



News & views

LSE wins national recycling award

The School has been recognised for its leadership and effectiveness in waste minimisation in the National Recycling Awards 2008.

LSE, the only higher education institution to be shortlisted for the awards, was commended by the judging panel of industry experts, who said: '... it's something nobody else had done and the transferability of it is impressive... it's a very clever project.'

The LSE project, called Sustainability in Universities – Moving Towards Zero-Waste, was funded by HEFCE's Leadership, Governance and Management Fund.

LSE worked with seven partners to form regional reuse networks, training and volunteer networks at Durham, Newcastle, Exeter, Royal Holloway, Worcester, Birmingham and Central Lancashire universities.

Victoria Hands (second from right), environmental manager at LSE and project founder said: 'The project results speak for themselves. We diverted 85 tonnes of items from landfill into reuse, saving approximately 650 tonnes of CO2 emissions. The project makes sense to all concerned and provides mutual benefits to students, staff, reuse organisations and local authorities alike.

'The success of the project is very much due to the efforts and enthusiasm of the project partners who now intend to provide a mentoring service so that all UK Universities can adopt similarly



responsible practices and contribute to sustainable development in their local communities.'

The team were presented with the award in a ceremony held in Telford on Wednesday 12 November.

An online guide to the zero waste activities will be available in February next year. Full details of the project can be seen at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/reuse_hefce_project.htm

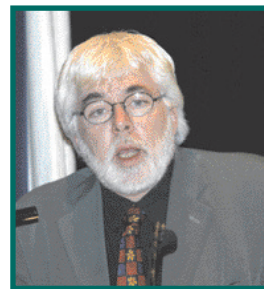
International community must change course

Professor James Putzel (right), director of the Crisis States Research Centre (CSRC), recently returned from the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where the CSRC is carrying out long-term research.

Responding to the current crisis in the region, Professor Putzel said that, if the international community is to avoid prolonging the crisis, it must change course in the DRC. So far international action has failed.

To avoid an escalation of the crisis, and eventually achieve the disbandment of all armed groups, the international community needs to press for the final disarming of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), the protection of the Tutsi community and all other ethnic groups in the Kivus, and the reorganisation of the national army of the DRC.

To read Professor Putzel's response in full, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/pressAndInformationOffice/newsAndEvents/archives/2008/JamesPutzelCongo.htm



Research at LSE

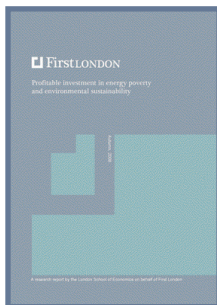
Portfolio Investment, Energy Poverty, and Environmental Sustainability by Christopher Wright, Grantham Institute for Climate Change, commissioned by First London.

Energy is a major factor in the growth of developing economies, as it allows them to thrive with all the commensurate benefits to consumers, businesses and investors alike.

OPEC's Third Summit, held last year in Riyadh, identified energy poverty, or 'the lack of energy or affordable energy', as a barrier to global economic growth and a source of opportunity cost.

This report surveys investment opportunities in three issue areas: energy and poverty reduction; energy and economic productivity; and energy and environmental sustainability, and shows how investors have identified profitable investments while 'doing good'. It finds that investments in sustainable energy in the context of creating economic growth allows investors, sustainable technology providers and those who suffer from the impact of energy poverty to meet and share in the positive, real, and financial benefits that reducing energy poverty implies.

The motivation for this work was to bring attention to financial opportunities that energy poverty can present to investors. Drawing on this research, First London is applying for a structural grant from the OPEC Fund for International Development, which is open to OPEC member states, institutions and sophisticated investors alike. The investment will be made through an Energy Technology Fund. For details of the fund and to download a copy of the report (click news), go to: www.firstlondonsecurities.com



London's Place in the UK Economy 2008-09, Ian Gordon, Tony Travers and Christine Whitehead

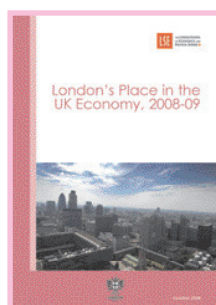
This report found that, while London faces substantial job losses over several years, in the longer term it has the underlying strength to recover from the effects of the world's economic crisis.

The new London economy, shaped in the 1980s, is highly productive across a very wide range of service activities – not simply finance – but is especially prone to wide boom-bust cycles and is associated with high levels of economic inequality.

