

## Sheriff of Mumbai and delegates at LSE Academics abroad



The sheriff of Mumbai, Dr Indu Shahani, organised a delegation to visit various universities in the United Kingdom. Their aim was to look at good practice on academic leadership and to promote internationalisation of education.

The delegation was composed of principals of colleges from the University of Mumbai, including the Rev Dr Mascarenhas of St Xavier's College, and Sr Dr Anila Verghese of Sophia College. The vice chancellor of Mumbai, Dr V J Khole, and Dr Naresh Chandra, president of the University of Mumbai College Principals Association, were central to the delegation.

On their visit to LSE, the group was impressed by the changes that have occurred in respect to the School's international linkages and knowledge of the Indian Sub-continent. They could not believe the Library was open for 24 hours.

Speakers at the event included Professor Sarah Worthington, pro-director, and Robin Hoggard, director of External Relations. Neil McLean stressed the importance of student centred learning and Jonathan Kydd, dean, University of London External System, and Rosie Gosling, director of External Study at LSE, spoke about external study in India.

The programming for the visit was organised by Glenda Young, PA to Rosie Gosling.



**The delegation which included: back row, left: Rev Dr Mascarenhas, second from right: Rosie Gosling, far right: Jonathan Kydd. Middle row: left: Glenda Young, fourth from left: Dr Chandra, standing next to him Dr Shahani and next to her, Dr Khole. Front row: second from left: Sr Dr Verghese.**

In May, Jo Beall, DESTIN and the Crisis States Research Centre, was invited to attend the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the African Development Bank (ADB) in Maputo, Mozambique, and to present at the Ministerial Round Table and High Level Seminars on *Fostering Shared Growth: urbanisation, inequality and poverty*.

The central theme of the meetings was how to approach the stark contradictions between economic growth and inequality in Africa, the latter being most evident in the sprawling slums around the continent's major cities. Her paper was on *Upgrading Informal Settlements in African Cities* and engaged with the ADB's call for innovative thinking on improving living conditions among the continent's urban poor through economic development, improved governance, and planning.



Professor Nikolas Rose headed the signature event at the World Science Festival held in New York on 31 May with a talk on *What it Means to be Human*.

Drawing on a range of disciplines, this provocative event looked at how discoveries in areas like fundamental physics, anthropology, and genomics are influencing our understanding of uniquely human characteristics. As science increasingly tests these boundaries – from the roots of morality and our capacity to contemplate our own existence to the emergence of artificial intelligence – what

will it mean to be human?

Participants in the event included philosopher Daniel Dennett, artist Jonathan Harris, anthropologist Ian Tattersall, geneticist Francis Collins, neuroscientist Antonio Damasio, philosopher Patricia Churchland, sociologist Nikolas Rose, and Nobel Laureates Harold Varmus and Paul Nurse.

To read more about the events at the festival, see: [www.worldsciencefestival.com/2008-festival/events](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com/2008-festival/events)

## LSE people



**Stan Cohen** (left), professor emeritus in the Department of Sociology, is to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Middlesex University in recognition of his contributions to sociology, criminology and human rights.

The degree will be presented at the university's degree ceremony on 10 July.

**Professor Paul Preston** (above right), European Institute, has been elected a corresponding member of the Institut d'Estudis Catalans.

The Institut is the Catalan Academy of Arts and Social Sciences and undertakes a wide range of cultural and publishing activities throughout the Catalan-speaking area.

Its processes for election are rather like those of the British Academy whereby candidates, without their knowing, are proposed by existing fellows. The election takes place once the candidates' publications have been examined and reports have been taken.



Last month, Jude Howell (left) and Jeremy Lind (right), Centre for Civil Society, gave a public address at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House).

The theme of their address was *Civil Society, Aid and Security in Kenya Post-9/11*.



## Media bites

'The decline in standards of living for young middle class people is pretty moderate when compared with the very dramatic situation of their counterparts in totally marginalised communities such as the poor French suburbs. There is a trend towards a certain classlessness and some win and some lose. Jobs that were previously passports to stable middle class incomes and wealth no longer are. And those who lose out most tend to shout loudest.'

**Ian Begg**, *The Observer*, 11/5/08

'This is a wonderful part of multicultural Britain where you have lots of people who come and smoke shisha in these cafes. You discuss politics, you watch football, you play backgammon, you relax, you meet friends.'

**John Chalcraft**, *Bloomberg.com*, 16/5/08



## Fearing the fear?

**Experience and Expression in the Fear of Crime**, by **Dr Jonathan Jackson**, Methodology Institute, LSE, and **Dr Stephen Farrall**, Sheffield University, funded by the ESRC

Fear of crime is much less common than previously thought and many people who say they are worried about becoming victims of crime are actually expressing an awareness of risk as well as vaguer fears about the breakdown of society and looser moral standards.

