

LSE fourth in *Good University Guide*

Excellent research and outstanding career prospects for graduates helped propel the School to fourth place in The Times' Good University Guide 2009 published Thursday 19 June.

Research quality was judged to be second in the country (behind only Cambridge) and an assessment of graduate prospects put LSE in the top three.

The guide also measured universities on entry standards, student satisfaction, student-staff ratio, services and facilities spending, completion rates and the proportion of good honours.

Results in all categories were combined to provide an overall ranking – topped by Oxford. LSE's fourth place is the position it has held for the past five years.

The School is also highly rated in many individual subject areas – for example, it is judged best for social policy and second for accounting and finance, anthropology and economics.

The guide's rankings were also combined by the *Times Higher Education* magazine with recent surveys by the *Guardian* and Independent newspapers to produce a 'table of tables' in which LSE comes third overall.

Professor Janet Hartley (above), pro-director for Teaching and Learning, said: 'The excellence of our research has always been a particular strength at LSE and I'm pleased that this is recognised. Overall what matters is that we are consistently ranked as one of the country's top universities – which is the case in all surveys of this kind.'



Queen's Birthday Honours

LSE governor Bronwyn Curtis, BSc (Econ) Econometrics, received an OBE for her services to Business Economics.

Dr Katherine Rake, BSc (Econ) Economics and Government and former lecturer in Social Policy at LSE, was awarded the OBE for her services to equal opportunities.

Katherine is director of the Fawcett Society which promotes women's rights. The society is celebrating the 80th and 90th anniversaries of women winning the vote.

Other people with affiliations to the School received the following:

MBE

Blake, Susan Erica, BSc Sociology
Fry, Ena Margaret, DSS

Brian Anthony Roper, BSc (Econ) Accounting and Finance
Dudley Alexa Savill, DSS and DSA

DBE

Hilary Sharon Blume, Research Fee International History
Clara HF Furse, BSc (Econ)

OBE

Susannah Kate Fish, BSc (Econ) Government and History
Colin Michael Price, BSc (Econ) Economics
Lesley Chris Rimmer, Mphil/PhD Social Administration

Teaching winner

Professor Mike Redmayne has been awarded the Law Department's teaching prize for 2008.

The prize was awarded in recognition of Mike's consistently high scores in student surveys of teaching and his considerable contribution to teaching in the department at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels – as well as his exemplary performance in his role as chair of the LLB examiners in assuring the integrity and fairness in the assessment process.



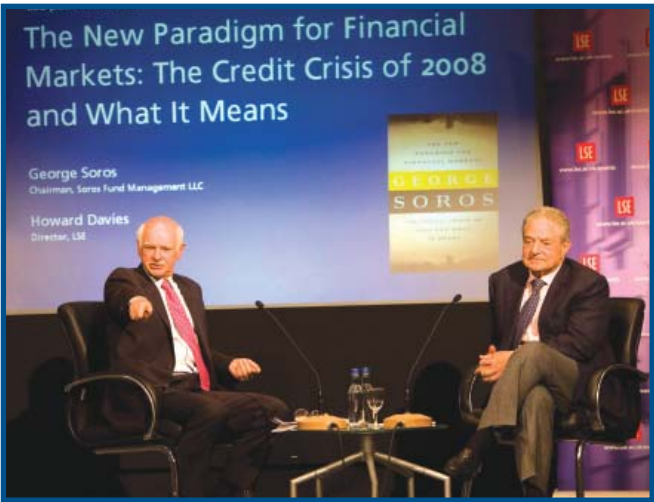
LSE people

Charlie Bean, chief economist at the Central Bank and former head of Economics at LSE, has been appointed deputy governor for monetary policy at the Bank of England.

Charlie became a lecturer at LSE in 1982 and was made professor of economics in 1990 when he also took on a visiting professorship at Stanford. He was made head of LSE's Economics Department in 1999.

Since 2000, he has been the Bank of England's chief economist and a member of the monetary policy committee.

Public lectures and events go live



L-r: Howard Davies and George Soros

LSE's first live webcast of a public event took place on Wednesday 21 May and was viewed by around 2,800 people.

George Soros and Howard Davies' discussion, *The New Paradigm for Financial Markets: the credit crisis of 2008 and what it means*, was delivered at the request of George Soros' communications team. The webcast was delivered via two websites simultaneously on the LSE website: www.lse.ac.uk/ and *The Washington Note*.

