



# News & Views

## Queen opens NAB



HM the Queen officially opened the New Academic Building on Wednesday 5 November.

The event was attended by staff, students and alumni, including many of the donors whose generosity enabled the School's vision to become a reality.

The Queen and Prince Philip were taken on a tour of the building and met various members of the faculties who are now housed in the NAB before the Queen unveiled the plaque.

Look out for a special *News&Views* with more details and pictures of the event.

## IDEAS appointment

Dr Munir Majid (right) has been appointed senior visiting fellow at IDEAS, The School's centre for the study of international affairs, diplomacy and foreign policy strategy.

Dr Majid will conduct key research on the international affairs of South East Asia with the aim of expanding the School's research profile in this area. He will focus on a number of key areas, including regional integration, the spread of participatory democracy in South East Asia, diplomacy and international affairs, territorial issues and their transnational dimensions, limited sovereignty and norms for international intervention and handling the threat of international terror.

Dr Majid said: 'I am pleased to be contributing to the work of IDEAS at LSE, which seeks to combine academic expertise with practical experience for better understanding of issues confronting the contemporary

world. I hope the focus on South East Asia will distinguish LSE's research activities in an area which is seeking geo-political space between China and India.'

Dr Majid received his PhD in International Relations from LSE and has worked as a journalist and banker. He served as the founding Executive Chairman of the Malaysian Securities Commission during the 1990s and became Chairman of the Malaysian Airline System in 2004. He will give his inaugural public lecture, *Financial Crisis: the view from South East Asia*, on Tuesday 11 November at 6.30pm in B212.



## Building the AC100 Learning Community

One month after the launch of the Department of Accounting AC100 Centre for Teaching Excellence and Learning Support, teaching innovation has become reality for students on the course Elements of Accounting and Finance, one of the largest courses in the School.

Yasmine Chahed, centre director, and Dr Andrea Mennicken, AC100 course leader, have teamed up with the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC), the Centre for Learning Technology (CLT) and the LSESU Accounting Society to build the AC100 Learning Community.

The AC100 Centre integrates new and existing teaching and learning support structures to address the specific challenges faced in large undergraduate courses such as Elements of Accounting and Finance.

With the goal of bringing together students, teachers, and lecturers in an inspiring and supportive environment, the AC100 Centre seeks to foster interactive learning through Moodle, and facilitate a peer-tutoring scheme.

The first peer tutor training was held for the student-teachers in collaboration with the TLC on 22 October. The AC100 peer tutor scheme recognises the



**Participants of the first AC100 peer tutor workshop held on 22 October**

support that the LSESU Accounting Society provides to students through weekly accounting help-sessions, led by 2nd and 3rd year students. The AC100 Centre will continue to offer support to AC100 peer tutors throughout the year.

The Department of Accounting launched the AC100 Centre for Teaching Excellence and Learning Support on 1 October as part of the LSE Teaching Innovation Award scheme that is sponsored by the School. For further information, please email: Ms Yasmine Chahed at: y.chahed@lse.ac.uk or Dr Andrea Mennicken at: a.m.mennicken@lse.ac.uk

## IZA Prize for LSE academics

The Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany, has selected Lord Richard Layard (right) and Professor Stephen J Nickell (far right) to receive this year's IZA Prize in Labor Economics.

The award honours their path-breaking work on the relationship between labour market institutions and unemployment. Their research provided a theoretical and empirical framework for the analysis of equilibrium unemployment and the impact of labour market institutions on economic performance.

The award statement said that the contributions of Lord Layard and Professor Nickell have illuminated the policy discourse in Europe and increased academics' understanding of the nature and causes of involuntary



joblessness. Lord Layard is emeritus professor of economics at LSE and a Labour life peer. Stephen Nickell, now warden of Nuffield College, Oxford, was previously a professor of economics at the School and a member of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee.

The Prize will be awarded during a series of events being held on 1 December which celebrate IZA's tenth anniversary. These include a scientific conference on *Frontiers in Labor Economics* as well as an expert panel discussion on the role of economists in policy advice. Speakers will include the renowned Harvard economist Richard Freeman and Edward Lazear, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers.



