

## Top award for LSE academic New scholarship



Dr David C Lane, reader in management science, has been awarded the 2007 Jay Wright Forrester Award, the top international award in his field.

The award, given by the

System Dynamics Society for the 'Best Contribution to the Field of System Dynamics in the Preceding Five Years', was given jointly to co-researcher Elke Husemann.

Their work explores the underlying social theory of the system dynamics approach with the threefold aim of: developing a more rigorous statement of the field's social theoretic grounding; positioning system dynamics within the broader domain of systems approaches; and improving the contribution that system dynamics can make to research within the broad range of social sciences.

The award was announced at the 2007 international conference of the System Dynamics Society, hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston.

Dr Lane said: 'I am extremely grateful for this honour. Increased awareness of system dynamics modelling is important because the approach has so much to offer policy makers – in the corporate sector and the public sector.'

David Lane teaches on the master's degrees in Management and Strategy, Management and Economics, Operational Research and Decision Sciences and the Bachelors degree on Management Sciences at LSE. His research and teaching focus on problem structuring techniques for strategic thinking, in particular system dynamics, strategic modelling and systems thinking. Practical applications of his work include healthcare management, the dynamics of project management, and the creation of marketing strategies for cinema films.

David Lane is a Fellow of the OR Society and an academic governor of the School. In 2005 he received an LSE award for outstanding performance and innovation in teaching.

The School will offer a new Chevening scholarship and places for two Chevening visiting scholars as part of an arrangement with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

The new FCO/MFA/LSE Chevening Scholarship will be available for MFA employees who have demonstrated both academic and professional excellence and the potential to become leaders and decision makers, allowing them to study for Master's degrees at LSE. The cost will be met by the FCO through the Chevening Programme.

Two officials at the MFA will also be given the opportunity to spend time at LSE as visiting scholars, working on a specific research project, interacting with LSE academics, students and other experts from outside the LSE.

These new programmes were formally agreed at the signing of a memorandum of understanding at 1 Carlton Gardens, the official London residence of the British foreign secretary, on Wednesday 5 December. Present at the signing were LSE pro-director for



L-r: Yang Jiechi, David Miliband, Sarah Worthington

research and external relations Professor Sarah Worthington, Yang Jiechi, Chinese foreign minister, and David Miliband, British foreign secretary.

Professor Worthington said: 'I am delighted at this further opportunity for LSE to contribute to the professional development of Chinese government officials. LSE is heavily engaged in teaching, research and professional training in China, including partnership with Chinese educators. It is a special pleasure to sign this memorandum with Minister Yang, who himself has studied at the School.'

## LSE academic wins excellence award

Dr Steve Redding, programme director of globalisation, has been selected as one of the winners of the 2008 Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs. The award will be presented at the Kiel Institute in June.

The aim of the award is to build a community of the brightest young researchers in the area of global economic affairs. The researchers are given intellectual, financial and administrative support to pursue focused programmes of research in designated areas. They will also have access to senior, reputed economists in their fields of specialisation.

See: [www.uni-kiel.de/ifw/prizes/eagea/eagea\\_e.htm](http://www.uni-kiel.de/ifw/prizes/eagea/eagea_e.htm) for further information on the award.



## Two new lunchtime lecture series

### Thinking Like a Social Scientist

is a new series of lectures featuring the School's most senior academics who will explain the latest thinking on how social scientists work to address critical problems of the day. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions after the lecture.

The first lecture, by Ron Anderson, will take place on Thursday 17 January.



**LSE Arts** is hosting a series of lectures featuring art historians, gallery curators and artists who will offer a concise and insightful interpretation on their chosen work of art.

The first lecture, by Clare Grafik, will take place on Tuesday 22 January.

Details of all these lectures will be shown in the public lectures section in appropriate issues of *News & Views*. For full events listings, see: [www.lse.ac.uk/events](http://www.lse.ac.uk/events)

Former School director John Ashworth (top right) has been given a knighthood for public services in the Queen's New Year Honours list 2008.

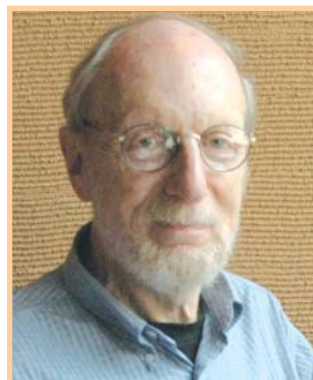
Dr Ashworth was director of the School from 1990-96. He was under-secretary to the government's Cabinet Office from 1979-81, vice-chancellor at the University of Salford from 1981-1990, and is a former chairman of the British Library board.

