



# News & Views

## Inspirational run

Tim Allen, reader in development studies, DESTIN, ran the 2008 London Marathon for the third time (he ran in the 2006 (see right) and 2007 races) to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Trust. He also ran in the New York Marathon in 2006 when he finished in three hours and 38 minutes – his best ever time. So far, Tim has raised around £8,000 for the Trust.

In 2000, Tim was diagnosed with an acute form of myloid leukaemia. After a year of treatment, the cancer returned and his chances of survival were very low. However, the Anthony Nolan Trust found him an unrelated bone-marrow donor.

The Nolan trust is essentially a register of people willing to donate bone marrow, and provides support for donors as well as those affected by the disease. Tim said: 'I still remember vividly the day that a woman turned up at the room where I was being

treated with a plastic bag of my donor's marrow. She had raced there from The Royal Free in Hampstead. She commented that it was still warm!'

Recovery was a long process but Tim has been able to return to work and to carry out research in Africa. If you would like to sponsor Tim, there's still time. Just go to: [www.justgiving.com/timallen1](http://www.justgiving.com/timallen1)



## Mark's new role

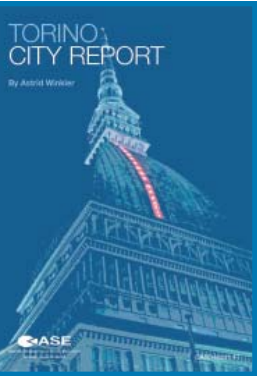
Mark Maloney has succeeded Catherine Manthorpe as head of Academic Partnerships in the External Relations Division (ERD) under Robin Hoggard.

He said: 'This is a very exciting opportunity for me to build on the experience of my current role as head of Student Administration – a post I've held for just over five years – and some roles that I have held in a couple of other organisations. I would like to take

this opportunity to say how much I've enjoyed working with all my colleagues in Student Recruitment.'



## Academics abroad



Astrid Winkler, a researcher on CASE's Weak Market Cities Programme, was invited to take part in a conference for young city leaders, Torino Qui/ Domani, held in Turin in February.

Turin's mayor Sergio Chiamparino asked a group of 100

protagonists of the city's political, social, economic and cultural sectors aged between 25 and 40 to spend three days brainstorming ideas for the city's next Strategic Plan.

In 2000, Turin – the hometown of Fiat – became the first Italian city to publish a Strategic Plan, which is widely seen as critical to the city's effort to recover from the decline of its auto industry.

Astrid has written a report on Torino which explains the importance of the Strategic Plan which can be downloaded at: <http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/dps/case/cr/CASEreport41.pdf>



## LSESU green award

LSE Students' Union was presented with the Bronze Standard Sound Impact Award at a special ceremony on held in March. This is the second year LSESU has won this prize.

A total of 67 UK unions took part in the scheme which helps them do their bit for the environment. Only those that meet the 21 essential criteria, ie recycling glass, using energy efficient light bulbs, to hosting tea dances and swap shops in the community, gain bronze standard and above.

The nine greenest unions received hand-made sculptures made from recycled window glass. Three Unions received awards for innovation, most improved score, and meeting community based eco challenges.

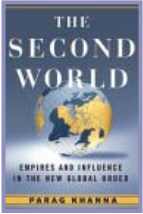
The purpose of the Sound Impact Awards is to encourage, nurture, reward and celebrate environmental best practice in students' unions.



## IDEAS launch and lecture

A lecture by Parag Khanna, director of the Global Governance Initiative and senior research fellow in the American Strategy Program at the New American Foundation, on *The Second World: empires and influence in the new global order*, will be held on Monday 2 June at 6.30pm in B212. The lecture marks the launch of Khanna's book of the same title.

The book, which captures over two years of travel in 45 countries, shows how the most strategic and least understood countries adapt to, and shape, globalisation. It also shows how these countries respond to the rise of China and the EU, and the pressures they face from America. It covers the tension between geopolitics and globalisation and shows how the world is seen through the eyes of places that people assume they know but do not.



## Dual master's



The School has teamed up with Columbia University to launch a two year dual master's programme in international and world history. The programme, which starts in September, is designed to help graduates bring a deeper understanding of the origins and nature of

globalisation to government, business, journalism and the non-profit sector.

Arne Westad (above), director of LSE's Center for Diplomacy for International Affairs, said: 'This will set the standard for the training of international historians. By combining the history faculties of Columbia and LSE, students will get access to some of the most exciting and innovative research that is going on in the field today.'

Columbia and LSE have worked together in various capacities over the last several years. In 2005, LSE, the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs, and the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris launched the Global Public Policy Network, with the mission of addressing the most pressing public policy challenges of the 21st century and expanding global dialogue.

