



News & Views

New centre to look at climate change Professor Worthington

A new research centre to analyse how society should respond to the challenge of climate change is being established by the School and Leeds University. The Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy will bring together experts from several fields to examine how our political and economic systems may adapt to climate change and what could acceptably and efficiently be done to limit emissions.

Funded by a grant of more than £5 million over five years from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the centre is the first of its kind in the UK. It will be led by Lord Stern of Brentford, IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, and managed by Professors Andy Gouldson and Judith Rees.

- Its research will have four main strands:
- developing better physical and economic models of climate change
 - examining how to overcome the deadlock in international climate-change talks
 - understanding how developing economies can adapt to climate change
 - identifying strategies for efficient emissions reductions in industrialised countries.

Professor Stern (top right) said: 'As scientists continue to play their role in analysing the causes and effects of climate change, it is crucial that social scientists take a lead in the building of policy. The aim of the Centre is to advance climate change policy by improving both the evidence and the tools available to decision makers. The centre format is crucial to our ability to do this in a flexible and timely way.'

Professor Gouldson, director of the Sustainability Research Institute at Leeds, said: 'Climate change policy is at a critical point.

India careers day – building relationships for the future

The first LSE India Careers day took place on 26 February. Hosted by the Indian Observatory and the Career Service, the event provided an opportunity for students to meet senior executives in leading Indian and global businesses.

Over 200 LSE students from a wide range of disciplines attended the evening reception to network with HR representatives and senior business leaders from such organisations as Ernst and Young, Infosys, ICICI Bank and Foundation, Tech Mahindra, and Oxfam. Several firms held interviews for positions that had been advertised on the Careers Service online vacancy system: My Careers Service. Following its success, India Careers Day will take place annually.

The event, the first of its kind to be held in London, reflects a growing desire among Indian businesses to attract international talent. A spokesperson from Tech Mahindra said: 'We generally only recruit MBAs but we have met students from law, finance and IT that could be great for our business.'

Fiona Sandford, director of LSE Careers said: 'There is increasing

Internationally, there are intense discussions about what happens when the Kyoto protocol ends in 2012: should Europe take the lead, or should it only act if countries like the US, India and China also commit to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions? And once commitments have been made, what policies are needed to deliver rapid reductions in emissions and to enable vulnerable countries and communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change?'

Professor Rees (below) said: 'The centre will bring together experts from many different disciplines to improve our thinking on climate change. We will ask questions about how much we should invest to protect the vulnerable, about who should pay and who should enjoy the benefits of this investment, and about whether society is able to change its policies and behaviours to create low carbon economies.'

The new centre will establish links with policy makers and experts across the world to share its work and will establish a steering committee to allow them to influence the direction of its research. It will hold regular conferences and briefings to highlight its findings and publish research freely online. It will also set up an internet forum to allow rapid reaction to, and discussion of, its work.



demand for skilled graduates in India. India has a booming economy but a weak education system which is creating a skills shortage among white collar workers. This is good news for Indian students graduating from LSE.'

The globalisation of India was a theme throughout the day which opened with a presentation by Mr Gopalakrishnan, director of Tata Sons, on The Essence of the Manager: the balance between logic and intuition. Drawing on his experiences at Unilever and Tata Group, Mr Gopalakrishnan argued that intuition will become a key differentiator for excellence in future managers as the world around them is dramatically transformed. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion, based on a paper, *The Rise of the India Multinational: India's hunt for global talent*, written for LSE Careers India Day by Sanjeev Sanva, senior economist, Deutsche Bank Asia.

Professor Sarah Worthington, pro-director for Research and External Relations, has had her term of office extended for a further two years.

Professor Worthington, who took up the pro-directorship in 2005, is responsible for the promotion and development of the School's external activities and relations, fundraising and alumni relations, strategic alliances, research and academic innovation, and alternative income streams.



School segregation

School Segregation and its Consequences, by Stephen Gibbons and Shqiponja Telhaj, CEP

This study looked at the extent to which high and low-achieving pupils are separated into different secondary schools. Key findings include:

- there is strong segregation by ability – the average pupil in the bottom school is in the bottom third of pupils ranked by test scores at the age of 11, while the average pupil in the top school is in the top third
 - such educational segregation is even greater when including grammar schools and for those that used to administer their own admissions
 - there has been almost no change over time in the way pupils of differing abilities are sorted into different schools. This is contrary to reports of increased stratification and segregation in the media, academic and political circles
- Segregation could have real consequences in terms of educational inequality, although evidence shows that any contribution a peer group makes to a child's academic progress seems to be small.