David Metcalf (below right), professor of industrial relations at LSE and lately a member of the Low Pay Commission, received a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award for public service

Professor Robert Harvey Cassen (below left), is visiting professor at LSE and emeritus fellow at St Anton's College, Oxford. He received an Order of the British Empire for services to education.

The School would like to congratulate John Ashworth, Professor David Metcalf and Professor Cassen for their awards.

For a full list of honours, see: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/29\\_12\\_07\\_hons\\_queen.pdf](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/29_12_07_hons_queen.pdf)



## Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### International Relations Department

PROFESSOR FRED HALLIDAY

#### *Social Science and the Middle East: myths, pitfalls and opportunities*

Monday 7 January, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

From its multiple wars and inter-ethnic conflicts and the rise of religiously defined ideologies, to the enduring place it occupies in world energy markets, this region is of central concern to all who seek to analyse, or formulate policies for, the world of today.

Fred Halliday is professor of international relations at the School.

#### *LSE European Institute, Sciences Po, Paris, French Embassy: 2008 Franco-British Europe dialogue*

MARIE MENDRAS

#### *Russia's Policy Towards Europe: aggressive retrenchment?*

Tuesday 8 January, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Russia has recovered its self-confidence under Vladimir Putin. But instead of becoming more comfortable with Europe, Russia is tensing up and choosing an aggressive stand-off. Why?

Marie Mendras is research fellow at CERI-Sciences Po.

### Ralph Miliband Programme Oil, Energy Security and Global Order

PROFESSOR MICHAEL KLARE

#### *Oil, War, and Geopolitics: the struggle over what remains*

Wednesday 9 January, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Professor Klare will look at how both old and new industrial powers are girding up for a global struggle over the world's remaining supplies of energy.

Michael Klare is Five Colleges Professor of Peace and World Security Studies at Hampshire College.

### IDEAS-CWSC

DR VESSELIN DIMITROV

#### *Stalin's Cold War*

Wednesday 9 January, 6.30-8pm, D502

This lecture will explore the inside story of Stalin's role in the Cold War, based on rich new archival evidence.

Vesselin Dimitrov is reader in the Department of Government, LSE. His book, *Stalin's Cold War*, reveals Stalin's efforts to grapple with the dynamic interaction between democratic and communist parties in the domestic politics of European countries in the aftermath of the Second World War, and his key role in the shift towards communist monopoly.

### FT Business – LSE European Institute *The Future of Europe*

JIM MURPHY MP

Wednesday 9 January, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre  
Jim Murphy MP is minister for Europe. Prior to this he served as minister for employment and welfare reform at the Department of Work and Pensions.

Free but ticketed. One ticket per person from: [www.lse.ac.uk/events](http://www.lse.ac.uk/events) or ext 6100.

### LSE AIDS/LSE Health/DFID

DR DAVID NABARRO

#### *The Global State of Influenza Pandemic Preparedness*

Thursday 10 January, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

Dr Nabarro will review the impact of past epidemics on humanity and society and will explore current efforts to respond to and prepare for a new pandemic influenza outbreak.

David Nabarro is the senior UN system co-ordinator for avian and human influenza.

### Department of Finance

DR JOSEF ACKERMANN

#### *Lessons from the Credit and Liquidity Crisis*

Monday 14 January, 6pm, Old Theatre

Dr Ackermann will review some of the main features of the liquidity and credit crunch that originated in the subprime market in 2007. He will trace some of the efforts to mitigate its effects through risk management and qualification.

Dr Ackermann is chairman of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank and a member of the supervisory boards of Bayer AG and Siemens AG.

## Events programme online

Full details of the January-March 2008 public lectures and events programme are now online.

This term sees over 80 events including lectures by three nobel prize winners, some of the biggest names in economics and the social sciences, and lunchtime concerts with upcoming musical stars.

See Events homepage.



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## Anthropology Department conference

Friday 11 January, Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS, and Saturday 12 January, Clement House, LSE. *Rethinking Economic Anthropology: a human centred approach.*

Keynote speaker: Keith Hart. Plenary speakers: Kalman Applbaum, Stefan Ecks, Jane Guyer, Barbara Harriss-White, Jean-Louis Laville, Bill Maurer, Hirokazu Miyazaki, Sandy Robertson, Janet Roitman, Richard Wilk, Caitlin Zaloom.

