



# News & views

## LSE: on camera and online

The School has placed on the LSE website a short video on the work of Dr Paul Woolley, founder of the Paul Woolley Centre for the Study of Capital Market Dysfunctionality at LSE. It marks the beginning of a new project to better disseminate LSE research to the wider community.

The video, timed with a major piece in *Prospect* magazine, was produced by Dr Jon Adams, a researcher from the Economic History Department. Dr Adams has been recruited by the External Relations Division to produce the videos and will be working closely with Charlie Beckett, director of Polis, to ensure that they are to a high-standard and effectively convey complex ideas to wider audiences.

These downloadable videos will be distributed initially through LSE's own website and eventually, it is hoped, through portal sites such as iTunes U, YouTube and FORA.tv

It is a method of dissemination already underway at a majority of top American universities. Dr Adams said: 'Although pitched for a non-specialist audience, the aim is to maintain the high-standards currently set

by LSE researchers. It is enormously exciting to bring the work of LSE academics to wider audiences. Online distribution means we are a click away from millions of internet users across the world.'

Dr Adams will be approaching departments seeking out interesting research topics – these may be relevant to current affairs, but unlike press stories, need not be yoked to a topical theme. Those interested in being featured should please submit ideas to Jon Adams, email: j.adams1@lse.ac.uk

'An on-camera interview is a great opportunity to disseminate your work to a broader audience, and in terms of your commitment, far less time-consuming than writing even a modest piece for print media I look forward to hearing from you,' said Dr Adams.



## Latest research from LSE

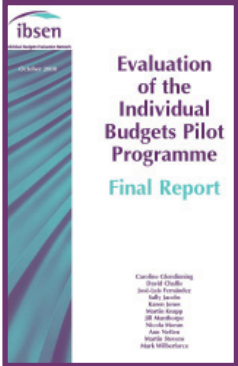
### Evaluation of the Individual Budgets Pilot Programme: final report, by Individual Budgets Evaluation Network (IBSEN)

Individual Budgets (IBs) is a government initiative allowing older, disabled and mentally ill people to control their own social care provision. IBSEN, a team of academics from the Personal Social Services Research Units (PSSRU) of LSE, Manchester and Kent universities, York University's Social Policy Research Unit, and the Social Care Workforce Research Unit, King's College London, concluded that IBs were generally welcomed by users because they gave them more control over their lives but presented challenges for staff administering them.

One key issue was variations between user groups. Professor Martin Knapp, director, PSSRU at LSE and IBSEN contributor said: 'Disabled people and people

who use mental health services appeared to have better outcomes with IBs than with conventional service arrangements. Other people included in the study did not enjoy the same benefits. But over time, as individuals gain confidence with holding an IB and as support arrangements develop, so there is potential for improved effectiveness and cost effectiveness.'

To download the full report, go to: [www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Socialcarereform/Personalisation/index.htm](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/SocialCare/Socialcarereform/Personalisation/index.htm)



## Round table

### LSE IDEAS: Irish Peace Process

PROFESSOR RICHARD ENGLISH, JONATHAN POWELL

#### From War to Peace: Northern Ireland and its lessons for the 21st century

Tuesday 4 November, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

How did the Northern Ireland peace process come about and what lessons, if any, does Northern Ireland

hold for other disturbed regions of the world today?

Richard English is professor of politics, director of research and chair of the Irish Studies International Research Initiative at Queens University Belfast. Jonathan Powell was chief of staff to former prime minister Tony Blair.

## Public Lecture

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### Centre for the Study of Global Governance

DR MIROSLAV LAJČÁK

#### European Integration of Bosnia-Herzegovina: the challenges ahead

Monday 3 November, 6:30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre  
Miroslav Lajčák is a high representative and EU special representative to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

### LSE Arts Talking Pictures

RICHARD WILSON

#### Big Ideas

Tuesday 4 November, 1-2pm, Shaw Library

Richard Wilson is one of Britain's most renowned sculptors and one of the artists producing work for the LSE New Academic Building.

### Management Dept Business in the Global Age

VICTORIA BARNSELY

#### Media's Last Diehard?

Tuesday 4 November, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre  
Victoria Barnsley is chief executive and publisher of HarperCollins UK and International, a trustee of the Tate Foundation and a director of Tate Enterprises Ltd.

### LSE Space for Thought

PROFESSOR RICHARD EVANS

#### The Third Reich at War

Tuesday 4 November, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre  
Richard Evans is professor of modern history at Cambridge University.