In the immediate future, restructuring and retrenchment in financial services are generally expected to involve substantial job losses in central London. Beyond these, past performance indicates that London job losses in other sectors are likely to be much deeper than in other regions, continuing over several years. One consequence will be rising unemployment, concentrated among groups living in inner/eastern parts of London where rates of worklessness are already among the highest in the country.

A major long-run problem for the London economy is its inability to generate an independent source of revenue for the infrastructure required to sustain its potential, and key contribution to UK economy.

A copy of the report can be downloaded at: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/LG_NL_Services/Business/Business_support_and_advice/Economic_information_and_analysis/Research_publications



Media bites



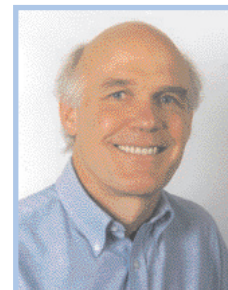
'Obama for a while could be more popular in Europe than McDonalds. The fear, however, is that once we've digested the impact of a new style president, we might still feel a little empty. Obama needs to have the confidence to act according to his true instincts and make a real difference.'

Kevin Featherstone (left), *Kathimerini*, 1/11/08



'There's good empirical evidence on the relations between rising levels of inequality and the instability of democracies, the instability of property rights, higher crime and political unrest and lower quality public service.'

Professor Robert Wade (right), *The Daily Star*, 10/11/08



'Skill, experience, and reflective supervision are the key elements needed for good [social work] practice. The government's efforts to improve child protection have been misdirected and [baby P's] death shows the consequences.'

Eileen Munro (left), *Care Appointments*, 13/11/08

'Storytelling is one of humanity's oldest methods of possessing information and representing reality. The stories, poems and plays we categorize as literary fiction were once accepted in much the same way that scientific discourse is received as authoritative today.'

David Lewis (right), *UTNE.com*, 19/11/08



Public Lecture

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

Law Department: Officers of the Law

LORD MACKAY OF CLASHFERN, KT, PC IN CONVERSATION WITH ROSS CRANSTON, QC

Tuesday 25 November, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre
Ross Cranston is justice of the High Court and visiting professor of law at LSE. Lord Mackay was formerly lord advocate of Scotland (1979-1984) and lord chancellor (1987-1997).

Gilder Lehrman: American History

PROFESSOR ALLEN GUELZO

Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: law and liberty in the time of war

Tuesday 25 November, 6.30-8pm, Wolfson Theatre
Allen Guelzo is Henry R Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and professor of history, Gettysburg College.

School public lecture

PROFESSOR ROBERT SHILLER

The Subprime Crisis

Wednesday 26 November, 4-5.30pm, Old Theatre

Robert Shiller is Arthur M Okun Professor of Economics at Yale. He is author of *The Subprime Solution: how the current global financial crisis happened and what to do about it*.

European Institute; Sciences Po, Paris, French Embassy; Franco-British Europe Dialogue

PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN LEQUESNE

Can France Seduce the New European Union?

Wednesday 26 November, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Christian Lequesne is at CERi – Sciences Po.

LSE IDEAS

ANTONIO MARIA COSTA

Are We Winning the War on Drugs?

Thursday 27 November, 5-6pm, Old Theatre

Antonio Costa is the executive director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and director-general of the UN Office in Vienna.

LSE Arts Revolution Time

MALU HALASA

Transit Tehran: young Iran and its inspirations

Thursday 27 November, 7pm, Shaw Library

Malu Halasa is an editor and writer. She is co-editor of *Transit Tehran: young Iran and its inspirations*.

Ralph Miliband Sustainability, Social Justice, and the Global Order

DR IAN GOLDIN

21st Century Challenges: the management of climate change and the movement to a new low carbon economy

Monday 1 December, 6.30-8pm, Sheik Zayed Theatre
Ian Goldin is director of the James Martin 21st Century School, Oxford University. Prior to this he served as vice president of the World Bank (2003-06).

Debates

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European Institute, European Commission and FT Business

PROFESSOR IAIN BEGG AND ROLAND RUDD

What's Wrong with the EU Budget?

Thursday 27 November, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre



With the formal review of the EU budget under way, a panel of policymakers, experts and other stakeholders ask: what should the EU be spending taxpayers' money on? And what are the prospects for a radical overhaul?