The conference aims to rethink economic anthropology and its objective is to build on the traditional strengths of economic anthropology, connecting the complexities of local situations to the grand sweep of global movements. It will challenge the idea that the neo-liberal model of capitalism corresponds to a singular version of empirical reality. To this end it will explore how capitalism functions in several key sites of both ‘core’ and ‘periphery’ from an ethnographic perspective, juxtaposing the actions and beliefs of people with the effects of money and machines. A variety of forms and relations will be explored in marketplaces, corporations, factories and fields. Questions of economic ‘transition’ will be confronted with a variety of local histories and specific responses to global shifts.

These ethnographically grounded explorations will fuel an engaged critique of mainstream economics and, we hope, will help us establish a robust agenda for understanding the lived economies of the world. This means moving beyond anthropological nostalgia, engaging with developments in the discipline outside Britain, connecting with other voices of dissent and providing a coherent intellectual alternative to the neo-liberal, formalist consensus.

Free but registration is necessary. See: [www.rethinkingeconomies.org.uk/register](http://www.rethinkingeconomies.org.uk/register)

## Exhibitions

Two exhibitions will be on display in the Atrium, Student Services Centre, Monday 14 January-Friday 8 February. The first, *Protest and Survive: during the Cold War*, consists of posters and ephemera from the School’s archives. This collection focuses on the emergence of various peace movements dating back to the 1940s. The second, using a variety of materials including textiles and clay, is a specially commissioned installation by Amanda Shaw called *Materialising Globalisation*.

For more information, email: [arts@lse.ac.uk](mailto:arts@lse.ac.uk) or call 020 7955 6043.

## Self employed payment changes

From Monday 21 January, self employment payments (including assessor and examiner fees) will be processed entirely within the Finance Division (rather than the present system where payments are made partially in Finance and partially in HR). This will speed up the processing time and provide better services. Please send requests directly to David Ealing, room AH 300, from 21 January.

The Finance Division makes self employment payments on a weekly basis and the cut off time is 12pm on Tuesdays. For people who have been paid by Finance before (and for work of a similar nature) on a self employed basis, payment will be made on Thursday in the same week. For new people wishing to be paid on a self employment basis, the payment will be made on Thursday of the following week.

Please note that missing information (ie assessment number, NI number, tax district etc) will cause delays in payments.

Please continue sending childcare voucher, cycle scheme, and season ticket loan requests to HR Division as these payments are directly related to payroll.

If you have any queries, please contact David Ealing at extension 7880.

## Small ads

**To let:** from January, attractive Chalk Farm flat, close to tube and direct buses to LSE. Living/ bedroom, sunny kitchen/diner/shower/separate WC. F/f, well decorated. £235 p/w incl of all bills (not phone). 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>Tuesday 8 January</b>	
Access 2003:	
simple forms and reports	10am-12pm
<b>Wednesday 9 January</b>	
FrontPage 2003:	
website images	10am-12pm
<b>Thursday 10 January</b>	
Staff Training Workshop	4-6pm
<b>Friday 11 January</b>	
Excel 2003: advanced formatting and printing	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)

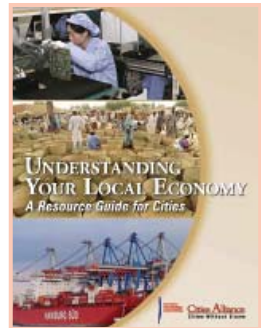
# New guide

The Cities Alliance has released a new publication, *Understanding Your Local Economy: a resource guide for cities*, by LSE academics and the Kaiser Associates Economic Development. The guide addresses the challenges of analysing local economic conditions and a city’s comparative and competitive advantages.

Funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the guide presents practical approaches to conducting citywide and regionwide economic and competitive assessments. It includes advice on how to choose local economic development (LED) indicators and tools that can assess a local economy’s competitiveness.

The guide is one of the main products of a large comparative Cities Alliance/World Bank report which was directed by Professor Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, Geography and Environment.

To download a copy of the guide, see: [www.citiesalliance.org/doc/resources/led/full-led-guide.pdf](http://www.citiesalliance.org/doc/resources/led/full-led-guide.pdf)



# Life in modern Taiwan



A new and unique eJournal, *Taiwan in Comparative Perspective*, produced by the Taiwan Culture Research Programme, contextualises the processes of globalisation through interdisciplinary studies that use Taiwan as a point of comparison. The journal is peer-

reviewed and will be published twice-yearly under the general editorship of Professor Stephan Feuchtwang, senior research associate, Anthropology, and programme director for the MSc China in Comparative Perspective.

The journal’s primary aim is to promote grounded, critical and contextualised analysis of cultural, political, economic and societal change by using modern Taiwan as a point of comparison. It will publish formal academic articles and review articles as well as commentaries are aimed at a more general readership.

See: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/taiwanProgramme](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/taiwanProgramme) for further information.