To read the full report, see: <http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/cp239.pdf>



LSE students

Chi Nguyen of the Institute of Social Psychology's MSc in Health, Community and Development, has been awarded the British Psychology Society (Psychology of Women Section) prize for the student dissertation making the best original contribution to the Psychology of Women. Her thesis title was: *Challenging the Social Representations of Politics: a case study of the McGill University's Women in House programme*.

Eri Park, a doctoral student in the Institute of Social Psychology has been awarded the Sigmund Koch prize for giving the best student presentation at the *International Society for Theoretical Psychology* conference. She won the award for her paper: *The Affluent Psyche. European Representations of African Poverty*.

Haafiz Suleman, a final year student in Law Department, was one of 32 students worldwide to win the 2007 Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Award. There were only eight UK winners for this prize which is conferred on the basis of excellent communication skills, academic prowess and a commitment to global affairs.

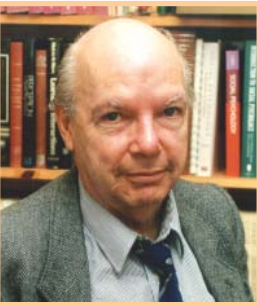
Haafiz is currently in the process of setting up the charity, GuluKids, to tackle the issue of displaced Acholi children in northern Uganda.

Obituary

Dr Ric Seaborne, former lecturer in the Department of Social Psychology now Institute of Social Psychology, died 20 February aged 67

Dr Seaborne was born in Chicago in 1930 and educated in England. He qualified as a mechanical engineer and subsequently studied psychology at University College London. After graduating he spent two years on the staff of the University of Edinburgh and was then for some years at Brunel University. He joined the Department of Social Psychology at LSE in 1968 and retired in 1995.

He was particularly known for his publication *The Psychology of Learning* which was published by Penguin in 1966.



Public seminar

IDEAS-CWSC
LINDA MELVERN AND THE RT HON ANDREW MITCHELL MP
UN Peacekeeping/Peacemaking: the lessons of Rwanda

Tuesday 11 March, 6.30pm, Graham Wallace Room
This event brings together two speakers with detailed knowledge of recent violence and conflict in Africa and the challenges these posed to the international community and the United Nations.

Linda Melvern is a widely published investigative journalist and author and an honorary professor in the Department of International Politics, University of Wales. Andrew Mitchell is Conservative MP for Sutton Coalfields and shadow secretary of state for international development

Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

LSE/AIDS/LSE Health/DFID

PROFESSOR SIR ROY ANDERSON

Infectious Disease Pandemics: social and economic actors in the development of public health policy

Tuesday 11 March, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

This lecture will examine the key determinants of the spread of infectious diseases and their evolution in our changing world.

Roy Anderson is a professor of infectious disease epidemiology at Imperial College London.

School public lecture

PROFESSOR DAVID LEVERING LEWIS

A Counter-narrative: Islam and the first Europe

Wednesday 12 March, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Professor Lewis will argue that the Battle of Poitiers and the debacle at Roncevaux helped create an economically retarded, balkanised, and fratricidal Europe, which, by defining itself in opposition to Islam in al-Andalus, made virtues out of hereditary aristocracy, persecutory religious intolerance, cultural particularism, and perpetual war.

LSE alumnus David Levering Lewis is at New York University. Both volumes of his biography of WEB Du Bois received the Pulitzer Prize.

Urban Age public lecture

ENRIQUE PEÑALOSA

Equity and Urbanism

Wednesday 12 March, 1pm, D602

In this lecture, Enrique Peñalosa, mayor of Bogotá 1998-2001, describes how to create social and environmental sustainability for developing country cities.

Presented with support from the LSESU Colombian Society.

Department of Anthropology

PROFESSOR CHARLES STAFFORD

Logic and Emotion in Chinese Economic Life

Thursday 13 March, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Charles Stafford will outline a cognitive anthropological approach to economic psychology, drawing on fieldwork material from rural China and Taiwan.

Charles Stafford is professor of anthropology at LSE. He also holds an honorary professorship from Nanjing University.

Ralph Miliband programme Religion, Secularism and Modernity

PROFESSOR MADHAVI SUNDER

The New Enlightenment: how Muslim women are bringing religion out of the dark ages

Thursday 13 March, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

Professor Sunder identifies an emergent framework for operationalising modernity and freedom within religion, not just without it.

Madhavi Sunder is 2006 Carnegie Scholar and professor of legal regulation of culture at UC Davis School of Law.

noticeboard

Knowledge Rules

Demands for measuring the value of knowledge have never been so pressing. With this in mind, Nicolas Guilhot, a research fellow at Social Science Research Council and past LSE academic, has set up the web forum Knowledge Rules.

