

## New pro-director Assessing refugee registration systems



The School is pleased to announce that Professor Stuart Corbridge (right) has been appointed pro-director for research and external relations and will take up the post from 1 September 2010 for five years.

He will succeed Professor Sarah Worthington when her term in office ends.

Stuart is Professor of Development Studies and head of DESTIN, the Development Studies Institute. He has particular expertise in governance and poverty alleviation in India and is the author and co-author of many academic papers and books on these topics.

Stuart said: 'This will be a demanding but fascinating job and I'm looking forward to it.'

'The outstanding research we produce here at LSE and its reception around the world are vital issues for everyone at the School.'

LSE's other pro-directors, Professors George Gaskell and Janet Hartley, continue in their posts until 2012.

Two of the School's academics, Dr Gus Hosein and Simon Davies of the Information Systems and Innovation Group, have been appointed to senior roles in the United Nations as expert evaluators. Their first challenge was to fight off snakes and scorpions in some of the most hostile regions of the world.

'We hardly had time to take a breath,' said Dr Hosein. 'One moment we were



happily dispensing free advice to the UN in Geneva, and the next we found ourselves on a UN plane heading for a string of dusty and desperate refugee camps in the deserts of Africa.'

Immediately following their appointment, they were tasked to conduct an evaluation of the registration systems operating in refugee centres in Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya and Malaysia.

Their mission involved experiencing some of the most arduous conditions imaginable, but they said it was 'nothing, absolutely nothing' compared to the misery facing the world's millions of refugees who face hunger, statelessness and physical threat on a daily basis.

'We had diplomatic immunity and malaria tablets' said Dr Hosein. 'The refugees are under threat from foreign authorities, local militia, and deadly snakes – and that's just when they go searching for firewood.'

'It was like 'Indiana Jones meets the Milky Bar Kid',' recalls Simon Davies. 'I don't think either of us knew what was in store for us. Until then our idea of adventure was fighting off government ministers on Radio 4.'

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) asked the pair to assess the new refugee registration systems operating in a number of countries. The organisation had rolled out electronic fingerprinting systems but had not conducted a formal audit on that technology. The mission required Hosein and Davies to conduct field trials and interviews with refugees, UN staff, and officials from host governments. Their report was submitted to the UN last week.

Mathijs Le Rutte, senior legal officer with the UNHCR Division of International Protection Services, said that he hoped the work of Hosein and Davies would help build a data protection framework for UNHCR.: 'The privacy expertise of LSE, including that of its extensive expert network of professionals working in the privacy field, has been extremely beneficial to UNHCR.'

For the moment, the pair can get back to their usual adventures fighting for their special corner of the Three Tuns bar on a Friday night but they are scheduled for further trips this year as they continue their work with human rights workers and civil society groups in Asia.

## Helping students

MIKE CUSHMAN, INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND INNOVATION GROUP, SPEAKS ABOUT HIS AND PROFESSOR ROSENHEAD'S VISIT TO GAZA

Jonathan Rosenhead, emeritus professor of operational research, and I went to Gaza two weeks before the Israeli attack. The way in was by the Free Gaza Movement's small cabin cruiser Dignity.

Many hundreds of Gaza students with places at universities



Houses under demolition orders

round the world had been prevented from taking them up by the Israeli siege. The main function of this voyage was to bring out at least a few of these trapped students. The presence on board of internationals of professional standing was regarded as some kind of guarantee that the boat would be able to get both in and out, past the Israeli navy: they came out with 11 students, who then went on to universities in Britain, Canada, Greece, Kazakhstan, Germany and the Netherlands.

In the two days spent in Gaza, we were able to see the Gaza Strip from north to south. We were presented to the prime minister Ismail Haniyeh and spent half a day with the education minister who took us on a tour of educational establishments including the Islamic University of Gaza. We also met with many civil society organisations including the University Teachers Society of Palestine.

Our Palestinian colleagues were keen to talk about the Israeli siege, and its disastrous effects and they had creative ideas about how academics worldwide could play a constructive part in increasing the pressure to end it. Both Jonathan and I are Jewish which seemed to please the people we met.

## Public Lecture

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### LSE IDEAS-Gilder Lehrman lecture in American History

PROFESSOR PETER ONUF

#### Democracy in America: Jefferson, Tocqueville and Lincoln

Tuesday 24 February, 6.30pm, Old Theatre

Professor Onuf explores the development of the elusive and controversial ideal of democracy from Thomas Jefferson's revolutionary writings to Abraham Lincoln's great effort to vindicate republican principles in the American Civil War.

