



News & views

Obituary

Professor Olivia Harris, head of Anthropology 2005-08, died on Thursday 9 April aged 60



Olivia gained her PhD from LSE in 1975. She taught for many years at Goldsmiths and co-founded the Anthropology department there in 1986, but she also taught in research institutes and universities in Latin America, Europe and the USA. She returned to LSE in January 2005, becoming head of department from

August 2005 until 2008.

Olivia was an eminent anthropologist of Latin America who specialised in Highland Bolivia. Her work addressed a range of issues including gender, household, kinship, feminist theory, law, money and

economic anthropology, symbolism and ritual and in 2006, co-authored a major study of Inka rule and Spanish conquest in Bolivia.

Olivia's work addressed broad issues which cut across disciplines: she worked on the interface between anthropology and history and explored the nature of historical change, the impact of significant change on those who experienced it and the myth-making and historical narratives of later generations; she also worked on post-colonialism and notions of citizenship in Latin America.

LSE Director Howard Davies said: 'Olivia will be greatly missed by everyone here. She was an outstanding scholar, an academic leader in every respect, and a warm, friendly colleague. Her memory will live on at the School.'

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Professor Barry. A full obit will appear next week.

LSE's charity walkers

Jarlath O'Hara, sport and recreation manager at the School, together with Mark Gardner, managing director of Teamlink Travel, ran seven marathons in seven days to raise money for a number of charities.



The first two were run in St Louis and Boston in the US, the other five in the UK, the fifth being run on the runners' treadmills set out in Houghton Street on Friday 24 April. The seven marathons finished with the London Marathon on Sunday 26 April.

To see details of the charities being sponsored and how to donate, go to: www.7in7.org.uk

Professor Tim Allen, DESTIN, was diagnosed with an acute form of myloid leukaemia nine years ago in 2000. After a year of treatment, the cancer returned and his chances of survival were very low. However, through the Anthony Nolan Trust an unrelated bone-marrow donor was found and Tim has been able to return to work and carry out research in Africa.

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 ran the London Marathon on 26 April to raise money for the Nolan Trust and is hoping to raise £2,000. Donations are still being accepted at: www.justgiving.com/timallen It would be great if you could add to the total for this amazing trust.

New World Order



In the latest of the Big Ideas films, Professor David Held (left) of the Government Department, points out that the world today is very different from the post-war era that gave

birth to the United Nations in 1945.

He said: 'The world has changed dramatically. Power has diffused across the world. We have seen the rise of Asia and China and the rapidly developing BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China) and these

are only partially, if at all, represented in many of our global institutions.'

He claims that, given this transformed world, institutions such as the UN and bodies such as the IMF are flawed in two crucial ways: 'Firstly, many have a system of representation that is anachronistic and too skewed to the old western powers that have had their own way for a long time. Secondly, they depend for their finance on the good will of the powerful countries.

To see the film, go to: www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/global-institutions-need-a-drastic-overhaul-1658492.html

Prized award for LSE academic



Professor Nancy Cartwright (pictured left), Philosophy Department, has been awarded the 2009 Chancellor's Associates Faculty Excellence Award for excellence in research in arts, humanities and social sciences from the University of California at San Diego. She currently holds a *partiem* position at the university.

Professor Cartwright is known for her pioneering work, particularly on the nature of laws in physics, the relationship between methods and theories of causality in the natural and social sciences, and the use of evidence in policy studies. Her most recent work looks at the unique role of 'randomised control trials' as evidence in medical and social policy.

Professor Cartwright has received numerous accolades and awards including the MacArthur Fellowship in recognition of her research. This latest award has been given to fewer than ten philosophers.

Round table

LSE IDEAS
PROFESSORS MARGOT LIGHT AND MARIE MENDRAS, AND DR BOBO LO
The rise and Fall of Putin's Russia
Wednesday 29 April, 6.30-8pm, B212

The last ten years have seen a marked deterioration in Russia's relations with the west and the US. This happened at the same time as Russia emerged from the economic doldrums of the 1990s, benefitting from

the rise in the world price of oil and gas. But how far is Russia's rise guaranteed? Can the west and the US afford a prolonged stand off with Russia? And will the Obama administration make a difference?

Margot Light is professor emeritus of international relations at LSE. Bobo Lo is director of the Russia and China programme at the Centre for European Reform. Marie Mendras is LSE-Sciences Po Alliance Professor.

