

New year honours

Christopher Greenwood (right), professor of international law, was awarded a knighthood for services to public international law in the Queen's New Year Honours list 2009.

Professor Greenwood, who has taught at LSE for 12 years, is also a practising barrister and QC and at the end of this month, he will be leaving the School to take up his new position as a judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). He will serve a nine year term as one of the court's 15 judges – hearing cases that range from territorial disputes and allegations of racial discrimination to issues of genocide and environmental protection.

Professor Alan Maynard (centre), a former professor at LSE, received a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award for services to the NHS.



Professor Anthony Venables (bottom left) was also awarded a CBE. He is now an associate in the Centre for Economic Performance at LSE but is based at Oxford University.

The following alumni also received honours:

- Robert Austin, OBE, (BSc Econ, 1968) for services to education
 - Valerie Bennett, OBE, (Diploma in Social Administration, 1964) for voluntary service to the community in Whatlington, East Sussex
 - Thomas Clark, CBE, (MSc Economics, 1976) for services to central banking
 - Lucy de Groot, CBE, (Diploma in Social Administration, 1974) for services to local government
 - Professor Duncan Gallie, CBE, (MSc Sociology, 1969) for services to social science
 - Hugh Harris, CBE, (occasional student, 1973) for voluntary service to community relations in the City of London
 - His Honour Judge Goolam Meeran, Knight Bachelor, (MSc Social Psychology, 1970) for services to the administration of justice
 - Nicholas Partridge, Knight Bachelor, (MSc Voluntary Sector Organisation, 1989) for services to healthcare
- The School would like to congratulate everyone who was honoured this year.

Big Ideas-short films

The School has launched the first in a series of films exploring ideas that will shape 21st century thinking. Each film focuses on an academic and their work and can be seen on *The Independent* and LSE websites.

The *Big Ideas* series begins with an exploration of death in the modern age by Professor Emily Jackson. This will be followed by a film on choice, in which Professor Julian Le Grand sets out the influence of the choice agenda on public policy – and particularly on the most disadvantaged in our society.

Dr Jon Adams, Economic History, said: 'In these films some of LSE's leading thinkers present novel and bold solutions to some of the problems facing British society today. It is enormously exciting to bring the work of our academics to wider audiences. Online distribution means we are a click away from millions of internet users across the world.'

Dr Adams produced the film in conjunction with Charlie Beckett, director of POLIS – LSE's media think tank – and the media company Ember Regis.

Professor Jackson uses the first film to discuss the meaning of death and the moral and legal

questions raised by euthanasia. She says that planning and taking personal responsibility for how life ends will become as usual as arranging a pension or a will.

Arguing for the need for a carefully thought out euthanasia law which provides adequate protection for patients, she says: 'While the government and judiciary prevaricate, those seeking control over the manner in which they end their lives are increasingly finding the means to do so outside the reach, and the protection, of British law.'

The film can be seen at: www.lse.ac.uk/resources/videoAndAudio



Academics abroad

Dr Mrigesh Bhatia, Social Policy, visited Mumbai under the TISS-LSE programme in December where he gave an invited talk on MDGs and Health Inequalities in India at a national seminar on Methodological Issues in Measuring Millennium Development Goals in Districts of India. The seminar took place at the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai.

He also gave a talk on *Health Sector Reforms in Developing Countries* at the Clairvoyance Seminar on *Empowering Health Care Through Solutions and Applications* at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

Jeanette Hofmann, CARR, chaired two workshops in December at the GigaNet Symposium held in Hyderabad.

The themes of the workshops were *Internet and Governance* and *ccTLDs*, and *Open Dialogue: transition from IPv4 to Ipv6*.

Sharon Gilad, CARR, spoke about *Putting Principles into Practice: the FSA's treating customers fairly initiative* at the International Law and Society conference held in Jerusalem in December.



Fellowship awarded

Professor Christian List of the Government Department has been awarded a Laurance S Rockefeller visiting fellowship at Princeton University for the academic year 2009-10.

These fellowships are awarded to outstanding scholars and teachers interested in devoting a year in residence at Princeton to write about ethics and human values.



