



News & views

Costing the climate

In this latest film in the Big Ideas series, Dr Sam Fankhauser (right), Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment argues that it will be economic motives rather than ethical concerns that will ultimately prevent runaway climate change.

He says: 'There needs to be a price signal to get people to change their behaviour. This can be achieved by putting a cost on carbon emissions – either through a carbon tax which is politically difficult because of the word 'tax' – or through a cap-and-trade system such as carbon trading.'

The UK has had an emissions trading scheme since 2002, the EU since 2005. Companies are allocated a set allowance of greenhouse gases they can emit. Trading allows companies to emit more than their allocation by purchasing allowances from the market. Similarly, a company that emits less than its allocation of allowances can sell its surplus allowances.

This approach gives companies the flexibility to



meet governmental emission reduction targets in their own way. Dr Fankhauser points out: 'The market is worth \$100 billion and is growing very fast – nearly doubling every year. It's very exciting. You get people from the City involved who don't necessarily care about the climate but care about money and, because of this, they are doing their bit.'

Fankhauser says in defence of market driven approach: 'Climate change is one of those problems where the atmosphere doesn't care where the emissions are reduced. So we can really do it in the place where it is easiest to do.

'And in many instances it's cheapest to do it here in the UK with things like improved energy efficiency. But there are also very cheap options that we can do in developing countries such as reducing deforestation or improving industrial energy efficiency. Why should we spend \$1 and get half the emission reduction by doing it here if you can get more bang for your buck somewhere else?

'Also there's a certain North-South flow of money that is beneficial to the South if it's structured well, as well as being beneficial to the North.

You can see the film at: www.lse.ac.uk/resources/videoAndAudio/climate.htm

Prize winners



Professor Christian List (left) and Dr Franz Dietrich (below) have been selected for the fifth Social Choice and Welfare Prize, for their work on the theory of judgment aggregation.



The prize honours scholars, under the age of 40, who have achieved excellence in the area of social choice theory and welfare economics.

Judgment aggregation is distinct from the more familiar problem of preference aggregation. But just as preference aggregation is illustrated by a paradox, so judgment aggregation is also illustrated by a paradox: the 'discursive dilemma' or 'doctrinal paradox'.

The official award will be given at the 2010 meeting of the Society to be held in Moscow, where Professor List and Dr Dietrich will deliver the Prize lecture.

Further information about this work can be seen at: <http://personal.lse.ac.uk/LIST/doctrinalparadox.htm>

More glittering prizes

PhD winner

Kai Spiekermann, Government Department, is the recipient of this year's Sir Ernest Barker Prize of the Political Studies Association for the best PhD in political theory for his thesis on: *Norms and Games: realistic moral theory and the dynamic analysis of co-operation*.

The judges said: 'Dr Spiekermann's thesis is a highly intelligent and striking original piece of work. He relates his work to that of other scholars in his field, but rarely relies upon their work, preferring to strike out on his own. His thesis brings together game theory, ethics, political philosophy, experimental psychology, modelling, computer simulation and real-life politics.

'The thesis is a beautifully crafted piece of work. It is simultaneously imaginative and rigorous and it combines the technicalities of game theory with lucid, elegant and unpretentious prose. It is altogether an outstanding intellectual achievement.'

Dr Spiekermann will receive his award at the PSA annual conference dinner being held at the Hilton Hotel, Manchester on Wednesday 8 April.

Photo Prize winners

This year's winners of the Photo Prize Exhibition 2009, were announced at a reception held at the School on Tuesday 24 February. There was a great turnout of staff and students to the event and the LSE student jazz band provided a vibrant atmosphere.

Pro-director professor Sarah Worthington, who led the proceedings, said: 'In having academic and administrative staff, undergraduate and post graduate students submit, we are fortunate to receive such a splendid range of images taken from across the globe; from London and Dublin to Cairo and Ramallah; from Gambia and Honduras, to Mexico and Singapore.'

The winners chosen by our panel of selectors are Xuan Cao for *House of Terror*
Sylvia Chant for *Deeper*
Matilde Emma Gawronski for *Firewall*
Bruno Serdoura for *Memories from Poland*

In addition to receiving a certificate and a bottle of champers, each winning entry is now available as



L-r: Sylvia Chant, Xuan Cao, Matilde Emma Gawronski, Bruno Serdoura and Richard Hylton

a limited edition postcard which can be obtained by emailing: arts@lse.ac.uk

This year's exhibition, which continues until 20 March, is probably the best yet and well worth a visit to the Atrium.

