



News & views

Prizes for for LSE academics

MEMORIAL MEDAL FOR BEST PAPER 2007

Dr Vassilis Monastiriotis, European Institute and Hellenic Observatory, has been awarded the Moss Madden Memorial Medal for the best paper in regional science published by a member of the Regional Science Association International (British and Irish Section) for his paper *Union Retreat and UK Regional Economic Performance: the UK experience*. The paper was published in *Regional Studies* in April 2007 (Vol.41, No2, pp.143-156).



The award constitutes the highest distinction in regional science in Britain and is awarded in the memory of Professor Moss Madden, a leading scholar in regional science, who died in 2000.

The paper investigates how the decline of trade unionism in the UK impacted on the economic performance of its regions. The analysis suggests that intermediate levels of unionism are closer to optimal productivity than either full or no unionism.

It also finds that reducing union densities in the north to the levels currently observed in the south and east, might help investment there, but will also lead to further declines in total productivity and employment.

The paper concludes that, although unionism cannot be seen as a policy tool for regional

development and convergence, its retreat does not necessarily promote economic prosperity either – thus making the recent reversal of the unions' decline a rather positive evolution.

MEMORIAL BOOK PRIZE

Internationalisation and Economic Institutions: comparing the European experiences (Oxford University Press, 2007), by Professor Mark Thatcher, Government, was awarded the 2008 Charles H Levine memorial book prize by the International Political Science Association's Research Committee on the Structure of Governance.

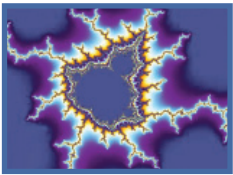
In his book, Professor Thatcher argues that institutional change is not driven by external technological and economic forms of internationalisation. Rather, he puts forward the idea that policy forms of internationalisation are key determinants, because they become part of domestic decision making.

The prize is given in honour of Charles H Levine, who was a distinguished member of the Research Committee and served on the editorial board of its official journal, *Governance*. Professor Thatcher said: 'I am immensely honoured by this award that recognises the value of comparative and historical research.'



Grants and awards

Steve Ryan, centre director for the Centre for Learning Technology (CLT), and Dr Edgar A Whitley, Management Department, have been awarded £70,000 as part of a £1.5m ESRC/EPSRC grant that aims to develop an interactive Learning Design Support Environment (LDSE).



The project, led by the London Knowledge Lab, includes partners from Oxford University and the Royal Veterinary College. It seeks to enable teachers to lead the discovery of innovative pedagogical designs that exploit the potential of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL). The project also seeks to integrate TEL in the mainstream provision, processes and practice of educational institutions.

The School will be studying the factors affecting the adoption of this innovative approach by academics as well as providing some of the institutional test-bed support for the environment.

Dr Katrin Flikschuh, Government, has received a Leverhulme Trust Award.

Katrin, who joined the School in 2003, teaches graduate courses on Kant and on contemporary liberalism. Her books include 'Kant and Modern Political Philosophy' (CUP 2000), and 'Freedom: Contemporary Liberal Perspectives' (Polity 2007). Her current research examines the contrast between Kant's meta-normative cosmopolitanism and current normative liberal cosmopolitan theorising.

Dr Flikschuh believes that, while Kant's philosophy of cosmopolitanism is often used as a framework by which liberal thinkers consider global injustice, it diverges from standard liberal thinking and therefore, it is not clear that a philosophy such as Kant's can serve liberal cosmopolitanism in the way it is often assumed.



Public Lecture

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LSE Space for Thought

DR GERD GIGERENZER

Gut Feelings: short cuts to better decision making

Monday 20 October, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
Gerd Gigerenzer is the director of the Centre for Adaptive Behaviour and Cognition at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin. His most recent book is *Gut Feelings: shortcuts to better decision making*.

International History

DR ZARA STEINER

Is There Anything New to Say? Thoughts on European International History, 1919-1939

Monday 20 October, 6.30pm, The Wolfson Theatre
Zara Steiner is a fellow of the British Academy and an emeritus fellow of New Hall, Cambridge. Her forthcoming book on this topic is called *The Triumph of the Light*.

LSE Arts Talking Pictures

JULIAN STALLABRASS

Luc Delahaye's Taliban and the War of Images

Tuesday 21 October, 1-2pm, Shaw Library
Julian Stallabrass is a writer, photographer and lecturer. He is reader in art history at the Courtauld Institute of Art.