## Kuwait Programme

The Kuwait Programme on Development, Governance and Globalisation in the Gulf States was launched with a reception in the Shaw Library eralier this year.

Hosted in LSE's interdisciplinary Centre for the Study of Global Governance, the ten year multidisciplinary programme focuses on such topics as globalisation, economic development, trade relations, energy trading, security and migration. The programme will also support post-doctoral researchers and PhD students, develop academic networks between LSE and Gulf institutions, and host a regular seminar series as well as five major biennial conferences.

Professor David Held, director, Kuwait Programme, said: 'we are building one of the most comprehensive programmes of research on the Gulf States.'

See: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEKP](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEKP) for further information on the programme.



From l-r: Professor Mary Kaldor, Dr Mark Thatcher, Professor David Held, Saad Al-Mehaini, Kuwait Embassy and Professor George Gaskell.

## Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### Leverhulme

PROFESSOR SPIKE PETERSON

**Informalisation and Global Political Economy: the elephant in the room**

Monday 28 April, 6-7.30pm, Hong Kong Theatre

This lecture considers how tremendous growth of licit and illicit informal sector activities tends to exacerbate gender, race, class and geopolitical hierarchies and ultimately fuels conflicts at multiple levels, including civil wars.

Spike Peterson is the Leverhulme visiting professor, LSE Gender Institute and the Department of International Relations.

**FT Business – LSE European Institute The Future of Europe series**

SIR STEPHEN WALL

**Britain and the EU: are we truly bad or just the misunderstood hoodies of Europe**

Monday 28 April, 6.30-8pm Old Theatre

This lecture marks the publication of Sir Stephen's book, *A Stranger in Europe: Britain and the EU from Thatcher to Blair* (OUP, April 2008).

Stephen Wall was a British diplomat for 35 years. He was Britain's ambassador to the EU and Tony Blair's EU adviser.

**Hellenic Observatory in association with the FT Business - LSE European Institute The Future of Europe**

NICHOLAS C GARGANAS

**The Single Monetary Policy and the Analytics of OCAs: what has the euro area experience taught us?**

Wednesday 30 April, 6.30-8pm Hong Kong Theatre

In his lecture, Mr Garganas will argue that the traditional way of thinking about optimum currency areas (OCAs) overlooks the fact that the criteria used to judge optimality are, to some extent, endogenous. He will also argue that the experience of the euro area demonstrates that the creation of a monetary union can itself create conditions that are favourable to the functioning of the union.

Nicholas C Garganas is governor of the Bank of Greece, a member of the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee, a member of the Governing Council and the General Council of the European Central Bank, and a governor of the International Monetary Fund for Greece.

**Centre for the Study of Human Rights alumni event with the Forum on Religion**

DR ROWAN WILLIAMS

**Religious Faith and Human Rights**

Thursday 1 May, 6.30-8pm Old Theatre

Many adherents of human rights see no religious origin to their beliefs. Some see religion as hostile to these rights. What is the true relationship between religion and human rights?

Rowan Williams is the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Free but ticketed. One ticket per person from: [www.lse.ac.uk/events](http://www.lse.ac.uk/events) or ext 6100.

**Operational Research Group and Department of Management**

PROFESSOR JOHN HOOKER

**A World Economic Order Based on Cultural Comparative Advantage**

Thursday 1 May, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House

Professor Hooker will argue that the world is evolving towards a new economic equilibrium based on cultural comparative advantage, leading to cultural de-globalisation, not globalisation.

John Hooker is professor of business ethics and of operations research at Carnegie Mellon University

**Centre for the Study of Global Governance**

PROFESSOR JEFFREY D SACHS

**Common Wealth: economics for a crowded planet**

Friday 2 May, 6-7.30pm, Old Theatre

This lecture marks the launch of Professor Sachs' new book, *Common Wealth: economics for a crowded planet* (Allen Lane).

Jeffrey D Sachs is director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University. He served as special adviser to former United Nations secretary general Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals.

## Debates

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**Centre for the Study of Global Governance**

DAVID GOODHART, PROFESSOR JOHN KEANE, PROFESSOR LORD BIKHU PAREKH

**The New Politics of Identity**

Tuesday 29 April, 6.30-8pm Old Theatre

The panel will discuss Bhikhu Parekh's new book, *A New Politics of Identity* (Palgrave) which covers the impact of globalisation on ethnic, religious and national identities.

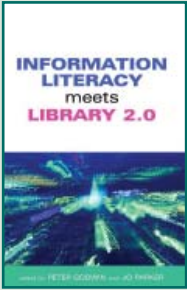
David Goodhart is editor of Prospect. John Keane is professor of politics at the University of Westminster and at the Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin. Bhikhu Parekh (pictured) is professor of political philosophy, University of Westminster.



