



# News & views

## LSE Care Calculator shows disparities in social care across the UK

The Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU) at LSE and the BBC have launched a Care Calculator to raise awareness of the levels of social care support currently available in England.

The Care Calculator is a web based tool which illustrates the levels of care older people and those with physical disabilities receive, and the level of financial support they are likely to receive from local authorities to pay for their care.

Developed by Professor Martin Knapp and Dr Jose-Luis Fernandez, the tool allows you to look at different scenarios and suggest what care you would expect to receive and how it would be funded – it then shows you the level of care and financial support you would currently receive.

Dr Jose-Luis Fernandez explains: 'The idea is that many people are not aware that they are not automatically entitled to state support with their social care needs, and that quite often receiving even modest care packages can be crippling financially. This is particularly so now that local authorities have concentrated support on people with very high levels of disabilities and with very low means, leaving a group with moderate needs and/or moderate means very badly off.

'It is important to note, though, that the tool does not calculate levels of entitlement, and cannot be used to estimate what a local authority should be providing to particular individuals, so people cannot use the tool to see whether their care package is right.

'Within the English social care system local authorities decide the levels of care they provide. As a result, the level of support provided to persons with identical needs will vary significantly across

England. What the tool provides is an idea of the broad national picture of levels of support received (private and state funded), and likely levels of local authority financial support.'

The first aim of the Care Calculator is to provide information about current levels of support. However, the web tool also has a Care Questionnaire which asks people's views about the current support system, and about the way in which they would like to see it change. This is important in the context of the recent Government announcement of a broad consultation process leading to a green paper on care and the researchers are hoping to learn about people's attitudes to the care system first hand, in order to contribute to the general debate about the future of the Social Care system.

Professor Martin Knapp said: 'The survey should provide a very interesting picture of society's attitudes towards the social care system. We see this as a great opportunity to raise further awareness of key policy issues in the long-term care field.'

To take part in the survey visit: [www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/youandyours/careintheuk/calculator.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/youandyours/careintheuk/calculator.shtml)



## Enhance the impact of your research with Experts and Research Online

All academics will receive an information pack from the school this week with details on how best to enhance the impact of their research by updating their entries in the Experts and other online databases and by placing material on LSE Research Online, where copyright agreement allows.

We hope that these online collections will eventually host all research outputs of academic staff at LSE, copyright agreement permitting, and be an invaluable resource to both fellow academics and wider audiences such as the media and policy makers. The School wants to offer the best online services in the HE sector, in a seamless and integrated way. The best will take time, but the latest moves are a start.

Following the information pack will be an email call for updates sent to all department and research centre managers to follow up with academics.

Professor Sarah Worthington, pro-director for research and external relations, said: 'By supporting LSE Research Online and the Experts and academic staff publications directories, academics can make their work freely available to a wide audience – including fellow academics, students and policymakers – and their work will be more expertly promoted on the web. I hope that one benefit will be more citations – vital for academics and universities in an increasingly competitive world.'

Gus Stewart, director of the Research and Project Development Division, said: 'Funding bodies are increasingly asking research grant holders to make their research freely available by placing it in an open access repository. Over time LSE Research Online should become the authoritative source for all LSE research'.



## LSE and Fudan University, Shanghai, formally launch double masters degree

A new LSE-Fudan double masters in Global Media and Communications was formally launched at a reception at LSE on Thursday 31 January.

This is the second double degree in Global Media and Communications offered by LSE. The first is a collaboration between LSE and the Annenberg School for Communication in Los Angeles. These innovative two year programmes provide students with a year's study in London, based in LSE's Department of Media and Communications, followed by a year overseas, based in partner institutions in Los Angeles or Shanghai.

Graduates obtain an MSc from LSE and an MA from either the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, or the School of Journalism, Fudan University, Shanghai. Demand is high for these programmes, with both students and employers valuing the experience and expertise they provide.

The inaugural intake for the LSE-Fudan double degree commenced their studies at LSE in October 2007. The formal launch of the programme was timed to enable these students and their LSE and Fudan professors to celebrate together. The visiting

delegation from Fudan University included Professor Yu Zhen Wei, executive dean of the School of Journalism; Professor Hong Bing, School of Journalism; Kai Jiang Yang, programme director, International Exchange Office, School of Journalism; and Wu Yao De, director of the Campus Development Office.

Professor Sarah Worthington, pro-director for research and external relations at LSE, welcomed guests and LSE staff and students on behalf of the School. She said: 'This new Masters programme is an exciting project for both LSE and its partner, Fudan University. We have worked together to design a programme that will prepare its graduates well for their professional future as actors, thinkers and leaders in a globalised media world.'

