Rethinking Beveridge for the 21st century

19-24 FEBRUARY

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We live in increasingly divided societies where the social contracts that bind us are fraying. One reason is globalisation, which has intensified competitive pressures. Another is technology, which has increased the returns to highly skilled labour and thereby exacerbated inequality. Technology has also transformed our awareness of what is happening around the world and the way we communicate and organise ourselves socially and politically, sometimes in a way that builds social cohesion, but often in ways that divide.

The consequence of this is that social sustainability, society’s internal cohesion and ability to hold together over time, is in jeopardy.

How do we overcome these divisions? I believe part of the answer lies in rethinking the systems that bind society together and look after those who are adversely affected by structural changes in our economies.

Last November we marked the 75th anniversary of the Beveridge Report, which shaped the modern welfare state in the UK and influenced many others around the world. In July 2018, the UK will mark the 70th anniversary of the NHS, the first, tangible articulation of Britain’s welfare state, which promised care for all, “from cradle to grave”. Much of the thinking behind the world’s original welfare state came not only from William Beveridge, my predecessor as Director of LSE, but also from the many leading scholars and political activists who had made LSE their home at that time. Indeed, we have a rich tradition of such work, from Dame Eileen Younghusband, whose work, including her eponymous report in 1959, led to the establishment of social work as a profession, to Dr BR Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution of India.

As LSE’s 16th Director, I want to continue this great tradition – thought and action – by revisiting the work carried out by Beveridge and his LSE colleagues some three quarters of a century ago and make it relevant to the challenges of the 21st century. At a time when so much public debate contains more heat than light, I think this is a moment where LSE can draw on its distinguished and distinctive history to shape a better future.

Minouche Shafik
Director, LSE
### EXHIBITIONS

**LSE Research Competition**
19-24 February
Ground and Lower Ground areas, NAB

**A Time for Revolutions: making the Welfare State**
8 January-13 April
LSE Library Gallery

**Who Cares? Women, Care and Welfare**
19 February-23 March
Atrium Gallery, Old Building

### EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

**Wondrous Welfare:**
make a children's charter
Saturday 24 February 11am-3pm
LSE Library Gallery

### KEY

- **Context**
- **Challenges of Poverty**
- **Housing and Urbanisation**
- **Future of Work**
- **Education and Skills**
- **Health and Social Care**
- **Missing Giant**
- **Cross Themes**
- **Ticket required**
- **No booking required**

### BOOKING AN EVENT

All events are free and open to all, but where indicated, a ticket is required.

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Universal Health Coverage in the Global South: what is needed to make it work?
Thursday 22 February 6.30-7.45pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

What are the challenges of designing and implementing healthcare systems to provide universal coverage in the developing world?

We hear from Kalipso Chalkidou, Director of Global Health Policy and Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development; Ken Shadlen, Professor of Development Studies in LSE’s Department of International Development; and Daniel Wang, Lecturer in Health and Human Rights at Queen Mary University of London.

The Doctor’s Dilemma
Thursday 22 February 6.30-8.30pm
Shaw Library, Old Building

NO TICKET

An evening of analysis and discussion of health service resource allocation and medical ethics with NHS professional Anna Smielewska and LSE philosopher Alex Voorhoeve, culminating in a performance of George Bernard Shaw’s play in which a top Harley Street consultant must choose between saving from certain death a well-meaning and selfless yet mediocre East End GP or an artist whose works possess genius though he himself is described as a “scoundrel”.

The Future of Ageing
Thursday 22 February 8-9pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

With the average life expectancy increasing continually, population ageing is poised to become one of the most significant social transformations of the 21st century. How could ageing come to dominate the giant issue of health and social care, and potentially all areas of the welfare state?

Olivia Casanueva, biologist at the Babraham Institute; journalist, novelist and campaigner Nicci Gerrard, Professor of Sociology at the University of York; Michael Murphy, Professor of Demography at LSE; and Jane Vass, Director of Policy and Research at Age UK, explain.

Bridging the Gap: social mobility, university and access to careers
Tuesday 20 February 6.15-7.15pm
NAB 2.04, 2nd Floor

In public policy, university has often been seen as a one-stop shop for social mobility. Recent research, though, shows that a student’s background before entering university affects their destination once they graduate.

We consider why such inequality persists and what, if anything, can be done about it with speakers including current LSE undergraduate Anna-Mariya Angelinova; Shaun Harris, Deputy Director of LSE Careers; and Laura Yates, Head of Graduate Talent at Clifford Chance.

