisfaction ratings and election outcomes](#)

In this LSE General Election 2015 post, Ruth Dixon argues that, in future elections, measures of party leader satisfaction are worth looking at in more detail, as standard voting intention polls led many forecasters astray in 2015.

[UK Election Analysis 2015](#)

Media, voters and the campaign which contains 73 contributions from UK academics issued just 10 days after the result! It includes a paper from Professor Charlie Beckett, LSE. A number of articles cover the use of social media as a campaign tool.

[A constitutional crossroads: ways forward for the United Kingdom](#)

A new report from the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law looks at what issues the UK as a whole will need to address in the matter of UK devolution and makes various recommendations. An accompanying blog post from Alan Trench is available [here](#).

[The politics of inequality: Atkinson, Piketty and Stiglitz at the LSE's International Inequalities Institute](#)

In recent weeks, the LSE's new International Inequalities Institute has hosted three major thinkers on inequality: Tony Atkinson, Thomas Piketty and Joseph Stiglitz. In this article, Mike Savage and John Hills discuss what emerged out of these events, writing that the politics of inequality will undoubtedly become increasingly central to public debate. For a recording of the debate at the LSE Institute, see <http://bit.ly/1ct5w8p>

PUBLISHER / ISSUING BODY	TITLE	YEAR	SHELF MARK
TSO	The Stationery Office agency catalogue	2014	X Ref H:4
Local Government Association Available online	English devolution: local solutions for a successful nation	2015	X Local Government 5:2
