



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

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Department of International Relations

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To all new research students:

We look forward to welcoming you to the Department of International Relations at the beginning of the new term.* The Department was established in 1928 to address the major intellectual challenges posed by international relations. Now in its 89th year we hope that you will enjoy becoming part of the Department's rich history of empirical and theoretical research.

As a new student, you will no doubt have many questions as you settle into the Department and LSE. Our departmental website has a Frequently Asked Questions page for new students, including new research students, and we encourage you to look at it before you arrive (<http://tinyurl.com/incomingFAQ>).

You can find additional information to help you settle in during your first few weeks at the School here: <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/yourFirstWeeks/home.aspx>.

There are two important orientation sessions that you will need to attend at the start of the term.

The School Orientation for research students will take place in the penultimate week of September and is open to all new MPhil/PhD students. This session will provide an important introduction to how the School functions and will focus in particular on the postgraduate academic experience at LSE. It is therefore recommended that you attend this session. Further details will be available shortly (see <http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/yourFirstWeeks/welcomeWeek/Welcome-Presentations-Schedule.pdf>).

Your departmental introductory meeting is scheduled for **Friday, 23 September, 3 – 4.30 pm, in CLM room 2.04** and it is important that you attend, as the structure of your programme and administrative arrangements will be explained at this time. If you think you might not be able to arrive in time for the departmental introductory meeting, please let Gabrielle To (g.to@lse.ac.uk; +44 (0)20 7955 7561) know. After the introductory session, there will be a social event to meet some of Department's current PhD students. Please leave your early evening free for this event.

If your circumstances have changed and you are unable to take up your offer of admission, please also let Gabrielle know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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* Please note that if you received a conditional offer of admission, you are of course still expected to meet the conditions in order to be accepted on to the programme.