

Focusing on poverty: a photographic exposé

A major new photographic exhibition, *Viewing Restricted: [re]presenting poverty*, was launched at the School on 6 May and will run until 14 June in the Atrium. The exhibition was inspired by the *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2009* which is themed on poverty and activism.

The photographs explore poverty and its portrayal in five global cities, London, Mumbai, New York, Istanbul and Shanghai, and provide an important new perspective and challenging perceptions of 'the poor'. Five photographers were selected from an international open competition to discover artists with innovative approaches and a willingness to deconstruct their interpretations of poverty.

The exhibition is accompanied by a series of events that will investigate changing ways of picturing the world and the implications for NGOs, policy makers, artists, the media, and 'poor people' themselves (see Public Lectures in future issues of *News & Views*). The first of these was the launch of the *Global Civil Society Yearbook 2009* on 6 May with a public panel discussion on *How the 'Poor' Become 'Poor': debating global civil society and constructions of poverty*.

Although conceived before the global recession, the exhibition's new photography – contrasted with

rarely seen archive images depicting poor people over the last few hundred years – adds an intriguing perspective to the current economic crisis.

The five photographers portray different elements of society's poor. Jessica Dimmock captures the lives of patients and the homeless, all trapped in a public hospital hidden in the heart of New York and cheek-by-jowl with Manhattan's middle classes. Mishka Henner exposes the hidden mechanisms keeping rich and poor divided in his journey through the public and private spaces of an inner London borough. Sharron Lovell charts the experiences of migrant families to Shanghai in a powerful multimedia presentation they helped to edit. Subhash Sharma joins poor Mumbaikers' on their day off, revealing their varied leisure pursuits. Ali Taptik traces contentious redevelopment projects in historic districts of Istanbul, staying on the border between public and private.

The exhibition is free and open to all, Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm, the Atrium, Student Services Centre, LSE, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE.



Children colouring in Street, Zeyrek: Ali Taptik



enhancing the student experience and in furthering LSE's aim of creating a world class estate. The School's ambition is to procure an exemplary piece of architecture which is innovative, sustainable and inspirational, and which will be at the forefront of 'Contemporary Westminster'.

New Students' Centre

The School is starting on the next phase of its campus development – the demolition of St Philips (right) and the creation of a new Students' Centre.

The aim is to create the best student building in the world and to this end, a competition was held by RIBA (the Royal Institute of British Architects) to find the architects with the vision that best suits the School's needs.

The six architectural practices which have been shortlisted are: Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, London; David Chipperfield Architects, London; de Rijke Marsh Morgan, London; Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios, London; O'Donnell & Tuomey Architects, Dublin; 3XN A/S, Copenhagen.

The new Students' Centre will play a vital role in

First chair in African development

Professor Thandika Mkandawire has been appointed to a new Chair in African Development. He is due to take up his post in September.

Professor Mkandawire is an economist with particular expertise on development issues. He was formerly director of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), a senior research fellow at the Centre for Development Research in Copenhagen and has taught at the Universities of Stockholm and Zimbabwe.

The chair, based in DESTIN, is being funded initially by DESTIN and generous contributors to LSE's Annual Fund, many of them alumni. Its creation follows a powerful speech made by Nelson Mandela at LSE in 2000, in which he recognised the connections between the School and Africa and pointed to the potential for education to help deliver a renaissance on the continent.

Professor Mkandawire said: 'To my mind there is a big hole in our knowledge of Africa, one that African scholars are seeking to fill. By placing the chair in DESTIN, the holder is in a strong position to work with partners in Africa and around the world to increase the visibility of Africa within teaching and

research across the social sciences and within the global political and policy arenas.'

It is expected the new post will open the way for more Africa-based scholars to bring their expertise to LSE to help broaden and sharpen its research into the region. LSE is also developing plans to take summer schools to African students in partnership with other universities, extend scholarships for African students and to develop more research projects which are a partnership between LSE and African scholars.

Jo Beall, professor of development studies, said: 'There has been growing interest and excitement in recent months about the possibilities for LSE and Africa. We are lucky to have Thandika joining us and his appointment will give a new momentum to our work on Africa and to the sense of potential that President Mandela first envisaged.'



AUA award



Christine Child (left), head of the Student Services Centre, has been awarded a fellowship from the Association of University Administrators (AUA).

