

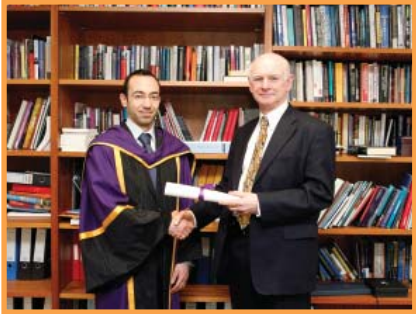


# News & views

## Student given first degree by LSE

After 113 years, the School has awarded its first degree which went to postgraduate student Enrico Sette. All previous graduates of the School have had their degrees conferred by the University of London, the confederation to which LSE belongs. Founded in 1895, the School is now moving towards awarding its own degrees. All students registering from 2008 onwards will automatically be awarded an LSE degree on graduation. Students who have registered before that date will be able to choose either format. To mark the event, Enrico was given not only his degree but also a reproduction of the very first University of London PhD awarded in 1922 and a bottle of champagne to toast his success. Howard Davies said: 'The time is right for us to make this change. Students choose LSE for the rigorous scholarship and open-minded enquiry which are typical here and it makes sense for them to

receive a degree which bears the LSE stamp. We're proud to remain part of the University of London but we are taking sole responsibility for our academic degrees.' Enrico said: 'Of course my main focus was to achieve my PhD and I'm delighted to have done that. But it's nice to make a little history in the process and know that I'm the first of thousands of future LSE students to receive such an award.'



## LSE students awarded at UN conference

The LSESU United Nations Society attended the London International Model United Nations Conference (LIMUN), held 8-10 February. LIMUN is the largest annual university-based Model United Nations conference set in Europe and has a reputation for an exceptional standard of debate.



Seven of the 26 strong LSE team who attended the London International Model United Nations Conference (LIMUN) received Best Delegate awards. These are given to delegates who demonstrate excellence in research, debate, diplomacy, mediation, cultural empathy and promoting the LIMUN ethos. Those awarded have to actively participate in committee session by defending the interests of the country they represent through public speeches, draft resolutions, and negotiation to reach a consensus.

Those who received the awards were: Tomás Guilherme da Costa, USA, Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC); Ali Sohail, USA, Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN); James Afedo, Romania, ECOFIN; Subash Viroomal, USA, Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee; Marco Moraes, USA, Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (SPECPOL); Konrad Turski, Nicaragua, SPECPOL; and Cecilia Serin, Thailand, UN Environment Programme (UNEP).

Additionally, the following students were verbally commended during the closing ceremonies for their performance in, and significant contributions to, their committees: Katinka Harsanyi, Romania, DISEC; Justin Chan, USA, World Health Association; Whitney Hart, USA, Security Council; Marius Keller, USA, UNEP; and Elsie Wangai, Romania, UNEP.

The School received more awards than any other university in attendance which included SOAS, UCL, Imperial, King's, Oxford and Warwick. As a result, LSE received the Best Delegation Award, an honour of which the LSE-SU UN Society is exceptionally proud.

## Running for charity

By Keith Adams, systems accountant, Finance Division

In what is fast becoming a biennial habit, I am once again pounding the streets, tracks and trails in preparation for running my fourth London Marathon on 13 April.

Training is going well – I already have a 20 mile race behind me and am hoping to beat my best time of three hours 24 minutes!

As in previous years I will be running in support of my favoured charity, the Leukaemia Research Fund. If you would like to sponsor me it would be greatly appreciated. I have a page set up for online sponsorship: [www.justgiving.com/keithadams](http://www.justgiving.com/keithadams). If you prefer more traditional means of sponsorship I also have paper forms available at our office in Aldwych House - you can contact me on ext. 6149 or by email: [k.adams@lse.ac.uk](mailto:k.adams@lse.ac.uk).