Peter Onuf is Thomas Jefferson Foundation Professor of History at the University of Virginia and Harmsworth Professor of American History at the University of Oxford

### Migration Studies Unit series

HAZEL BLEARS MP

#### Many Voices: understanding the debate about preventing violent extremism

Wednesday 25 February, 6.30pm, Hong Kong Theatre

The tragic events of 7/7 illustrated the threat to our society posed by violent extremism. Preventing it is one of the defining challenges

of our age. Hazel Blears will explore the tough choices government has to make – how to empower new voices to join the debate, how to support people standing up for shared values and how to equip communities with the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to be part of the solution.

Hazel Blears is the UK minister of communities and local government.

### Department of Sociology Centennial Professor's lecture

PROFESSOR ULRICH BECK

#### Climate for Change: global warming as political opportunity

Wednesday 25 February, 6.30pm, Old Theatre

How did the global construction of the 'undisputable fact' of man-made climate change become possible? Does climate change radicalise inequalities? Is climate change a 'global opportunity' for a cosmopolitical revival of politics?

Ulrich Beck is British Journal of Sociology LSE Centennial Professor in the Department of Sociology and professor of sociology at the University of Munich.

## Green measures needed

### An Outline for the Case for a Green Stimulus, by Alex Bowen, Sam Frankhauser, Nicholas Stern and Dimitri Zenghelis

In this report, researchers from the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy suggest that about US\$400 billion should be spent worldwide on 'green' policies and investments which will help economic recovery and lay the foundations of sustainable low-carbon growth. It points out that this sum represents about 20 per cent of the US\$2 trillion, or 4 per cent of global gross domestic product, that governments might spend in the next 18 months on fiscal stimulus packages to lessen the economic downturn.

The lead author of the report Dr Alex Bowen said: 'Governments around the world need to commit by this summer to a strong 'green' element in their economic recovery plans to deal urgently with both the current economic crisis and the growing climate crisis.'

Professor Lord Stern of Brentford, chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, said: 'The rich industrialised countries need to show leadership this year by committing to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80 per cent by 2050, compared with 1990, and their economic recovery plans need to be consistent with this target.'

To download the report, go to: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/granthamInstitute](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/granthamInstitute)



## Debates

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### POLIS

ALEX BRUMMER, VINCE CABLE MP, EVAN DAVIS

#### Why Did Nobody Tell Us? Reporting the Global Crash of 08

Monday 23 February, 6:30-8pm, Old Theatre

This event will discuss the reporting leading up to the global credit crash of 2008.

Alex Brummer has been city editor for the *Daily Mail* since 2000 and has over 30 years' experience in the media. Vincent Cable is the Liberal Democrat shadow chancellor of the exchequer and speaks for his party on issues of finance, European economic and monetary union and the city. Evan Davis is a presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme. He was the BBC's economics editor from 2001-2008.

This event is in partnership with the Media Society and Society of Editors.



### Centre for Civil Society (Social Policy) and Trading Visions

ADAM BRETT, PAULINE TIFFEN

#### Who Owns Fairtrade? A debate on who benefits, influences and controls Fairtrade

Tuesday 24 February, 6.30pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Who does fair trade really benefit? The producers, the consumers or the farmers?

Adam Brett is the co-founder of Tropical Wholefoods, and has worked in the fair trade food business since 1990. Pauline Tiffen is an independent consultant, and the founder of CafeDirect and Divine Chocolate.





Students ‘switch off

LSE students living in halls reduced their energy use by a massive ten per cent last term as part of the Student Switch Off energy saving campaign. See:http://studentswitchoff.co.uk/new

This means a reduction in carbon emissions of 65 tonnes – equivalent to leaving a 15 watt energy saving light bulb – the equivalent of a 75 watt incandescent lightbulb – burning for over 900 years.

The savings have been brought about largely as a result of the actions of the Eco-Power Rangers – students in halls who have pledged to use their energy carefully. Actions such as switching off lights and appliances when not in use, putting lids on pans when cooking and not overfilling kettles all contribute to reducing energy waste.

Justus Rollin, LSESU environment and ethics officer said: ‘The success in Halls of Residence in Michaelmas Term shows that individual behavioural change can make a real difference. It is great to see that more and more students care about the environment and are willing to take personal action.’

Ian Spencer, director of Residential Services, said: ‘The success of eco-power rangers shows that students are well aware of the importance of reducing their carbon emissions and willing to take simple actions to do so. We encourage all our student residents to join up to the scheme.

