

## Leaders of the future

Amina Adewusi (right), second year undergraduate in the Social Policy Department and LSESU anti racism officer, and Peter Barton (below left), 2nd year International Relations student, president of the Grimshaw International Relations Society and vice president of the Debate society at LSE, have been awarded the title of Goldman Sachs Global Leader. The awards are given by the Institute of International Education and The Goldman Sachs Foundation.



alarming inequalities in educational achievement in the UK and I have made this my life-project.'

Peter said: 'As an undergraduate student it is a great honour to be called a Global Leader. For me, it offers a great opportunity to meet with current and potential future leaders in a wide range of fields from all over the world. This will help me build an international network of people committed to solving the global problems that we are increasingly facing yet to which we lack national solutions. This will hopefully help to turn these lofty ideals into a feasible reality within our lifetime.'

Amina and Peter recently attended an event which included leadership training, an award ceremony with the Managing director of Goldman Sachs' economic research dept, and the selection interview. This took the form of a simulated negotiation between global players on climate change. Thirty-two students attended, 16 of whom will attend New York.

If selected to attend the Global Leadership Institute, Amina and Peter will participate in leadership training and seminars on international issues. They will consult with renowned leaders in the public, civic, and private sectors and build ties based on shared experiences and common goals.

The Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program identifies exceptional, second year students and provides them with training that will enhance their leadership abilities. These young leaders will have access to a unique international network through which they can share ideas, learn from established leaders, work collaboratively and address global challenges. By exposing participants to the complex issues and opportunities arising from an increasingly interdependent global economy, the programme aims to expand perspectives and enhance skills critical for leadership in a changing world.



Each year, 150 students are selected from nearly 100 top universities and colleges in 19 countries. Amina and Peter are two of eight students selected from LSE, Imperial and Oxbridge to represent the UK. Each student is awarded US\$3,000 and the chance to receive an all expenses paid trip to represent the group at the Global Leadership Institute in New York in July 2008.

Amina said: 'As I approach the end of my second year at LSE, this award acts as a good milestone to reflect upon my past achievements and to make new goals for the future. In an increasingly globalised world

with widening inequalities I hope to contribute to the the fight against poverty and work for increased international understanding. I would like to decrease the

## New Research Centre

The School is hosting a new research centre which studies spatial differences in economic prosperity.

The Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC) is led by staff from LSE's Department of Geography and Environment and brings together leading researchers in the field from across the country, including those from the universities of Glasgow, Newcastle, Oxford, Strathclyde and Swansea.

The Centre is funded by a grant of £2.4 million over an initial three years by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR), the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the Welsh Assembly Government.

SERC supports high quality independent research to further understand why some regions, cities and communities prosper while other don't. The focus is on why there are disparities in economic prosperity at all spatial levels including regional, city-region, local and neighbourhood.

The research has five main strands:

- painting a detailed picture of the scale and nature of UK spatial disparities
- identifying the economic drivers of spatial differences
- assessing the role of land and housing markets

- increasing our understanding of the overall structure and evolution of the spatial economy



- understanding the role that government plays in shaping these inequalities and considering the most appropriate means to tackle them.

Additionally, the Centre aims to influence and improve policy decision-making at the national and local levels, connecting UK policy makers with international expertise, research and good practice in diagnosing and tackling such differences.

Dr Henry Overman, Geography and Environment and director of the new centre, said: 'We aim to be a centre of excellence for independent, high quality, innovative, strategic research, enhancing the evidence base to inform why some areas of the UK outperform others, as well as a hub for engaging national and international stakeholders, for capacity development and knowledge exchange.'

The Spatial Economics Research Centre completes a trio of successes for the Department of Geography and Environment, whose members also play a key role in the recently awarded ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy and in the newly established Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.

## liP success as Sylvia says 'Yes'

Staff from all corners of LSE have helped the School's Central Administration achieve re-recognition of Investors in People (liP) status.

The re-recognition, given only to workplaces which can prove their staff are valued, supported and helped to develop, was announced on Tuesday 20 May by liP assessor Sylvia Zachariah after a three-day visit which included a series of interviews with LSE employees.



And as she revealed the result, she had special praise for staff who demonstrated how their jobs are a vital part of LSE's overall success. She said: 'I was amazed by the sense of ownership, particularly among departments like catering, maintenance, porters and security who showed a great sense of engagement and clear definition of what their role is.

