



# News & views

## Reuse Guide for halls

On 17 March, LSE will launch the *Moving Towards Zero Waste: reuse guide for halls of residence*. At the launch, Professor Lord Stern will highlight how important waste minimisation is in tackling climate change. Peter Jones, head of London Waste and Recycling Group, and LSE director Howard Davies will encourage the university sector to make waste minimisation a key priority.

The award winning HEFCE LGMF project led by LSE's Environmental and Sustainability manager Victoria Hands, has already diverted 85 tonnes of unwanted items from landfill to reuse in less than one year, saving approximately 650 tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions. See: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/environews.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/environews.htm)

The guide is based on best practice from eight universities in different English regions. It provides information on how to implement, improve and extend reuse schemes in student halls of residence and introduce reuse activities on campus. It is targeted at hall managers, accommodation officers and environmental managers as well as interested and active students who want to support their university with the implementation of reuse schemes. The School has worked closely with CRISP (Community Recycling in Southwark Project), TRAID (Textile Recycling for Aid and International Development) and a range of local reuse organisations ensure that unwanted items are diverted from landfill. This comprehensive guide is freely available online at: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/reuse\\_hefce\\_project.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment/reuse_hefce_project.htm)

To mark the guide's launch, the School is hosting a workshop for London universities on *How to Implement Reuse Schemes in Halls of Residence*. Dr Richard Anderson from CRISP will join the workshop presenters who include Richard

Featherstone and Matthew Thomson from the LCRN (London Community Recycling Network). **NB:** Both the launch and workshop places have now been filled.

During the day's events, a *GIVE and TAKE* event will also be held in the New Academic Building foyer. This is open to all LSE staff and students and will welcome donations of any unwanted, unused or unloved items such as textiles, stationery, books, and other small school and household items (GIVE). Participants will also be able to reuse or relove any items they want (TAKE).

A national workshop will be held at the EAUC Annual Conference in Warwick in early April. The eight HEFCE LGMF partners aim to provide a mentoring service to other universities and welcome expressions of interest from potential new partners.

For more information, email Chantal Beaudoin, sustainable waste management officer at: [c.beaudoin@lse.ac.uk](mailto:c.beaudoin@lse.ac.uk)



## New Philippe Roman chair



Professor Gilles Kepel, an expert on the politics of the Islamic world, is to be the next occupant of the Philippe Roman Chair in History and International Affairs at LSE IDEAS. He will take up the post in October for a year.

At present, Professor Kepel is at the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) in Paris and is director of its doctoral programme on the Muslim World. He is an acclaimed scholar and author who specialises in political Islam, the Middle East and international relations between the Muslim world and the West.

His books include *The War for Muslim Minds* (Harvard University Press), *Bad Moon Rising* (Saqi Books) and *Allah in the West: Islamic movements in America and Europe* (Stanford University Press). His most recent publication is *Beyond Terror and Martyrdom* (Harvard University Press).

## Library collaboration with Tata

Thanks to the generous support of the India Observatory, two LSE Library staff were able to visit India from 20 to 28 February. John Paschoud, projects manager and information systems engineer, and Graham Camfield, senior assistant librarian, Information Services, initially spent some days in Mumbai at the Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS).

Their visit had the aim of furthering discussions on potential areas for library collaboration with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) as part of the LSE-TISS collaboration. TISS librarian, Dr Muttayya Koganuramath, gathered his senior professional staff for a question and answer session with John and Graham on library developments and best practices. This was followed by a meeting open to colleagues from other academic libraries in Mumbai, which was well attended.

The engagement between the libraries at LSE and TISS will particularly focus on staff exchange and development, and look at how locally created digital research resources might be shared for mutual benefit.

Taking in brief visits to the libraries of Anna University and Madras University in Chennai, John

and Graham also travelled to the University of Pondicherry for the seventh International CALIBER (Convention on Automation of Libraries in Education and Research Institutions). John had been invited to give a tutorial on *Federated Access Management* for enabling the secure delivery of electronic resources off campus to academic staff, students, and distance learners. The tutorial and subsequent discussions with senior members of INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network – an agency of the national Government University Grants Commission) were a very valuable step towards defining how an Indian Access Federation might be formed. Graham also gave a paper at CALIBER on *Resource Discovery Services at LSE Library*. John has prepared a paper for further discussion, which outlines the key strategic steps which now need to be taken and how LSE might assist.



L-r: Graham Camfield, John Paschoud

## Hon doctorate

Professor Conor Gearty (right) and Trevor Phillips were awarded honorary doctorates for their exceptional work and contribution to Human Rights, at the Roehampton University Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 4 March.

