Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter provides an update on the next steps in the School’s major campus redevelopment project: the new Global Centre for Social Sciences.

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**Estates Division**

**New ‘Global Centre for the Social Sciences’: the Centre Buildings Newsletter**

**Architectural Design Competition**

Five world renowned architectural practices have been shortlisted in a competition organised by the School’s Capital Development team to design the new Centre Buildings – the major development project which will change the heart of the LSE campus for the better. The shortlisted firms are as follows:

- Grafton Architects, Ireland
- Heneghan Peng, Ireland
- Hopkins Architects, UK
- OMA, The Netherlands
- Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, UK

The competition submissions are due at the end of September. This newsletter provides a brief update on how you can get involved in the assessment process.

**Design Exhibition: 7 – 18 October in the LSE Library**

From 7 to 18 October an exhibition of the five designs will be on display in the main entrance to the LSE Library, the Lionel Robbins Building. Please come and view the designs; the Library is open 8am to midnight, seven days a week. The images will be deliberately anonymous so that each submission can be judged solely on its design merit. On Thursday 10 October between 10am-6pm a representative from each of the architectural firms will be at the exhibition to answer your queries.

The images will be also available online—a further notification will be issued once they are available.

**Have your say: vote online 7 – 18 October**

Staff, students, alumni and governors and other visitors will all be invited to vote for their preferred design. Votes can be cast from 7 – 18 October. Do give us your views; your votes will provide an important steer for the jury panel, chaired by Professor Craig Calhoun, Director of the LSE, which will pick the winning design later in October.

**Background**

The scheme involves four existing central campus buildings: East Building, Clare Market, the Anchorage and part of St Clement’s (the section nearest the Towers), which will all be demolished. They will be replaced with one new building which will have a vital role to play in cementing the LSE’s position as a world renowned educational establishment and will become a place that inspires existing LSE students and will help attract new high calibre students and staff to the School.

If you require further information please email estates@gcss.lse.ac.uk or contact Sarah Beck, Principal Project Manager. s.h.beck@lse.ac.uk Tel. 020 7106 1150

Yours sincerely

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