I support the LRF ([www.lrf.org.uk](http://www.lrf.org.uk)) as it is a cancer that has a disproportionate effect on the young, and was fatal to a good school friend of mine. Survival rates are now much improved because of the research that has taken place, but there is still much progress to be made. Thank you for your support.



## SSC wins Matrix award

The Students Services Centre (SSC) has succeeded in securing re-recognition under the Matrix standard.

Matrix is an externally assessed quality framework covering the effective delivery of information, advice and guidance to customers. In some ways it is like iip, but with an emphasis on customer service rather than staff development.

The assessment method is also broadly similar, with a two day visit by an external assessor and interviews with staff. However, the Matrix standard includes interviews with a range of users from across the School, including student groups.

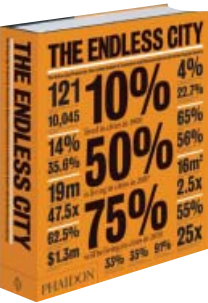
In the informal feedback session, the Assessor commented on the following points as being particular strengths of the SSC:

- approachable and willing staff, who offer their own personal style when dealing with users
- the central location and impressive surroundings of the SSC, which reflects the importance the School gives to student services
- the SSC's capacity to network across the School to raise awareness about what it does and doesn't do
- the praise from SSC users and partners for staff enthusiasm and quality of service
- the ideas for continuous quality improvement such as the student 'oyster card'.

At the end of the feedback session, the assessor, who said she was highly impressed by what she saw and heard, advised that the Centre be put forward for a Matrix excellence award.



## Book launch



The launch of Urban Age's *The Endless City*, with Ricky Burdett and Richard Sennett of LSE's Cities Programme, will take place on Thursday 6 March, 5.30-7pm, at Waterstone's Economists' Bookshop.

The book represents a worldwide investigation into the future of cities.

Urban Age's principal aim is to shape the thinking and practice of urban leaders and sustainable urban development. Initiated by the Cities Programme and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society, Urban Age is

structured around international and multidisciplinary events and research supporting the creation of a new urban agenda for global cities.

## Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### IDEAS-CWSC Gilder Lehrman

PROFESSOR DAVID KENNEDY

#### *The Pivot of the 20th Century*

Tuesday 4 March, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

In 1945, Winston Churchill said: 'the United States stands at this moment at the summit of the world.' Yet just five years earlier, America had been an economic catastrophe and an isolationist bastion. This lecture will look at how that transformation, and its consequences, came about.

David M Kennedy is Donald J McLachlan Professor of History at Stanford University.

### Lunchtime lecture

PROFESSOR HUGH COLLINS

#### *Thinking Like a Social Scientist*

Thursday 6 March, 1-2pm, Hong Kong Theatre

How social scientists work to address the critical problems of the day. Hugh Collins is professor of English law at LSE.

### IDEAS-CWSC

PROFESSOR MICHAEL MANN

#### *American Economic and Military Imperialism: are they connected?*

Thursday 6 March, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Michael Mann defines the various types of empire seen in recent centuries and attempts to categorise US imperialism in these terms.

Michael Mann is best known for his *Sources of Social Power* which explores processes of world historical development.

### School public lecture

PROFESSOR NASSIM NICHOLAS TALEB

#### *The Black Swan*

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

Professor Taleb will discuss low probability, high impact events and the cognitive and scientific biases behind our blindness with respect to the improbable, based on his book *The Black Swan*.

Nassim Nicholas Taleb is the dean's professor in the sciences of uncertainty at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

## Debate free and unticketed

### Centre for the Study of Global Governance

PROFESSOR MARY KALDOR, DENISA KOSTOVICOVA, HOSAM EL SOKKARI, DR MAUNG ZARNI

#### *Illiberal Regimes and Global Civil Society: activism, ideas, and spaces*

Thursday 6 March, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

This event will explore the relationships between civil society activity across the political spectrum, communications and democratic change, in countries and regions as diverse as Burma, the Middle East, Belarus and China.

