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Dear Student

As we approach the new academic year we are working hard to prepare a broad and interesting syllabus and I have no doubt that this year's programme will be a great success.

The MSc Political Economy of Late Development (PELD) is an exciting combination of economic history and development studies developed in co-operation with the Department of International Development. As a student on this programme you belong to the Economic History family, and our department is your principal affiliation. Nevertheless, you will have ample opportunities to widen your horizon by being at the Department of International Development and through interaction with staff and students there as well.

As you will appreciate, the range of courses offered each year varies: each year some courses are suspended because teachers are on research leave, and new courses are introduced to reflect changing research interests and new appointments. Please check: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/economicHistory/study/mastersProgrammes/Programmes/MScPELDtab.aspx> for the up-to-date list as of the date at the top of this letter.

Course choices are made online, but please **do not** attempt to register for courses until you have been to one or two classes to get a sense of whether this is the right option for you. You have until the end of Week 1 to decide. We strongly recommend that you consult with your supervisor before making your choices. Teaching begins on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**PROGRAMME REGISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT MEETINGS:**

Graduate School registration will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30pm in the Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House. Please see <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/studentServicesCentre/Registration/Programme/Newstudents/Graduate/home.aspx> for full details. Term begins on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

There will be a meeting specifically for students taking the MSc Political Economy of Late Development programme on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.30pm in room NAB 216 and, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 4pm, there will be a general Departmental induction for all new MSc students in CLM 602.

**DON'T MISS** these meetings, which will cover all the things you need to know.

A party to welcome all new, and returning, students to the Department will be held during the first week of term.

Upon arrival, you will be assigned an academic advisor from among the Economic History staff. This person will be your first contact and personal tutor throughout the year, and will direct your MSc thesis. Your supervisor will also assist you in getting expert advice from other staff members whenever appropriate. To assist us in making the best match, please could you go to: <http://www.aeaweb.org/jel/guide/jel.php> (click on "N" for Economic History) and select three codewords that best fit your interests. Please email your choice to Tracy ([t.j.keefe@lse.ac.uk](mailto:t.j.keefe@lse.ac.uk)).

Please do keep an eye on our New Arrivals page: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/economicHistory/study/mastersProgrammes/newarrivals.aspx> as this information, and more, is repeated there and will be updated regularly.

We are looking forward to meeting you in September, and to having you around for another exciting year of academic study and intellectual endeavour. 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>