Given no previous benchmark for audience numbers – including LSE's community of staff, students and particularly alumni, in addition to the non-LSE audience – extra capacity was set up to cope with up to 10,000 simultaneous viewers, paid for by Mr Soros' communications team. Since the live webcast, more than 3,700 have viewed the recording which is available at: www.lse.ac.uk/LSElive and: www.GeorgeSoros.com

Web Services were asked to deliver the live webcast six working days before the event. Delivery was made possible through collaboration with the AV Unit. Web Services streamed the event via its external supplier's servers using a video feed usually connected to AV Unit/CLT's Apresio system. Stephen Emmott, head of Web Services, said: 'We've been waiting for this opportunity and the Soros event provided us with the mandate and funding to take LSE forward. We're increasingly outsourcing systems to external suppliers to provide improved services for the School, particularly rich media but also other areas, eg database-backed websites.'

Now established, Web Services are collaborating with the Conference and Events Office and AV to deliver live webcasts on a regular basis. The next live webcast, *The Post American World* by Fareed Zakaria, is scheduled for 30 June and regular live webcasts will begin in October with the start of the 2008/09 public lectures and events programme.

Media bites



'A bank rate increase now could have an impact on inflation expectations, precisely because it would be costly. It would push up unemployment and weaken economic activity, but this is a price worth paying. I would vote for a quarter of one per cent increase in bank rate at the next MPC meeting.'

Willem Buiter, *The Telegraph*, 2/6/08

'[Re food aid] we tend to deal with what is happening now, today, tomorrow or next week, and insufficient attention is given to more fundamental processes such as population growth, or the need to invest in agriculture research for people living in difficult environments.'

Timothy Dyson, *Associated Press*, 2/6/08

'Many politicians feel that academics are insufficiently in touch with the public concerns which are brought to bear on them, directly through their constituency surgeries or the mass media. And many academics seem to make the assumption that most politicians cynically take populist initiatives for the sake of the short-term electoral advantage, knowing they will have no long-term benefit in terms of reduced offending.'

Rod Morgan, *The Independent*, 4/6/08

'The economic growth that has occurred in Uganda since the mid 1980s, which has been quite impressive in African terms, has been almost entirely concentrated in the south. So there are clearly very serious issues to deal with at the national level to promote integration in the country as a whole.'

Tim Allen, *Voice of America*, 5/6/08

'Sometimes in politics too much attention is paid to structure and not enough to content.'

Charles Goodhart, *Bloomberg.com*, 5/6/08

'The end of the 'goldilocks' global economy has exposed the visible cracks around the world. Countries are resorting to beggar-thy-neighbour policies on food and fuel. In Asia we are seeing a noodle-bowl of restrictive arrangements. I think the WTO has become disconnected from the political reality of the 21st Century.'

Razeen Sally, *The Telegraph*, 6/6/08

Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

The French Embassy, French Institute and LSE European Institute, in association with the Franco-British Council, the Centre for European Reform, The Federal Trust and FT Business

MAURICE GOURDAULT-MONTAGNE

Challenges Facing the French EU Presidency

Tuesday 24 June, 1.15pm, Old Theatre

This lecture is the keynote speech of a one day conference entitled The EU Presidency: over to France.

Maurice Gourdault-Montagne is ambassador of France to the United Kingdom.

LSE public lecture in association with the International Institute for Strategic Studies

FAREED ZAKARIA

The Post American World

Monday 30 June, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Global power is shifting, and wealth and power are bubbling up in unexpected places. Fareed Zakaria considers not so much the decline of America, but the impact of the rise of 'the rest'. This transition of power will re-define America's role as the arbiter of the world's political, economic and cultural issues and force it to accommodate new heavyweights.

Zakaria offers an illuminating view of our increasingly complicated future, the

growing influence of rapidly developing nations, and how these forces of great change will continue to play out on the world stage.

This event marks the launch of Fareed Zakaria's new book, *The Post American World* (Allen Lane). Zakaria became editor of Newsweek International in October 2000, overseeing all Newsweek's editions abroad. The magazine reaches an audience of 24 million worldwide. He also writes a regular column for Newsweek, which appears in Newsweek International and fortnightly in the Washington Post. Starting this year, he will host a new foreign affairs show on CNN Worldwide.

Zakaria was the managing editor of Foreign Affairs, the widely-circulated journal of international politics and economics. He is the author of several books, including *The Future of Freedom* – a New York Times bestseller which has been translated into 20 languages. He has won several awards for his columns and cover-essays, in particular for his October 2001 Newsweek cover story, *Why They Hate Us*. In 1999, he was named as one of the 21 most important people of the 21st Century by Esquire magazine and one of the 100 leading public intellectuals in the world by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazines in 2007.