Professor Gearty is director of the Centre for the Study of Human Rights and a founding member of the barristers' chambers Matrix. An expert in terrorism and civil liberties, he has been an informal adviser to the Labour Party for many years, including helping define Labour's approach to the problem of political violence in Northern Ireland and advising Tony Blair on terrorism law during the 1990s.

He is also a member of Roehampton University's Advisory Board of Crucible – its centre for education in human rights, social justice and citizenship.

Trevor Phillips is the chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, which has responsibility for the areas of disability, gender, race, age, religion, belief and sexual orientation.

Andrew Masheter, pro vice-chancellor, Roehampton said: 'Professor Gearty's work is informed by a profound understanding of the law and its functions, but he never lets his audience forget that at the heart of all law and politics there must be a concern and a compassion for the most vulnerable whose rights are daily threatened by the politics of expediency, fear and the abuse of power.'

## Grant for US study

Dr Steven Casey, International History, has been awarded a Matthew Ridgway grant to undertake research at the US Military History Institute in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dr Casey is working on two projects which explore the relationship between the US military and war correspondents in the two world wars. These projects develop some of the themes contained in his recent book, *Selling the Korean War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).



## Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### Law: Officers of the Law series

HOWARD DAVIES IN CONVERSATION WITH LORD GOLDSMITH QC  
Tuesday 17 March, 6.30pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Lord Goldsmith is head of the European litigation practice, Debevoise and Plimpton, and was attorney general for England and Wales (2001-07)

### LSE IDEAS

PROFESSOR CHEN JIAN

**The Significance of 1949 in Chinese History**  
Tuesday 17 March, 6.30pm, Old Theatre

The 60th anniversary of the People's Republic of China offers a chance to consider and reconsider the Communist revolution in Chinese and world history.

Chen Jian is the Philippe Roman chair in History and International Affairs at LSE for 2008-09 and the Michael J K chair of the History of US China Relations at Cornell University.

### School lecture

NORMAN DOIDGE

**The Brain That Changes Itself: the neuroplasticity revolution and its implications**

Tuesday 17 March, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre  
The discovery that the human brain can change its own structure and function with thought, and experience is the most important development in our

understanding of the brain in four hundred years. This means our individual cultural practices and experiences rewire our brains, so that differences between cultures give rise to different kinds of brains in the members of those cultures.

Norman Doidge MD is a psychiatrist, researcher, psychoanalyst and poet on faculty at the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research and the University of Toronto Department of Psychiatry.

**CPNSS: Voting Power in Practice** sponsored by the Leverhulme Trust

PROFESSOR MICHEL BALINSKI

**Majority Judgement: a completely new voting system. Part One – Majority Judgement vs the Traditional View**

Wednesday 18 March, 6.30pm, Wolfson Theatre  
Balinski presents an introduction to majority judgement, a new voting model.

**Parts two and three of this series will run on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March in the Thai Theatre, New Academic Building.**

Michel Balinski is director of research at CNRS (Centre National de la recherche scientifique) and the Econometrics Laboratory, Ecole Polytechnique, Paris.

### School public lecture

PROFESSOR RICHARD THALER

**Nudge: improving decisions about health, wealth and happiness**

Monday 23 March, 6.30pm, Old Theatre

By giving humans a gentle nudge they can make better life choices. The financial crisis makes this more relevant; how did we get into it; how do we get out of it; and how do we prevent another.

Richard Thaler is the Ralph and Dorothy Keller Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Behavioral Science at the Booth School of Business, University of Chicago.

### LSE Space for Thought series

PROFESSOR JOHN ROBERTS

**In Praise of Weak Incentives**

Thursday 26 March, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre  
The current financial crisis was largely caused by strong, misaligned incentives for bankers, resulting in calls for redesign of these pay schemes. Yet economic research suggests cases where muted incentives are desirable. This lecture will examine these.

John Roberts holds the John H and Irene S Scully Professorship in Economics, Strategic Management and International Business in the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University.

### ASEN/Nations and Nationalism: Ernest Gellner Nationalism

PROFESSOR JOHN DARWIN

**Empire and Ethnicity in the Modern World**

Monday 30 March, 5.30pm, Old Theatre

This lecture will examine the ways in which colonial empires promoted, exploited or repressed ethnicity and will look at some of the post-colonial consequences of this.

This annual lecture is held in memory of Professor Ernest Gellner.

John Darwin is a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.