# Photographic exhibition

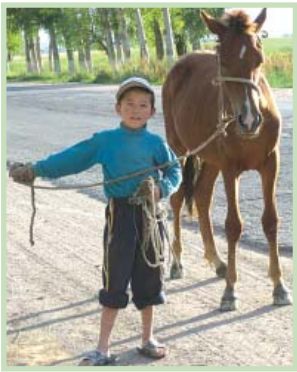
*The Day Lasts More Than a Hundred Years: a photographic portrayal of people’s lives in Kyrgyzstan* by Babken V Babajanian, tutorial fellow, Social Policy, and research associate, Centre for Civil Society, will be on display in the Atrium, Student Services Centre, until 11 January.

These compelling photographs give an insight into the lives of ordinary people living in rural Kyrgyzstan. The photographs are a product of Dr Babajanian’s research which examined patterns of local governance and welfare provision in rural communities. Both the research and the exhibition were funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) under the ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme (NGPA). The official launch of the exhibition, held in December last year, was attended by academics, students, development practitioners and the Kyrgyz ambassador to the UK.

Melody Mohebi, a PhD student at the Centre

for Civil Society who attended the exhibition, said: ‘Brilliant! Absolutely brilliant! The 13 pictures and the captions told the story of the country better than any article or book. I feel like I gained so much. I loved how some were natural shots where a moment was captured (ie, *Three Generations*) and the more posed photographs ie, (*No Time to Rest*) – magnificent colours and so much expression.’

The exhibition has provoked strong international interest and Radio Free Europe’s Kyrgyz Service broadcasted a programme about it in December.



# Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

**Wednesday 9 January**  
**1pm.** R407. FMG lunchtime workshop. Mungo Wilson: *Average Correlation and Stock Market Returns*.  
**2pm.** D202. LSESU China Development Society seminar. John Adams: *Providing Public Services in China: is it just a problem of scale?*

**Friday 11 January**  
**10.30am-12.30pm.** A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Catherine Nash: *Sex, Gender and*

*Descent in Human Population Genetics*.  
**4pm.** Hong Kong Theatre. DESTIN Friday visiting speaker lecture. Mareike Schomerus: *The Lord’s Resistance Army in Sudan*.

**Monday 14 Jan**  
**6.30-8pm.** G101. LLM seminar on Media and IT Law. Robert A Heverly: *A Spirited Defence: liability for internet denial of service attacks*.

# Library news

**LENT TERM OPENING TIMES**  
The Library is open every day from 8am to midnight. Staffed services are available 9am-8pm, Monday to Friday, and 11am-6pm, Saturday and Sunday.

During unstaffed opening hours, access is for existing Library cardholders only and the Library is staffed by Security.

Opening hours differ during exam times, on public holidays and around Easter week. Exact dates of 24 hour opening during exam time will be confirmed nearer the time on the Library website.

## 19TH CENTURY BRITISH LIBRARY NEWSPAPERS RESOURCE LAUNCHED

This resource provides access to the full text of 48 national and regional newspapers, including *Cobbets Weekly Political Register*, *Pall Mall Gazette*, and *Chartist*.

These newspapers offer a fascinating insight into British social and political history of the time. Key topics include: the British Empire; the Great exhibition of 1851; political history; urban growth and reform.

The database may be searched or browsed by keyword. To access this service, enter: ‘British Library newspapers’ into the Electronic Library search box.

Please note that it does not contain major UK broadsheets such as *The Guardian*, *The Times* or *Financial Times*. The Digital Archive of *The Times* is a separate database which is available via the Electronic Library.

# LSE musicians: where are you?

Informal auditions for the third LSE Musical Talent Concert (classical and jazz) are being held on Thursday 10 January, 5.30pm, in the Shaw Library. The talent contest will be held on Thursday 6 March.

Past concerts have been a fantastic success so don’t hide your talent – flaunt it – and come along to the auditions.

All comers with performing flair – soloists and groups, any instruments, including the voice, are welcome. Pieces can be up to around eight minutes. If you’re interested come along. For further information, email Nigel Rogers at: [n.rogers@lse.ac.uk](mailto:n.rogers@lse.ac.uk)



# Lunchtime concert



The Sahara Quartet will perform on Thursday 10 January, 1.05-2pm, in the Shaw Library. This classically trained, innovative young group, comprising Natalie Cavey (viola), Sarah Ings (saxophone), Abigail Wragg (cello), and Leanne Wren (violin), opens this term’s lunchtime concerts with a variety of music.

Their repertoire draws on hip hop, jazz, and world music symbolisms as well as music influenced by contemporary composers such as Michael Nyman and Graham Fitkin.