'People have always felt very proud of their contribution – to be part of what LSE stands for. However, this time I found it was accompanied by far greater understanding of the benefits which the Strategic Development Plans have brought.' She said they demonstrated a clearer approach than

before to service planning and standards.

She continued: 'Investors in People is to help staff work in a better environment and feel more appreciated. My congratulations on the improvement you have

made – it's substantial.'

She found that staff were more engaged, that people generally felt they had equal access to opportunities for development – work on which was outstanding – and that managers were clear about what they need to do to help create a better workplace.

Most staff felt trusted and that they had the autonomy to do their jobs effectively. Communication was good across the team and senior managers were working hard to be visible and accessible.

The award gives liP accreditation for a further three years. However Sylvia also stressed that there is still room for improvement. She identified better management of under-performing staff as a priority and suggested that some managers need to make more time to get their hands dirty.

She also felt that secondments and job swaps between different teams were an initiative already underway which could be more widely adopted.

Adrian Hall (pictured left), secretary and director of administration, said: 'Congratulations to all of you on helping to achieve this award. It recognises how far we have all come in recent years. While there is still room for further improvement, we have built an excellent basis. There is still much to do for the improvements in quality and the clearer objectives which lie ahead. The necessary culture change has begun, as this success shows. We should all be proud of this acknowledgment and the contribution we make to keeping LSE at the forefront of universities.'

The award follows the success of the Academic Registrar's Division and IT Services, both of which have also been re-recognised.

## Wise at 90

Professor Michael Wise (pictured below), CBE, MC was professor of geography from 1958 to 1983 and pro-director from 1983 to 1985.



To mark his 90th Birthday this summer, the Department of Geography and Environment are hosting a celebration on Friday 26 September. The event will take the form of a free reception in the Senior Common Room at 5.30pm and this will be followed by an optional dinner in the Staff Dining Room. The dinner costs £45 (to include wine and coffee) and will start at 7.30pm. The main speaker will be Professor Ron Johnston FBA of Bristol University and the dress code is smart.

All members of the School who have fond memories of working with Michael during the 60s, 70s and 80s are very welcome to attend. Anyone wishing to come to either or both events should write to Jane Pugh, U1006 Tower 1, or email her at: j.pugh@lse.ac.uk, to book places before 30 June. Please mark your communication Wise@90.

## Public Lectures

*free and unticketed unless otherwise stated*

### Forum for European Philosophy, Secularity and Value annual lecture series

PROFESSOR MONA SIDDIQUI

#### *Does Faith Matter for Human Morality?*

Tuesday 27 May, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

The global revival of religion has raised fundamental questions about its role in politics and its claim that it serves as a principle of identity, indispensable to the continuing survival of communities. This series brings together leading thinkers and scholars to encourage discussion and debate on this crucial theme.

Mona Siddiqui is professor of Islamic studies and public understanding, and director, Centre for the Study of Islam, University of Glasgow.

### Ralph Miliband Programme: Religion, Secularism and Modernity lecture

PROFESSOR VEIT BADER

#### *What is Wrong with Secularism of all Sorts?*

#### *Priority for Democracy*

Thursday 29 May, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

The lecture presents a contextualised criticism of first and second order myths of secularisms and of the conflation of liberal-democratic institutions with secular ones. The speaker argues for the priority of liberal democracy.

Veit Bader holds chairs in sociology and in social and political philosophy at the Universiteit van Amsterdam.

### LSE Art

AMIT CHAUDHURI, PETER D MCDONALD

#### *Clearing a Space: reflections on India, literature*

Thursday 29 May, 7pm, Shaw Library

Amit Chaudhuri in conversation with Peter D McDonald, will discuss literature, culture and music, as well as his angular relationship to post coloniality and the tradition of Indian writing in English after Rushdie.

Amit Chaudhuri is a novelist, and his book of essays, *Clearing a Space*, will be published in June 2008. Peter D McDonald is fellow and university lecturer at St Hugh's College, Oxford.