Mary Kaldor is professor of global governance at LSE. Denisa Kostovicova is lecturer in global politics at LSE. Hosam El Sakkari is head of the BBC Arabic Service. Maung Zarni is visiting research fellow at Oxford University.

## Public discussions

### Psychoanalysis@LSE discussion, hosted by the Institute of Social Psychology

DARIAN LEADER AND PROFESSORS HENRIETTA MOORE, SUSIE ORBACH, AND RENATA SALECL

#### *Modern Erotics and the Quest for Intimacy*

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

The demand that sexual relations should be at the basis of self-understanding and self-realisation often puts our intimate lives under pressure. This talk will look at contemporary sexualities and their uneasy relationship to love, fantasy and intimacy.

Darian Leader is a psychoanalyst. Henrietta Moore is professor of social anthropology at LSE. Susie Orbach is a psychoanalyst and visiting professor at LSE. Renata Salecl is centennial professor of law at LSE.

### Centre for the Study of Human Rights in partnership with Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities

PROFESSORS COSTAS DOUZINAS AND PAUL GILROY

#### *Human Rights and Empire*

Wednesday 5 March, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

These two distinctive thinkers will engage with the relationship of human rights to empire, addressing critically the legacy and contemporary role of human rights as a source of moral authority.

Costas Dozinas is professor of law and director of the Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities. Paul Gilroy (above right) is professor of social theory at LSE.





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## MSc Management information evenings

Students interested in LSE's new two-year MSc Management degree are invited to attend information evenings being held in the Shaw Library, Thursday 6 and Thursday 13 March.

Each event begins at 6.20pm with an introduction and talk about the programme. This will be followed at 7pm by drinks and a chance for attendees to talk to a number of academic and administrative staff from the Management Department.

To book a place please visit: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentRecruitment/management\\_information\\_evening.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentRecruitment/management_information_evening.htm)

## ESRC Festival of Science

The Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR) are holding a panel discussion as part of the ESRC Festival of Science Week.

Security and Regulation – Information, Risk and Financial Crime will take place on Wednesday 12 March, 3-5pm, at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI) Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ET.

Financial institutions have extensive regulated responsibilities for preventing and detecting money laundering and the funding of terrorist activities. Similarly, agencies concerned with security of both infrastructure and personnel work with, and rely on, regulated aspects of organisations, such as internal control and risk management systems. At the heart of this growing intersection between the worlds of regulation and security, the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information is an important focus.

Our panel of experts will each explore, from their distinctive perspectives, the varied and changing relationships between information security, financial crime and regulation.

Discussing these issues will be:

Dr James Backhouse, director, Systems and Innovation Group, Department of Management, LSE, JP Rangaswami, chief information officer, BT Global Services, Professor Michael Levi, Crime and Justice Research Group, Cardiff University, and Elizabeth Robertson, partner, Addleshaw Goddard LLP

The discussion will be chaired by Professor Michael Power, research theme director, ESRC Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation, at the School.

Pre-booking isn't required for the CARR session, but it would be helpful if you let the organisers know by emailing: [esrc@vistaevents.co.uk](mailto:esrc@vistaevents.co.uk)

## TE Utley Memorial Award invitation

The TE Utley Memorial Fund was established 20 years ago to commemorate the outstanding Conservative journalist and contributor to political debate, TE Utley.

The fund makes an annual award to one or more young writers of promise. This year, the trustees of the fund will award £5,000 to an undergraduate who submits an essay which meets the high standard they require. The subject of the essay, which should be no longer than 5,000 words, is: Will the United Kingdom still be united in ten years' time? And should it be?