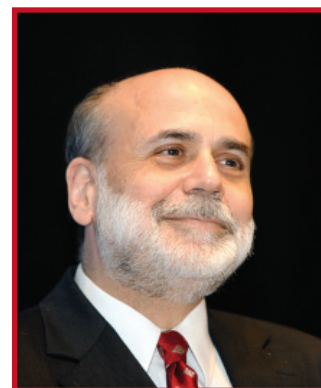
Obituary

John Hajnal, Professor of statistics, LSE, 1957/86, died on 30 November aged 86

BY DR CELIA PHILLIPS, GUEST LECTURER AND FORMERLY SENIOR FELLOW IN SOCIAL STATISTICS. LSE

Listed in numerous publications variously as demographer, economic historian, mathematician and statistician, Professor Hajnal also found time to look at questions of educational planning in the UK. He was indeed a polymath.

Born in Germany of Hungarian parents, he was living in London in the 1930s where he attended University College School before going on to Balliol for his first degree in PPE. Following that, he worked with the Royal Commission on Population (1944-48)



Dr Ben S. Bernanke, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, delivered the Stamp Memorial Lecture at the School on Tuesday 13 January.

The lecture, *Policy Responses to the Financial Crisis*, attracted widespread attention from national and international media with crews from CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, BBC, ITN, NHK and Sky News attending.

Dr Bernanke said that in the short term, the highest priority is to promote a global economic recovery. He said: 'The Federal Reserve retains powerful policy tools and will use them aggressively to help achieve this objective.' Looking at the longer term, he said that strengthening regulatory oversight and improving the capacity of both the private sector and regulators to detect and manage risk were high on the list.

'A clear lesson of the recent period is that the world is too interconnected for nations to go it alone in their economic, financial, and regulatory policies', he said. 'International co-operation is thus essential if we are to address the crisis successfully and provide the basis for a healthy, sustained recovery.'

For transcript/video, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEPublicLecturesAndEvents/events/2008/20081203t1159z001.htm

Public Lecture

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

International History

LAURENCE REES

World War Two: behind closed doors

Tuesday 20 January, 6.30, Hong Kong Theatre

Laurence Rees will be discussing his book and BBC series *World War Two: behind closed doors*. He will re-examine the key decisions made by Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt during the war.

Laurence Rees is an award-winning historian and documentary maker

Thinking Like a Social Scientist series

PROFESSOR ROBIN MANSELL

Wednesday 21 January, 1.05, U8

In this lunchtime series, LSE's academics explain the latest thinking on how social scientists work to address the critical problems of the day.

Robin Mansell is professor of new media and the internet and head of the Department of Media and Communications at LSE.

LSE European Institute – Sciences Po and Leonard Schapiro series with the support of the French Embassy

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR SALOME ZOURABICHVILI

DISCUSSANT: SABINE FREIZER

Georgia: has Europe let Russia off the hook?

Wednesday 21 January, 6.30pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Salome Zourabichvili is associate professor at Sciences Po, Paris and former foreign minister of Georgia. Sabine Freizer is Europe programme director of the International Crisis Group.

Forum for European Philosophy

PROFESSOR JOHN WORRALL

The Incompatibility of Science and Religion

Wednesday 21 January, 6.30, U8

Richard Dawkins and others claim that science and religion are incompatible. Others argue that on a more sophisticated view there is

and went on to New York where he worked with the United Nations. He left in 1951 to go to the Office of Population Research at Princeton while funding himself to study mathematics there, which was, and remained, his passion.

He came to LSE's Statistics Department in 1957 where he remained until his retirement in 1986. He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1966 and was a member of the International Statistical Institute.

Hajnal's earliest research work had focussed on fertility rates and family formation in Europe and the 'Hajnal line', which divides Europe into two main areas according to likely age of marriage, is still used today. His final paper, published in the LSE Statistical

series of monographs in 1998, was on the theory of Markov chains.

He was guest of honour, and gave the key lecture, at a symposium of historical demographers held in Iceland in 2003 and was the subject of a workshop in Graz in 2006. In 1972 he produced *The Student Trap*, a book which examined the consequences of the narrow educational system encouraged by sixth form A levels, and contributed to the debate about over specialisation in British schools and the widening popularity of the International Baccalaureat in a growing number of UK schools.

John was a generous colleague who former students and colleagues remember with affection.

only the appearance of a clash. Who is right?

John Worrall is professor of philosophy of science at LSE.