British Journal of Sociology

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR ROBERT SAMPSON

RESPONDENT: PROFESSOR PAUL GILROY

Disparity and Diversity in the Contemporary City: social order revisited

Tuesday 21 October, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
Paul Gilroy is Anthony Giddens Professor in Social Theory at LSE. Robert Sampson is Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences and chair of sociology, Harvard University.

LSE Space for Thought

PROFESSOR CATHARINE MACKINNON

Women's Status, Men's States

Welcome to the School

The School is pleased to announce the appointment of Fiona Kirk as the new director of Development and Alumni Relations.

Fiona joins LSE after five years as director of Development at Imperial College and with earlier experience of leading the fundraising functions at both the Science Museum and English Heritage.

Fiona will be driving forward LSE's fundraising activities following the completion of the Campaign for LSE. Fiona says: 'I am delighted to be joining the London School of Economics and Political Science and am looking forward to building on the firm foundation of work by Mary Blair and her team to help the School achieve its long-term philanthropic ambitions.'

Fiona will take up her appointment in January and will succeed Mary Blair who, after eight years as director of Development and Alumni Relations, is nearing retirement. Mary joined LSE in May 2000 from

Johns Hopkins

University

to lead the

successful

£100M

Campaign

for LSE, one

of the largest

completed

campaigns ever

achieved by a

UK university.

She recently served on a government-appointed task force looking into increasing voluntary giving to Higher Education and was Chair of the Ross Group in 2007-08.

LSE would like to warmly thank Mary for all her hard work and dedication to the School and to welcome Fiona to the School in her new role.



Debates

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Urban Age Understanding Cities series

SPEAKER: SIR SIMON MILTON

RESPONDENTS: PROFESSOR RICKY BURDETT, DEYAN SUDJIC

Running Cities: London in context

Tuesday 21 October, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

What is the new administration's vision for London? Speakers discuss how to design and manage the powerhouses of the global economy, assessing London's development compared to the megacities of the world.

Sir Simon Milton was appointed deputy mayor for policy and planning after serving as chairman of London's Local Government Association. Ricky Burdett, chief adviser for the London 2012 Olympics, and Deyan Sudjic, director of the Design Museum in London, are co-editors of *The Endless City*.

Government Department

BERNARD TATE, GREG KATZ, JEF MCALLISTER, JULIA CLARK

The American Election: whatever next?

Thursday 23 October, 5.30pm. Old Theatre

A review of where the election stands following the presidential and vice presidential debates, the state of the current polls in the battleground states, and the likelihood of one party winning the popular vote and the other the presidency in the electoral college. Bernard Tate is bureau chief of C Span. Greg Katz is bureau chief of Associated Press London. Jef McAllister is former bureau chief of *TIME Magazine*, Julia Clark is head of Political Unit at Ipsos MORI.

POLIS, Law Department, BBC College of Journalism

JONATHON KOTLER AND JOSHUA ROZENBURG

Trial by Media, or by Courts? Contempt and Publicity

Thursday 23 October, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

A debate on current issues in media law and practice regarding contempt.

Jonathon Kotler is a senior US lawyer and academic at the School for Communication, University of Southern California. Joshua Rozenburg is legal affairs editor of the *Daily Telegraph*.

Public discussion

Forum for European Philosophy, in collaboration with Standpoint magazine

PROFESSOR JOHN COTTINGHAM AND DAVID WILLETT'S MP

The Individual and Society: does the West have the balance right?

Wednesday 22 October, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Why is it so hard to agree the boundaries of personal freedom and collective responsibility? Is the west guilty of privileging the individual at the expense of society?

John Cottingham is professor of philosophy, Reading University. David Willetts is shadow secretary of state for innovation, universities and skills.

Wednesday 22 October, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

Catharine MacKinnon is Elizabeth A Long Professor of Law at the University of Michigan.

Ticketed. For details see: www.lse.ac.uk/events

Ralph Miliband Sustainability, Social Justice, and the Global Order

PROFESSOR LORD ANTHONY GIDDENS

The Politics of Climate Change

Wednesday 22 October, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Anthony Giddens is LSE professor emeritus of sociology and former School director.

International Humanitarian Law Project

DR NILS MELZER

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Clarification Process on the Notion of Direct Participation in Hostilities under IHL

Thursday 23 October, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Dr Nils Melzer is legal advisor to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Gurukul Chevening Programme

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE

The Last Mughal

Thursday 23 October, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
William Dalrymple is the author of *The White Mughals*, and *The Last Mughal: the eclipse of a dynasty*, Delhi 1857.