Panel discussions

IHL Project
SPEAKER: GROUP CAPTAIN BILL BOOTHBY
RESPONDENT: TOM PORTEOUS
Future Directions in the Law Regulating Weaponry in Armed Conflict
Tuesday 28 April, 6-7.30pm, Wolfson Theatre
This discussion marks the release of Bill Boothby's new book *Weapons and the Law of Armed Conflict*. Bill Boothby developed and implemented the British system for the legal review of new weapons. Tom Porteous is London director of Human Rights Watch.

Forum for European Philosophy Dialogue in collaboration with Standpoint magazine
SPEAKER: NICK COHEN
DISCUSSANT: DANIEL JOHNSON
The Fall of the Berlin Wall: 20 years on
Tuesday 28 April, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre
What is the future of the Left?
Nick Cohen is a journalist, political commentator and author of *Waiting for the Etonians*. Daniel Johnson is the editor of *Standpoint*.

Centre for the Study of Global Governance
JOHN CHRISTENSEN, NICK MATHIASON, DR ATTIIYA WARIS
Do Tax Havens Cause Poverty?
Thursday 30 April, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre
This panel will explore the issues surrounding tax havens and their impacts on poor people.
John Christensen is director of the Tax Justice Network. Nick Mathiason is a journalist at *The Guardian*. Attiya Waris is a lecturer at the University of Nairobi.

School public discussion
PROFESSOR JOHN GRAY
Gray's Anatomy: thoughts on politics, religion and the meaning of life
Thursday 30 April, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre
The world has entered a period of crisis in which past ideologies give little guidance. John Gray will ask what went wrong and what we can expect in future.
John Gray is emeritus professor of European thought at LSE and author of *Gray's Anatomy*. Richard Reeves is director of the think-tank Demos.

Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

Urban Age, Cities Programme, and Monocle magazine
PROFESSOR ALEJANDRO ARAVENA, PROFESSOR RICKY BURDETT
Architecture as Investment
Monday 27 April, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
The challenge to provide affordable housing is a global issue.

Alejandro Aravena is a professor at Universidad Católica de Chile, a Chilean architect and executive director of Elemental in Santiago de Chile. Ricky Burdett is centennial professor in architecture and urbanism and director of Urban Age, LSE.

LSE Space for Thought series
PROFESSOR WANG GUNGWU
The State between Migration and Sojourning: the China difference
Tuesday 28 April, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
After 1949, migration policies in China changed several times. Why?

Wang Gungwu is university professor of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore and chairman of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Law Department: Officers of the Law series
LORD PHILLIPS OF WORTH MATRAVERS
On the New Supreme Court
Tuesday 28 April, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre
In this lecture series, senior figures talk about their lives in the law, the nature of their office, the institutions which they serve, the role of lawyers in government and their understanding of the relationship between law and politics.

Lord Phillips is former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and from October 2009 president of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

LSE Space for Thought series
PROFESSOR PAUL COLLIER
Wars, Guns and Votes: democracy in dangerous places
Wednesday 29 April, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
Paul Collier investigates the violence and poverty in countries at the bottom of the world economy. He asks why their democratic processes so often fail, and what must be done to bring long-term peace and stability.

Paul Collier is a professor of economics at Oxford University, co-director of the International Growth Centre at LSE and author of *Wars, Guns and Votes: democracy in dangerous places*.

School public lecture
DR TRISTRAM HUNT
Friedrich Engels: the man who made Marxism
Wednesday 29 April, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre
In advance of a major new biography, *The Frock-Coated Communist*, Tristram Hunt explores the life and work of Friedrich Engels, the man who turned Marxism into a political force – and whose vision was then brutally betrayed in the 20th century.
Tristram Hunt is an historian, broadcaster and a lecturer in British history at Queen Mary, University of London.

FT Business – LSE European Institute The Future of Europe series
PROFESSOR PHILIP BOBBITT
European Integration in the Era of the Market-State

Thursday 30 April, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre
With economic recession putting the expansion of the EU on hold, is the European project about to change course – for the better?
Philip Bobbitt is professor of jurisprudence at Columbia Law School and senior fellow in the Robert S Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas.

School public lecture
GILLIAN TETT
Fool's Gold
Thursday 30 April, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre
Gillian Tett explains how the slicing and dicing of debt led us to the devastating global credit crunch.
Gillian Tett has worked as a journalist for the Financial Times for 15 years. In 2008 she won the British Press Award for the Financial Journalist of the Year. This event marks the publication of her latest book *Fool's Gold: how unrestrained greed corrupted a dream, shattered global markets and unleashed a catastrophe*.

noticeboard

Catering move

The catering office has now moved to A541, fifth floor of the Main Building (just off the Staff Common Room). For general enquiries call 020 7955 7222, for function enquiries, call 020 7852 3732.