For more information about this exhibition or the LSE ARTS programme see: www.lse.ac.uk/arts or contact: Richard Hylton, arts co-ordinator, on ext 3793 or at: arts@lse.ac.uk

Ralph Miliband Programme events

POLLY TOYNBEE AND DAVID WALKER

Unjust Rewards: Exposing Greed and Inequality in Britain Today

Thursday 5 March, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. City workers earn millions. Manual workers earn less than they did 30 years ago. The widening gap is tearing apart the fabric of our society. In their new book *Unjust Rewards: Exposing Greed and Inequality in Britain Today*, the speakers present a worrying portrait of Britain.

Polly Toynbee is a *Guardian* columnist and president of the Social Policy Association. David Walker is a writer, broadcaster and journalist, and editor of *Public*, the *Guardian's* monthly magazine for public-sector executives.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL COX, WILL HUTTON, AND PROFESSOR DANNY QUAH

What should the next G20 meeting do?

Tuesday 3 March, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

The upcoming meeting of the G20 in London in early April 2009 is crucial for the development of policies to stabilise the world economy and reform the international financial architecture. What will the G20 do and what should it do?

Michael Cox is co-director of LSE IDEAS. Will Hutton is executive vice-chair of the Work Foundation and an LSE governor. Danny Quah is head of Economics, LSE.

Media prizewinners

Three PhD students in the Media and Communications Department, have been awarded this year's Art Design Media Higher Education Authority (ADM-HEA) Media, Communications and Cultural Studies Prize for their co-authored paper, Student-Centred Student Teachers: on maintaining teaching opportunities while expanding learning support offerings. Written by Niall Brennan, Mehita Iqani and Frederik Lesage, the paper addresses the challenge

of maintaining practical pedagogical training opportunities for PhD students through the creation of a series of seminars aimed at addressing the crucial need for high-level learning support amongst MSc students.

The paper, which was given at the MeCCSA (Media, Communication and Cultural Studies Association) 2009 conference, takes as its case study the Support Seminar Series designed by GTAs in close

collaboration with the head of department, Robin Mansell, and LSE's Teaching and Learning Centre at the end of 2007/8, and which has been offered to MSc students for the first time this academic year. The paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of ADM-HEA magazine, Networks, and the prize was presented during the MeCCSA conference in January 2009 at the University of Bradford.

Public Lecture

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

LSE Arts Talking Pictures series

RENÉE MUSSAI

The Autograph ABP Archive-in-the-Making

Tuesday 3 March, 1.05-2pm, Shaw Library

Renée Mussai was the recipient of a Sofie and Emanuel Fohn Fellowship in 2001 and 2007.

LSE Law Department Officers of the Law series

JACK STRAW MP

Tuesday 3 March, 5.45-6.45pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Jack Straw was appointed as lord chancellor and secretary of state for Justice on 28 June 2007.

Economic History Epstein lecture

PROFESSOR DAN BOGART

Parliament and the Evolution of Property Rights in Britain, 1600-1830

Tuesday 3 March, 6pm, Wolfson Theatre

The Epstein Lecture Series was established in 2007 to commemorate the achievements of S R (Larry) Epstein.

Dan Bogart is assistant professor in the Economics Department at the University of California-Irvine.

Department of International History

PROFESSOR NORMAN ROSE

Britain and the Palestine Mandate

Wednesday 4 March, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

A review of British policies in Palestine in particular and the Middle East in general with special emphasis on the inter-war and post-war periods.

LSE alumnus Norman Rose is chair of International Relations at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

FT Business – LSE European Institute The Future of Europe series, in association with LSE IDEAS

and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

LORD MALLOCH BROWN

European Leadership in a Post-Crisis Age?

Wednesday 4 March, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Can the European Union be an effective agent for reform of the world's financial institutions and security architecture? And what kind of global governance should the EU be pressing for?

Mark Malloch-Brown is minister for Africa, Asia and the UN.

LSE European Institute – Sciences Po Lecture Series, with the support of the French Embassy

PROFESSOR JEAN-PIERRE FILIU

Can the EU make a difference in the Middle East?