### Asia Research Centre

NANDAN NILEKANI

**Imagining India: ideas for the new century**

Wednesday 22 April, 6.30pm, Old Theatre

Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, who has been a key player in India's growth story, argues that the country's future rests on more than simply economic growth. Only a safety net of ideas will enable the country to continue to grow and support the young people who have become one of its greatest assets.

Nandan Nilekani is co-chairman and co-founder of Infosys Technologies in India.



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News&Views

This is the last *News&Views* for this term. The next issue is due out on Monday 27 April. Deadline for receipt of copy is Monday 20 April.

Lunchtime concert

The Conchord Ensemble, comprising Barnaby Robson (clarinet), Maya Koch (violin), Joël Waterman (viola), and Julian Milford (piano) will perform on Thursday 19 March at 1.50, in the Shaw Library.

The programme will comprise Schumann *Märchenerzählungen*, Kurtag *Hommage à Robert Schumann*, and Bartok *Contrasts London*.

The Conchord Ensemble was formed in 2002 by internationally recognised young soloists, chamber musicians and principals from the major orchestras.



Executive Summer School

The Summer School is launching a new Executive Summer School, a programme of focused one-week intensive courses designed for professionals and graduates.

The programme will take place in June, and will be taught exclusively in the New Academic Building. A total of 11 courses will be run, three of which are in international relations, taught by Professor Mick Cox, Dr Robert Falkner and Dr Andrew Walter.

Hot Seat podcast

The Government Department Hot Seat podcast is a monthly series in which the department’s leading academics are interviewed by Justin Gest, winner of the 2007 Bernard Levin Award for student journalism. The interviews are on topical issues related to their research.

February’s hot seat sees Professor Marie Mendras discussing Russia’s internal politics. The interview is available as an mp3 or video at: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/government/raw/hotseat/default.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/government/raw/hotseat/default.htm)

Call for papers

Papers are being invited for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference 2009, University of Cambridge, which will be held 25-26 June.

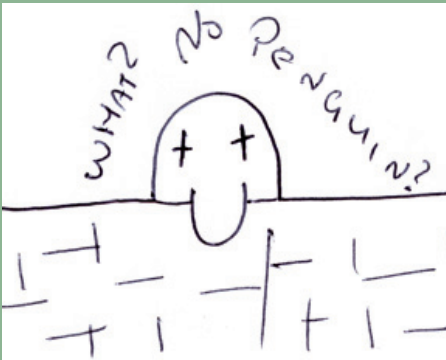
The conference, *Perspectives on Progress: crossing boundaries in research*, offers postgraduate researchers the chance to discuss their work amongst peers and to encourage interdisciplinary communication. Graduate students from all fields of study are invited to submit abstracts related to the conference theme.

For more information and a list of subject areas, see: [www.igc09.org](http://www.igc09.org) or email [info@igc09.org](mailto:info@igc09.org) Attendance is free.

Small ads

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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 17 March</b> <i>Finding News Sources</i> 11am <i>PowerPoint 2003: images tables and charts</i> 2pm	<b>Wednesday 25 March</b> <i>Staff IT Training workshop</i> 10am
<b>Wednesday 18 March</b> <i>Project Management</i> (two day course) 9.30am <i>How I Use Moodle: teachers’ show and tell</i> 12.15pm <i>Project 2003: managing resources</i> 2pm	<b>Friday 27 March</b> <i>Word 2003: long documents – referencing</i> 10am
<b>Thursday 19 March</b> <i>Positive Retirement Financial Planning</i> conference 10am <i>Endnote: manage your references</i> 10am <i>Moodle: next steps training</i> 2pm	<b>Monday 30 March</b> <i>Word 2003: useful features and shortcuts</i> 2pm
<b>Friday 20 March</b> <i>Endnote: manage your references</i> 10am	<b>Tuesday 31 March</b> <i>Excel 2003: advanced functions</i> 2pm
<b>Monday 23 March</b> <i>FrontPage 2003: forms and questionnaires</i> 10am	
<b>Tuesday 24 March</b> <i>Excel 2003: shortcuts and basic formulas</i> 10am	

**For further details** and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, 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)

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Excellent LSE

LSE has been rated ‘excellent’ by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) who have awarded the School 30 PhD scholarships.

The block grant partnership is a new funding mechanism introduced this year by the AHRC. Institutions were invited to bid for a block grant of scholarships based on their record of research in the arts and humanities, their research strategy and their institutional and departmental provision of research training for PhD students.

The LSE awards have been given primarily to the subject areas which have traditionally come under the

AHRC funding formula – law, history and philosophy – but awards have also been made for european culture, design and film studies.