# noticeboard

## Training Portal

The LSE Training Portal (<http://training.lse.ac.uk>), which was recently a finalist for Internal Project of the Year in the Institute of IT Training's 2008 Awards, is the subject of a chapter in the recently published, *Information Literacy Meets Library 2.0*. The chapter describing the portal was written by Jane Secker and Chris Fryer of LSE's Centre for Learning Technology. The LSE Training Portal is thought to be a unique innovation in higher education, bringing together all training events from across the School in one website. It uses a new technology called RSS, which means that each of the training providers can retain their existing databases and booking systems. However, a list of upcoming training is automatically generated by pulling information from each of the websites and aggregating it into one chronological listing of training events. Full details of how the Training portal was developed and how it works are outlined in the chapter. Copies of the new book, published by Facet, can be ordered from: [www.facetpublishing.co.uk/howtoorder.shtml](http://www.facetpublishing.co.uk/howtoorder.shtml)



## 1000 words

The latest edition of the LSE Language Centre's newsletter is now available at: [www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/language/1000words/7March2008.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/language/1000words/7March2008.htm) It features the results of the User Satisfaction Survey which sought opinions on the services the Language Centre provides. It also announces the Centre's accreditation by the British Council.



## Cycle for academic freedom

A cycle run of 54 miles, from Cambridge University to University College London (UCL), will take place on 1 June. The run is being organised by CARA (Council for Assisting Refugee Academics) to help raise funds and awareness in support of academic freedom. For further details regarding the route, training, travel, accommodation and fundraising tips, please see: [www.academic-refugees.org/get-involved.asp](http://www.academic-refugees.org/get-involved.asp) CARA, originally the Academic Assistance Council, was founded in 1933 by William Beveridge, then director of LSE.



## Small ads

**To rent:** delightful self-contained, 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: [jboulret@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jboulret@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)

**Confused/unsure** about which career path to take? Life coaching can help clarify options, focus your life and career objectives and help you better understand your motivations. Through clear and practical steps, you can work towards your goals within a safe and confidential environment, call 07729 163347.

**Need help** with your essay writing or with your English? Finding it hard to structure your essays and convey your points? Professional, experienced and qualified one-to-one tutoring offered, individually tailored to meet your specific requirements, call 07729 163347.

# Training opportunities at LSE

Academic, personal and professional development courses are available for all LSE staff and students. Courses on offer this month include:

**Thursday 1 May**  
*Access: introduction to database structure and design* 10am-1pm

**Friday 2 May**  
*Powerpoint: creating a presentation* 10am 12pm

**For further details** and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, please see: [www.lse.ac.uk/training](http://www.lse.ac.uk/training)

**For training in:**

**European information**, please email Maria Bell at: [m.bell@lse.ac.uk](mailto:m.bell@lse.ac.uk)

**Business Information**, please email Barbara Humphries at: [b.humphries@lse.ac.uk](mailto:b.humphries@lse.ac.uk)

**US Government publications**, please email Clive Wilson at: [clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk](mailto:clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk)

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# Aid and NGOs



Some of the participants at the conference

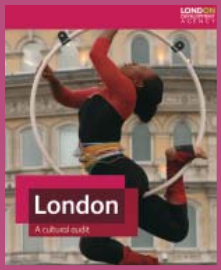
The *European Development Aid and NGOs: changing notions of civil society in 'north' and 'south'*, organised by LSE's Centre for Civil Society and Roskilde University, Denmark, formed part of the EU-funded Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in

Europe *Network of Excellence* held in March. Participants discussed the changing approaches of European development aid towards European and Southern NGOs, and their effects on the participation and wellbeing of poor and marginalised groups in developing countries. Speakers reflected on such key terms as 'north' and 'south', 'transitional' and 'developing', 'civil society' and 'political society'. Among the topics discussed were the shifting aid donor perspective in a post-9/11 security environment, recent developments in Sino-German development co-operation, and the role of burial societies as forms of social insurance in eastern Uganda. The Centre for Civil Society is exploring the possibility of a follow up conference next year.

# Capital of culture

**London: a cultural audit**, by Dr Andy Pratt, LSE, Richard Naylor, BOP Consulting, Kate Oakley, consultant, and Alan Freeman, GLA Economics

A study of London's cultural riches has revealed that it outshines other great cities when it comes to the arts. The report compared London's museums, galleries, libraries, theatres, bookshops and festivals with those of New York, Paris, Shanghai and Tokyo. In many categories, London came out ahead.



