



# News & Views

## Awards for economics students

The School would like to congratulate the following economics students who have gained awards:

**Maria Riera Lamela**, third year student, won first prize of £1,500 in the 2009 Student Essay competition held by the Economics Network of the Higher Education Academy. Maria's ideas to address the problem of this year's topic: *How would you make difficult economics easier to learn?*, involved assessment methods, application of theory and interactivity.

Maria, who will be presented with a cheque and certificate at a ceremony at the School, intends to continue at LSE on the MSc Economics course.

You can read her essay at: [www.studyeconomics.org/maria-riera-lamela](http://www.studyeconomics.org/maria-riera-lamela)

**Bhavik Shah**, a second year student who has served as treasurer for the Economics Society and is a leading force in the new EC102 student-run help sessions, was selected by Goldman Sachs and the Institute of International Education as one of the 2009 Global Leaders. This offers not just \$3,000 but participation

in an important network. Just eight were chosen from the UK, 16 from the US and 100 worldwide.

**Markus Gstoettner**, third year student, and second year student **Anders Jensen** (pictured right), received one of the three Distinguished Participant Awards from Georgetown University for their joint paper on *Aid and Public Finance: a missing link?*



This was an econometric investigation of one reason why foreign aid does not have the positive effects intended: because it has a negative impact on the quality of public finances in the recipient countries.

The paper, given at Georgetown University's undergraduate research conference, was chosen from 30 others for both the content and its presentation.

**Georg Graetz**, who plans to begin his MRes/PhD at LSE in the autumn, was also selected to attend. The proceedings of the conference will be published online at a later date.

## New visiting professor

Professor KS James, professor and head of the Population Research Centre at the Institute for Social and Economic Change, India, will be visiting LSE this May and June under the ESRC-ICSSR UK-India Scheme.

Professor James' main area of research is on the linkages between population, health and development in India and the formal demographic research. During his time at the School, he will work with Dr Tiziana Leone of LSE Health on a joint project and interact with British academics with common interests.

On Friday 8 May, he will be giving a seminar entitled Economic Growth and Health Status:

investigation of the macro relationship in India. He will also be one of the speakers at the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) meeting on poverty and reproductive health in developing countries, on Friday 29 May.

For more information, see: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BSPS/dayMeetings/Poverty&reproductive%20health.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/BSPS/dayMeetings/Poverty&reproductive%20health.htm)



## Honesty reaps it own rewards

One of the School's cleaners, Maria Victoria Rojas, came to the rescue of Rosemary Anne Mathewson, managing director Duke CE, on 20 April. Rosemary left her handbag on a bus with all her documents: passport with UK work permit, credit cards, cash, flat and office keys, all ID including NYS driver's license and health insurance.

Just as she had resigned herself to the task of cancelling cards and arranging replacement documents – she was due to fly back to the US at the end of the week – Rosemary got a call from Maria to say she had found her bag. Maria's English is minimal and she had gone to a great deal of trouble to track Rosemary down.

Rosemary and Maria, who works for cleaning contractors ISS Services, met at the School the following morning and managed to speak together through the interpretation skills of Maria's supervisor

Jonathan Cardenas.

As Rosemary said: 'Isn't it nice to know that you have people of such good character and such diligent kindness

working at the LSE?' She hoped that Maria 'receives as much credit as possible, moral or otherwise, for 'saving my life'.'

Dan Perrotte, operations manager for ISS Services, said: 'Maria will be receiving a GEM award for 'going that extra mile' and will be presented with a certificate and Marks and Spencer vouchers.



## Round table

### LSE IDEAS

PROFESSORS ATHAR HUSSAIN, CHEN JIAN, AND DANNY QUAH

#### *Rising Asia in the World Crisis*

Tuesday 5 May, 6-7.30pm, Old Theatre

Asia's rise has brought about profound changes to the international system and the current world crisis presents the continent with both opportunities and challenges. The initiatives and responses by Asian countries, China and India in particular, have the

## Obituary

Brian Barry, professor of political science, LSE (1987-98) and Lieber professor of political philosophy at Columbia University, New York (1998-2005) has died at the age of 72

Professor Barry was the author of the influential *Political Argument* (1965) which challenged the idea that there was nothing to be said about political values and principles, and sought to explain and justify how we might reach reasonable conclusions about them. Forty-four years on, it is still a compendium of how we conceptualise, analyse and defend claims about democracy, power and justice.