BJIR conference

The British Journal of Industrial Relations (BJIR) is holding a conference in honour of Richard Hyman, 9am-6pm, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May in the Thai Theatre. The conference will cover such areas as: labour and employment relations theory; comparative European and international employment relations; trade union organisation and strategy; strikes and industrial conflict; the relevance of history to employment relations research; and Richard Hyman's contributions to employment relations and related fields. There is no cost to attend the conference. To register and for more information, email: bjir@lse.ac.uk by 15 May.



IDEAS magazine

IDEAS Strategic Updates draw on the intellectual network of LSE IDEAS to provide up-to-the minute analysis on major issues in international affairs. Focusing on current aspects of the strategic debate, the updates contribute to understanding the issues involved for politicians, diplomats, academics and policymakers. Articles include: *NATO Strategy: building the comprehensive approach* by Jamie Shea, director of policy planning, private office of NATO's secretary general. *The Pygmy Who Turned Into a Giant: the Afghan Taliban in 2009* by Antonio Giustozzi, LSE's Crisis States Research Centre, *Opium in Afghanistan: a reality check* by Fabrice Pothier, director, Carnegie Europe, and *Afghanistan: the regional dimension* by Amalendu Misra, Lancaster University.



Call for papers

The *Journal of Accounting and Taxation* (JAT) publishes high-quality articles - both solicited and unsolicited - which engage with all areas of the subject. All articles published in JAT are peer-reviewed. Papers considered for publication should be original articles in basic and applied research or critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays. Instructions for authors, and further information are available at: www.academicjournals.org/JAT. Prospective authors should send their manuscript(s) to JAT@acadjourn.org

Small ads

To rent: one bed flat in Hampstead. Excellent condition. Hall, kitchen, living/dining room, bedroom, bath/shower, large walk-in cupboard/storage area. Peaceful location overlooking charming communal gardens. 2 mins from Heath, 5mins from Hampstead village and tube, 20 mins from central London. Available 6-9 months. £275pw or £325pw to include council tax and water rates. Contact jamiesons@libero.it

To rent: attractive Chalk Farm flat, close to tube and direct buses to LSE. Available from 9 August onwards. 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:			
Monday 27 April	<i>Excel 2003: shortcuts and basic formulas</i>	2pm	For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/training
Tuesday 28 April	<i>Excel 2003: charts</i>	2pm	
Wednesday 29 April	<i>Word 2003: format your PhD thesis</i>	2pm	For training in: European information , please email Maria Bell at: m.bell@lse.ac.uk Business information , please email Barbara Humphries at: b.humphries@lse.ac.uk US Government publications , please email Clive Wilson at: clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk UK Government publications , please email Paul Horsler at: p.n.horsler@lse.ac.uk
Thursday 30 April	<i>Word 2003: mail merge</i>	2pm	
	<i>Promotion and Review Workshop: career track lecturers</i>	1pm	
	<i>Word 2003: mail merge</i>	2pm	

Inform 2009 spring seminar

The 17th Inform spring seminar on *Intentional Communities* will take place on Saturday 23 May, 9.30am - 4.30pm in the New Theatre. Speakers will include: Professor Eileen Barker (pictured right), LSE/Inform, on *More than a Nuclear Family: an illustrated introduction to community living*, Neville Hodgkinson, Brahma Kumaris, on *Henpecked to Heaven? My 15 years in a Woman-led Retreat Centre*, Professor Timothy Miller, University of Kansas, Lawrence, on *Creation Then, Evolution Now: how 1960s spiritual communities have developed*, Graeme Wilson, the Church of Scientology, on *Isolation or Community (and shades in between)*. Tickets include a buffet lunch, morning coffee and afternoon tea and cost £38 (£16 students/unwaged) when booked and paid for by 10 May. Tickets booked after 10 May cost £42 (£21 students/unwaged). To register, send a cheque to Inform, Houghton St, London WC2A 2AE. For further enquiries, email: Inform@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 7654. For a registration form and programme, visit: www.inform.ac and click on forthcoming events. Inform seminars are intended to help participants to understand, or to at least recognise, different perspectives. The presence of speakers does not mean that Inform endorses their position.