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## Video streaming

The Information Systems and Innovations Group (ISIG) are again streaming their videos on the ISIG website. Videos include workshops given by Albert Borgmann, Robin Williams, Jannis Kallinikos and Neil Selwyn. To view the videos, go to: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/informationSystems/newsAndEvents/videoArchive.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/informationSystems/newsAndEvents/videoArchive.htm)

## IDEAS book launch lecture

On Wednesday 28 May, 6.30pm, in B212, Professors Frederic Bozo, Marie-Pierre Rey, both from the Sorbonne), and Dr Piers Ludlow, LSE, will talk about their book, *Europe and the End of the Cold War*. This edited volume seeks to redirect the focus towards the role of European actors and the importance of European processes, most notably that of integration. It serves to rediscover the transformation of 1989–90 as a European event, deeply influenced by European actors and of great significance for the subsequent evolution of the continent.



## Risk&Regulation

The summer edition of *Risk&Regulation*, the magazine of the Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR), is now available. This issue's articles include: *Risk-based Regulation Delivering for the Environment* by Catherine White; *Global Warming: constructing flood and insurance risk* by Michael Huber; and *Environmental Crises and Disasters: producing research that matters* by Arjen Boin. Also in this issue are a list of publications by CARR members, the latest news from the Centre, and a review by Mike Power of the panel debate on information security held at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies in March. To receive a hard copy of the magazine, email Nadia Mirza at: [risk@lse.ac.uk](mailto:risk@lse.ac.uk) To download the contents, see: [www.lse.ac.uk/riskandregulationmagazine](http://www.lse.ac.uk/riskandregulationmagazine)



## Admin officer wanted

Inform is looking for an administration officer to run its LSE-based office. This is an interesting and challenging job for anyone interested in minority religions. Further information and a downloadable application form can be found online at: [www.inform.ac.uk/infjob.html](http://www.inform.ac.uk/infjob.html) Email applications only to Eileen Barker at: [infjob@live.com](mailto:infjob@live.com)

## Small ads

**To let:** three-bed garden flat near Arsenal, North London. Large living space and conservatory study. Perfect for academic with children. £1,600 per month. 12 months minimum. Available from mid-August. Contact: [m.glasius@lse.ac.uk](mailto:m.glasius@lse.ac.uk)

**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: [jboulet@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jboulet@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](mailto: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:	
<b>Tuesday 27 May</b>	
<i>Word 2003: long documents – referencing</i>	10am
<b>Wednesday 28 May</b>	
<i>Moodle Training</i> (Staff)	10am
<i>Word 2003: format your PhD thesis</i>	10am
<b>Monday 2 June</b>	
<i>Staff Training Workshop</i>	2pm
<b>For further details</b> and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, please see: <a href="http://www.lse.ac.uk/training">www.lse.ac.uk/training</a>	
<b>For training in:</b>	
<b>European information</b> , please email Maria Bell at: <a href="mailto:m.bell@lse.ac.uk">m.bell@lse.ac.uk</a>	
<b>Business Information</b> , please email Barbara Humphries at: <a href="mailto:b.humphries@lse.ac.uk">b.humphries@lse.ac.uk</a>	
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# Media PhD workshop

BY CATH BENNETT, DEPARTMENTAL MANAGER, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Department's PhD student representatives organised a very successful workshop on Multidisciplinarity, Mediation and Media and Communications Research held at the School on 15 May. Fifteen papers were presented by our own students and visitors from Cambridge, Goldsmiths College, UCL, and LSE's Sociology Department, with attendance of around 30. Four sessions focused on journalism, news and democracy; commercial cultures; new media and ICTs; and belonging, representation and identity. Academic staff were very impressed by the variety of theoretical approaches and the strong emphasis on empirically grounded work.



# Cities on the rise

**Transforming Cities Across Europe**, by Anne Power, Social Policy, Jörg Plöger and Astrid Winkler, Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE)

This report shows that cities which stood on the brink of ruin just 20 years ago after the collapse of the manufacturing industry are completing a dazzling comeback. The report studied seven major European cities – including Sheffield and Belfast – and found they are successfully rebuilding their environment, economy and society from a low point of industrial decay and unemployment. All seven cities adopted a similar blueprint to haul themselves back onto the world stage using tactics which included bidding for high-profile sporting and cultural events, cleaning and renovating squalid streets, restoring major landmarks, training citizens in new skills and mixing funding from public and private sources. The former industrial giants are now developing high-tech businesses, halting the population drain from inner-cities and, in some cases, have already seen employment outstrip the number of jobs lost in manufacturing. Professor Anne Power said: 'These former industrial cities have proved far more resilient than many people dared hope. During the 1980s and 90s they lost up to 80 per cent of their manufacturing jobs and this led to polarised neighbourhoods, crumbling city centres and creaking public transport, schools and healthcare. Their very future was in question. 'Our report shows a pattern book of recovery that the cities used to fight back. They adopted multiple strategies which didn't only focus on their economy but also involved improving the urban environment and helping their disadvantaged populations back to work. It's clear that cities cannot recover without mixing all three of these elements.' This is an interim study which will be followed by a final report in early 2009. The project has been funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the Academy for Sustainable Communities and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (now the Department for Communities and Local Government) and is produced by CASE. The full report is available at: <http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cr/CASereport49.pdf>