The study revealed that the capital's creative and cultural sectors add £20 billion to the city's economy and concluded that 'London's mix of traditional and youth cultures is a vital element of its vibrancy.' To download a copy of the report, see: [www.london.gov.uk/mayor/culture/docs/cultural-audit.pdf](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/culture/docs/cultural-audit.pdf)

# Sports relief



Some of the runners waiting for the off

Friday 14 March saw around 70 members of staff take to Lincoln's Inn Fields for the Sports Relief 2008 charity run. Despite the inclement weather (grey skies and chilly drizzle), some brave souls turned up in full running gear. Others remained buttoned up in coats and scarves. Lifelong Manchester United fan Sarah Bailey raised a whopping £120 in sponsorship by wearing a Manchester City shirt for the run.



# Australian rules

Australia's prime minister Kevin Rudd (left) proved really popular when he gave a lecture in the Peacock Theatre on 7 April. Demand for tickets was so great, many people were turned away. Mr Rudd's visit to LSE was part of his 18 day tour of America, Europe and China. In his lecture, he spoke on those issues which have been recurring themes throughout his journey: climate change; security; world trade; and the global financial crisis.

# Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

**Monday 28 April**  
**6.30-8pm.** R505. FMG Taxation Seminar. Jonathan Leape, Ian Roxan and Malcolm Gammie: *Budget and Finance Bill: panel discussion*.

**Tuesday 29 April**  
**1-2.30pm.** H615. CARR seminar. Neil Gunningham: *Culture Eats Systems for Breakfast: on the limitations of management based regulation*.  
**5-6.30pm.** T206. History of Postwar Social Science seminar. Peter Dickens: *Environmental Sociology: capitalism, sustainability and social justice*.  
**6.30pm.** B212. IDEAS seminar. Xiaoming Zhang:

*China in the Conception of International Society: English school's encounters with China.*  
**Wednesday 30 April**  
**3-5pm.** V108. Economic History seminar. Dr Daniel Speich: *Travelling With the GDP Through Early Development Economics' History*.  
**4-5.30pm.** U110. Crisis States Research Centre seminar. James Putzel and Stefan Lindemann: *An Analytical Narrative of State-making in Tanzania*.  
**6-7.30pm.** J116. Cañada Blanch seminar. Michael Keating: *'Café para todos'. The reform of the Regional Autonomy Statutes in Spain*.

# Library news

## Supporting students during exams

**LIBRARY OPEN 24/7**  
Until Friday 20 June, the Library is open 24 hours for LSE students and staff only. During extended opening you can access books, journals, electronic resources, computers, printers and photocopiers. Self-service machines are available for borrowing and returning books. Further details are available on the Library website.

**EXTRA STUDY SPACE**  
Blocks of PCs on the second and third floor are being switched off to free up an additional 119 spaces for quiet study. Additional PC and study rooms are available in Lincolns Chambers L50/56, L52 and Kings Chambers K60 and K105. Unbooked teaching rooms can also be used for study – located via LSE for You or web kiosks on campus.

**BOOKABLE STUDY SPACES**  
Until 20 June, a number of study spaces on the fourth floor are reserved for LSE taught course students. They can be pre-booked up to one week in advance online, or booked on the day at the Help Desk. See the Library website.

# Judith Butler's BJS Lecture



The hugely popular *British Journal of Sociology* 2007 annual public lecture, *Sexual Politics, Torture and Secular Time*, given last October by Judith

Butler (above), is now freely available online in Volume 59, Number 1 (March) 2008 at: [www.blackwell-synergy.com/toc/bjos/59/1](http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/toc/bjos/59/1) Also appearing in this issue are comments on Judith Butler's paper from Chetan Bhatt, Suki Ali, James A Beckford, Tariq Modood and Linda Woodhead. Judith's response to these comments will be published in Volume 59, Number 2, due out in June 2008. For more details, please visit: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BJS/](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BJS/)

# Summer boat party

Why not mark the end of your General Course year in style by going on the annual Summer Boat Party on Wednesday 30 April. If you would like to celebrate your year at LSE, then come along for four hours of summer cruising, dancing and drinking while taking in the sights along the river Thames. Tickets cost £10 for General Course students and £20 for non General Course students and are available from the Student Recruitment Office in Tower 3 (W700). Email: [gc@lse.ac.uk](mailto:gc@lse.ac.uk) for further details.



# Media bites

'...the ID card itself isn't the real problem: it's the ID register. There, each entry will eventually take on a legal status. In time, all other proofs of identity will refer back to the one entry. If the register is wrong – and remember fallible human hands will at some stage have to handle your personal information – then all other databases will be wrong too. Given the propensity of officialdom to trust the details on their computer screen, rather than the person in front of them, you will have to conform to your entry in the register – or become a non-person.'

**Ian Angell, The Times, 7/3/08**