Academics abroad

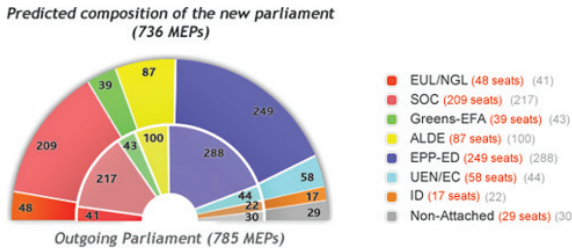
Professor Nikolas Rose, director of BIOS, delivered the annual Bochner lecture at the Scientia Institute at Rice University, Houston, on 9 March. His lecture was on *Neuropolitics in the Twenty First Century*, the research topic being explored by the Brain, Self and Society group at BIOS. To view the webcast, see: <http://webcast.rice.edu/webcast.php?action=details&event=1877>



Professor Gwyn Bevan, Operational Research Group, gave a seminar at INSEAD, Fontainebleau, on 13 March. His seminar topic was *Designing Regimes of Hospital Performance Assessment to Have an Impact: characteristics, evidence and implications*.

Predicting EU elections

Predict09.EU, by Professors Simon Hix, LSE, and Michael Marsh, Trinity College Dublin, with Nick Vivyan, research student, LSE and commissioned by global public relations and communications consultancy Burson-Marsteller. This research, which predicts the outcome of European elections, believes that the centre-right European People's Party will win approximately 249 seats in the June European elections, but its share of seats will be down from 37 per cent to 33 per cent of MEPs. The forecast predicts that the Socialist PSE group will win approximately 209 seats, which represents a slight increase in percentage terms, from 27 per cent to 29 per cent of MEPs and the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) will secure approximately 87 seats. A new European Conservative group, composed of the British Conservatives and their allies, are predicted to be the fourth largest group, with about 58 seats. The forecast predicts that there will be approximately the same number of anti-European and Extreme Right MEPs – about 45 in total – in the new Parliament as in the current Parliament. The predictions will be updated each week online at: www.predict09.eu until the elections on 4-7 June. Visitors to the site can also vote for their choice of next President of the European Commission.



Diary

Monday 27 April 6.30-8pm. R505. FMG Taxation seminar. Jonathan Leape, Ian Roxan, Judith Freedman, Malcolm Gammie and David Oliver: <i>The Budget and Finance Bill: a panel discussion.</i>	Wednesday 29 April 4-6pm. B212. International History research seminar. Rui Lopes: <i>West German-Portuguese Relations in the Era of Détente, Ostpolitik and Colonial War, 1968-1974.</i>
Tuesday 28 April, 6pm. D502. Gender Institute research seminar. Vron Ware: <i>The New Literary Front: reading the girls of Riyadh.</i>	Thursday 30 April 4-6pm. A607. Anthropology of East and Inner Asia seminar. Adam Chau: <i>Sacred Traces: respect the written word or die a horrible death.</i>

Library news

24 HOUR OPENING DURING EXAM TIME
A reminder that until Friday 26 June, the Library is open for 24 hours for LSE students and staff. Other measures in place to support students during exam time include decommissioning of PCs to free up addition spaces for quiet study and bookable study spaces on the ground and fourth floors. For more details see the Library website.
MAY BANK HOLIDAY OPENING
On Monday 4 May, the Library will remain open for 24 hours for LSE staff and students who have swipe cards with them. Service Counter and Information Desk services will be open from 11am-6pm. Please note that Reception Desk services will be closed and new and replacement Library Cards cannot be issued. The Archives Reading room will also be closed.



LSE graduate top student negotiator

Former LSE law student Charlotte Whitehorn has won a national competition to find the country's toughest student negotiators. Charlotte, who is now studying at the College of Law, and her team-mate Charles Shoebridge beat stiff competition from law schools around the country to win the national final of The Negotiation Competition. The event organisers said that they were the clear winners out of the 12 teams that took part. The pair will now represent England and Wales and the College of Law in the International Negotiation Competition to be held in Chicago in July.



Media bites

‘Defence against cyberwarfare is extremely difficult. Only the very unskilled leave pointers to their identities and locations’ **Peter Sommer**, *The Guardian*, 16/4/09
‘This artificial shortening of the economic life of a car [£500 to buy an electronic car and scrap the old one] seems nuts. It’s worse than getting paid to dig holes and fill them in again. It’s like being paid to burn down your house to help the residential construction industry.’ **Willem Buiter**, *Money Weekly*, 17/4/09
‘The problem with computer technology such as the internet is that it’s a ‘pull’ technology, you can’t push products onto people, people have to manually ‘pull’ them, which is one of the reasons why there’s so much junk mail about.’ **Ian Angell**, *Europeanceo.com*, 20/4/09