Education and the Giant of Ignorance
Wednesday 21 February 5.30-6.30pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

Ignorance, though one of the Giants, was barely mentioned in the Beveridge Report. We identify gaps that have emerged and ways to fill them, focussing particularly on equality of opportunity with Nicholas Barr, LSE Professor of Public Economics; Howard Glennerster, Professor of Social Policy at LSE; Sandra McNally, Director of the Centre for Vocational Education Research and Director of the Education and Skills Programme at CEP, LSE; Kitty Stewart, Associate Professor of Social Policy at LSE; and Anne West, Professor of Education Policy in LSE’s Department of Social Policy.

Is Higher Education Good for You?
Wednesday 21 February 7.30-8.30pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

There is increasing evidence from the UK and the US to show that higher education is associated with less happiness and more inequality.

In light of this, Professor of Behavioural Science at LSE Paul Dolan argues that the government should reduce funding to higher education and prioritise early years education instead. Former Minister for Universities David Willetts stands up for the value of a university degree.

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Our Automated Future: utopia or dystopia?
Monday 19 February 8-9pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB
For younger generations considering their future career options, are the technological advances transforming the way we work something to be afraid of or excited by? And are they being sufficiently prepared for the future of work?
LSE students and alumni discuss with LSESU General Secretary Mahatir Pasha.

The Future of Work
Thursday 22 February 7.30-8.30pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB
If William Beveridge were to return to the East End, what would he make of it today? We debate what Beveridge 2.0 would involve for work and how work could change in the future with Rebecca Campbell, Ruth Reaney and Jamie Woodcock from LSE’s Department of Management.

Lessons from Grenfell Tower: inequality and housing need, the Giant that still divides us
Friday 23 February
6.30-7.30pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB
The crucially important role of social housing has been recognised following the Grenfell Tower disaster, which also laid bare the disconnect between the “elites” and the most disadvantaged in society.
We explore the link between inequality and housing with Danny Dorling, Professor of Human Geography at the University of Oxford; Lynsey Hanley author of Estates: An Intimate History and Respectable: Crossing the Class Divide; and Anne Power, Professor of Social Policy at LSE and Head of LSE Housing and Communities.

Getting Ahead of the Curve: addressing housing needs in rapidly growing cities
Friday 23 February
8-9pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB
Across developing cities, housing provision has not kept pace with rapid urbanisation, what are the policy options to address this gap?
Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy in the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and Director of IGC; DFID Cities Adviser Rubina Karruna; and Paida Hlambelo of Vavaki Architects put forward their recommendations.

Beveridge Rebooted: a basic income for every citizen?
Tuesday 20 February
6.30-7.45pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB
Discussion of an unconditional, non-withdrawable income for every individual is now a mainstream global social policy debate. Would a modern day Beveridge have recommended a Basic Income?
John Kay is an economist whose career has spanned the academic world, business and finance, and public affairs; Philippe Van Parijs is a special guest professor at the Universities of Louvain and Leuven, a Robert Schuman Fellow at the European University Institute and an associate member of Nuffield College, Oxford; Malcolm Torry is Director of the Citizen’s Basic Income Trust and a Visiting Senior Fellow in LSE’s Department of Social Policy; and Polly Toynbee is a columnist for The Guardian.

The Challenge of Richness? Rethinking the Giant of Poverty
Tuesday 20 February
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Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB
The economic and political power of the richest in our society has dramatically increased since 1942. Does Beveridge’s concern with poverty now need to be extended to include a concern with richness?
Tania Burchardt, Director of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) and an Associate Professor in LSE’s Department of Social Policy; artist Amy Feneck; Sam Friedman, Associate Professor in LSE’s Department of Social Policy; and Luna Glucksberg, an urban anthropologist based in LSE’s International Inequalities Institute, discuss.

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Identity and the Welfare State: evolving challenges for sustaining social solidarity
Monday 19 February
6.30-7.30pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

Given what we know about human behaviour and experience, what prospect is there for the level of solidarity needed to carry Beveridge’s vision into the 21st century?

Social psychologist at Panteion University Xenia Chryssochoou joins social policy expert Peter Dwyer of the University of York; policy writer David Goodhart of Policy Exchange; and LSE social psychologist Celestin Okoroji to consider the challenges.