Dr Jackson said: 'Our study does show a genuine fear of crime... but contrary to received wisdom, this was rare and tended to occur amongst those who lived in high crime areas and those who had been either a victim or had known a victim.'

The authors conclude: 'The anxious represented a group which

was in the middle of society in terms both of their social position - a home-owning group, living in areas with low levels of ethnic variation, high levels of professional workers with good financial resources. Their experience of crime was also of the middling sort: they witnessed little of it, experienced less still, and lived in areas with low levels of deprivation and disorder. In many respects the group of people we referred to as the anxious were generally drawn from amongst the better off members of society.'

To download a copy of the report, go to: [www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/ViewAwardPage.aspx?awardnumber=RES-000-23-1108](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/ViewAwardPage.aspx?awardnumber=RES-000-23-1108)



## Public Lectures

*free and unticketed unless otherwise stated*

### Public lecture and book launch

**PROFESSOR PHILIP BOBBITT**

***Terror and Consent: the wars for the twenty-first century***

*Tuesday 3 June, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre*

The threat of terrorism is now part of the landscape of daily lives all over the world, yet we have hardly begun to think properly about it.

In his new book *Terror and Consent*, and in this lecture, Professor Bobbitt argues that we are fighting these wars with weapons and concepts which, though useful to us in previous conflicts, have now been superseded. He believes that we need to re-forge the links between law and strategy and to realise how the evolution of modern states, which have always produced terrorists in their own image, has now produced a globally networked terrorism.

We also need to combine humanitarian interests with strategies of intervention and, above all, to

rethink what 'victory' in such a war, if it is a war, might look like.

Philip Bobbitt is Herbert Wechsler Professor of Federal Jurisprudence and director of the Center for National Security at Columbia University.

This event marks the launch of Philip Bobbitt's new book *Terror and Consent: the wars for the twenty-first century* (Penguin).

### Forum for European Philosophy, Secularity and Value annual lecture series

**PROFESSOR RICHARD NORMAN**

***Secularism and Shared Values***

*Tuesday 3 June, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre*

The global revival of religion has raised fundamental questions about its role in politics and its claim that it serves as a principle of identity, indispensable to the continuing survival of communities.

This series brings together leading thinkers and

scholars to encourage discussion and debate on this crucial contemporary theme.

Richard Norman is emeritus professor of moral philosophy, University of Kent.

### Financial Markets Group

**PROFESSOR AXEL A WEBER**

***Financial Market Stability***

*Friday 6 June, 6-7.15pm, Old Theatre*

In light of the current tensions in financial markets Professor Axel Weber will look at financial market stability from a central bank's perspective.

Axel Weber is president of Deutsche Bundesbank and a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank.

Free but registration is required. Email: [s.b.mohabeer@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.b.mohabeer@lse.ac.uk) or call ext 6301.

## Dialogue

### Forum for European Philosophy dialogue

**ELISABETH SCHELLEKENS, AND PETER LAMARQUE**

***The Legacy of Frank Sibley***

*Thursday 5 June, 12.30-2pm, J116*

This dialogue will centre around the work and legacy of the late Frank Sibley, arguably the first philosopher to bring the methodology of analytic philosophy to aesthetics. He shaped many of the questions and set the agenda that analytic philosophers working in aesthetics are still pursuing today.

Themes include the way one can and/or should distinguish between aesthetic and non-aesthetic experiences and properties; what aesthetic taste and sensibility really amounts to and what role they play in aesthetic experience; and the possibility of justifying aesthetic judgements.

The role of Frank Sibley's work in contemporary Analytic Aesthetics will also be assessed



noticeboard

Party on the Plaza

This year's staff summer party will be held on Friday 27 June, 5.30pm, on the John Watkins Plaza and is open to all members of staff.

Everyone should have received their invitation now but if you haven't, please contact the conference office to let them know. Email: [conferences@lse.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@lse.ac.uk)

Viewing Restricted

The Centre for the Study of Global Governance is inviting photographers from eight cities to submit ideas for a photography exhibition at LSE exploring representations of poverty.