The purpose of the forum is to generate an informed discussion about the metrics involved in different forms of evaluations, asking how are these developments transforming the academic landscape? If you would like to participate, visit: www.ssrc.org/blogs/knowledgerules

BA Media Fellowships

The BA Media Fellowships are intended to create a greater awareness and understanding of the workings of the media among practising scientists, clinicians, social scientists and engineers. They provide placements working with a national press, broadcast or internet journalist. Previous hosts include *The Guardian*, *The Times*, BBC Radio and BBC News Interactive.

The application process is now open and details about the scheme, including an online application form can be found at: www.the-ba.net/mediafellows

Applicants need to be are scientists, clinicians, social scientists or engineers, have a minimum of two years postgraduate experience in their field, be a UK resident, work at any level in an academic or research institution, industry, civil service or any other similar organisation. The deadline for applications is 31 March.

Call for papers

Papers are being requested for a special issue of the journal *Ephemera: theory and politics in organization*.

The famous diktat ‘publish or perish’, governs most academic work in the current period. The central figure around which this decree currently revolves is the academic journal article which has become the core currency and measure by which academic jobs, careers, reputations and identities are made and traded.

Yet despite all the hours congealed into ‘the article’, and the years spent perfecting the craft of writing for journal publications, many academics know very little about the industry that surrounds their work and to which they contribute so much.

This special issue is an invitation to begin to change that. It is a call for contributions that directly and critically explore the dynamics, problems, tensions, and issues that surround the political economy of academic journal publishing. Possible topics include:

- political economy of open access publishing
- political economy of corporate and university press publishing
- the role of journal publishing in the setup and maintenance of professions and disciplines
- publishing outside academia.

Full papers (between 5,000 and 9,000 words) should be emailed to the special issue editors, Craig Prichard (c.prichard@massey.ac.nz) and Steffen Böhm (steffen@essex.ac.uk) by 1 September. For submission guidelines, see: www.ssrc.org/blogs/knowledgerules/2008/02/21/call-for-papers-the-political-economy-of-academic-journal-publishing

Small ads

To let: recently refurbished one bedroom first floor flat with share of garden. Eight mins walk to Brockley station, three mins to Crofton Park station. Partially/fully furnished depending upon tenants requirements. Available beginning April. £750 p/m. Email: mairiflavin@hotmail.com or alonzoguzman@hotmail.com or call Mairi on 07912353575 or Alonzo 07912476976

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

Training opportunities at LSE

Academic, personal and professional development courses are available for all LSE staff and students. Courses on offer this month include:		
Wednesday 12 March <i>Excel: essential formulas and functions</i>	2-4pm	
Thursday 13 March <i>Access: simple tables and queries</i>	10am-12pm	
Friday 14 March <i>Word: format your PhD thesis</i>	2-4pm	
Monday 17 March <i>Powerpoint: creating a presentation</i>	10am-12pm	
Tuesday 18 March <i>Excel: advanced formatting and printing</i>	10am-12pm	
Monday 31 March <i>Excel: macros</i>	10am-12pm	
For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, please see: www.lse.ac.uk/training		
For training in:		
European information , please email Maria Bell at: m.bell@lse.ac.uk		
Business Information , please email Barbara Humphries at: b.humphries@lse.ac.uk		
US Government publications , please email Clive Wilson at: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk		
UK Government publications , please email Ken Gibbons at: k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk		

Enhance your research impact – a reminder to all academic staff

Statistics show that in the last quarter there were 147,000 visitors to LSE’s Experts directory, 48,429 visitors to the Academic Staff Publications directory and 42,785 downloads of full text research from LSE Research Online.

This leads to increased citations, consultancy requests and media exposure. Over 70 per cent of visits to these directories and LSE Research Online come from Google – and your Experts page is very likely to be one of the first links that comes up on the web when your name is entered into Google.

Please update your online profile in Experts and your research outputs in LSE Research Online and Academic Staff Publications by emailing us.

To update experts, email: experts@lse.ac.uk
To update your publications list or deposit full texts, email: lseresearchonline@lse.ac.uk
The deadline for this call out has now been extended to 31 March by request.

Thanks to all those who have already taken the time to update their online profile in response to the email call out at the beginning of February.

You can read about the School’s plans for dissemination of research and expertise at: www.lse.ac.uk/RandEonline, where you can also download the information pack sent to all academics at the beginning of February.

CEP news

Nicholas Macpherson, permanent secretary of the Treasury, has taken over the chairmanship of the Centre for Economic Performance’s Policy Committee. The previous chairman was Lord Adair Turner who held the post for six years.

Nicholas joined the Treasury in 1985 and from 2004, was managing director of the Budget and Public Finance Directorate, responsible for the Treasury’s work on tax, public finance and welfare reform. He became Permanent Secretary of the Treasury in 2005.