LSE Space for Thought series

PROFESSOR MANUEL CASTELLS

Internet Beyond Myths: the record of scholarly research

Friday 24 October, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
Manuel Castells is the Wallis Annenberg Chair Professor of Communication Technology and Society at the Annenberg School of Communication, University of Southern California, and research professor of information society at the Open University of Catalonia, Barcelona.

noticeboard

TLC staff meditation sessions

 Following a successful pilot programme last year, the Teaching and Learning Centre is organising a course in the fundamentals of meditation, aimed primarily at academic/research staff. Sessions will take place weekly on Tuesdays, 12.45-2pm, starting 21 October, and will run for seven weeks. A maximum of 20 people can be booked onto the programme. Please do consider the weekly commitment before signing up. For further details, and/or to register for the programme, email: tlc@lse.ac.uk

Lunchtime concert

 This week's lunchtime concert, on Thursday 23 October, 1.05pm, in the ShawLibrary, features Sarah Williamson (clarinet) and Sam Hayward (piano). The programme consists of Verdi *Themes on La Traviata*, Poulenc Sonata for Clarinet and Piano, Rachmaninoff *Vocalise*, and Weber Grand Duo Concertant. Winner of the 2002 BBC Young Musician Competition woodwind prize, Sarah Williamson is one of the UK's finest clarinetists who performs worldwide to great acclaim.

UCL course

Five-day workshops for staff and students in Documentary film-making are being held at the Anthropology Department, University College London, 14 Taviton Street. Courses cost £550 or £450 concessions. *Before you Go: introduction to documentary film-making*, 3-7 November 2008 or 16-20 February 2009, 9am-5pm. The course covers:

- research purposes
- ethical agendas
- writing a film proposal
- hands-on camera skills
- on-location shooting in London
- sound techniques
- making a team film

Before You Go: editing with final cut pro, 15-19 December, 9am-5pm. For information about applying, email Dr Alison Kahn at: a.kahn@ucl.ac.uk or see: www.oadf.co.uk/courses/ucl.html

Wogan's Perfect Recall

Channel 4's top quiz is returning. Do you have great general knowledge? Could you recall an answer if you'd heard it already? Would you like to win a big cash prize? If the answer to these questions is yes, then why not apply now for your chance to take part in Channel 4's brand new quiz call. Auditions will be held throughout October and November. Just call 020 7751 7371 or email: perfectrecall@RDFtelevision.com

Small ads

To rent: spacious flat, modern block, Highgate. Double bedroom, large living room, fully equipped kitchen and bathroom. Ground floor with balcony and bright, sunny aspect. Gas c/h. Internet access. Close to tube. 24-hr buses into London. Short let to 20 December. £175 p/w. Email: jeni@inthehub.demon.co.uk tel: 020 8444 9228/07836 759975.

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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:

Monday 27 October	
<i>PGCHE: planning your teaching year</i>	10am
Tuesday 28 October	
<i>Project 2003: managing resources</i>	10am
<i>Using a Range of Digital Media for Teaching</i>	12.15pm
<i>PGCHE: planning your teaching year</i>	2pm
Wednesday 29 October	
<i>Word 2003: referencing long documents</i>	10am
<i>Moodle: next steps training</i>	10am
<i>PGCHE: practice lecturing</i>	10am
Thursday 30 October	
<i>PowerPoint 2003: images, tables and charts</i>	10am
<i>Moodle: basics training</i>	10am

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

Academics abroad



Professor Peter Miller, head of Accounting and deputy director, CARR, delivered a presentation entitled *Figuring out Organizations* at the Nobel Symposium on Foundations of Organization, Saltsjobaden, Sweden, August 28-30. The power of computer chips doubles approximately every two years, with no increase in cost. This phenomenon, known as Moore's Law, drives the economy, setting the pace of change in the computer industry.

Professor Miller argued that social scientists need to pay greater attention to phenomena such as Moore's Law, and the associated information exchanges among firms and industries that go with it as: 'such calculative infrastructures underpin much of the modern economy, and researching them can add significantly to our understanding of the conditions that allow contemporary economic action and markets to operate.'

The symposium brought together leading anthropologists, economists, organisation theorists, political scientists, and sociologists who looked at such diverse issues as incentive theories and contracting, power and organisations, institutional emergence, community formation and social hierarchy.

A full list of papers and participants can be found at: www.hhs.se/Econ/Nobel/ns2008

Proessor Ian Angell, Information Systems, was one of the keynote speakers at Black Hat (the world's leading family of information security events and owned by TechWeb) which was held 2-7 August at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.

The event hosted over 4,000 digital security experts and brought together thought-leaders from around the world to dissect the latest security trends.