### Centre for the Study of Global Governance

SPEAKER: DR BATES GILL

RESPONDENTS: LORD MALLOCH-BROWN, DR SAM PERLO-FREEMAN

#### SIPRI Yearbook 2008: international security, regional conflict, armament and disarmament in review

Tuesday 4 November, 6.45-8.15pm, New Theatre  
Bates Gill is director of SIPRI. Lord Malloch-Brown is minister for Africa, Asia and the UN. Sam Perlo-Freeman is a researcher with the SIPRI Arms Production Project.

### LSE Health/LSEAIDS and DFID

DR ELIZABETH PISANI

#### Time to Slaughter Some Sacred Cows?

Confronting Failure in the War on HIV/AIDS  
Thursday 6 November, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

## Sciences-Po professor joins LSE

Professor Marie Mendras has joined the Department of Government at LSE for an initial period of two years. As LSE-Sciences Po Alliance Professor, she will further develop the successful relationship between the two institutions: joint double degrees, research activities, and the Franco-British lectures with the support of the French Embassy in London.

Professor Mendras is a specialist in contemporary Russia and post-Communist transformation. She will teach Russian politics, carry on her research projects – in particular the study of the current re-writing of post-1939 history in Russia – and develop joint LSE-Sciences Po activities in Russian studies.

In Paris, Marie was research fellow with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and professor

at Sciences Po. She is the editor of *Les Cahiers Russie* (*The Russia Papers*) at Sciences Po's Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales and her most recent publication is *Russie: l'envers du pouvoir* (Paris, Odile Jacob, 2008). Marie has been a consultant for the Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



## The 100 mile challenge



Postroom assistant Helen Louisa Jordan is on a quest to run 100 miles for charity.

She first contacted Leukaemia CARE about a year ago to recycle stamps but ended up setting herself a much bigger challenge.

Beginning in May, she decided to run 100 miles in organised races over the year, ending with the 2009 Flora London Marathon, to raise money for Leukaemia CARE. To read her blog on recent runs, see: [www.helen-louisa.blogspot.com](http://www.helen-louisa.blogspot.com)

With 69 miles left to go, you can still sponsor her at: [www.justgiving.com/helenlouisajordan](http://www.justgiving.com/helenlouisajordan)

**Mud, glorious mud. This Military 5K Redhill run involved crawling under camouflage netting in thick bog mud.**

## Public discussion

### Centre for the Study of Global Governance

SPEAKERS: DR HANIA FARHAN, DR CATHERINE FIESCHI AND DR MICHAEL HAMMER

#### DISCUSSANTS: PROFESSOR HELMUT ANHEIER, DR JEFF THINDWA Can We Measure Democracy? The Political uses of Indexes of Democracy, Governance and Civil Society

Thursday 13 November, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

The panel will explore various attempts to measure the extent of democracy, the strength of civil society, and the accountability of powerful organisations.

Helmut Anheier is centennial professor at LSE. Hania Farhan is director of research at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Catherine Fieschi is a senior associate at Demos. Michael Hammer is executive director of the One World Trust. Jeff Thindwa is a senior civil society specialist at the World Bank.

## Public Forum

### Did religion make a difference? The American elections and beyond

PROFESSOR EMERITUS PETER BERGER AND JOHN MICKLETHWAIT

Tuesday 11 November, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

This Forum provides LSE and the broader community a space for learning, exchange and discussion on matters related to faith and religion in contemporary society.

Peter Berger is professor emeritus of religion, sociology and theology, Boston University. John Micklethwait is editor in chief of *The Economist*.

The lecture will be followed by a book launch hosted by Ashgate for *Religious America, Secular Europe? A theme and variations*, co-authored by Peter Berger, Grace Davie and Effie Fokas.

## Debates

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### Asia Research Centre and India Observatory

CHARLES DUMAS, DAVID SMITH

#### China, America and India: the dragon, the eagle and the elephant – or stone, scissors and paper?

Thursday 6 November, 6.30-8.30pm, New Theatre

A look at the worldwide credit crunch and commodity price crises in the context of the competitive relationship between China, India and the US.

Charles Dumas is chief economist of Lombard Street Research and author of *China and America: a time of reckoning*. David Smith is economics editor of the *Sunday Times* and author of *The Dragon and the Elephant: China, India and the new world order*.

### International Relations Department and IDEAS Transatlantic Project

PROFESSOR MICHAEL COX, JESSICA T MATHEWS, ROB SINGH

#### Where Now For the United States After the Election?

Friday 7 November, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

The 2008 race for the White House has been the most exciting in recent American history? But will it make much difference to the US and the world who wins?