By examining past and present visual mediums used to portray poverty, the exhibition will consider the politics of poor people's representation in some of the following cities: Kinshasa, Jakarta, New York, Mumbai, Istanbul, London, Cairo and Shanghai. The exhibition, to be held in LSE's Atrium Gallery in Spring 2009, is part of the Global Civil Society Project at CSGG, which this year is partnering with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai to create Global Civil Society 2009, themed on poverty. For more information, please see: [www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/global/viewingrestricted.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/global/viewingrestricted.htm) or email Fiona Holland at: [f.c.holland@lse.ac.uk](mailto:f.c.holland@lse.ac.uk)

CDE 150th anniversary

As one of several events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University of London External System in 1858, the Institute of Education is offering a symposium on the topic of developments in assessment in Higher Education and their implications for distance learning and online courses. The event will be chaired by Megan Crawford (senior lecturer in educational leadership and management, Institute of Education) and will feature keynote speeches from experts in the field and a panel discussion involving invited guests. Keynote speakers include: Patricia Broadfoot, CBE, vice-chancellor, University of Gloucester; Professor Dylan Wiliam, deputy director and professor of educational assessment, Institute of Education. The panel discussion will feature Patricia Broadfoot and Dylan Wiliam Sir David Watson, chair of higher education management, Dept of Lifelong and Comparative Education, IOE and Ben Palmer, head of Assessment, Credit and Awards, Open University. The event will take place on Monday 23 June at 5pm in the Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education. Tea will be available from 4.30pm and there will be a wine reception from 7.30pm. Please register your attendance with Ruth Shewan, email: [r.shewan@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:r.shewan@ioe.ac.uk)

Small ads

**To let:** three-bed garden flat near Arsenal, North London. Large living space and conservatory study. Perfect for academic with children. £1,600 per month. 12 months minimum. Available from mid-August. Contact: [m.glasius@lse.ac.uk](mailto:m.glasius@lse.ac.uk)

**To rent:** delightful s/c, fully equipped one bedroom flat in Georgian Square, adjacent to the Imperial War Museum. Just over one mile from LSE. Suitable for couple or single person. £260 p/w plus utilities. Tel: 020 7735 3116, email: [jboulet@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jboulet@hotmail.co.uk)

**To rent:** attractive Chalk Farm flat, close to tube and direct buses to LSE. Living/bedroom, sunny kitchen/diner, shower/separate WC. Fully furnished, well decorated, c/h. Rental: £240 p/w includes all bills except phone. Suit couple or single. N/S only. Contact: 020 7482 0158, email: [r.fitzgerald@alumni.lse.ac.uk](mailto:r.fitzgerald@alumni.lse.ac.uk)



News from Catering

**REDEVELOPMENT**  
The Brunch Bowl and Beavers Retreat are being redeveloped this summer to provide an exciting new multi-functional catering, social and study facility (see visuals right) and will support the School's Environmental Policy to reduce, recycle and reuse. In addition to providing great value hot meals, salads, snacks and beverages, the new facility will make better use of current space encouraging staff and student interaction. It will provide seating for 468 people and will provide enough flexibility to host a variety of functions and events throughout the year. The facility will include a café bar to be located near to the lifts. Work stations and comfortable seating will be provided at various locations along with wi-fi access. There will be two plasma screens, one in the café bar and one in the dining area. Work starts on 9 June and the main facility will open for Freshers' Week in September, with the café bar following later in the term. To see a pdf of the redevelopment plans, go to: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/cateringServices/venues/RedevelopmentOfBrunchBowl.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/cateringServices/venues/RedevelopmentOfBrunchBowl.htm)

**catering times**  
As a result of these works, and the redevelopment of the Library Plaza, the School's catering facilities and services will be restricted during this summer vacation. Where possible, additional compensating arrangements have been made, particularly for during the summer schools, including opening Café Pepe

and the SDR. As normal, vacation arrangements commence after the end of exams on 13 June unless otherwise stated.

**LSE GARRICK**  
8.30am-6pm  
Open throughout summer vacation except on 16/17/18 July for the presentation ceremonies

**CAFÉ PEPE**  
9.30am-4pm  
Open 7 July-15 August inclusive

**STAFF DINING ROOM (SDR)**  
12.30-2.15pm  
Closed 18-29 August inclusive

**STAFF DINING ROOM (SDR) BAR**  
10am-4.30pm  
Closed 18-29 August inclusive

**GEORGE IV**  
12noon-11pm

**VENDING MACHINES**  
24 hours in Library Foyer and Student Salon

**BRUNCH BOWL**  
Closes Friday 6 June

**BEAVERS RETREAT**  
Closes Friday 6 June

**PLAZA CAFÉ**  
Closes 27 June, re-opens 3 November

**Note:** The Students' Union facilities, including the Towers Coffee Cart, will also be open throughout the vacation.

Cafe Bar visual



Main Dining Hall seating area visual B



CentrePiece out now

The latest edition of *CentrePiece*, the magazine of the Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), is now available. This issue launches a series of reviews of CEP's achievements, looking back at some of the big ideas emerging from research that have influenced both academia and policy. Other articles include: *The Unemployment Trap*. This new research by Barbara Petrongolo investigates whether the Job Seeker's Allowance has succeeded in breaking the unemployment trap; *Can Pay Regulation Kill?* in which John Van Reenen and colleagues present evidence on the impact of regulating the