His book, *Why Social Justice Matters* (2005),

potential to define the world's path of development now and in the future.

Chen Jian is the Philippe Roman Chair in History and International Affairs at LSE IDEAS for 2008-09 and is the Michael J Zak Chair of the History of US-China Relations at Cornell University. Danny Quah is head of department and professor of economics at LSE. Athar Hussain is director of the Asia Research Centre, LSE

directed disapproval at both New Labour and political philosophy for failing to engage with political science and social policy. As the world moved to the right, Barry stayed where he was. He saw part of his vocation as the defence of that position from communitarianism and multiculturalism, the latter of which had been the subject of his work, *Culture and Equality* (2000).

Barry was an inventor of the professional role of political theorist, combining philosophical argument with the lessons of the social sciences. He helped to professionalise political theory – and reminded us of the power of reason as a force for good.

## Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

### *FT Business* – LSE European Institute The Future of Europe series in association with the Forum for European Philosophy

CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL

#### *Reflections on the Revolution in Europe: can Europe be the same with different people in it?*

Tuesday 5 May, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre  
Christopher Caldwell is a senior editor at the *Weekly Standard*, and a regular contributor to the *Financial Times*. His new book is *Reflections on the Revolution in Europe: Islam, immigration and the west*.

### Forum for European Philosophy and LSE Law Department Legal Theory Subject Group

DR MARTIN SAAR

#### *The Subject of Politics: from Foucault to political philosophy*

Wednesday 6 May, 12.30-2pm, Thai Theatre

As the 25th anniversary of Michel Foucault's death approaches, Martin Saar will consider the impact of Foucault's work and assess his intellectual legacy.

Dr Saar is assistant professor at the Institute for Political Science, Frankfurt University.

Grantham Research Institute

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY HEAL

### *Controversies in the Economics of Climate Change*

Wednesday 6 May, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

Geoffrey Heal is a visiting professor at the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at LSE, Paul Garrett Professor of Public Policy and Business Responsibility, and professor of finance and economics at Columbia Business School.

### Anthropology Department Malinowski Lecture

DR JOSHUA BARKER

#### *The Tycoon and the Tough: towards a comparative anthropology of urban marginality*

Thursday 7 May, 6-7pm, Hong Kong Theatre  
Joshua Barker is associate professor in the Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto.

### LSE IDEAS

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR ARCHIE BROWN

DISCUSSANT: DR ROY ALLISON

#### *Explaining the End of Communism in Europe*

Thursday 7 May, 6.30-8pm, Wolfson Theatre  
The launch Professor Brown's book *The Rise and Fall of Communism* and a discussion of why Communist rule ended so suddenly in Europe 20 years ago.

Archie Brown is emeritus professor of politics at Oxford University and an emeritus fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford.

### Forum for European Philosophy

PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN LIST

#### *The Democratic Trilemma*

Thursday 7 May, 6.30-8pm, Alumni Theatre  
Collective decisions are ubiquitous in contemporary societies. Can we design an ideal democratic procedure for making such decisions?

Christian List is professor of political science and philosophy at LSE and an editor of *Economics and Philosophy*.

### POLIS

DAVID AARONOVITCH

#### *Voodoo Histories: from the Protocols to 9/11*

Thursday 7 May, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre  
Why are people attracted to conspiracy theories and why are those theories so damaging?

This event marks the launch of David Aaronovitch's new book *Voodoo Histories: the role of the conspiracy theory in shaping modern history*.

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

KNUT VOLLEBAEK

#### *The International Politics of Minority Issues: could the early 1990s return?*

Thursday 7 May, 6.30-8pm, U8

Knut Vollebaek is high commissioner on national minorities at the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

### LSE Arts/CsGG Talking Pictures series

JESSICA DIMMOCK

#### *Documentary Photography: the long term project*

Thursday 7 May, 7-8pm, New Theatre

Jessica Dimmock is a graduate of the International Center of Photography's Program in Documentary Photography and Photojournalism. She has received the F Award for Concerned Photography from Forma and Fabrica, the Inge Morath Award from Magnum, and the Marty Forsher Fellowship for Documentary Photography from PDN. Her first book, *The Ninth Floor* (Contrasto) was published in 2007.



noticeboard

Swine Flu updates

LSE Business Continuity has set up an online bulletin board covering developments and giving information on the swine flu situation. For regular updates, see: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/)

First Teaching Day

The first LSE Teaching Day will take place on Tuesday 9 June. Director Howard Davies will open a programme of workshops, seminars and panel discussions including innovative approaches to teaching and the latest technologies and resources for staff.