## Public seminar

**Centre for the Study of Global Governance (CsGG), UCLA School of Public Affairs and UCLA Centre for Civil Society**

PROFESSORS HELMUT K ANHEIER, YUDISHTHIR RAJ ISAR, MARY KALDOR AND HENRIETTA MOORE

***Culture and Globalisation. The Cultural Economy***

Wednesday 12 November, 6.30pm, D602



*Cultures and Globalization*, a new book series that highlights contemporary cultural changes and their implications, aims to encourage debate about the relationship between culture and globalisation.

Each volume includes an innovative presentation of indicator suites on cultures and globalisation. The

inaugural theme in 2007 was *Conflicts and Tensions*. The second volume, *The Cultural Economy*, analyses the dynamic relationship in which culture is a driver of the economic changes that in turn transform the conditions of culture.

This seminar brings together scholars from different disciplines to address culture in a globalising world. Helmut K Anheier is director of the Centre for Civil Society, UCLA, LSE Centennial Professor, and academic director of the Center for Social Investment, Heidelberg University. Yudishtir Raj Isar is Jean Monnet Professor of Cultural Policy Studies, The American University of Paris. Mary Kaldor is co-director of CsGG. Henrietta Moore is professor of Social Anthropology and director of the Culture and Globalisation Programme, CsGG.

## Public discussion

**Centre for the Study of Global Governance**

SPEAKERS: DR HANIA FARHAN, DR CATHERINE FIESCHI, 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. What purposes do such measurements serve and what effects do they have?

Helmut Anheier is director of the Centre for Social Investment, Heidelberg and 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.

## Debates

*free and unticketed unless otherwise stated*

**Centre for the Study of Global Governance**

JELENA BJELICA, ANNA DI LELLIO, ENVER HOXHAIJ, TIM JUDAH

***Kosovo's Independence and the Balkans: regional implications and challenges***

Tuesday 11 November, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre  
Uncertainty over the status of Kosovo had undermined stability in the Balkans since the early 1990s. The panel of experts discusses Kosovo's declaration of independence and its political, economic and security impact on the Balkans.

Jelena Bjelica is the editor-in-chief of the Kosovo weekly *Gradjanski Glasnik*. Anna Di Lellio is the editor of the book *The Case for Kosova: passage to independence*. Enver Hoxhaj is the current minister of education, science and technology of the Republic of Kosovo. Tim Judah is the author of *The Serbs: history, myth, and the destruction of Yugoslavia*.

**ASEN/Nations and Nationalism**

PROFESSORS MICHAEL BANTON, MONTSERRAT GUIBERNAU, AND DAVID LAITIN

***Nations, States and Violence***

Wednesday 12 November, 6.15-8pm, U8

For this debate the participants will discuss the theses of David Laitin's latest book, *Nations, States and Violence*, and, more generally, the 'rational choice' approach to the study of nationalism.

Michael Banton is emeritus professor of sociology, Bristol University. David Laitin is professor of political science, Stanford University. Montserrat Guibernau is professor of politics, Queen Mary, London University.

## Public Lecture

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**POLIS and Hanover Communications**

ED RICHARDS

***The Future of Public Broadcasting and Telecommunications***

Wednesday 12 November, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

Ed Richards is chief executive of Ofcom. Prior to this, he was senior policy advisor to the UK prime minister, for media, telecoms, internet and e-government.

**Gender Institute: Gendering the Social Sciences**

PROFESSOR WENDY BROWN

***Desiring Walls***

Wednesday 12 November, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre  
Professor Brown examines the desire for walls in the context of eroding sovereignty.

Wendy Brown is professor of political science at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Confucius Institute for Business London**

STEPHEN GREEN

***Financial Systems and Economic Development: the Chinese and Indian experiences***

Wednesday 12 November, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Stephen Green is group chairman of HSBC Holding Plc, chairman of the British Bankers' Association and a member of the Business Council for Britain. He is also trustee of the British Museum.

**Spatial Economics Research inaugural lecture**

PROFESSOR EDWARD GLAESER

***Our Urban Future: the death of distance and the rise of cities***

Thursday 13 November, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh

Zayed Theatre

Edward Glaeser is the Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics at Harvard, where he also

serves as director of the Taubman Center for State and Local Government, and of the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston.

**LSE Arts 'Revolution Time'**

PETER DOGGETT

***Fantasies Of Revolution***

Thursday 13 November, 7pm, Shaw Library

In the late 1960s, it seemed as if a revolution would sweep away the existing order in the capitalist world. Yet by the early 1970s, that dream had died. Was revolution ever really on the agenda? Or were these fantasies doomed from the start?