Iain Begg (left) is professorial research fellow in the European Institute, LSE. Roland Rudd is chairman of Business for a New Europe.

noticeboard

Staff briefings

Adrian Hall's meeting with senior staff will take place on 27 November, 2-3pm, in room NAB 1.04 in the New Academic Building. Please note that you will need your LSE ID card to access the NAB. The termly staff briefings for all support staff will take place on Monday 1 December, 11am-12pm and on Tuesday 2 December, 2-3pm. Both briefings will take place in the Shaw Library. Please feel free to come to all or some of either briefing, depending on your availability. If you have any questions, please contact Alison Johns, email: a.johns@lse.ac.uk

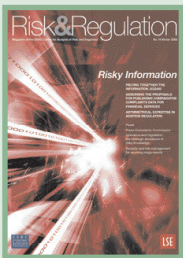
Lunchtime concert

On Thursday 27 November, 1.05pm, in the Shaw Library, Nigel Rogers (piano) will perform Bach, French Suite No 5 and Schubert, Piano Sonata in B flat D960. Nigel (right), who is the manager for the Centre for Economic Performance, was a finalist in the Yamaha and Classic FM Outstanding Amateurs Competition. His recordings include the late Beethoven Sonatas and Goldberg Variations. Nigel organises LSE Music.



Risk&Regulation

The latest issue of CARR's *Risk&Regulation* explores the complex relation between information and risks. A variety of regulatory information is considered: complaints to the Press Complaints Commission and financial regulators; intelligence and its use in the organisation and mitigation of security risks at the Olympics; the knowledge of experts and the public by the Office of Fair Trading; and self-reporting systems in the aviation and pharmaceutical industries. It cannot be assumed that these sources are always accurate and reliable, yet they frame and influence regulatory decisions in particular, and often unexpected, ways. For a downloadable copy, see: www.lse.ac.uk/resources/riskAndRegulationMagazine



SDU training

Listening, Questioning and Referring Wisely: helping skills for administrators Wednesday 3 December, 10am-1pm In the course of a day's work, many staff are asked to support students and/or colleagues, sometimes hearing challenging or distressing stories that may pressurise, and occasionally generate feelings of being overwhelmed or dumped upon. This course aims to focus on:

- deriving clear information through careful questioning
- understanding what is being said through active listening
- recognising the limits of your role and making safe interventions through clear referral.

To book a place on this course, email Sara Talbi, at: s.talbi@lse.ac.uk

Small ads

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.£260 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

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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:

Tuesday 25 November <i>Staff IT Training Workshop</i>	10am	For training in: European information , please email Maria Bell at: m.bell@lse.ac.uk
Wednesday 26 November <i>Word 2003: mail merge</i>	1am	Business information , please email Barbara Humphries at: b.humphries@lse.ac.uk
Friday 28 November <i>FrontPage 2003: managing your website</i>	10am	US Government publications , please email Clive Wilson at: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk
For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/training		UK Government publications , please email Ken Gibbons at: k.gibbons@lse.ac.uk

Survey on the School

The School has signed up to take part in a new higher education sector survey project aimed at finding out more about factors underpinning staff motivation in higher education. The overall project, *Higher Education Career Barometer*, is being co-ordinated by the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education, and involves 28 organisations from different parts of the sector. The hope is that as many staff colleagues as possible will complete a short questionnaire, asking questions about what attracted you to the School, what keeps you here and what might motivate you to move on. The questionnaire will be administered in online form for the vast majority of staff who will receive a personal email from the organisers. It should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete the survey and there is an opportunity to be entered into a £250 prize draw. Responses will be collated by independent benchmarking company i-graduate, and all information given will be totally confidential. Participating organisations will only be provided with results in an anonymous format and an overall report on the aggregated findings across the whole survey group will be published by the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education. The survey goes live at noon on Wednesday 26 November and will run until Monday 15 December. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Chris Connelley, head of Staff Development, ext 6256 or email: c.connelley@lse.ac.uk



Courses

Handling Complaints on PHD Programmes (LSE staff only)
Wednesday 26 November, 1-2pm, G108
By Simeon Underwood and Kevin Haynes
This one-hour briefing with cover:

- likely issues on which students raise complaints or make appeals
- how to handle complaints and appeals swiftly and effectively
- who to turn to for advice

How to handle the 'paper trail': introduction to Learning Technologies, VLE (teachers/LSE staff only)
Thursday 27 November, 12.15-.45pm, U210
By Centre for Learning Technology
The session will cover:

- how to use learning technologies in teaching
- use of a virtual learning environment (VLE), Moodle
- an opportunity to see ways in which others have used VLE

To book a place on either or both of the above courses, please email: tlc@lse.ac.uk