Zakaria has received many honorary degrees. He serves on the board of Yale University, The Council on Foreign Relations, The Trilateral Commission, and Shakespeare and Company. He received a BA from Yale and a PhD in political science from Harvard.

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Africa Business Forum 2008

The Africa Business Forum 2008, *Accelerating Growth: partnerships for reaching the Millennium Development Goals in Africa*, will be held 3-4 July at 1 Whitehall Place, London, prior to the G8 Summit which is being held in Japan. The event, supported by Media Partner, will be chaired by Paul Skinner, chairman of Rio Tinto and the Commonwealth Business Council.



This annual event, convened by CBC and Business Action for Africa (BAA), enables business and government leaders to jointly assess progress in promoting growth and development in Africa, and take steps to meet emerging challenges.

Despite strong growth in many African economies, the continent is still lagging far behind reaching the targets set with the international community to meet health, education and other key development indicators.

The CBC is also hosting the inaugural CBC-African Business Awards Gala Dinner at Grosvenor House on Thursday 3 July. This event is designed to celebrate the great strides that the Continent has made in the world of business. It is also an opportunity to contribute to the acceleration of the rapidly transforming business landscape in Africa by celebrating entrepreneurial excellence, promoting world-class best practices in business. The unique event will also aim to create global visibility for African brands. We believe that the African business sector plays a crucial role in the realization of the African century.

For further details, email Daniela Severino at: daniela.severino@cbcglobal.org

SOAS lecture

Wednesday 25 June, 5.30-7pm, Khalili Lecture Theatre SOAS Russell Square. Jack Blum: Credit Crunch and the Mortgage Industry: a long and sordid history.

This lecture asks: 'How many times must the fraud repeat before governments act?'

Jack Blum uncovered the BCCI scandal and, in the 1960s, he brought down seven governments in the Lockheed fighter jet scandal. An expert on money laundering and global tax fraud, his former positions include: special counsel to the US Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee and consultant to the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations.

No registration needed but please email your intent to attend to: kh22@soas.ac.uk.

Small ads

To rent: three bed furnished 4th floor flat (with lift) in Paris. 15 mins by metro from Bastille. Bright, spacious, fully equipped, suit family with children. Conveniently located in Charenton-le-pont (Metro Charenton-écoles), near shops, school and park. Available August 2008-end July 2009. 2,500p/m (housing tax included). Contact Véronique. Tel: +33 (0)6 75 25 24 58 or email: veronique.bolhuis@hotmail.fr

To rent: delightful s/c, fully equipped one bedroom flat in Georgian Square, adjacent to the Imperial War Museum. Just over one mile from LSE. Suitable for couple or single person. £260 p/w plus utilities. Tel: 020 7735 3116, email: jbourlet@hotmail.co.uk

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:

Monday 23 June <i>Access 2003: working with relationships</i>	10am
Tuesday 24 June <i>Staff Training Workshop</i>	10am
Wednesday 25 June <i>Moodle Training (staff)</i>	10am
Thursday 26 June <i>PowerPoint 2003: creating a presentation</i>	10am
Friday 27 June <i>Word 2003: essential table techniques</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

HE Volunteering Awards

Entries for the Higher Education Volunteering Awards are now being accepted. The deadline for receipt of entries is midnight on 21 October. The Awards are funded by the Higher Education Academy and are developed and delivered by CRAC: The Career Development Organisation.

Over the past five years, the volunteering awards have highlighted the work of students and staff in their local community and thousands have been nominated for their commitment to their projects. The 2008 Awards will continue to reward and give national recognition to exemplary volunteering projects such as environmental projects, working with people with Aspergers Syndrome, reading weeks and tutoring refugees and asylum seekers.

In 2007, over 200 finalists and guests attended the prestigious Awards Lunch at Wembley Stadium. The day included keynote speeches from Paul Ramsden,

chief executive of the Higher Education Academy, and past winner, Ben Spier.

It is hoped that even more nominations will be encouraged this year from institutions engaging with and reinforcing links with their local communities.

Winning student and staff entries receive up to £300 in vouchers, and winning Project and Volunteering Team entries receive a bespoke trophy. All entry forms and guidance notes are available at: www.heva.org.uk/2008



Joint Population-LSE Health seminar

Dr Anil Kumar will present a seminar on *Migration/ Mobility and Vulnerability to HIV among Male Migrants in an Indian State: evidence from a collaborative research* on Thursday 3 July, 12.30-1.45pm, in room E168.