Thursday 5 March, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

The EU is the main donor to the Palestinian territories, a member of the Quartet and the initiator of the new

Union for the Mediterranean. How does this activity translate into a strategy for promoting peaceful co-existence in that troubled region?

Jean-Pierre Filiu is Associate Professor at Sciences Po, Paris.

LSE SU Albanian Society

GJOKE ULDEDAJ

Doing Business in South East Europe: what Albania offers?

Friday 6 March, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Professor Gjoke Uldedaj will outline the current situation of economic development in Albania and consider the impacts that the successful reforms undertaken by the Albanian government have had in improving the business climate in the country.

Gjoke Uldedaj is president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Tirana, Albania.

noticeboard

Rock ‘n’ Roll

LSESU RAG and the Philosophy Department present The Critique of Pure Rhythm (probably the best philosophical rock ‘n’ roll band in the world) on Thursday 19 March in The Quad. Doors open at 7:30pm and the band is on stage at 8pm Entry is £3 (minimum contribution). All proceeds (after expenses) will go to LSESU RAG.

Lunchtime concert

The Rosamunde Piano Trio will perform at the School on Thursday 5 March, 1.05pm, in the Shaw Library. The trio, which consists of Martino Tirimo (piano), Daniel Veis (cello) and Ben Sayevich (violin), will perform Schubert Piano Trio No 2 in E Flat Major



The Trio was formed by virtuoso pianist and renowned Schubert player, Martino Tirimo. Daniel Veis is the Czech Republic’s finest cellist and Ben Sayevich is professor of music at the University of Kansas.

Evening concert

LSE Music Society, Choir and Orchestra’s Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday 11 March, 7.30pm, at St Clement Danes Church, Strand. The choir’s performance will comprise Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart and In Paradisum by Andrew Campling. The orchestra will perform: Matthew Taylor Overture The Needles, Jude Carlton



Night Dances (World Premiere), Beethoven Symphony No 6 in F Pastoral. Tickets cost £4 for LSE staff, students and alumni, and £6 for members of the public. To request a ticket visit www.lse.ac.uk/events, email: events@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 6100.

Small ads

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Training opportunities at LSE


Academic, personal and professional development courses are available for all LSE staff and students. Courses on offer this month include:

Monday 2 March <i>Research Project Management Workshop</i> (staff) <i>Collaborative Writing with Wikis and Google Docs</i> <i>Excel 2003: shortcuts and basic formulas</i> <i>PhD Examining: ideas on practice and procedure</i> (staff)	10am 12pm 2pm 2pm	Friday 6 March <i>One to One Voice Training</i> <i>Moodle: next steps training</i> <i>PowerPoint 2003: creating a presentation</i> Monday 9 March <i>HTML: formatting and layout</i>	9.30am 10am 2pm 10am
Tuesday 3 March <i>Springboard.</i> A personal development programme designed specifically for women <i>Access 2003: working with database objects and data</i>	10am 2pm	For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/training For training in: European information , please email Maria Bell at: m.bell@lse.ac.uk Business information , please email Barbara Humphries at: b.humphries@lse.ac.uk US Government publications , please email Clive Wilson at: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk UK Government publications , please email Paul Horsler at: p.n.horsler@lse.ac.uk	
Wednesday 4 March <i>Using Online Communication Tools</i> (Phd/staff) <i>FrontPage 2003: managing your website</i>	12.15pm 2pm		
Thursday 5 March <i>Rapid Reading</i> (one day course)	10am		

Living in harmony

A Muslim-Jewish hip hop collective performed at the School on Tuesday 24 February as part of an interfaith week aimed at bringing out the common cultural links between religions. A debate on relations between the three faiths, organised with the support of the Christian Union and the SU’s Islamic, Catholic and Jewish Societies was held on Thursday 26 February. This event featured Dawn Butler MP, a government whip and minister at the Department for Children, Schools and Families, Dr Ed Kessler, director of the Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths, and the Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP, financial secretary to the Treasury and Labour vice-chair for Faith Groups. The week’s events were organised by the Three Faith Forum in conjunction with the Students’ Union and the LSE Chaplaincy. Joseph Brown, anti-racism officer for the Students’ Union, said: ‘LSE is a bastion of international diversity with a strong tradition of inter-cultural discussion and lively debate, but we are also a place of tolerance and understanding. Events such as the interfaith week are a testament to this and the Union is very proud to host it.’ For more information on the Three Faiths Forum visit their website www.threefaithsforum.org.uk





Courses

USING ONLINE COMMUNICATION TOOLS *Wednesday 4 March, 12.15-1.45pm, U110 (staff only)*

LSE has in place a range of online communication tools to support teaching and learning. These include online discussions, weblogs, Wimba voice boards, and ‘live classroom’.