The Government Department’s Hot Seat podcast series features LSE academics being interviewed on topical issues. Interviews are by Justin Gest, a doctoral student in the department and winner of the 2007 Bernard Levin Award.

The latest interview is with Professor Anne Philips (above) who discusses *Multiculturalism, Democracy, and Sharia Law*. See: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/government/raw/hotseat/

Academics abroad

In February, Dr Sappho Xenakis, fellow in International Relations, opened the international guest speaker series of the Criminology programme at Växjö University, Sweden, with two lectures on the subject of *Hegemony in Action: problematising international policy against organised crime*. Around two hundred students attended, mainly from the university’s police training programme.

Växjö University is pioneering a new national approach to police training whereby police students study alongside non-police students. This is designed to encourage more societal-friendly policing and acceptance of the police.

The first of Dr Xenakis’ lectures addressed controversies concerning the internationalisation of policies against organised crime and particular policy recommendations allied to them. The second focused on how policy transfer on organised crime is achieved, looking at theories relating to the international arena, the state bureaucracy, and practitioners. It also discussed the practical problems of policy transfer which the students could expect to encounter when seeking to engage in international police co-operation.

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 11 March 1-2.30pm. H615. CARR seminar. Jean-Christophe Graz: <i>From Risk to Quality: international standards and the service economy</i> . 6-7.30pm. J116. Hellenic Observatory research seminar. Ioannis Theodosiou: <i>Perceived Quality of High and Low-Paid Jobs in Greece</i> . 6.30pm. Graham Wallace Room. IDEAS-CWSC seminar. Linda Melvern and Andrew Mitchell: <i>UN Peacekeeping/Peacemaking: the lessons of Rwanda</i> .	Thursday 13 March 4-6pm. A607. East and Inner Asia seminar. Ayo Wahlberg: <i>The Concept of Quality in Reproductive Medicine in China</i> . 6.30-8pm. J116. Forum for European Philosophy Revisions seminar. Michael Mack: <i>New Science (Freud)</i> . Friday 14 March 10.30am-12.30pm. A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Joshua Barker: <i>Negara Beling: street-level authority in an Indonesian slum</i> . 4pm. Hong Kong Theatre. DESTIN Friday visiting speaker lecture. Mats Berdal: <i>‘Post-Conflict Peacebuilding’ from Bosnia to Iraq: an assessment</i> .
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Library news

EASTER VACATION OPENING HOURS
Opening hours for Easter week can be found in the Library or on the library website at: www.lse.ac.uk/library/

Extended loan periods are available during the Easter vacation, see Library website for details.

24/7 LIBRARY
24 hour opening during exam time will begin on Thursday 27 March and will continue until the exams finish.

Media bites

‘There is no sound justification for children aged 11 to be getting more [funding] than children aged 10 when it’s crucially important that children at the end of primary school are functionally literate and numerate. Later attainment is clearly reliant on early attainment. If you get children literate at an early age it allows them to access the rest of the curriculum at secondary school.’

Anne West, *The Guardian*, 29/2/08
[On the 20 per cent funding gap between primary and secondary schools]

‘At the beginning of the 20th century marriage offered protection of a sort. If the marriage worked, it was probably the best way of coping economically. Today, the costs of marriage in terms of childbearing are front-loaded for women. What if one marries, gives up work while the children are young, sacrificing pension contributions, earnings, promotion prospects - and then the husband leaves? Marriage has become a risk,’ says Lewis. ‘The more economic independence one has, the more one can protect against that risk.’

Jane Lewis, *The Observer*, 2/3/08

‘There is a really ugly underbelly to the cult of the celebrity yummy mummy. It leaves women feeling inadequate about their bodies at a point when they have enough to deal with, adjusting to a whole new role in life.’

Susie Orbach, *The Telegraph*, 3/3/08

Lunchtime concert

On Thursday 13 March, 1.05-2pm, in the Shaw Library, the Greenwich Piano Trio will perform Beethoven Piano Trio in B flat, Op11 and Shostakovich Piano Trio in E minor No 2.

This trio, comprising Lana Trotoevsk (violin), Yoko Misumi (piano) and Stjepan Hauser (cello) won first prize and the audience prize at the 2006 Cavatina Chamber Music Competition.



Evening concert

The LSE orchestra and choir spring concert will be held on Wednesday 12 March, 7.30pm, at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, WC1. The programme will include Gabriel Fauré Requiem.

Tickets cost £4 for LSE staff, students, and alumni and £6 for members of the public. To request a ticket call ext 6100, email: events@lse.ac.uk or see: www.lse.ac.uk/events.