Beveridge and Voluntary Action for the 21st Century
Tuesday 20 February
7.30-8.30pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

The LSE Marshall Institute’s Thomas Hughes-Hallett and Jonathan Roberts join LSE Governor and advisor to global leaders on ethics Susan Liautaud and LSE alumnus and lawyer at Allen & Overy LLP Kawsar Zaman to debate the role of private action for public good in the construction of the 21st century welfare state.

CROSS THEMES

Combatting the Five Giants in 21st Century European Welfare States
Wednesday 21 February
4-5.15pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

The Resolution Foundation’s Kathleen Henehan, LSE School Professor of Law, Gender and Social Policy Nicola Lacey and Labour life peer Stewart Wood discuss the most promising European welfare state reforms to combat Beveridge’s social evils, presented in a video by European Institute students.

Who Cares?
Saturday 24 February
2-3.15pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

The TUC’s Kate Bell joins Derek King, Assistant Professorial Research Fellow within PSSRU at LSE; Hilary Land, Emeritus Professor of Family Policy and Child Welfare at the University of Bristol; and Lisa McKenzie, Lecturer in Practical Sociology at Middlesex University, to discuss.

The Evolution of Altruism
Saturday 24 February
11am-12.15pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

If evolution is a ‘struggle for existence’, why do we witness so much cooperation in nature? LSE philosopher Jonathan Birch, University of Helsinki biologist Heikki Helanterä and University of Groningen philosopher Hannah Rubin discuss the origins of altruism.

Writing Fiction to Dramatise Inequality
Wednesday 21 February
7-8pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

How can literature reach audiences in ways that social science research about inequality can’t? Award-winning novelist Louise Doughty joins Not the Booker Prize winner and LSE PhD student Winnie Li to explore this question with LSE Professor of Law, Gender and Social Policy Nicola Lacey.

Civil Society and the Five Giants: a global perspective
Saturday 24 February
4.30-5.45pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

Oxfam adviser and LSE Professor in Practice Duncan Green; Associate Professor in LSE’s Department of Social Policy Armine Ishkanian; Associate Professor in the LSE’s Department of Sociology, Michael McQuarrie; and activist Ludovica Rogers discuss how civil society actors, ranging from social movements to NGOs, from across the globe are campaigning for recognition of needs and challenging unequal redistributive systems.

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Tongue Lash: a night of challenging society with hiphop and spoken word
Saturday 24 February
7-10.30pm
Saw Swee Hock Student Centre

A night of spoken word performances, philosophical dialogue and hiphop vibes. Poetcurious hosts as hiphop poets from across London perform their spoken word art, offering lyrical rhymes that challenge our assumptions on urban spaces, masculinities, racism, and much more.

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Beveridge’s Sixth Giant

Monday 19 February
8.9pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

Beveridge’s “Five Giants” remain central issues in discussions about the welfare state today, but there are also new challenges that have emerged since the 1940s. Which “Giant” issue would a modern day Beveridge prioritise? Renowned LSE academics pitch for the issue they think should take its place alongside Beveridge’s giants: Sam Fankhauser for Sustainability, Fawaz Gerges for Extremism, Naiya Kabeer for Equity, Mary Kaldor for Security and Richard Layard for Loneliness.

MISSING GIANT VOTE

We polled LSE students, staff and alumni for their suggestions as to Beveridge’s missing giants. The sixth Giant will be selected from: Sustainability, Equity, Loneliness, Security, Extremism. You decide!

Find out more and vote online from 6 February at lse.ac.uk/missinggiant

RiverBlue: Can Fashion Save the Planet?
Friday 23 February
6.30-8.30pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

Screening of RiverBlue, a documentary which examines the harsh reality of how clothes are produced in a 21st century, globalised world.

The Future of Fashion: can the industry be in vogue and sustainable?
Saturday 24 February
11am-12.15pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

As fashion production processes get faster and faster, this event will ask: how can fashion brands and producers adapt their business models, in the face of growing demands to reduce the environmental impacts from the production, consumption and disposal of clothing?

Sustainable Food and Beveridge
Saturday 24 February
12.2pm
Atrium, NAB

NO TICKET

The food we grow, eat and throw away, raises many questions about the society we live in. Join Sustainability at LSE to explore these questions with a group of academics, practitioners and activists. Sample some tasty sustainable food and take part in an interactive experiment studying sustainable food choices. Open to all those attending the Festival events on Saturday 24 February.

What’s Love Got to Do with It? Loneliness, Relationships and Wellbeing
Saturday 24 February
2.3-15pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

Loneliness is one of the giant issues we are facing as a society today. Our relationships with other people are fundamental to our wellbeing, but what kinds of relationships make us happy or miserable?