The keynote talk will be given by Dr Jonathan Leape, Economics, on *Thinking Like A Social Scientist* (TLASS). Professor Janet Hartley, pro-director for Teaching & Learning, will close the event with a presentation of the Teaching Excellence Awards at a wine reception.

Participation is free to all LSE staff, but numbers are limited. Book your place and view the full programme at: [www.lse.ac.uk/teachingday](http://www.lse.ac.uk/teachingday)

Registration closes on Thursday 28 May.

Lost and found hours

The opening hours for summer term for the Lost and Found Property Office, A050, are:

Monday	5-8pm
Tuesday	5-8pm
Wednesday	8-11am
Thursday	8am-12pm
Friday	8-10am

Living and working in the UK

As part of Russian Business week, the Russian Business Society has organised a lecture by Jamie Bryant of the Work Permit Centre on *Living and Working in the UK for Non-EU Nationals* to be held on Tuesday 12 May. The lecture will take place in the New Theatre, 2-4pm, and will cover such topics as visas, work, change of status and the point-based system.

UK Work Permit Centre specialises in assisting corporate clients who wish to employ skilled overseas nationals and private clients seeking permission to work or stay in the UK. It aims to provide correct advice in clear, concise and unambiguous terms and they have kindly agreed to clarify all the questions you may have as a graduate or skilled worker.

Entrance is free, but please come ten minutes in advance as this event is expected to generate a lot of interest.

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](mailto: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](mailto:r.fitzgerald@alumni.lse.ac.uk)

**English proof-reading:** essays, assignments, phd drafts. Is the quality of your work suffering due to poor English-language skills? Email Merryn at: [merryn@hotmail.com](mailto:merryn@hotmail.com)

Proof-reading covers grammar, punctuation, spelling, idiomatic phrasing and paragraphing. £20 per hour (+/- 2,000 words per hour).

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 5 May</b> <i>Staff IT Training Workshop</i> 10am <i>Presenting with Powerpoint: communicating effectively with an audience</i> 10am	<b>Monday 11 May</b> <i>Excel 2003: advanced functions</i> 2pm
<b>Wednesday 6 May</b> <i>Excel 2003: essential formulas and functions</i> 10am <i>Using a Range of Digital Media for Teaching</i> 2.15pm	<b>For further details</b> and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: <a href="http://www.lse.ac.uk/training">www.lse.ac.uk/training</a>
<b>Thursday 7 May</b> <i>Access 2003: calculating and presenting data</i> 10am	<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> <b>US Government publications</b> , please email Clive Wilson at: <a href="mailto:clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk">clive.wilson@lse.ac.uk</a> <b>UK Government publications</b> , please email Paul Horsler at: <a href="mailto:p.n.horsler@lse.ac.uk">p.n.horsler@lse.ac.uk</a>

LSE Health Research Digest

The LSE Health Research Digest 2009 highlights the centre's key contributions to research, policy development, dissemination and teaching for 2008.

Research on health policy, health economics, behavioural economics and risk, health in developing countries, and demography and population is spotlighted, as well as policy reviews ranging from an examination of research on economic incentives for preventive care for Health England, to a review of health systems performance across different European countries for the Commonwealth Fund in the US, and pharmaceutical policy in India.

Working to inform policy is central to LSE Health's aims. Staff serve as advisors to ministries of health and social affairs in over 15 countries. Over 20 members of staff hold appointments with national and international policy-making bodies. This work has had a notable policy impact both in the UK and abroad.

Dissemination of new research and ideas to academic and policy communities continues to be an important aspect of the Centre's activities.

Among the research papers highlighted are:

- What impact do prescription drug charges have on efficiency and equity?
- The giants of excess: a challenge to the nation's health
- United States' Veterans Health Administration
- Political analysis of different options in European Union health services policy.
- Do community factors affect Caesarean section rates in developing countries?