For more information visit: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/pressAndInformationOffice/newsAndEvents/archives/2008/FudanFormalLaunch.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/pressAndInformationOffice/newsAndEvents/archives/2008/FudanFormalLaunch.htm)



First cohort of students.

## How do we predict the weather?

Professor Lenny Smith is part of a new e-Roundtable, organised by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, to explain the theory behind global weather forecasting and discuss how climate predictions should be interpreted and used.

Professor Smith, research professor in statistics, director of the Centre for the Analysis of Time Series (CATS) and joint chair of the Climate Network at LSE, alongside James Murphy, head of climate prediction at Britain's Met Office, Gavin Schmidt, a climate modeler at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and Claudia Tebaldi, a statistician at Rand Corporation, form the uncertainty in climate modeling roundtable.

The roundtable members explain the theory behind climate change prediction which can often confuse the public and look at why predictions don't always agree – posting their discussions online. Visit: [www.thebulletin.org/roundtable/uncertainty-in-climate-modeling/](http://www.thebulletin.org/roundtable/uncertainty-in-climate-modeling/) to view their discussions and get a better understanding of how the weather is forecast.



## Public Lectures and Debates

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### LSE Arts: talking pictures

SANDY NAIRNE

Tuesday 5 February, 1.05-2pm, Shaw Library

This lecture will discuss the portrait of Sir Christopher Wren by Sir Godfrey Kneller. The picture dates from 1711 and is on display at the National Portrait Gallery.

Sandy Nairne is director of the National Portrait Gallery.

### Department of Economics

TIM HARFORD

#### The Logic of Life

Wednesday 6 February, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

From teenage sex to the scourge of racism, Tim Harford explains why economics can provide the answers other disciplines cannot reach.

Tim Harford is the author of *The Undercover Economist*, is a member of the *Financial Times* editorial board and writes a regular column for the *FT magazine*.

### LSE AIDS/LSE Health/DFID

ALEX DE WAAL

#### The Politics of AIDS Exceptionalism

Wednesday 6 February, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Theatre

This lecture asks if the global AIDS response has been good for human rights but bad for disease control?

Alex de Waal is programme director at the Social Science Research Council and author of *AIDS and Power: why there is no political crisis yet*.

### LSE public lecture

PROFESSOR STUART CORBRIDGE

#### Thinking like a Social Scientist

Thursday 7 February, 1-2pm, Hong Kong Theatre

How social scientists work to address the critical problems of the day.

Stuart Corbridge is professor of human geography at LSE.

### LSE public debate

USAMN AHMED AND SHAYKH NIZAM Yaqub

#### Advancements in Contemporary Islamic Finance: from practice to scholarship

Thursday 7 February, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre, East Building

This event reflects on the current developments and

initiatives in Islamic finance and explains how this faith based form of finance continues to enhance modern finance and law.

Usman Ahmed is Citigroup CEO of Global Islamic Banking. Shaykh Nizam Yaqub is an Islamic Sharia scholar.

### Department of Economics *Economica* Phillips Lecture

PROFESSOR ROBERT E LUCAS

#### Schooling and Growth

Thursday 7 February, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

In the second of a new annual series comprising the Coase Lectures and the Phillips Lectures, Robert Lucas will discuss the industrial revolution.

Robert E Lucas is the John Dewey Distinguished Service Professor in Economics at the University of Chicago. He won the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1995.

### Former UK EU commissioner series

LORD BRITTAN OF SPENNITHORNE

#### The UK and the EU: what has changed over 35 years?

Thursday 7 February, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Leon Brittan, former cabinet minister and Britain's longest serving EU commissioner, looks at the underlying issues, relationships and institutional developments of Britain's relationship with the EU.

Lord Brittan was chief secretary to the Treasury, home secretary and secretary of state for trade and industry in Margaret Thatcher's government.

### LSE public debate

MICHAEL BLASTLAND, ANDREW DILNOT

#### Beauty and the Beast: numbers and public policy

Monday 11 February, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Numbers have become the all-powerful language of public argument, but too often, that power is abused and the numbers bamboozle. How can we see our way through them?

Michael Blastland is a writer and broadcaster and the originator of the *More or Less* programme on BBC Radio 4. Andrew Dilnot is principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford, and former director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies.



# noticeboard

## LSE and TISS workshops examine Global Civil Society, Sexualities and AIDS

A two-day workshop on Global Civil Society, Sexualities and HIV/AIDS: needs, policies and access took place at the TATA Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India in January. Organised by Dr Hakan Seckinelgin, Department of Social Policy, LSE, and Professor Vimla Nadkarni and Dr Brinelle D’Souza, TISS, it was the first event to come from a collaboration between the Centre for the Study of Global Governance at LSE and TISS, facilitated by the India Observatory, LSE.