Speakers included: Rob Carter and Natha McFeters, Ernst & Young's Advanced Security Center; Arian Evans, WhiteHat Security, and Alex Stamos, iSEC Partners

Black Hat provides briefings and training to leading corporations and government agencies around the world. TechWeb, the global leader in business technology media, is an innovative business focused on serving the needs of technology decision-makers and marketers worldwide.

For more information, see: www.BlackHat.com

Highly commended for visiting fellow



Dr Ann Richardson, visiting fellow, Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU) at LSE, has been highly commended by the British Medical Association (BMA) for her latest book, *Life in a Hospice; reflections on caring for the dying* (Radcliffe Publishing).

Dr Richardson said: 'Although I embarked on this

Media awards

Four LSE students have been shortlisted for the Guardian's 2008 student media awards. The awards are given by the *Guardian* in association with *NME*. Those shortlisted are:

STUDENT CRITIC OF THE YEAR

Bernard Keenan
Daniel Yates

STUDENT TRAVEL WRITER OF THE YEAR

Will Joce
Stuart Powell

Individual category winners will be announced at an awards ceremony being held at Shoreditch Town Hall on 26 November s well as one overall winner who will receive a six-week work placement at the *Guardian*.

Staff pay

From 1 October, the School is implementing a five per cent pay award, an increase equivalent to the Retail Price Index for September. This pay award is the final stage of the three-year pay deal which runs up to July 2009 and applies to all salaried and hourly-paid staff paid on the School's single spine.

With changes such as the implementation of the Framework Agreement, the School has now increased average basic pay by 23.9 per cent since July 2006. This sits in the context of the key aim of the Framework Agreement: to develop a modern, transparent pay framework that delivers equal pay for work of equal value, and delivers a significantly improved platform for all future reward developments.

Some universities and colleges will find payment of this final stage difficult but LSE's solid financial position allows it to be paid in full and on time.

Library news

ARCHIVES AND RARE BOOKS SURVEY
For your chance to win £50 worth of book tokens or M&S vouchers, you are invited to complete the LSE Archive user survey which is now open at: www.survey.lse.ac.uk/archives

The survey should take no longer than ten minutes to complete and is vital in helping to plan developments.

Archives surveys are run every two years and the 2006 one has guided the development of our online Archive Catalogue and the extension of services for weekends and evenings.



book with a curiosity about what it was like to work daily with the dying, it is suffused with a sense of the enormous thoughtfulness given to the care of dying people.

'I was absolutely thrilled to be awarded this commendation by the BMA, as it serves as a recognition of this care and of the value of the qualitative approach taken in my book.'

Dr Richardson has a long association with the School, having been a General Course student in the early 1960s, studying for a PhD in the mid 1970s and subsequently working as a junior researcher.

Honorary Doctorate

Professor Sonia Livingstone, Media and Communications, is to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Erasmus University Rotterdam on 7 November. In addition to the formal ceremony, she will deliver an address entitled *Comparative and Transnational Approaches to the Field of Media and Communications: reflections from the project, EU Kids online*.



National negotiations are now turning to consideration of the pay settlement for August 2009 and beyond which will include a review of HE financial data. While the School is relatively well-positioned, it cannot expect to be entirely isolated from the adverse effects of current global financial crisis. In particular, LSE expects to face large increases in the cost of providing its occupational pension schemes following the fall in stock market values.

The School is committed to offering staff excellent pay, pensions and workplace benefits but clearly, in the interests of long-term stability, these must be sustainable and realistic.

Please direct any individual pay queries to: hr.pay.info@lse.ac.uk or call ext 6659. Detailed pay scales are available at: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/humanResources

Diary

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Tuesday 21 October

12.45-2pm. R405. CEP Labour Market workshop. Urban Sila: *Can Family Support Policies Help Explain Differences in Working Hours Across Countries?*
1pm. M101. CsGG research seminar. Kristian Ulrichsen: *From the Cold War to the War on Terror: Gulf security in a changing world.*

Wednesday 22 October

12.30-2pm. R405. CEP/LSE International Economics seminar. Dave Donaldson: *Railroads and the Raj: the economic impact of transportation infrastructure.*

Thursday 23 October

2-4pm. A607. Anthropology of East and Inner Asia Seminar. Timm Lau: *'We Are Looking for Good Sweaters, Not for Good People': trust and the other in the Tibetan itinerant sweater trade in India.*

Friday 24 October

10.30am-12.30pm. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Mike Rowlands and Stephan Feuchtwang: *Reintroducing Civilisation: human historical types.*
1-2.30pm. R405. Urban and Regional Economics seminar. Junjie Wu: *What Causes Spatial Variations in Economic Development in the United States?*

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