IBSS information

The International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS) is now accessible via Cross Searcher at: www.lse.ac.uk/library/elelib.htm

Cross Searcher enables users to select from a list of the most widely used online databases at LSE and to search these simultaneously. Databases can be selected either by subject group or by database name. The following user guide leaflets are available to assist IBSS users:

- *IBSS quick tips for EBSCOhost interface*
- *Using IBSS For Your Dissertation: a guide for final year undergraduate and taught postgraduate students.*

These and other leaflets are available to download from the IBSS website at: www.ibss.ac.uk To request printed copies, email: j.l.ferguson@lse.ac.uk



Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 25 November
1-2.30pm. H615. CARR seminar. Michael Bloor: *Problems of Governance of a Globalised Industry: the case of the enforcement of international regulations on seafarers' health & safety, welfare and training.*
6-7.30pm. A607. Anthropology of Africa seminar. Robert McKenzie: *The Disease of Travelling: African migration to Cairo and beyond.*

Wednesday 26 November
4-6pm. A607. Culture and Cognition seminar. Fulvia Castelli: *A Multilayered View of Theory of Mind.*
4.30-6pm. R505. Social Exclusion seminar. Tania Burchardt: *Time Poverty and Income Poverty.*
5.30-7pm. T206. Choice Group seminar. : Anna Rubinchik and Jean-François Mertens: *Intergenerational Equity and the Discount Rate for Cost-benefit Analysis.*
6pm. J116. Cañada Blanch seminar. Andy Durgan:

Catalan Labour Wars, 1931-1937: the making of the 1937 'May Days'.

Friday 28 November
10.30am-12.30pm. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Hans Steinmuller: *State Formation and Local Sociality in central China: from involution to intimacy.*
1-2.30pm. R405. Urban and Regional Economics seminar. Ian Gordon: *Geography of Vacancies, Demand Pressure and Structural Unemployment In England.*
4pm. Hong Kong Theatre. DESTIN Friday visiting speaker seminar. Costas Lapavistas: *Implications of the Current Financial Crisis for Developing Countries.*
Monday 1 December
5.30pm. H615. BHU seminar. Richard Coopey: *'You Say You Want A Revolution': the British popular music industry 1950-75.*

Library news

information skills training
The Library offers a range of classes to help you to use the wealth of electronic information sources available. The Michaelmas term schedule includes:

- citing and referencing
- EndNote
- finding journal articles
- Google and beyond

For more information or to book a place go to: www.lse.ac.uk/library/inskr/infoskillstraining.htm



Academics abroad



On 25 September, as part of the International Centre for Economics and Social Sciences (CIEES) seminar series, economics Professor Danny Quah spoke to over 40 senior business executives, academics and central government policy advisors on *Global Growth, Competitiveness and Emerging Markets*. Dr Irene Mia, senior economist and Ciara Browne, senior advisor, of the World Economic Forum also spoke about their research on competitiveness. Combining the latest research output and



competitiveness data, Professor Quah discussed Spain's position in the global economy and presented various scenarios of global growth, with a special focus on East Asia. He later delivered a second talk entitled *Is the Global Economy out of Control?* especially for LSE Alumni in Madrid. CIEES was founded by Caja Madrid, insurance company MAPFRE, Enterprise LSE, and the local government of Majadahonda in Madrid. On 26 September, Professor Quah led the debate on a similar theme in Segovia as part of the LSE/Hay Festival Reading the Future lecture series.

Bridget Hutter, CARR, has been invited to give a keynote lecture on *Visualisations of Risk and Governance* at the *International Symposium on Risk and Social Policy in Changing Asian Societies* being held 4-5 December. The event has been co-organised by the Department of Applied Social Studies, City University of Hong Kong, the Graduate School of International Development and Co-operation, Kibi International University, Japan, and the Social Policy Research Centre, National Taiwan University. On 7-8 December, Professor Hutter will be giving lectures for alumni in Beijing and Shanghai and on 9 December, she will deliver a lecture to Chevening scholars at the British Embassy in Beijing.

Public consultation

Want to let us know your views on the current waste management services on campus?
The School's waste collection contract is due for renewal in May and we want your input for the new system. Consultations are being held on Wednesday 26 November and Thursday 4 December, 12.15-1.45pm in NAB 2.14 – and we're giving away a free lunch as well.
Space is limited so reserve your place before Tuesday 25 November. Just email Chantal at: c.beaudoin@lse.ac.uk or call ext 3746.