Coupled with the School’s environmental audit of halls of residence which will set out an action plan for infrastructure improvements, we look forward to further reducing our carbon emissions in halls of residence.’



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Health and safety policy

At their meeting held on 12 February, Council approved and adopted a revised health and safety policy. This is now available to view on the health and safety website at: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/healthAndSafety/Default.htm

The policy sets out the School’s aims and objectives for achieving a safe and healthy environment in which staff and students can work and study, and describes how responsibilities for health and safety are assigned.

If you do not have access to a computer and would like a hard copy of the policy, or if you require an alternative format, please contact the health and safety team, by calling ext 3677 or you can email at: Health.And.Safety@lse.ac.uk



Lunchtime concert

On Thursday 26 February, 1.05, in the Shaw Library, Thomas Gould (violin), Louisa Tuck (cello) and John Reid (piano) will perform Kodaly Duo for violin and cello, Op.7, Cesar Franck Sonata in A.

Chosen by the Evening Standard as a rising star of 2008, Thomas Gould enjoys a busy and varied career as soloist, recitalist and orchestral leader.



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

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>Monday 23 February</b> <i>PowerPoint 2003: templates and animation</i> 10am <i>Moodle: basics training</i> (staff) 2pm	<b>Thursday 26 February</b> <i>Access: Calculating and Presenting Data</i> 10am
<b>Tuesday 24 February</b> <i>LSE Central Induction ‘Flying Start’ briefing</i> 9.30am <i>Presenting with Powerpoint: communicating effectively with an audience</i> 10am <i>Blogging for Beginners: using blogs to promote your research</i> 12pm	<b>Friday 27 February</b> <i>Word: long documents – advanced formatting</i> 10am
<b>Wednesday 25 February</b> <i>Effective Communication</i> (one-day) 9am <i>Outlook: email and contacts</i> 10am <i>Introduction to E-resources and E-journals</i> (staff) 12pm <i>Handling Worrying Student Cases, PHD Programmes</i> (staff) 1pm	<b>For further details</b> and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: <b>www.lse.ac.uk/training</b>  <b>For training in:</b> <b>European information</b> , please email Maria Bell at: m.bell@lse.ac.uk <b>Business information</b> , please email Barbara Humphries at: b.humphries@lse.ac.uk <b>US Government publications</b> , please email Clive Wilson at: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk <b>UK Government publications</b> , please email Paul Horsler at: p.n.horsler@lse.ac.uk

tlc Courses

<b>PHD EXAMINING: IDEAS ON PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE Monday 2 March, 2-4pm (staff only)</b> The PhD examination process can seem opaque and arcane to those who don’t know it well, and vivas in particular can be very tense occasions for examiners just as much as for the student being examined.  This workshop, open to all academic staff involved in arranging and/or taking part in PhD vivas, aims to demystify the process.	The session will provide an opportunity to consider School procedures, exploring issues around selection, briefing and guidance of examiners, and running the viva meeting itself.  It will include reference to case studies of vivas that have proved problematic at the LSE, with suggestions on how to avoid such situations in the future.
<b>USING ONLINE COMMUNICATION TOOLS Wednesday 4 March, 12.15-1.45pm, U110 (staff only)</b> LSE has in place a range of online communication tools to support teaching and learning. These include online discussions, weblogs, Wimba voice boards, and ‘live classroom’.  Some of the tools can be used to support students remotely but others are effective on-campus.  This session will describe these tools and, drawing on examples of good practice from within the School and elsewhere, will demonstrate how they can be used to enhance student learning.	
<b>Places can be booked online at: http://tlcevents.lse.ac.uk</b>	

Academics abroad

‘I believe it would have been better to nationalise the bad debt instead of nationalising the banks that hold the debt.’ <b>Albrech Ritschl</b> , <i>skynews.com</i> , 22/1/09	would be if it helped to turn the tide of excessive individualism. We think the preoccupation with self is taking too much of the joy out of children’s lives, out of their family lives, out of their school, even out of their leisure life and consumption.’ <b>Lord Richard Layard</b> , <i>Irish Examiner</i> , 3/2/09
‘Part-time students are disadvantaged. They receive no loans and have no option but to support themselves. Jobs were already starting to dry up a year ago. Now it is much worse.’ <b>Nick Barr</b> , <i>The Times</i> , 30/1/09	‘Auditors rely on firms’ management. If the management is not doing its job, misleads the auditors or doesn’t know what is going on in the bowels of the organisation it is difficult to expect the auditors to do better.’ <b>Michael Power</b> , <i>Mortgage Strategy</i> , 4/2/09