Professor of Behavioural Science at LSE, Paul Dolan, asks how social policies should influence people’s relationships, if at all.

Who Belongs? Can We Afford to be Different?
Saturday 24 February
4.30-5.45pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

A discussion of the challenges of developing an inclusive and fair society in the 21st century with Brett Heasman and Celestin Okoroji from LSE’s Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science; Bev Skeggs, academic director of the Atlantic Fellows programme in LSE’s International Inequalities Institute; and Jana Uher, senior lecturer at the University of Greenwich.

The Five Giants and the Ministers who Made a Difference
Monday 19 February
6.30-7.30pm
Sheikh Zayed Theatre, NAB

Senior fellow at the Institute for Government and the King’s Fund, Nicholas Timmins debates the five “Giant” ministers who have taken on Beveridge’s “Five Giants” in the 75 years since his report with Julian Le Grand, Professor in LSE’s Marshall Institute and a former Senior Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister, 2003-2005. Who, among the many hundreds who have held office, really made a difference between then and now?

Beveridge in Context: reconstruction planning during the Second World War and after
Wednesday 21 February
12.30-2pm
Wolfson Theatre, NAB

Academics from LSE’s Department of International History, Megan Black, Matthew Jones, David Motadel and David Stevenson reassess the 1942 Beveridge Report in the light of German, American, and British planning for reconstruction after the Second World War.

MISSING GIANT

Blueprint for Welfare? The Beveridge Report and the Making of the Welfare State
Thursday 22 February
12-2pm
NAB 2.04, 2nd Floor

Derek Fraser, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Teeside, reviews the content and context of the Beveridge Report and explains why it is of enduring importance. Why, 75 years later, do many politicians wish to “Get back to Beveridge”?

A Beveridge Plan for an Unruly School? William Beveridge and LSE
Friday 23 February
1.15-2.45pm
Alumni Theatre, NAB

LSE IDEAS Director Michael Cox talks about Beveridge’s time at LSE, and explores why rethinking the relationship between state and society was seemingly an easier task for him than running an “unruly School”.

Five LSE Giants’ Perspectives on Poverty
Saturday 24 February
3.15-4.30pm
Alumni Theatre, NAB

Taking five “Giants” in the study of poverty over the last 100 years, themselves, like Beveridge, authors of influential reports, current LSE academics discuss how their predecessors’ thinking articulates with Beveridge’s vision and has advanced our understanding of poverty and how to tackle it.

Professor of Social Policy and Sociology Lucinda Platt on Beatrice Webb; Richard Tilmuss Professor of Social Policy John Hills on Brian Abel-Smith and Peter Townsend; Director of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) Tania Burchardt on Amartya Sen, and Professor of Economic and Social Policy Stephen Jenkins on Anthony Atkinson.
**Wondrous Welfare:**

**make a children's charter**  
Saturday 24 February  
11am-3pm  
LSE Library Gallery  

**NO TICKET**  
Discover how the lives of children were transformed by welfare in the twentieth century and look at posters campaigning for children's rights. Come up with your own demands and make a campaign poster with collage and stencils. Drop in!

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**Giants by Figs in Wigs**  
Saturday 24 February  
12-1.30pm, 2.30-4pm  
8th Floor, NAB  

Join Figs in Wigs on a free interactive adventure for children aged 5-10 where you will meet the “Five Giants” of the welfare state and tackle each one! Expect potion making, dancing, and storytelling amongst other fun activities.

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**Further Information**

**Ticket information**  
All events in the Festival are free to attend. For the majority of Festival events a ticket is required, for a full list see "At a Glance" pages 3-4 or visit the website lse.ac.uk/festival.

E-tickets will be available to book online after 12 noon on Tuesday 6 February.

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**Refreshments**  
Café 54 will be open throughout the Festival until 6.30pm, located on the Ground Floor of the New Academic Building. A selection of sandwiches, hot and cold wraps, soup, pasta, fresh baked pastries and cookies, coffees, teas and cold drinks are available.

There will be other pop-up catering stalls and bars during the Festival on the Lower Ground Floor of the New Academic Building, including a wine bar and a pizza stall on Friday 23 February and Saturday 24 February.

Festival ticketholders will get 25 per cent off the food bill at Coopers Restaurant on Lincoln’s Inn Fields Monday to Friday during Festival week.

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**Booksales**  
Independent bookseller Pages of Hackney will be selling books for signing throughout the Festival week.

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