# Work and rude health

**The Value of Rude Health**, by David Marsden and Simone Moriconi, CEP and Dept of Management, for the Royal Mail Group

This report found that the health and wellbeing initiatives introduced by Royal Mail Group could hold the key to reducing the impact of absence across the UK's worst performing sectors and deliver savings of £1.45billion a year. The Group's health and wellbeing activities have:

- slashed absence by two per cent between 2004/07
- brought 3,600 employees absent through illness or injury back into work
- saved over £227 million in terms of direct costs

This has been achieved through:

- health screening and occupational support services including physio and occupational therapy
- health clinics in more than 90 Royal Mail Group sites to help people return to work and prevent them getting ill

Professor David Marsden said: 'Our study suggests that the 13 sectors of the economy least effective at addressing employees' health and wellbeing could benefit significantly from Royal Mail Group's 'blueprint'. Following the organisation's example in bringing high rates of absence in specific sites to average levels would deliver huge financial gains and provide a boost to the performance of a range of companies and organisations.'

To download a copy of the report, see: [www.royalmailgroup.com/valueofrudehealth](http://www.royalmailgroup.com/valueofrudehealth)



# Library news

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MILO is the Library's research training course. It is accessible via Moodle and contains useful information for those doing dissertations including citing and referencing, going beyond Google, using Endnote, the reference management software, and lots more. To find out more, register for MILO today at: <http://moodle.lse.ac.uk>

**THE ARCHIVES DIVISION**

This is a rich source of material for students looking for raw materials for dissertations. There are around 16,000 archives covering modern British political, economic and social history, the history of the social sciences, with particular reference to economics and social anthropology, and the history of the School. The material dates mainly from the last quarter of the 19th century to the present day and includes minutes, correspondence, photographs and unpublished papers. Users can browse the main contents of the Archives by going to the online to the Archives Catalogue at: <http://archives.lse.ac.uk/> or by visiting the Archives reading room on the lower ground floor. Archives staff can also advise users on tracing archive resources beyond LSE. A guide to locating and using archive resources can be found at: [www.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/other\\_archival\\_resources.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/other_archival_resources.htm)



# Media bites

'I believe that the notion that all effective [cancer] treatment should be free is a fundamental, underpinning principle of the National Health Service. A system in which you have to pay for medicines is a system which doesn't deliver equality.'

**Richard Sullivan**, *ICWales.com*, 2/5/08

'In the past Berlusconi has played the Northern League and the National Alliance off against each other by watering them down. Perhaps that will be more difficult now that Umberto Bossi is stronger within the coalition.'

**Roberto Leonardi**, *BBC News*, 8/5/08



# Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

**Wednesday 28 May**

**3-5pm.** V108. Economic History seminar. Professor Charles Stafford: *Anthropological and Macroeconomic Perspectives on Learning and Economy in Taiwan*.

**5.30-7pm.** T206. Choice Group seminar. Brian Barry: *The Problem of Social Order*.

**6-7.30pm.** J116. Cañada Blanch seminar. Luis Miguel Sánchez Tostado: *La Guerra Civil en Jaén: mitos y verdades de un horror*.

**Thursday 29 May**

**12.30-1.45pm.** A698. CCS seminar. Al Hunter: *Civil Society and Violence*.

**6-8pm.** A607. Anthropology of East and Inner Asia seminar. Iside Carbone: *China in the Frame. Materialising and Displaying Images of China in Italy*.

**6.30-8pm.** J116. Forum for European Philosophy seminar. Neil Gascoigne: *Re-Visions on Richard Rorty*.

**Friday 30 May**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Smadar Lavie: *Translation and the Predicament of Transversal Anthropology*.

**Monday 2 June**

**5pm.** R505. Joint BHU/Department of Management seminar. Mary O'Sullivan: *Funding Mammoths and Minnows: the securities markets and corporate development in the United States, 1885-1930*.