

**‘DEVELOPMENT STUDIES’ (DS), ‘INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES’ (IDHE), AND ‘AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT’
RETREAT**

CUMBERLAND LODGE

Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 January 2015

Climate Change, Population, Disasters, and Grounds for Hope

‘With many communities around the world experiencing extreme weather conditions, changes to agricultural cycles, longer dry seasons and rising sea levels, climate change is no longer a future challenge, but a very present risk. It is not just the direct consequences of climate change and variability, which we need to be worried about; also the consequences of the consequences. These are being borne out through a number of complex and interacting factors such as weak governance, poverty, inequality, legacy of past conflicts, political instability and ethnic fault lines. These impacts take an array of forms, including political instability, food insecurity, economic weakness and internal migration.’

Janani Vivekananda, International Alert

This retreat is designed for students enrolled on the Masters degrees in Development Studies, International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies, and African Development to address some of the above issues. The setting is an hour by bus from LSE: the magnificent Cumberland Lodge, in the middle of Windsor Great Park, close to Windsor Castle (one of the Queen’s favourite abodes) and close to a most beautiful botanical gardens and large lake named Virginia Waters. We will have four talks around the theme of climate change and its consequences, two from real experts from respectively the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, and LSE’s Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment; and two from analysts of development studies (Dyson and Wade). Another highlight is the climate change game, which gives players (you) direct experience of making investment decisions in conditions of (climate change-induced) *uncertainty*, in competition with others. Past cohorts have found this game illuminating and exciting.

Animateurs: Tim Dyson, Professor of Population Studies, LSE, author of Population and Development: The Demographic Transition (2010); Robert Wade, Professor of Political Economy, LSE, author of Governing the Market (2004)

Schedule of Events

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

16:00	Depart LSE (outside NAB, Professor Wade)
18:00	Arrive Cumberland Lodge

19:30	Dinner
20:15	Cumberland Lodge Welcome followed by:

Film: Greedy Lying Bastards: a well-reviewed expose of the climate change denial/sceptic industry

TUESDAY 13 JAN

08:15 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Speaker: Tim Dyson Working Title: Development, Demography and Climate Change: The End of the World as We Know it?
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 12:30	Speaker: Robert Wade Working Title: TBC
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Walkabout (or runabout) in Great Windsor Park (wave to Queen, visit Virginia Waters etc.)
15:00 – 18:30	Perspectivity Game: Making Investment Decisions in Conditions of (a) Competition with other players, (b) Uncertainty about Impacts of Global Climate Change (Dharmesh, dharmeshmistry@gmail.com)
15:30 – 15:45	Tea served
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner
20:30 – 21:30	Film: The Flaw (David Sington): how high income/wealth concentration helped to cause the Great Recession, featuring Nobel Prize winners Stiglitz and Shiller, Leontief Prize winner Wade, and more. One of only 22 documentaries to be selected for Sundance Film Festival in 2010. The “flaw” refers to Alan Greenspan’s testimony to Congress in late 2008 that he had discovered a flaw in his ideology which had otherwise served him well for 40 years.
21:30 – 23:59	Disco and more

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

08:30 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:15 – 09:30	Group Photo

09:30 – 11:00	<p>Speaker: Professor Kevin Anderson, Tyndall Centre, University of Manchester</p> <p>Working title: Going Beyond Dangerous Climate Change: Exploring the void between rhetoric and reality in reducing carbon emissions.</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Speaker: Professor Declan Conway, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment</p> <p>Working Title: Climate Change and Adaptation in Africa</p>
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch
13:15 – 14:00	Debrief: “Lessons learned at the retreat”
15:00	Depart for LSE
16:00	Arrive at LSE