The submission from the School was graded 5: ‘Excellence evidence provided, organisation has fully justified approach and students will have excellent training and supervision’.

LSE was ranked by the *Times Higher Education* as tenth, ninth, 19th and 26th in the world in the humanities between 2004 and 2007, and third in the UK (behind only Oxford and Cambridge) in 2004, 2005 and 2007 and fourth in 2006.

MARG conference

The Department of Accounting will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its annual Management Accounting Research Group (MARG) conference on Wednesday 1 April.

The group is sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and is dedicated to providing a free forum for some 120 researchers and practitioners to discuss emerging research and practice.

The theme for this year’s London conference is *Innovation and Sustainability in Management Accounting*. The keynote speakers will be Sir Michael Peat, principal private secretary to TRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, Professor Anthony Hopwood, Saïd Business School, and Professor Tony Davila, IESE Business School.

Places are limited so early registration is advised. For further details please email Rebecca Farrier at: [r.farrier@lse.ac.uk](mailto:r.farrier@lse.ac.uk) or see: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/accounting/news/MARGhome.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/accounting/news/MARGhome.htm)

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

**Tuesday 17 March**  
**1pm.** M101. CsGG seminar. Vanessa Herringshaw: *Efficiency, Transparency, and Participation to Escape the Resource Curse*.  
**6-7.30pm.** J116. Hellenic Observatory research seminar. Kostas Lavdas: *Problem-Solving and Ideology in Public Policy Instrumentation: populism, modernization, and all that*.

**Wednesday 18 March**  
**4.30-6pm.** R505. Social Exclusion seminar. Ruth Lupton: *Educational Inequality, Social Class and the Teacher’s Role*.  
**4.30-6pm.** S78. Kuwait research programme public

seminar. Johan Franzen: *The Resilience of Iraqi Nationalism*.  
**5-6.30pm.** D602. Information Risk and Security colloquium. Steve Marsh: *Information Security for eGovernment in the UK*.  
**5.30-7pm.** T206. Choice Group seminar. Christian W Bach and Conrad Heilmann: *Connectedness and Backward Induction*.

**Friday 20 March**  
**10.30am-12.30pm.** A607. Anthropological Theory research seminar. James Ferguson: *Declarations of Dependence: labour, personhood, and welfare in South Africa*.

Library news

**POOR LAWS EXHIBITION**  
To mark the centenary of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws and the Relief of Distress 1909, a special exhibition is being held in the Library Foyer. It highlights the Library’s collections relating to the Poor Laws which includes pamphlets, reports, parliamentary papers as well as a wide range of archives and primary source print materials. The exhibition runs from 16 March to 15 April.

**EASTER VACATION OPENING TIMES**  
24 hour opening for LSE students and staff remains in place throughout the Easter vacation except during Easter week when opening hours are as follows:

- Friday 10-Monday 13 April inclusive: Library closed for the Easter bank holiday weekend.
- Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 April (which are LSE closure dates): Library open from 10am-9pm, for existing Library card holders only. Please bring your card with you! Please note that on these days, the Service Counter and Help Desk will be open 11am-6pm, the Reception Desk and Archives will be closed.

Extended loan periods are available during Easter vacation, see the Library website for details.

CentrePiece

The latest edition of *CentrePiece*, the magazine of The Centre for Economic Performance, is now available from <http://cep.ac.uk>.

Main articles include:

*Weightlifting Competitions: lessons for performance management* by Christos Genakos and Mario Paglier and

*Big Ideas: intergenerational mobility* by Jo Blanden.

Nick Bloom and Max Floetotto explain why they believe growth will resume in late 2009 in *The Recession Will Be Over Sooner Than You Think*.

For subscription rates for hard copies, please email Helen Durrant at: [h.durrant@lse.ac.uk](mailto:h.durrant@lse.ac.uk)



L-r: Thomas Boje, Jenny Pearce

Ankara, on religion, secularism and democracy.

Papers ranged from the Mungiki violence in Kenya to gangs in Cape Town, and included both empirical and theoretical contributions. The conference attracted over 50 participants from Africa, Asia, North America and Europe. Full details are available at: [www.lse.ac.uk/ccs](http://www.lse.ac.uk/ccs)

**Monday 23 March**  
**5.45-7.15pm.** R405. FMG London Financial Regulation seminar. Lars Jonung: *Lessons from the Nordic Financial Crises of the 1990s*.

**Tuesday 7 April**  
**5-6.30pm.** Z132. Narrative, Discourse and Representation postgraduate seminar. Christina Scharff: *Men and Women are Very, Very, Very, Very Different: the reproduction of conventional heterosexual polarities*.