Michael Cox is a professor of international relations at LSE. Jessica Mathews is president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Rob Singh is a fellow of the RSA and an associate fellow of the Institute for the Study of the Americas.



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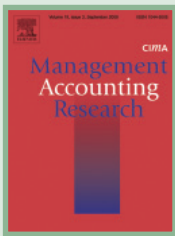
## Accounting news

The journal, *Management Accounting Research* (MAR), has been formally accepted for inclusion on the Social Sciences Citation Index.

MAR has established an international reputation over the past 20 years for publishing high quality scholarly articles in all fields of management accounting.

Its contributions include case studies, field work, and other empirical research, analytical modelling, scholarly papers, distinguished review articles, comments, and notes. It provides an international forum for the dissemination of research, with papers written by prestigious international authors who discuss and analyse management accounting in many different parts of the world.

Emeritus CIMA Professor of Accounting and Financial Management Michael Bromwich, is Joint Editor.



## Lunchtime concert



Eleftheria Kotzia will play guitar masterpieces by Joaquin Rodrigo, Roland Dyens, Regino Sainz de la Maza, Tarrega and various Greek composers in this weeks lunchtime concert on Thursday 6 November, 1.05pm Shaw Library.

Eleftheria has performed all over the world, and her recordings have received universal critical acclaim. She has received the critic's choice recording of the year award from *The Gramophone*.

## International conference

AIESEC, the world's largest student organisation, has organised a conference on Emerging Markets in Eastern Europe to be held at the University of St Gallen (HSG), Switzerland, 5-6 December. The conference aims to connect students and companies as well as politicians and NGOs.

Topics covered will include politics, business, energy, environment and society. Workshops offer the opportunity to meet delegates from such companies and institutions as Unicredit Group, Ernst and Young, Shell, WWF and ILO and the chance to socialise at events like dinners and other evening events.

For further information and to apply, see: [www.emerge.aiesecsg.ch](http://www.emerge.aiesecsg.ch)

AIESEC, which has a membership of 2,000 students, is a truly international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential.

In addition to providing over 7,500 leadership positions and delivering over 350 conferences to our students, AIESEC also runs an exchange programme that enables over 4,450 students and recent graduates the opportunity to live and work in other countries.

## Small ads

**Wanted:** north or central London flat for LSE academic visitor, mid-December 2008 to early January until June/July 2009, furnished, suitable for a couple. Please contact Dr Ben Wisner, email: [bwisner@igc.org](mailto:bwisner@igc.org) copy to Dr Sonia Kruks, email: [sonia.kruks@oberlin.edu](mailto:sonia.kruks@oberlin.edu) or phone 0191 3343397.

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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:

## Tuesday 4 November

*Introduction to Database Structure and Design* 12pm

## Wednesday 5 November

*Word 2003: useful features and shortcuts* 9am  
*Using a Range of Digital Media for Teaching* (PhD/staff only) 12.15pm

## Thursday 6 November

*Introduction to E-resources and E-journals* 12pm

## Friday 7 November

*Finding and Using Images in Your Teaching* 12pm  
*Staff IT Training Workshop* 2pm

## Monday 10 November

*One to One Voice Training* (staff only) 9.30am  
*CLT Open House* (staff only) 12.15pm

For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see:

[www.lse.ac.uk/training](http://www.lse.ac.uk/training)

## For training in:

**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)

**US Government publications**, please email Clive Wilson at: [clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk](mailto:clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk)

**UK Government publications**, please email Ken Gibbons at: [k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk](mailto:k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk)

# Academics abroad

During the summer, emeritus professor Eileen Barker, sociology, visited a number of countries giving lectures and speaking with members of various sects.

In Kiev, she lectured at four universities and interviewed Pastor Sunday Adelaja, a charismatic Christian from Nigeria who claims to have the largest Pentecostal Church in Europe. She also spoke with members of the Mother of God Church, a Russian Orthodox sect whose leader passes on his revelations by email to his followers.

In Bulgaria, she visited an ancient monastery and spoke to members of different branches of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and in Rome she gave a talk at the Pontifical University, met with officials in the Vatican who are concerned about the 'cult scene' and had an audience with the Pope.

In New York, Eileen visited members of the Unification Church (the Moonies whose careers she has been following for 30 years) as well as a former member of the Synanon movement who is best known for having planted a rattle-snake in a lawyer's mailbox. She went on to Philadelphia where she spent some time studying the members of America's largest 'anti-cult' group and stayed for a few days with some Thought Reform counsellors, who work with families of members of new religious movements.