labour market for nurses on the performance of hospitals in England; *Can Better Management Sustain Growth in China and India?* In this article, Nick Bloom and Rebecca Homkes evaluate management practices in the two countries' manufacturing sectors. Will the credit crunch lead to recession? Nick Bloom's research suggests that the impact of the credit crunch on uncertainty will lead to an economic slowdown much worse than we anticipate; *Where to Build Britain's New Houses*. Tim Leunig argues the need to end the highly restrictive planning laws that constrain housing development in the south east and in cities associated with our top universities. *CentrePiece* can be accessed via the web at: [http://cep.lse.ac.uk/\\_new/publications/series.asp?prog=CEPCP](http://cep.lse.ac.uk/_new/publications/series.asp?prog=CEPCP)

Library news

**CHARLES BOOTH AND JACK THE RIPPER**  
The Museum in Docklands' latest exhibition, *Jack the Ripper and the East End*, includes several items from archive of Charles Booth's *Enquiry into London Life and Labour*, which is held in the LSE Archives.

The exhibition uses the Jack the Ripper case to explore London's East End in the late 19th century – from living conditions and social reformers to policing and press reporting.

The LSE items on display include a hand coloured map of Dorset Street where Mary Jane Kelly was murdered, and a case notebook from Stepney Poor Law Union, focussing on the hard life of Alice Habgood, a prostitute in the Whitechapel district.

Jack the Ripper and the East End is at the Museum in Docklands until 2 November.



Training opportunities at LSE

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

<b>Monday 2 June</b> <i>Staff IT Training Workshop</i>	2pm	<i>From thesis to book: writing an effective first book proposal</i>	2pm
<b>Tuesday 3 June</b> <i>Project 2003: tasks</i>	2pm	<b>Monday 9 June</b> <i>Project 2003: managing resources</i>	10am
<b>Wednesday 4 June</b> <i>Access: introduction to database structure and design</i>	2pm	<b>For further details</b> and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, please see: <a href="http://www.lse.ac.uk/training">www.lse.ac.uk/training</a>	
<i>The Bologna Process: the reform agenda in European Higher Education</i>	12.15pm	<b>For training in:</b>	
<i>Writing an effective research grant proposal</i>	2pm	<b>European information</b> , please email Maria Bell at: <a href="mailto:m.bell@lse.ac.uk">m.bell@lse.ac.uk</a>	
<i>Introduction to Database Structure and Design</i>	2pm	<b>Business Information</b> , please email Barbara Humphries at: <a href="mailto:b.humphries@lse.ac.uk">b.humphries@lse.ac.uk</a>	
<b>Friday 6 June</b> <i>FrontPage 2003: creating a personal website</i>	2pm	<b>US Government publications</b> , please email Clive Wilson at: <a href="mailto:clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk">clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk</a>	
		<b>UK Government publications</b> , please email Ken Gibbons at: <a href="mailto:k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk">k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk</a>	

Double seminar

The Complexity Group are holding a double seminar on 17 June which will be led by Professor Bill McKelvey of University of California, Los Angeles.

**SESSION 1**  
*Three Phases of Complexity Science: the basics*  
Tracing the roots of complexity science, Professor McKelvey will identify three phases: European, American, and more recently econophysics.

**SESSION 2**  
*Pareto-Based Science: methods for studying pareto-distributed phenomena*  
LSE students and staff can attend free of charge, but will need to reserve a place as space is limited. Email: [complexitygroup@lse.ac.uk](mailto:complexitygroup@lse.ac.uk)  
For further details, see: [www.lse.ac.uk/complexity](http://www.lse.ac.uk/complexity)



**Tuesday 3 June**  
**5-6.30pm.** G1. Gender Institute Biography and Narrative postgraduate seminar. Olivia Sagan: *Mentally Ill Adults' Use of Community Basic Literacy/ Expressive Writing Provision: a narrative ethnographic investigation*.

**Wednesday 4 June**  
**12.30pm.** U101. DESTIN Research Seminar. Elliott Green: *Patronage, Pork and Power in Rural Africa*.

**Thursday 5 June**  
**12.30-1.45.** H103. CCS seminar. Jonathan Goodhand and Oliver Walton: *NGOs, Boundary Politics and (Il)liberal Peace Building in Sri Lanka*.

**Friday 6 June**  
**10.30am-12.30pm.** A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Richard Baxstrom: *Fugitive Circuits of Belief and the Experience of Place in Urban Malaysia*.