Peter Doggett is a writer and author of the critically acclaimed history of rock music's encounter with revolutionary politics, *There's A Riot Going On*.



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Lunchtime concert



On Thursday 13 November, 1.05pm, in the Shaw Library, the John Law Trio will perform original contemporary European jazz compositions by John Law (pictured) on piano.

The programme features Sam Burgess on bass and Asaf Sirkis on percussion.

CentrePiece

The Autumn 2008 edition of CentrePiece is now available. Articles include: Does planning regulation protect independent retailers? by Raffaella Sadun; and How to measure the rising cost of living by Nicholas Oulton.



The In Brief section has an article, Spend it Like Beckham by Andreas Georgiadis and Alan Manning which looks at the widening gap in income between the rich and the average Briton and Are the top universities worth paying for? By Iftikhar Hussain, Sandra McNally and Shqiponja Telhaj

There is also a report on the July conference, The Emergence of China and India in the Global Economy.

All articles can be downloaded at: http://cep.lse.ac.uk/centrepiece/

RIN event

The Research Information Network (RIN) is running a free event on 11 December 2008 entitled What Does It Cost and Who Pays: scholarly communications globally in the UK.

The event will discuss the findings of the RIN report Activities, Costs and Funding Flows in Scholarly Communications which looks at the cost to the global economy, and the UK's position within that, regarding the process of producing journal articles – from peer review through to publication and distribution.

It will also discuss the changing landscape of journal publishing, including open access issues and other technological changes.

Interested researchers and students are very welcome to attend. To book a place, please see: www.rin.ac.uk/what-cost

Small ads

**Short-term rental:** charming flat with balcony and a view of the Tour Eiffel in the lively Batignolles area in the 17th arr. Tastefully decorated, fully furnished, sleeps four. 100-150 EUR daily. Minimum stay of three days preferred. For more information see: http://marcella.deluca.free.fr/flat.html

**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 copy to Dr Sonia Kruks, email: 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:

<b>Tuesday 11 November</b> <i>Access 2000: working with database objects and data</i> 10am <i>Going Beyond Google: advanced use of the internet</i> 12pm	<b>Monday 17 November</b> <i>PowerPoint 2003: creating a presentation</i> 2pm
<b>Wednesday 12 November</b> <i>12:15pm: How I Use Moodle: teachers show and tell</i> 12.15pm <i>Moodle Basics Training (staff)</i> 2pm	<b>For further details</b> and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: <b>www.lse.ac.uk/training</b>
<b>Thursday 13 November</b> <i>Excel 2000: essential formulas and functions</i> 10am <i>Moodle: next steps training (staff)</i> 10am	<b>For training in:</b> <b>European information</b> , please email Maria Bell at: m.bell@lse.ac.uk <b>Business information</b> , please email Barbara Humphries at: b.humphries@lse.ac.uk <b>US Government publications</b> , please email Clive Wilson at: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk <b>UK Government publications</b> , please email Ken Gibbons at: k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk
<b>Friday 14 November</b> <i>HTML: creating basic pages</i> 10am	

Academics abroad



John Macnicol, visiting professor in the Sociology Department, presented a paper on *Uses and Abuses of Anti-Ageism* at the International Sociological Association's Forum of Sociology in Barcelona held in September.

In September, Dr Francisco Panizza, Government, was invited by the Economist Intelligence Unit to address a business roundtable with the Government of Uruguay held in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The event was opened by the president of Uruguay, Dr Tabare Vazquez, and attended by representatives of several international firms with investment in that country, such as Microsoft and Petrobras.

Professor Gwyn Bevan, LSE Health, presented a paper on *Designing Systems of Performance Measurement to Have an Impact* at the Palazzo Ducale in Genoa, Italy, held in October.

He presented the paper as a member of an international panel contributing to the Ligurian Regional conference on performance measurement of systems of health care.

Martin Lodge, CASE, gave a seminar talk on 7 November on *Beyond Stereotypes of Administrative Reform: comparing public service bargains*.

The seminar was hosted by The School of Government and the Institute of Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Peter Miller, CASE, was invited to give a workshop on the *New Public Sector* held at the University of Edinburgh, 6-7 November.

He has also been invited to give at a paper on *Figuring Out Organisation* at the *Market Orders and New Directions in Institutional Research* conference to be held at the University of Bamberg, Germany, 28-29 November.