LSE IDEAS

PROFESSOR CHEN JIAN

The Great Transformation: how China changed in the long 1970s

Thursday 22 January, 6.30, Old Theatre

Professor Chen offers a historian's overview of China's 1970s transformation and the beginning of global systemic change that this transformation helped create.

Chen Jian is Philippe Roman Chair in History and International Affairs for 2008-09 at LSE. He is the Michael J Zak Chair of the History of US China Relations at Cornell University.

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NAB film

The School has produced a short film to commemorate the opening of the New Academic Building by Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. To view or download the film, go to: www.lse.ac.uk/resources/videoAndAudio/nabOpening.htm

Workshop

A dyslexia and dyspraxia awareness workshop (for staff only) will be held on Tuesday 26 January, 12-2pm.
The workshop will look at the characteristics, definitions, assessment criteria and impact on the student experience of these disabilities.
If you would like to book a place, please go to: <http://tlcevents.lse.ac.uk>

Salsa Is back

Learn to dance, have fun and get fit for the new year with this four week salsa course. It's more sociable than the gym and a great way to spend a luncheon.
Salsa is a lively Latin street dance suitable for everyone, regardless of age or fitness level. In these classes you will learn the basic footwork for salsa, how to move your whole body more freely and with confidence and – if both men and women join the course – how to dance with a partner. Each week you will learn something new to add on to what was covered the previous week. Although the classes are aimed at complete beginners, those with some salsa experience are also welcome.
Salsa instructor and performer Imelda will be teaching this class. Please wear comfortable clothing and preferably shoes (heels or flat) with a non-rubber sole (eg. not trainers).
All classes, which are free to LSE staff, are held in the Parish Hall and will run every Thursday from 29 January to 19 February on Thursday, 12-1pm, in the Parish Hall. To book your place, email Sara Talbi in the Staff Development Unit at: s.talbi@lse.ac.uk

Lunchtime concert

Alexandra Dariescu (piano) will perform Ravel Gaspard de la nuit (complete) and Schubert Sonata in C minor, D.958 at 1.05 on Thursday 22 January in the Shaw Library
Winner of all the top prizes at the Royal Northern College of Music and several prizes in international competitions since her debut in 2006, Alexandra has been enjoying a flourishing career in both the UK and abroad.

European Provocations

The Forum for European Philosophy Provocations lecture will take place on Thursday 22 January, 7-8.30pm, at the Institut Français, 17 Queensberry Place, SW7. Speaker Annabelle Lever will talk on *Catherine MacKinnon: is privacy the enemy of equality?*

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 19 January <i>Presentation and Voice Skills</i>	10am	<i>HTML: formatting and layout</i>	2pm
Tuesday 20 January <i>LSE Central Induction</i> <i>‘Flying Start’ briefing</i> <i>Staff IT Training workshop</i>	9.30am 2pm	Monday 26 January <i>Powerpoint 2003: creating a presentation</i> <i>Word 2003: long documents – advanced formatting</i>	10am 2pm
Wednesday 21 January <i>Wellbeing (staff)</i> <i>Moodle: basics training (staff)</i> <i>Prince2 Elements (two-day course)</i>	12pm 10am 10am	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 Ken Gibbons at: k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk	
Thursday 22 January <i>Project Management (two-day course)</i> <i>Moodle: quiz training (staff)</i> <i>Access 2003: creating queries and reports</i>	9.30am 10am 2pm		
Friday 23 January <i>Wellbeing (for staff)</i> <i>Keeping Up To Date: tools and tips for your research</i>	12pm 12pm		

Changes to campus fire points

Following the completion of building works on the Plaza and elsewhere on campus, the emergency fire assembly points have changed with immediate effect. More information can be found on the health and safety website at: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/healthAndSafety/Default.htm
Please take a few seconds to check the location of the emergency assembly point for your building.
Comprehensive arrangements have been developed for reducing the risk of fire and to deal with emergencies that might occur. The School depends on everyone – students and staff – to co-operate by:
• not obstructing fire exits and emergency escape routes
• not wedging open fire/smoke stop doors that are designed to prevent smoke and fume spreading through the building
• not to overload electrical sockets
• to take time to check the location of the nearest escape route and fire exit in the locations where you work or study and are sign-posted by green signs with a running figure symbol
• evacuating the building immediately if you hear the fire alarm ie a continuous bell or siren. (Note The NAB and Towers 1, 2, and 3 have phased evacuation arrangements, follow local instructions)
• not attempting to use a lift in a fire. (If you think you may not be able to hear a fire alarm or evacuate a building using the stairs, for whatever reason, you must contact the health and safety team)
• going directly to the assembly point, following any instructions or directions given by fire wardens and security personnel
• not attempting to re-enter the building until you have been instructed by Security that it is safe to do so
• reporting any problems encountered to the health and safety team.