Workshop participants, who included civil society practitioners from India, Nigeria, Nepal, Thailand, Kenya and Hong Kong, looked at the question, do civil society campaigns facilitate access to resources and strengthen the rights of people with marginal sexualities, or do they expose individuals potentially to discrimination and even violence? Discussion also focused on what happens to those people whose sexualities are ignored by HIV/AIDS policies.

A report on the outcomes of the workshop will be available on the Centre for the Study of Global Governance website: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/global/>

As part of the Global Civil Society Yearbook project, a workshop of academics and practitioners will explore the role of global civil society in debates and interventions on poverty. This event will take place at TISS in May 2008. For more information, please contact Fiona Holland by emailing [f.c.holland@lse.ac.uk](mailto:f.c.holland@lse.ac.uk) or calling extension 7434.

## Staff Consultative Council

Work-life balance will be one of the topics discussed at the next meeting of the Staff Consultative Council on Wednesday February 13th. All members are staff are invited to contribute to the debate by sending in their views on the subject. Please email [scc@lse.ac.uk](mailto:scc@lse.ac.uk) or send your comments in writing on internal mail to SCC by Monday 11 February.

## Publicising your research

Do you have research coming to an end and would like help in targeting the press? The School Press Office can help to raise the profile of your work in the public eye both internally – through the website, News&Views and Briefing Online, and externally – by working with you to write a press release, arranging interviews with journalists, media training and targeting specific publications and organisations.

For more information or an informal chat, contact the Press Office on 020 7955 7060 or email [pressoffice@lse.ac.uk](mailto:pressoffice@lse.ac.uk)

## Staff massage sessions available at the SDU's Wellness Event

The Staff Development Unit is running a Wellness Event on Friday 8 February. Due to popular demand, staff massage sessions will be available for those staff members who were unable to get a place on the sessions run during the Stress Awareness Day in November 2007. To book your twenty minute massage session, email Sara Talbi in the SDU at [s.talbi@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.talbi@lse.ac.uk)

## Small ads

Room to rent: LSE Lecturer looking for non-smoking lodger to rent spacious room in attractive attic flat near Arsenal/Finsbury Park tube, £112 per week, all bills (gas, water, electricity) included; lots of tranquillity as flat is not occupied all week. Available now – contact [j.p.rubies@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.p.rubies@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>Tuesday 5 February</b>	
<i>Relax about writing</i>	10am-1pm
<i>Word 2003: Essential Formatting Skills</i>	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday 6 February</b>	
<i>Authoring a PhD Getting Started: The Macro-structure of the thesis</i>	10am-1pm
<i>Introduction to Database Structure and Design</i>	10am-1pm
<i>Moodle Training (Staff)</i>	2-5pm
<b>Thursday 7 February</b>	
<i>Assessing student work</i>	10.30am-12pm
<b>Friday 8 February</b>	
<i>Assessing student work</i>	2.30-4pm

*Excel 2003: Essential Formulas and Functions* 10am-12pm

**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)

## 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)

# School professor receives Sir Percy Sykes Medal



Professor Fred Halliday, professor of international relations at LSE, was given the Sir Percy Sykes Memorial Medal at a ceremony of the Royal Society of Asian Affairs last month. The medal is one of the highest honours awarded

to outstanding individuals for their contribution to knowledge of and diplomacy of wider Asian affairs by the RSAA.

Professor Halliday gave a lecture on the occasion

entitled Irregular Warfare in Iran: Sir Percy Sykes, Mirza Kuchik Khan and the legacies of Che Guevara, followed by a dinner hosted by the RSAA. Professor Halliday was delighted to accept the award saying it was ‘one of the nicest quirks of nature’ that he received it, and that although he ‘had always wanted to have a street named after me in Yemen, this award will do just as well!’

Adam Austerfield, director of projects at Enterprise LSE and the great-grandson of Sir Percy Sykes said: ‘This was a great occasion to bring together several generations of descendents, and hear a brilliant and unique lecture linking the characters of the Great Game, Che Guevara and indeed Professor Halliday himself around a deeply complex and fascinating part of the world.’

# LSE academic wins Young Labor Economics Award

Oriana Bandiera, reader in economics at LSE, and colleagues were jointly awarded the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) Young Labor Economist Award in January. The award, which honours an outstanding paper published by young labour economists under the age of 40, was given to their paper *Social Preferences and the Response to Incentives: evidence from personnel data*.

The paper analysed personnel data from a UK farm, finding that productivity under the piece rate scheme

– payment for each item produced – was 50 per cent higher than productivity under relative performance incentives.