Some of the tools can be used to support students remotely but others are effective on-campus. This session will describe these tools and, drawing on examples of good practice from within the School and elsewhere, will demonstrate how they can be used to enhance student learning.

Places can be booked online at: <http://tlcevents.lse.ac.uk>

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 3 March
1pm. M101. CsGG seminar. Dusan Pavlovic: *Symbolic and Distributive Cleavages in Serbia After 2000.*
4-5.30pm. S314. Institute of Social Psychology seminar. Catherine Cassell: *Doing Qualitative Research in Organisations.*
5-6.30pm. S421. Geography and Environment seminar. Claire Mercer: *Towards a Postcolonial Politics of Place: African diaspora associations and moral conviviality in Britain.*

Wednesday 4 March
12.45-1pm. R505. Welfare Policy and Analysis seminar. Francesca Zantomio: *The Route to Take-up: raising incentives or lowering barriers.*
2-4pm. U103. LLM Comparative Legal Studies seminar. Yael Navaro-Yashin: *Governing Social Relations Internationally: the legal management of conflict.*
5-6.30pm. D602. Information Risk and Security colloquium. John Meakin: *Cloud Computing: threat and opportunity. What Does It Teach Us?*
5.30-7pm. T206. Choice Group seminar. Ivan Moscati:

The Money Pump Argument: an appraisal.
6-8pm. NAB 2.04. LLM Company/Commercial seminar. Klaus Löber: *Integration of the EU Financial Infrastructure.*

Thursday 5 March
12-1.30pm. J116. Europe@LSE seminar. Cornelia Woll: *Firm Interests. How Governments Shape Business Lobbying on Global Trade.*
12.30-1.45pm. U101. CCS seminar. Markus Ketola: *Politics of Civil Society: the impact of European Union pre-accession policies on Turkish advocacy NGOs.*
4.30-6pm. A607. LSE/UCL Latin America workshop. Harry Walker: *Demonic Trade: debt and the moral economy in Peruvian Amazonia.*
5-7pm. NAB 03. BIOS seminar. Uffe Jensen: *Medicine, Health and Health Care: public goods or commodities? A Political Philosophy of Medicine for the 21st century.*
6-8pm. 607. Taiwan in Comparative Perspective seminar. Tehyun Ma: *Assessing the State of the State: the Guomindang central reform.*

Library news

FOYER EXHIBITION
An exhibition in the Library foyer, 3-15 March, will celebrate the tenth anniversary of LSE’s Language Centre. *Language as a Window into Society* highlights the role of the centre in providing language support to current students and staff of LSE as well as programmes for prospective students and business clients.



Staff briefings

All support staff are invited to attend one of the termly briefings, chaired by Adrian Hall, secretary and director of the administration. This term, the briefings will take place on Monday 16 March at 11am in the Vera Anstey Room, and on Tuesday 17 March at 3pm in the Shaw Library. The following topics will be covered:

- an update on online recruitment
- the review of the School’s strategic plan
- information security
- the School’s new wellbeing policy.

We do hope you will be able to attend.

Media bites



On Google’s new Latitude facility
‘Google is naive if it thinks there are adequate controls on this feature.’
Simon Davies, *The Times*, 5/2/09
‘You’ve already got mobile phone technology where husbands and wives track each other in secret. Google is so pervasive that this will become the rule rather than the exception.’
Ian Angell, *The Times*, 5/2/09

‘If the Bank of England conducts quantitative easing only through buying packages of new mortgages and new car loans in order to support the real economy, it will be harder for actors to use the money to deleverage... Deleveraging of the banks and other actors is an admirable goal in the long run, but it is happening too quickly to be replaced by other demands. Quantitative easing should be implemented to counterbalance the existing process of deleveraging, not to facilitate it.’
James Mosher, *Financial Times*, 17/2/09

‘The beguiling certainty of nationalization will make everyone feel good for 24 hours. But what do you do next? You have to have an exit strategy.’
Howard Davies, *New York Times*, 23/2/09