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Dear Student

With the start of the next academic year getting closer, I am writing to give you a little more information about the start of your MSc programme at LSE. At this stage, we would like you to give us some indication of your research interests so we can match you to a suitable academic supervisor. We also want to update you on dates and events at the start of term.

ACADEMIC MENTOR ALLOCATION:

If you have not already done so, please select keywords that best represent your interests so that we can allocate you to an appropriate supervisor. The link is here: <https://forms.gle/qmruAwFUcZBqDZPK9> (if your browser automatically reverts to Explorer, you may find it easier to copy and paste the link into Chrome). As well as being your first point of contact when you arrive at LSE, your Academic Mentor will supervise your dissertation

PROGRAMME REGISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT MEETINGS:

The academic year begins with a number of different events that you need to attend. Add them to your diaries and ensure that you DON'T MISS these meetings, as they will cover the things you need to know about the programme, and there will be the opportunity to meet the teaching staff.

Wednesday 25th September:

Programme Induction for MSc Political Economy of Late Development – 2.30pm, OLD 328

*Main School Registration – 2.15pm, Hong Kong Theatre

** As these two events clash, please prioritise the Programme Induction and register with the School before or after our meeting.*

Thursday 26th September:

Department Induction (all MSc Programmes) – 4pm, CLM 202

Welcome Party (all new MSc and PhD students) – 6pm, The Inn of Court, Holborn

You are also invited to attend the following International Development Induction events:

Introductory Session: Monday 23rd September, 8.30am – Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Development Studies Induction: Monday 23rd September, 3pm – CLM 402

Reception: Tuesday 24th September, 5pm – Kinta Alley

And at least one of their pre-sessional economics workshops:

I: Thursday 26th September, 9am, Old Theatre

II: Thursday 26th September, 4pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

III: Friday 27th September, 9am Old Theatre

(Pre-registration essential here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfA-1t7xWVKDv_kNmS6WhG8002aEMKcTq33zjuFtbybZZOu7A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

The Department of International Development Offer Holders page is here: <https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=6481>. This page also includes preliminary reading lists, course selection, newsletters, and more.

PRELIMINARY READING:

There is no requirement, or expectation, that you should begin work before you arrive, but nevertheless we know that some students like to look at some of the material that they will be studying before they arrive. If this is you, then you can find course descriptions and introductory reading lists at:

http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/calendar/courseGuides/graduate.htm?from_serp=1#generated-subheading5
(Click on 'EH' at top of page).

(Please note: courses are still showing information for the 2018-19 academic year and will be updated to reflect any changes by the end of August).

A more general list of introductory books relating to different aspects of Economic History can be found here: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/Economic-History/Study/mastersprogrammes/Offer-Holders-2019-20> (click on 'Preliminary Reading').

COURSE CHOICE:

Please also keep an eye on: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/Economic-History/Study/mastersprogrammes/MSc-Political-Economy-of-Late-Development> for details of which courses are running. Be aware, though, that this list remains provisional and occasionally a course may be withdrawn at a late stage.

You do not need to apply for specific Economic History (EH4xx) courses until after you arrive. Course choices will be made via our online systems, but please **do not** attempt to register for courses until you have attended the induction events and been to a class to get a sense of whether this is the right option for you. We strongly recommend that you consult with your mentor before making your choices. You will have until the **end of Week 1** to decide on your Economic History optional courses.

International Development course choice runs slightly differently, so you should keep an eye on their advice and attend their welcome sessions (see above).

Please note that although we do everything we can to ensure that all students receive a place on their preferred options, sometimes unexpected peaks in demand and teaching and timetabling constraints prevent us from accepting every student who applies for a specific course. To help us in these situations, when you request a place you will be asked to complete a statement of intent in the online application system. Use this to outline why you want to take a particular course. You will also be asked to rank your choices to enable us to offer places accordingly.

Teaching begins on Monday 30th September.

Please do keep an eye on our New Arrivals page: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/Economic-History/Study/mastersprogrammes/Offer-Holders-2019-20> as this information, and more, is repeated there and will be updated regularly.

Download the Student Hub app before you arrive on campus

The Student Hub is LSE's app, designed to help you navigate your day-to-day life at LSE. You can download the Student Hub from 15 August to start connecting with your department and course mates, and get information to help you familiarise yourself with everything that LSE has to offer. With the Student Hub, you can view your timetable and upcoming deadlines, find your way around campus and keep up to date with news and events from your Department and the wider School.

You can also book appointments with academics or support services, and create groups with friends to carry on the conversation outside of class. Find out more here: https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/student-hub?from_serp=1

You can follow the department on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LSEEcHist>; or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LSEEconomicHistoryDepartment/> and there is also a page for students following our Masters' programme: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/19320108373/>

Please do not hesitate to contact either of us should you require any further information.

Best wishes,

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1. **This information is being sent to everyone offered a place. If your offer is conditional, you must, of course, fulfil the conditions of your offer letter to commence the programme. If you have decided not to accept your offer, please let us know, and disregard this letter.**
2. **If English is not your first language, you should be aware that students who meet the minimum formal requirements in this respect sometimes find that they are at a disadvantage when the course begins. If you are not confident that your English is adequate, it may be a good idea to take lessons over the summer and again after you arrive, and contact the LSE Language Centre before term begins:**
<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/language/Home.aspx>