Christine has been a member of AUA since it was formed in 1992. The fellowship has been awarded in regard for her contribution to the

journal *Perspectives: policy and practice in higher education* as well as her presentations at the AUA annual conference and her activities in the London region association.

Christine said: 'I found many benefits from membership, particularly the opportunities to learn from others in different universities, and it has helped me develop confidence in my own knowledge and expertise. I believe higher education administration will soon become a recognised profession. The AUA, along with other organisations such as the Academic Registrars Council, is leading this development and I am proud to be making a contribution.'

Largest EC grant

The EC's Research Directorate has awarded Professor Elias Mossialos, director of LSE Health, a 4.5 million Euro research grant to develop methodologies and indicators for assessing health system efficiency and quality. This represents the second largest research grant ever awarded to the LSE by the Commission and the largest so far from the Framework Programme 7.

The project will also focus on comparative analysis of several health system areas with regard to quality of care, including revalidation of health care professionals, how patients can seek redress if things go wrong, continuity of care and treatment pathways, quality of the data, content and scope of medical records, public reporting of quality and patient choice.

Work will be carried out with leading European institutions including: Technische Universität Berlin; Maastricht University; London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; University of Barcelona; and the National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland.



Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

LSE Arts/Centre for the CsGG Talking Pictures

SHARRON LOVELL

Urban Nomads

Monday 11 May, 7-9pm, Wolfson Theatre

Driven from crumbling countryside economics, 200 million Chinese have moved to the cities, serving as cogs in an engine powering unprecedented growth. Though they are changing every facet of Chinese life, these internal migrants are second-class citizens in their own land. They gamble everything to grab a piece of the modern Chinese life.

Photographer Sharron Lovell is based in Shanghai.

LSE 'Europe in Question' series inaugural lecture

PROFESSOR ANDREW MORAVCSIK

The European Constitutional Settlement.

Democratically Legitimate? Politically Stable?

Tuesday 12 May, 6.30-8pm, Wolfson Theatre

The lecture will launch the European Institute's new Discussion Paper series *Europe in Question* (LEQS), which publishes academic and policy research on European processes and institutions.

Andrew Moravcsik is professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton University.

Centre for the Study of Global Governance lecture

PETER FEITH

Consolidating Kosovo's European Future: tracing next steps

Wednesday 13 May, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

A look at Kosovo's achievements and challenges over the past year, highlighting the current state of play and the priorities and vision of the Kosovo government and its international partners as the country prepares for European Union membership.

Peter Feith is the international civilian representative and European Union special representative in Kosovo.

Lakatos Award

PROFESSOR RICHARD HEALEY

A World without Particles or Forces

Thursday 14 May, 6-7.30pm, Old Theatre

Physicists talk about 'elementary particles'. But do particles exist? The Newtonian world depended on forces between particles, but the real world may be much stranger.

Richard Healey is professor of philosophy at the University of Arizona.

Cañada Blanch Centre for Contemporary Spanish Studies Fundació Rafael Campalans

ERNEST MARAGALL

Decentralising Education in Spain and Catalonia: opportunities and challenges

Thursday 14 May, 6.30-7.30pm, Wolfson Theatre

This lecture will explain how simultaneous changes in the Spanish and Catalan legal framework can drive Catalonia not only to a profound educational reform, but also to a greater level of self-government.

Ernest Maragall is minister of education for the Government of Catalonia. He was a founder of the Catalan Socialist Party in 1976 and he is currently a member of the party's executive board.

LSE AIDS/DFID/LSE Health

PROFESSOR STEFAN DERCON AND DR JANET SEELEY

How did HIV/AIDS Affect Rural Communities in Africa? The Answer to the Question

Thursday 14 May, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa is almost 30 years old yet a number of the worst-case scenarios on the impact of AIDS in Africa have not come to pass. What did happen? The speakers give their answers using data from recent research in Tanzania and Uganda.

Stefan Dercon is a quantitative economist, University of Oxford. Janet Seeley is an anthropologist at the School of International Development, University of East Anglia.

LSESU Albanian Society

ARDIAN FULLANI

Friday 15 May, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

Adrian Fullani is the Governor of the Bank of Albania and Member of its Supervisory Council since October 2004. He has written many articles and scientific papers on economic and financial issues.

Sir Patrick Gillam lecture with Standard Chartered Bank

PROFESSOR ANDREW BERNARD

Bulls or Bears in the China Shop? Global Crises, Global Linkages and Asian Manufacturing

Monday 18 May, 6.30-8pm, Wolfson Theatre

This lecture examines the impact of the global economic downturn on East Asia and the prospects for East Asian manufacturing in its aftermath.