The Digest is online at: [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHealth](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEHealth)

Understanding the December riots

**The Return of Street Politics? Essays on the December Riots in Greece**, by Spyros Economides and Vissilis Monastiriotis, Hellenic Observatory

In December 2008, following the shooting of teenager Alexis Grigoropoulos, a wave of demonstrations and violent protest rocked Athens and quickly spread to other Greek cities. Initially, these were directly linked to Alexis' death and aimed against alleged police incompetence and brutality. However, the scope of the movement soon broadened to encompass protest against youth unemployment, social inequality, corruption, state inadequacy, higher education reforms and other perceived grievances. The decision to police the demonstration and violent protest in a 'hands off' manner exacerbated the impact of the events and allowed free rein to vandals and looters.

The causes and consequences of these December riots need to be properly understood in Greece's domestic and international context.

As a way of initiating a broad and open discussion, the Hellenic Observatory commissioned a series of short papers from a range of scholars, analysts and commentators which have now been published.

These offer a wide range of explanations and diverse interpretations of the cause of the riots and their impact. It is hoped that they will open a coherent, longer-term discussion on the subject, which could have an impact on policy and allow us to tackle some key problems in contemporary Greek society.

Copies of the collection can be bought for £5 from Eleni Xiarchogiannopoulou. Email: [e.xiarchogiannopoulou@lse.ac.uk](mailto:e.xiarchogiannopoulou@lse.ac.uk)

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

<b>Tuesday 5 May</b> <b>5-6.30pm.</b> Z132. Narrative, Discourse and Representation postgraduate seminar. Sarah Helsing: <i>Biographic Accounts of Second-Generation Finn-Germans</i> . <b>6-7.30pm.</b> NAB 1.15. Hellenic Observatory research seminar. Kostas Ifantis: <i>Greek-US Security Relations: the limits of influence and partnership</i> .	<b>5.30-7pm.</b> T206. Choice Group seminar. David Makinson: <i>Logical Questions Behind the Lottery and Preface Paradoxes: lossy rules for uncertain inference</i> . <b>6pm.</b> J116. Cañada Blanche seminar. RamónCañada Villares: <i>Galicja, 1931-1936: del 'alba de Gloria' a la 'noite de pedra'</i> . <b>6.30-8pm.</b> D311. Asia Research Centre seminar. Mutsumi Hirano: <i>Japan's Foreign Policy</i> .
<b>Wednesday 6 May</b> <b>5pm.</b> R405. Capital Markets workshop. Mitchell Petersen: <i>Investment and Capital Constraints: repatriations under the american jobs creation act</i> . <b>5-6.30pm.</b> NAB LG09. Sociology seminar: Understanding Freedom. Paul Gilroy: <i>Get Free or Die Trying</i> .	<b>Thursday 7 May</b> <b>1-2.15pm.</b> NAB 1.19. CCS seminar. Martin Albrow: <i>Spaces and Times for a Civil Society University</i> . <b>5pm.</b> A379. Modern and Comparative Economic History seminar. Maristella Botticini: <i>Religion, Human Capital and Jewish Economic History, c. 1492</i> .

Library news

**BEVERIDGE CATALOGUING PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY**

The papers of William Beveridge (1879-1963), economist and former LSE Director, is one of the most important collections at LSE Archives. A project has started to place online the catalogue of papers, of which there are 800 boxes.

As part of this project, details of Beveridge's family and personal papers have already been added to the online Archives catalogue. To view these go to: <http://archives.lse.ac.uk>

More of the catalogue will be available online as the project progresses and you can keep up to date with this and other LSE Archives projects via the blog, Out of the Box, at: <http://lib-1.lse.ac.uk/archivesblog>

**tlc teaching & learning centre Courses**

**RESEARCH ETHICS SEMINAR**  
*Friday 8 May, 2-4pm, Hong Kong Theatre*

The School attaches great importance to the maintenance of high ethical standards both for staff and student research.

From 2008/09, postgraduate students may have to attend an ethics seminar. If you or your supervisor feel that your research raises ethical issues then you must attend.

The seminar will cover – amongst other things – all aspects of consent, case studies and guidance on the School's forms and processes.

Although this first seminar is intended for PhD students, MSc students are welcome to attend if they feel it is relevant.

To book a place, go to: <http://tlcevents.lse.ac.uk/index.php?action=details&eventid=294>

Media bites

'The 2009 Budget was one of the most challenging for decades. Britain will be burdened with immense debts for a generation. London's economy is the key to paying the taxes that will allow us to prosper in the long term. Along with an obligation to pay tax, residents and businesses have a right to demand investment. That's not just a priority for Londoners: the whole nation needs us to boom once more.'

**Tony Travers**, *Evening Standard*, 24/4/09