The closing date is Friday 16 May. Posted essays should be sent to The Secretary, T. E. Utley Memorial Fund, 111 Sugden Road, London SW11 5ED or emailed to: [ginda.utley@btinternet.com](mailto:ginda.utley@btinternet.com)

For further information, see: [www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2008/02/07/nuttley107.xml](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2008/02/07/nuttley107.xml)

## Small ads

**Wanted to rent:** flat or house in London for May and June 2008 for visiting professor Albert Hunter, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois USA. Please email: [ahunter@northwestern.edu](mailto:ahunter@northwestern.edu)

**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)

# 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 3 March</b>		
<i>Excel: shortcuts and basic formulas</i>	10am-12pm	
<b>Tuesday 4 March</b>		
<i>FrontPage: creating a personal website</i>	10am-12pm	
<b>Wednesday 5 March</b>		
<i>Introduction to Database Structure and Design</i>	10am-1pm	
<b>Thursday 6 March</b>		
<i>Project Courses: tasks</i>	10am-12pm	

## Media bites

‘The mere fact that everyone is going to such great lengths to say it [Kosovo independence] is a unique case and doesn’t set a precedent means that ultimately it does set a precedent. It establishes a precedent that you can overturn national sovereignty for apparent moral or humanitarian reasons – but we only apply it selectively.’

**Spyros Economides**, *africa.reuters.com*, 19/2/08

‘Their [China’s] political fortunes are tied to their ability to deliver a constant stream of economic goods at home. They can’t say, ‘OK, we have sunk billions over the long term in Sudan and we are just going to walk away from it because of Darfur.’ It is just not going to happen.’

**Christopher Alden**, *New York Times*, 25/2/08

## Waste away

The School will be hosting the *Zero Waste in Universities* conference to be held on Friday 18 April.

The conference will focus on the opportunities and benefits of waste minimisation activities – especially reuse – for higher education institutions. Its aim is to motivate and encourage further universities and colleges to introduce, extend and improve their reuse schemes in halls of residence and on campus.

The conference is part of a HEFCE-funded project which works with several universities across England to share best practice and work together to improve and extend reuse schemes.

All LSE staff and students are welcome to attend. Registration deadline is Thursday 27 March. For further information, please see: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/reuse\\_conference.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/reuse_conference.htm)



**For further details** and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, please see: [www.lse.ac.uk/training](http://www.lse.ac.uk/training)

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**European information**, please email Maria Bell at: [m.bell@lse.ac.uk](mailto:m.bell@lse.ac.uk)

**Business Information**, please email Barbara Humphries at: [b.humphries@lse.ac.uk](mailto:b.humphries@lse.ac.uk)

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properties of the self. But kids these days are acutely aware of body image from the get-go.’

**Susie Orbach**, *Newsweek.com*, 25/2/08

‘Most studies of revolution have looked at those wanting change - the rebels and the revolutionaries... One factor is the weakness, corruption and indecisiveness of rulers - a remarkably recurrent theme from Charles I, through Louis XVI, Nicholas II, and more recently the Shah of Iran.’

**Fred Halliday**, *Business World*, 26/2/08



## Recycle your mobile

The post room is home to the mobile phone collection for reuse and recycling. Staff and students who want to donate their old or broken phones can send them with the internal post with the subject ‘mobile phone’ or drop it off directly at the post room in K55.

The phones will go to the fonesforsafety scheme that supports people affected by domestic violence.



## LSE talent concert

Don't forget – the LSE talent contest is going to be held on Thursday 6 March in the Shaw Library. Past contests have proved really popular and have shown just what an amazingly talented set of people there is at the School.

Ranging from blues guitar composed by an LSE alumnus to Schubert and Beethoven, the evening promises a variety of music.

The programme comprises: Tchaikovsky Waltz from Nutcracker Suite, Jumpei Satomi, piano (Economics); Beethoven Waldstein Sonata 3rd Movement, Florraine Ng, piano (Economics); Dirk Robertson Mess of Blues, Dirk



## Library news

**STUDENTS ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS**

The Library's annual student user satisfaction survey takes place during the last two weeks of term – 3-14 March.