During the award ceremony, IZA Director Klaus F Zimmermann said the selection committee was impressed with the ‘originality of the research approach, the methodological rigour and the thorough analysis of the data in the prize-winning paper, which has important implications for the design of incentive schemes.’

# Critique of Pure Rhythm



The Critique of Pure Rhythm (CPR) is a rock band made up of members of the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. Under the direction of Professor John Worrall, CPR did six shows last year including two LSE events. The band consists of one undergraduate, one MSc student, two junior staff and two less junior staff and would love to expand to include new talented PhD students and administrators.

CPR would like to team up with a musical group or groups from other Departments of the School and are interested in all genres including jazz, world, contemporary pop and classical. Please contact John Worrall at [j.worrall@lse.ac.uk](mailto:j.worrall@lse.ac.uk) if you are interested.

# Library news

## Library awarded HEFCE funding

The Library has been awarded a total of £300,000 from HEFCE for three projects under their Shared Services Programme. Jean Sykes, librarian and director of IT Services said: ‘HEFCE has chosen to fund 29 projects throughout England under this scheme, and the Library and IT Services are delighted to have got three of them.’

All three projects are feasibility studies for shared services in the HE sector in England – see below for an outline:

- UK Research Data Service (UKRDS) will investigate the feasibility of a UK-wide shared service for the management of research data. Currently, individual researchers, academic departments, and whole institutions are suffering from the ‘data deluge’ and it is set to get worse. A national framework could help to ensure that important data could be safely maintained, accessed and re-used as appropriate by other researchers, and re-purposed where possible for new uses. Harnessing data created in the research process and making it available and re-usable has the potential to add to the sum of top-quality research for which the UK is already known
- MAGIC, with the British Library and Oxford Social Science Library, will investigate solutions to the problem of government documents being published only on the web. Previously, printed documents would have been deposited at the British Library and purchased by academic libraries and kept in perpetuity; now their appearance may be transitory, with information lost for students and researchers in the future. The project will investigate the feasibility of a shared service to provide archiving and access to web-only UK government documents to support learning and research
- WAM25, on behalf of the M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries, will investigate the provision of reciprocal walk-in access to electronic resources in academic libraries across Greater London and the South East. Although publisher licences often permit walk-in access to staff and students from other universities, technical and operational difficulties often mean such access is not provided by libraries. A feasibility study will be carried out into the viability of an initial pilot amongst six partners, with the ultimate aim of a full reciprocal service across the 58 members of the M25 Consortium

# Lunchtime concert

On Thursday 7 February, 1.05-2pm, in the Shaw Library, Gemma Rosefield (cello) and Simon Lepper (piano) will perform Frank Bridge Morning Song, Elgar Cello Concerto (arranged for cello and piano), and Debussy Sonata for Cello and Piano.

Gemma Rosefield is winner of the Pierre Fournier Award 2007 which is one of the most coveted cello prizes in Europe.



# Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

**Tuesday 5 February**  
**1-2.30pm.** H615. CARR seminar. Michela Arnaboldi: *Risk Management and Budgeting*.  
**5-6.30pm.** D209. Geography and Environment Department research seminar. Richard Smith: *Questioning the Theoretical Basis for Global-City Research: structures, networks and actor-networks*.  
**5-6.30pm.** R405. CEP/LSE Money Macro workshop. Guillermo Ordóñez: *Fragility of Reputation and Clustering in Risk Taking*.

**Wednesday 6 February**  
**4-5.30pm.** U108. CSRC seminar. Jonathan DiJohn:

*State Resilience in Zambia*.  
**6-7.30pm.** Z332. Europe@LSE seminar. Virginie Guiraudon: *Agenda for an Empirical Sociology of European Integration*.  
**6-7.30pm.** J116 Cañada Blanch seminar. Dacia Viejo-Rose: *Reinventing the Nation: the use of cultural heritage in the reconstruction of post-civil war Spain*.  
**6.15pm.** H216. LLM Corporate/Commercial seminar. Lord Justice Jacob: *The Challenges to Intellectual Property Law*.

**Thursday 7 February**  
**12.30-1.45pm.** H615 Centre for Civil Society seminar.

Dr Jeremy Lind: *Crisis in Kenya: questions and issues for aid and civil society*.

**Friday 8 February**  
**4pm.** Hong Kong Theatre. DESTIN Friday visiting speaker lecture. Glen Rangwala: *Governing a Divided Iraq: a case Sui Generis?*

**Monday 11 February**  
**6-7.30pm.** D602. LLM Jurisprudence and Legal Theory – Law, Reason, Violence seminar. Simon Critchley: *Military Neo-Liberalism, Neo-Leninism and Neo-Anarchism*.