Diary

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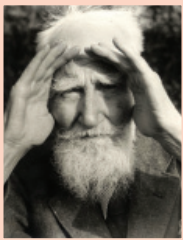
<b>Tuesday 24 February</b> <b>1pm.</b> M101. CsGG seminar. Jasmina Husanovic: <i>Regimes of Governing Trauma and ‘Transitional Justice’: politics of the missing and witnessing to trauma in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</i> <b>5-6.30pm.</b> S421. Geography and Environment seminar. John Allen: <i>The City, Power and Finance in the UK Economy.</i> <b>6-7.30pm.</b> J116. Hellenic Observatory research seminar. Nikos Pappas: <i>Demographic Changes and Macro-Economic Impacts in Greece.</i> <b>6.30-8pm.</b> H102. Forum for European Philosophy <i>Re-Visions: the actor and the audience in the theatre</i> seminar. Aoife Monks: <i>The Actor and Identity.</i>	<b>4.30-6pm.</b> R505. Social Exclusion book launch. John Hills, Tom Sefton and Kitty Stewart: <i>Towards a More Equal Society? Poverty, Inequality and Policy since 1997.</i>  <b>5-6.30pm.</b> D602. Information Risk and Security colloquium. Robert Willison: <i>Understanding the Perpetration of Employee Computer Crime in the Organisational Context.</i>  <b>Thursday 26 February</b> <b>4-6pm.</b> A607. Anthropology of East and Inner Asia seminar. Claire Loussouarn: <i>Chinese Gamblers in London.</i> <b>5pm.</b> A379. Modern and Comparative Economic History seminar. Joe Ferrie, Karen Rolf and Werner Troesken: <i>Healthy, Wealthy and Wise? Physical, Economic and Cognitive Effects of Early Life Conditions on Later Life Outcomes in the US, 1915-2005.</i>
<b>Wednesday 25 February</b> <b>3.30-5pm.</b> NAB 110. OR seminar. Gilberto Montibeller: <i>On the Development and Evaluation of Strategic Options.</i>	

Library news



**24 HOUR OPENING BEGINS EARLIER THIS YEAR**  
Extended opening for LSE staff and students starts on Monday 23 February and will continue throughout the exam period (except during Easter week when hours differ).  
  
Staffed services are open Monday to Friday 9am-8pm and 11am-6pm at weekends.  
  
During unstaffed opening hours, the Library is staffed by Security and access is for Library cardholders only.  
  
For more information go to [www.library.lse.ac.uk](http://www.library.lse.ac.uk)

**IMAGINING A BETTER WORLD: LITERATURE AND POLITICS IN THE LIBRARY AT LSE**



*Imagining a Better World* is an exhibition using correspondence and publications from LSE Library to investigate the role of literature in influencing the wider world. The exhibition features George Bernard Shaw (above), Socialist League member and Fabian, author Arthur Conan Doyle, a staunch fighter for justice, Olive Schreiner, a feminist and socialist writer and social theorist who was one of the most important and radical social commentators of her day, and author HG Wells, a crusader against social injustice who used his novels to mirror the inequities he saw about him and comment on the dangers of unchecked scientific process.

The event takes place in the entrance to the Library until Tuesday 3 March and is part of the LSE Literary Weekend celebrations.

Senior staff briefing



Adrian Hall’s (left) termly meeting with senior staff will take place on Wednesday 4 March at 3.30 pm in the Vera Anstey Room.  
  
Victoria Hands from Estates will present an update on progress on environmental initiatives in the School and focus on what managers can

do to support this area of work.  
  
Jenny Bone and Gary Barclay, Planning and Corporate Policy Division will talk about the review of LSE’s strategic plan and will be seeking views and comments from staff attending this meeting as part of a wider consultation being undertaken throughout the School.

<b>6-8pm.</b> 607. Taiwan in Comparative Perspective seminar. Stuart Thompson: <i>Educational Policy and Language Matters: Taiwan, Ireland, and Catalonia in comparative perspective.</i>
<b>Friday 27 February</b> <b>10.30am-12.30pm.</b> A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. Susana Mourato: <i>Economics and Conservation: valuing natural wealth and creating markets for ecosystem services.</i> <b>4pm.</b> Hong Kong Theatre. DESTIN Visiting Speaker lecture. Emma Howard Boyd: <i>The Role of Equity Investment in and for Development.</i>
<b>Monday 2 March</b> <b>4.30-6pm.</b> S78. LSE London seminar. Mark Kleinman: <i>A City Charter for London.</i>