Students will be emailed with a link to the survey. All respondents are invited to enter a draw to win £200 worth of Amazon vouchers.

**BOOTH AT THE TATE**

Charles Booth's Map Descriptive of London Poverty, number 4, is currently on display in Tate Britain's latest exhibition *Modern Painters: the Camden Town Group*.

The map, depicting the Camden area, forms part of the materials used to provide a backdrop to the work of this group of artists known for their interest in the changing life of the capital in the early twentieth century. The exhibition runs until Monday 5 May.

You can take a closer look at all of Booth's *Maps Descriptive of London Poverty* and find out more about Charles Booth's investigation into London Life and Labour through the Charles Booth online archive, hosted by LSE Archives, at: <http://booth.lse.ac>



## Workplace studies workshop

The British journal of Industrial Relations are organising a *Comparative Workplace Studies* workshop to be held 13 and 14 March.

Speakers and topics include: David Marsden, LSE on *Incentive Pay Systems and the Management of Human Resources in France and Great Britain* and Hipólito Simón, Universidad de Alicante, on *Internatinal Differences in Wage Inequality*.

The workshop is free. For further information and to book a place, please email: [s.roesch@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.roesch@lse.ac.uk)



Robertson, guitar (alumnus); Dowland Come Again Sweet Love Doth Now Invite, Barbara Couto, soprano (Government); Villa Lobos Prelude for solo guitar, PK.Krishnamurthy, guitar (Geography); Schubert Das Wandern from Schoene Muelllerin, Chan Ming Huang, tenor (Sociology); Beethoven Violin Sonata Spring Opus 24, Amy Challen, violin, and Nigel Rogers, piano (both CEP); Weber Duo Concertante for clarinet and piano Andante con moto, Myrthe de Jong, clarinet (Social Policy) and Tom Lidbetter, piano (Operational Research); and Brahms Rhapsody in g Minor op 79/2, Will Wei, piano (Economics)

**6.30-8pm.** J116. Forum for European Philosophy Revisions seminar. Michael Mack: *New History (Herder)*.

**Friday 7 March**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Ilana van Wyk: *A Church of Strangers: on continuity thinking in anthropology*.

4pm. Hong Kong Theatre. DESTIN Friday visiting speaker lecture. Dennis Rodgers: *Gang Violence in Post-Revolutionary Nicaragua*.

**Monday 10 March**

**6-7.30pm.** D702. LLM Jurisprudence and Legal Theory - Law, Reason, Violence seminar. Sean Coyle: *Law, Reason and Ideology*.

## Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

**Wednesday 5 March**

**2pm.** R505. STICERD *Japanese Railways in the Meiji Period* symposium. Chiharu Inaba: *Japan's Underestimation of the Trans-Siberian Railway: was it the real reason for the Russo-Japanese war?* and Naofumi Nakamura: *Railways and Government in Meiji Japan*.

**4-5.30pm.** V308. CSRC seminar. Dennis Rodgers: *An Illness Called Managua? The City as a Reflection of Perverse National Political Settlements*.

**4-5.30pm.** D502. LLM Media & IT Law seminar. Jonathan Zittrain: *The Future of the Internet: and how to stop it*.

**Thursday 6 March**

**12.30-1.45pm.** H216. CCS seminar. Celayne Heaton

Shrestha: *We Will Not Take a Single Rupee from any Donor Organisation: exploring the changing conceptions and practices of civil society in Nepal*.

**5-7pm.** D209. LLM Intellectual Property and Human Rights seminar. Philippe Cullet: *A Human Rights Perspective on the Intellectual Property of Indigenous Peoples: Article 15(1)(c) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge*.

**5-7pm.** D111. BIOS seminar. Kathrin Braun: *Vital democracy? Rethinking public participation in science and technology*.

**5.15-6.45.** D702. Population Research seminar. Sara Randall: *The Demographic Consequences of Conflict, Exile and Repatriation: a case study of Malian Tuareg*.