Professor Danny Quah, head of the Economics Department, addressed Japanese LSE alumni in Tokyo on a trip through East Asia in July. He spoke on prospects for East Asian economies in the light of current global economic conditions, emphasising the different roles now being played by Chinese economic growth.

He also gave a public lecture on Global Growth and Inflation at the Bank Negara, Malaysia, in August. His lecture addressed how changing trends in the international economy are affecting patterns of growth and trade across countries.



Emeritus professor George Jones, Government, spoke in September at the Annual Conference of the Scottish Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation, held in Crieff. His lecture, Local Income Tax: good or bad for Scotland, argued that, while a local income tax would be good for Scotland, the Scottish Executive's proposal was not for a local income tax but for a 100 per cent grant which would damage the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of Scottish local government.

# New project for European Institute

The project *Reconfiguring Welfare States in the Post-Industrial Age: what role for social partners?* has been accepted for funding by the network of excellence, Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe. The project involves nine universities within the EU.

Dr Waltraud Schelkle, senior lecturer in the European Institute (EI), is the project leader. Dr Christa van Wijnbergen, research fellow in the Institute, will work with colleagues at Edinburgh and Bocconi Universities on the



restructuring of income support towards 'activation'.

Three EI research students, Alison Johnston, Andreas Kornelakis and Costanza Rodriguez d'Acari, will explore the changing contents of collective wage bargains in a selection of European countries.

# Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

## Wednesday 5 November

**4-6pm.** A607. Anthropology of South Asia seminar. Anderson Jeremiah: *Negotiating Local Space: observations from rural Paraiyar community in Tamil Nadu*.

**5.30-7pm.** T206. Choice Group seminar. Franz Dietrich: *Preference Change in Terrorists*.

**6pm.** J116. Cañada Blanch seminar. Matthew Tree: *Life on the Receiving End: a subjective look at anti-Catalan prejudice in Spain today*.

## Thursday 6 November

**2-4pm.** A607. Anthropology of East and Inner Asia

Seminar. Anna Portisch: *A Marriage of Strangers:*

*considering social hierarchy and agency from the kidnapped daughter-in-law's perspective (amongst the Kazakh of Western Mongolia)*.

## Friday 7 November

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Anthropological Theory research seminar. Don Slater: *Communicative ecologies: rethinking new media, development and globalisation*.

**1-2.30pm.** R405. Urban and Regional Economics seminar. Geoff Meen: *English Regional Housing Dynamics: intra or inter regional adjustment?*

# Library news

## STUDY SPACES

Study spaces are available throughout the Library – primarily at the quieter perimeters of the building.

The majority of the Library's 1,740 study places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

There are two glassed-off quiet study areas on the ground and first floors, accessible to all Library users.

An area specifically for LSE Research students (swipe access) is available on the first floor.

## NEW

Additional quiet study space is available in the New Academic Building in room 2.19 on the second floor.

This room has 20 seats and can be accessed by all LSE students. Library staff will check the room on a regular basis.



# Prizes for Anthropology

## ELLIOTT P SKINNER BOOK AWARD



Professor Deborah James, reader, is the first recipient of the Elliott P Skinner Book Award of the Association of Africanist Anthropology (AAA).

The prize will be awarded annually to the book that best

furtheres both the global community of Africanist scholars and the wider interests of the African continent as exemplified in the work of Elliott P Skinner a former chairman of the Association of Black American Ambassadors.

The award will be presented at the AAA meetings in San Francisco on Thursday , November 20 at 6.30pm during the AAA Reception.

## AUDREY RICHARDS PRIZE

Fraser McNeill, research fellow, is joint winner of the 2008 Audrey Richards Prize for his thesis *An Ethnographic Analysis of HIV/AIDS in the Venda Region of South Africa: politics, peer education and music*.



The Audrey Richards Prize is awarded biennially by the African Studies Association of the UK (ASAUK). The award goes to the best doctoral thesis in African Studies which has been successfully examined in a UK institute of higher education during the preceding two calendar years.

# Media bites



'London will retain its financial prowess and re-emerge when the downturn is over.'

**Charles Goodhart**, *USA today*, 17/10/08

'The main concern I have is that there is politically directed lending... The banks will be supervised rather more tightly than some of the utilities now.'

**Willem Buiter**, *Telegraph*, 19/10/08

'Council funding is locked in a straitjacket. Any marginal change in their financial position – be it because of Icelandic banks failing or smaller and slower business rate payments – risks having a magnified impact on services and council tax.'

**Tony Travers**, *The Times*, 20/10/08