Andrew Bernard is Jack Byrne Professor of International Economics and director of the Center for International Business at the Tuck School of Business

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Pay Clinic

How to Make the Most of your Pay
Human Resources will be running a Pay Clinic as part of Learning at Work week, helping you to make the most out of your pay in the current economic climate.

- **Would you** like to learn how you can save money on travel to work, cycles and childcare?
- **Do you** know what benefits are available to you as an LSE employee?
- **Do you** know how you can help charities in a tax efficient way?
- **Would you** like to know how to read your payslip?
- **Do you** think you might be paying too much tax / NI?

All pay queries will be explained. Come along and visit us at Human Resources, Tower 3, between 11am and 3pm on Tuesday 12 May for a cuppa and a homemade cake!

On contemporary history and global issues

LSE International History Department and KCL Department of History, together with LSE IDEAS and KCL School of Arts and Humanities are hosting two public lectures on contemporary history and global issues.

The first is on Friday 22 May at 6.15pm in the Edmond J Safra Lecture Theatre, Strand Campus, King’s College London. Entitled: *The Significance of Contemporary History as the Bridge between Historical Scholarship and Society: the case of Britain and Ireland*, this lecture will be given by Lord Bew, an independent crossbench peer and professor of Irish politics at Queen’s University, Belfast.

A drinks reception will follow this lecture at 5.30pm in the KCL Old Entrance Hall.

The second lecture will take place on Saturday 23 May at 6pm in the Old Theatre. This will be given by Professor Niall Ferguson, Laurence A Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, and William Ziegler Professor at Harvard Business School. Professor Ferguson’s lecture will be on *The Power of Analogy: the post-cold war world in historical perspective*.

Both lectures and the reception are ticketed events and booking a place in advance is essential. Please email Dr David Monger at: crossroadsconference09@yahoo.co.uk by 15 May.

Perspectives

April’s LSE Perspectives photos are now online at: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/artsAndMusic.

This online gallery features images contributed by students and staff which reflect some of the fascinations, concerns, quirks and artistic sensibilities of our LSE community. To view a larger picture and to find out more information about each entry just click on the thumbnail.

For information on how to submit a photo, click on LSE Perspectives submissions.

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

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

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:

Tuesday 12 May <i>Facebook: myths and facts</i> (Adult Learners Week) <i>Project 2003: tasks</i>	12pm 2pm	<i>introduction to social bookmarking</i> (Adult Learners Week) <i>HTML: formatting and layout</i>	10.30am 2pm
Wednesday 13 May <i>Moodle Basics Training</i> <i>Using RSS Feeds to Keep Up to Date</i> (Adult Learners Week) <i>Introduction to Twitter and Micro-Blogging</i> (Adult Learners Week) <i>FrontPage 2003: managing your website</i> <i>Copyright, the Internet and Teaching Online</i> (PhD/staff only)	10am 12pm 12pm 2pm 2.15pm	Monday 18 May <i>PowerPoint 2003: templates and animation</i>	10am
Thursday 14 May <i>RDP 7: from thesis to book. Writing an Effective First Book Proposal</i> (staff)	2pm	For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/training	
Friday 15 May <i>Managing Internet Resources:</i>		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	

Taxes that are good for you

Incentives for Prevention. Health England Report No 3, Julian Le Grand, Richard Titmuss Professor and chair of Health England, and Divya Srivastava, LSE Health

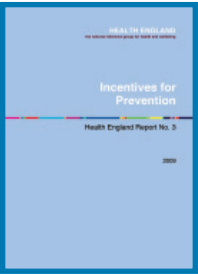
In looking at schemes targeted at individuals, employers, government agencies and health care providers, the authors found that offering immediate rewards to encourage people to undertake healthy activities could be particularly effective. It was found that, contrary to popular wisdom, taxes on unhealthy behaviours do work. Studies have shown that a five per cent increase in tobacco duty would lead, on average, to a reduction in years of smoking by 2–3.5 per cent. And a ten per cent increase in alcohol prices would lead to a five per cent fall in consumption.

The authors also looked at incentives that affect those who are responsible for delivering health policies. A recent survey of Primary Care Trusts (PCT)

showed that less than 10 per cent used their public health allocation for the purpose for which it was intended, and most axed public health programmes to pay for more apparently ‘immediate’ needs such as paying for overspend on trust budgets for hospitals and GPs.