Pre-school care provision

The School is committed to providing quality pre-school child care facilities as well as support for staff and student parents. To find out how best to achieve this, the Academic Policy and Resources Committee asked for a consultation to be organised, inviting all members of the School's community to voice their views.

The Nursery Consultation Committee (NCC), chaired by pro-director George Gaskell, is writing to academic departments and service divisions with a request to canvass their staff, and the SU welfare officer will canvass student opinion. A meeting will be held with past, present and future parents and individual submissions will be welcomed.

The consultation will run until 5 December, after

Library news

PRESERVATION OF THE COLLECTIONS

Until Friday 21 November, an exhibition called *Preservation of the Collections* will be on display in the Library foyer.

This exhibition aims to draw awareness to the importance of the collections as well as the Library's active preservation programme to help maintain and preserve them – for use today, and for future generations of students and scholars.

All Library users have a part to play. Good handling practices slow the deterioration rate of the collections and keep material on the shelves.

Further information about Print Collections is available at: [www.lse.ac.uk/library/collections.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/collections.htm)



Dysfunctional markets



The huge expansion of the global financial system in recent decades has now culminated in a devastating downfall. This has revealed deep flaws in the structure and functioning of finance, as

well as in our understanding of how it works. An interview with Dr Paul Woolley, a former fund manager and IMF economist, who last year funded two research centres – at LSE and the University of Toulouse – to study market dysfunctionality, can be accessed at: [www.lse.ac.uk/resources/videoAndAudio/dysfunctionalMarkets.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/videoAndAudio/dysfunctionalMarkets.htm)

Honour awarded



Emeritus professor Michael Bromwich, Accounting, has been awarded the title Honorary Professor of the Capital University of Economics and Business Overseas Chinese College, Beijing, China.

Media bites



'When the financial system... is collapsing around our ears, it is clear that something has gone wrong. The jurisdiction and geography of regulation has to be the same as the domain of the market. You should get as close as possible to regulating on a global level. You would need a contact with the global regulator in each market segment, at least in the border-crossing businesses. We need to act at the most international level possible.'

**Willem Buiter**, *Global Finance*, 5/11/08

Diary

<b>Tuesday 11 November</b> <b>12.45-2pm.</b> R405. CEP Labour Market workshop. Matti Sarvimaki: <i>Long-Term Effects of Forced Migration</i> . <b>1-2.30pm.</b> H615. CARR seminar. Alex Preda: <i>Risk Taking and Action in Online Anonymous Markets</i> . <b>6-7.30pm.</b> A607. Anthropology of Africa seminar. Jason Sumich: <i>Modernisation Redirected: socialism, liberalism and the national elite in Mozambique</i> .	<b>4-6pm.</b> A607. Culture and Cognition seminar. Annette Karmiloff-Smith: <i>Modules, Genes and Evolution: a neuroconstructivist perspective</i> . <b>5.30-7pm.</b> T206. Choice Group seminar. Harald Nax: <i>Co-operation in Multiple Spheres of Interaction</i> . <b>6pm.</b> J116. Cañada Blanch seminar. Manuel Ortiz Heras: <i>Constante y diversa: la violencia política durante la dictadura franquista</i> .	<b>Friday 14 November</b> <b>10.30am-12.30pm.</b> Anthropological Theory research seminar. Rebecca Prentice: <i>'Kidnapping Go Build Back We Economy': discourses of crime and the moral imagination in Trinidad</i> . <b>1-2.30pm.</b> R405. Urban and Regional Economics seminar. Richard Harris: <i>Spillover and Backward Linkage Effects of FDI</i> .
<b>Wednesday 12 November</b> <b>12.45-2pm.</b> R505. CASE Welfare Policy and Analysis seminar. Jonathan Bradshaw and Noel Smith: <i>A Minimum Income Standard for Britain: what people think</i> .	<b>Thursday 13 November</b> <b>12.30-1.45pm.</b> NAB 1.14 CCS seminar. John Paul Jones III: <i>Transnational Networks of Managerialism in Oaxaca, Mexico</i> .	<b>Monday 17 November</b> <b>5.30pm.</b> H615. BHU seminar. Mark Billings and Alan Booth: <i>Unlikely Technology Champions: the post office and the national giro in 1960s Britain</i> .