Fellowships

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the University of Cologne, is inviting applications for doctoral fellowships in economic sociology and political economy. Applicants must hold a diploma or masters degree in political science, sociology, organisation studies or related fields. Degrees must be received by September 2009. Fellowships start on 1 October 2009 and will be awarded for one year with the option of two additional years. Working languages at the research school are English and German. The deadline for application is March 15, 2009.
Doctoral fellows will participate in a graduate school programme including courses and summer school sessions and will take part in the intellectual life of the institute and the university.
See: <http://imprs.mpi-fg-koeln.mpg.de> for information and application forms.

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Monday 19 January
4.30-6pm. S78. LSE London seminar. Stephen Glaister: *Roads as Utilities? The Need for Institutional Reform.*
Tuesday 20 January
1pm. M101. CsGG seminar. Ashwani Kumar: *Fasting and Feasting India: democracy and the poor.*
1-2.30pm. H615. CARR seminar. Mary Dixon-Woods: *Regulating Doctors and the Custody of Virtue.*
4-5.30pm. S314. Institute of Social Psychology seminar. Mick Murray: *Social Engagement Among Older People.*
Wednesday 21 January
4.30-6pm. R505. Social Exclusion seminar. Ian Cough: *Climate Change and Social Policy.*
5-6.30pm. D602. Information Risk and Security colloquium. Nick Coleman: *Protecting Government Information.*
Thursday 22 January
12-1.30pm. J116. Europe@LSE seminar. Spyros Economides: *The EU and State-Building in the Balkans.*
12.30-1.45pm. NAB 1.18. CCS seminar. André Spicer: *Translating an Organizational Form: the case of Indymedia.*
4.30-6pm. A607. LSE/UCL Latin America workshop. Evan Killick: *Debt-Peonage and Subprime Mortgages: a consideration of debt and bondage in Amazonia and beyond.*
5pm. A379. Modern and Comparative Economic History seminar. Bruce Campbell: *Physical Shocks, Biological Hazards and Human Impacts: the crisis of the 14th century revisited.*

Library news

ONLINE EXHIBITION: EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Foyle Foundation Project at LSE Archives aims to bring to life the social and political history of the 20th century.
Over the last three years, the archives of eight politicians, public servants and organisations have been catalogued as part of this project.
An online exhibition is now available to introduce these collections. Subsequent pages use some of the documents in these collections to highlight one of the major themes common to all them.
To view the exhibition go to: www.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/foyle_foundation/exhibition.htm



Call for papers

Manchester Business School and the University of Twente are calling for papers for the annual International High Technology Small Firms (HTSF) conference to be held 28 and 29 May.
The key theme for this year's conference is national and international export marketing, however, any other topic of relevance to HTSF development will be considered to form the basis for other themes within the conference structure.
Deadline for receipt of abstracts is Friday 20 March. For further information on submissions or to attend the conference, contact Mrs Alison Smith, HTSF conference administrator, Manchester Business School, Booth Street West, Manchester M15 6PB



Media bites

'The myth of the riskometer is alive and kicking. In spite of a large body of empirical evidence identifying the difficulties in measuring financial risk, policymakers and financial institutions alike continue to promote risk sensitivity.
'The reasons may have to do with the fact that risk sensitivity is intuitively attractive, and the counter arguments complex. The crisis, however, shows us the folly of the riskometer. Let us hope that decision makers will rely on other methods.'
Jon Danielsson, voxeu.org, 5/1/09

'The Johnson regime has had the enormous advantage of starting from a low base. His opponents painted such a bad picture of him during the election that it doesn't matter, yet, that for the first two or three months he buggered it up, and that we don't have a clear view of what the Boris vision of London is.'
Tony Travers, *The Guardian*, 9/1/09