The report suggests that one way of encouraging spending on disease prevention programmes would be to reduce their relative cost by using central government funds to provide matching grants. This would reduce the costs of these programmes relative to other demands on PCT resources and encourage spending on them.

To download the report, go to: www.healthengland.org/publications/HealthEnglandReportNo3.pdf



Wrestling with genomics, race and medicine

In March, some of the world’s leading experts on race, genomics and clinical medicine gathered at the School for a two day symposium. The event was funded by the Wellcome Trust and organised by the BIOS Centre and CPNSS together with the Race, Ethnicity and Genomics team.

Under the title: *Human Genomic Diversity and Biomedical Practice*, the intensive discussion focused on key issues such as how human biological diversity is conceived and researched in medicine, and whether biomedical genomics research should proceed along ‘race/ethnicity’ classifications.

Key issues included the usefulness of race



categories for developing and delivering biomedical research, the understanding(s) of terms like ‘race’, ‘ethnicity’ and ‘ancestry’ across borders and disciplines, and how genomic research is shaping current and future notions of human identity.

The findings of the symposium will be consolidated into a set of recommendations to the Wellcome Trust with regard to the priorities for future research in this area, the ways in which these issues should be dealt with in research protocols and reports, and the range of expertise needed to address these issues.

A full report will be available soon on the BIOS and CPNSS websites. Future events are being planned.

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Tuesday 12 May
12.45-2pm. R505. CEP Labour Market workshop. Cinzia Rienzo: *Immigration, Wage Inequality and Unobservables in the US and UK.*
1-2.30pm. H615. CARR seminar. Robert Falkner: *Regulating Nanotechnologies in the UE and US: what scope for convergence?*
6.30-8pm. D311. Asia Research Centre seminar. Jai S. Mah: *Export Policies of Korea: the key to success?*

Wednesday 13 May
12.45-2pm. R505. CASE Welfare Policy and Analysis seminar. Giacomo Damioli: *The Determinants of Poverty Duration in European Countries.*
4-6pm. B212. International History research seminar. Eirini Karamouzi: *Greece and the EEC, 1975-6.*
4.30-6pm. Graham Wallas Room. Kuwait Programme

on Development, Governance and Globalisation in the Gulf States seminar. Kristian Ulrichsen: *The Evolution of Gulf Security.*

Thursday 14 May
12.30-1.45pm. H202. CCS seminar. Babken Babajanian: *Promoting ‘Good Governance’ in World Bank Projects: the village investment project in Kyrgyzstan.*
5pm-7pm. H102. Bios Seminar. Paula Gardner: *Recovery Inc: personal security risk and the economy of computed selves.*
6-7.30pm. J116. Forum for European Philosophy Re-Visions: Democracy Beyond Aggregation? seminar. Dr Jonathan White: *The Concept of Public Opinion.*
6.30pm. NAB.LG01. Cañada Blanche and Fundació Rafael Campalans seminar. Ernest Maragall:

Library news

ADULT LEARNERS’ WEEK
11-15 MAY

To mark Adult Learners’ Week, the Library is holding a number of sessions.

Look out for these from the Library, Archives and CLT.

Sessions include:

- The gems of the Archive collections
- Library special collections and treasures
- Using RSS feeds to keep up to date
- Getting the most out of Google and beyond

To book a place, visit <https://library-1.lse.ac.uk/course>



LSE people

Professor David Metcalf (right), Industrial Relations Department, has been appointed to the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) which determines the pay of senior civil servants, judges, top military, senior health service managers and MPs.

Professor Metcalf is also chair of the Migration Advisory Committee which advises on labour market aspects of immigration policy.



Professor emeritus Lord Meghnad Desai (below left) has written a political thriller called *Dead on Time* (HarperCollins India).

The book marks a decided change of direction for Lord Desai, whose previous books include *Nehru’s Hero: Dilip Kumar in the life of India*, a rare academic look at India through films



during the Nehru years; *Development and Nationhood: essays in the political economy of south Asia*; and *Marx’s Revenge: the resurgence of capitalism and the death of statist socialism.*

Dead on Time was launched at the Inter-Parliamentary room, Westminster, and was attended by a host of Indian authors who were in London for the three-day London Book Festival.

Crime writer Baroness Ruth Rendell described *Dead on Time* as: ‘A compelling read – a treat for politics aficionados.’