Dr Kumar is currently visiting LSE from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India, on a TISS-LSE fellowship. He received his MSc in Demography from the University of Kerala and his PhD in Population Studies from the International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, India. Prior to joining the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), he was a research officer at the Human Reproduction Research Centre (HRRC) of the Indian Council of Medical



Research at the Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for four years. Currently, he is a reader in the Unit for Child and Youth Research at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

As part of the research team at the HRRC, Dr Kumar was involved in the evaluation of the quality of services at the Primary Health Centre (PHC) level; the clinical trial of Norplant R; the Intervention study to improve the quality of services at the PHC, and in the project aimed at improving the utilisation of IUDs and oral pills through training and counselling.

During his tenure at the TISS, apart from teaching at the post graduate level, he has associated with many socially relevant research projects on declining sex ratio; health situation of youth; health status of adolescents; assessment of rescue, relief and rehabilitation work related to the Maharashtra earthquake; sexuality of female sex workers and their clients; and sex ratio at birth: trends, differentials and implications. He is also the facilitator of the Working Group on Sexuality in India, formed at the TISS, which aims to enhance research and documentation in this area and to bring together researchers from various disciplines and concerns.

He has published articles on demography and youth health in various national and international journals.

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 24 June
5pm. B813. LSE Methodology Institute/National Centre for Social Research joint seminar. Torun Dewan: *The Impact of Individual and Collective Performance on Ministerial Tenure*.

Wednesday 25 June
12.30pm. U101. DESTIN Research Seminar. Ida Lonnqvist: *Street Families in Nairobi*.

Thursday 26 June
6-8pm. A607. Anthropology of East and Inner Asia seminar. Chang Xiangqun: *A Case Study on Family Division in Rural China: how family networks are divided together with other properties*.

Friday 27 June
10.30am-12.30pm. A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Nicholas Martin: *Class Formation and the Political Economy of Bonded Labour in the Pakistani Punjab*.

Library news

ARCHIVES DISPLAY IN THE FOYER

Until 30 June, a display in the Foyer highlights a project to open archives relating to the history of the Liberal Party.

The project has opened up over 600 boxes of previously unseen material which covers a wide range of topics. These include political campaigning and parliamentary politics, the development of the welfare state and the Lib/Lab pact.

The eighteen month project, which was sponsored by the Richard Scurragh Wainwright Trust and a private donor, endeavours to widen access to a wealth of previously unseen social and political heritage.

For more information contact Archives staff. To find out about other political archives at LSE, see: www.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/gutoho/government_and_politics.htm

ACADEMIC STAFF COMPETITION: WIN A NINTENDO WII!

The Library are calling on all academic staff to take part in a one minute poll to give your views on the Library's support for your research and teaching.

All participants are invited to enter a prize draw to win a Nintendo Wii. To take part, see: www.survey.lse.ac.uk/ac08 before Friday 4 July.



New design T-shirt

During the Easter vacation, the SU shop invited students to design a T-shirt for LSE. There were two winners, Tom Chan, a first year BSc (Econ) student, and Vipul Khosla, who has been doing a one year MSc in Media and Communications.



The winners were chosen by Professor Danny Quah; Kate Slay, SU Shop manager; SU general manager Gethin Roberts; and Libby Meyer, SU treasurer.

Tom's T-shirt, which has been printed on an Earth Positive shirt, is now on sale in the SU Shop. Vipul's will be on sale in the Lent term.

Helping Hands

Youth Voice have launched a competition for young, passionate campaigners to develop a campaign around one of the topics to be discussed at the G8 in July.

The winner(s) will get the chance to spend up to one week at the UNICEF UK headquarters in London, working with the youth team, this year's J8 team, as well as designers and developers to make their campaign a reality.

Topics for the G8 are: the global economy; climate change and the environment; poverty and development; infectious diseases.

Competitors' campaign must include:

- campaign name
- campaign messages and tagline
- an action
- design a poster or leaflet
- online marketing strategy

Applicants must be under 25 to enter. The closing date for the competition is midnight on Sun 27 July. Please note: if you wish to enter you MUST be available the week beginning Monday 18 August to come into the UNICEF office and work on the campaign.

For details on how to enter, see: www.unicef.org.uk/youthvoice/news_item.asp?id=150

