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Thursday 4 February 2010, 6.30-8pm

Old Theatre, Old Building, LSE
Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE

Speaker: **John Lanchester**

Chair: **Professor Alan Manning**
Head of the Department of Economics, LSE

Has the credit crunch exposed the futility of academic economics? Has any collective body in the history of the world ever been exposed as 'wronger' than economists? Should the LSE be closed down and converted into something more socially productive? In this debate John Lanchester challenges the profession of economics with fundamental questions about its purpose and direction.

John Lanchester is a British journalist, novelist and winner of the Whitbread Book Award. Author of the highly acclaimed *The Debt to Pleasure*, John is a regular contributor to the *London Review of Books* and the *New Yorker*, with a monthly column in *Esquire*.

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This event is free and open to all with no ticket required.
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