

News & Views

Honorary fellows elected

Honorary fellowships are awarded by LSE each year to people who have attained distinction in the arts, science, or public life, or who have rendered outstanding services to the School or its concerns.

The following people have been elected honorary fellows:

Lord Grabiner of Aldwych

Lord Grabiner (far right top) is a commercial lawyer and one of the UK's leading barristers.

David Heleniak

David Heleniak (right) is vice chairman and managing director of Morgan Stanley and was a member of president-elect Barack Obama's education policy during the 2008 election campaign.

Emeritus Professor George Jones

George Jones (far right bottom) was professor of government from

1976 until his retirement in 2003. He is currently writing two books: *The British Premiership* and *Prime Ministerial Aides from before Walpole to Brown*.

For further information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/pressAndInformationOffice/newsAndEvents/archives/2009/HonoraryFellows.htm



Lessening the gap

Attainment Gaps Between the Most Deprived and Advantaged Schools, Dr Philip Noden and Professor Anne West, Education Research Group, for the Sutton Trust

This study found that highly able pupils in the most deprived state schools on average achieve half a grade less per GCSE than highly able pupils in the most advantaged schools. It also identified a 'hidden poor': over 40,000 pupils eligible for free school meals in their early schooling who are ignored in the government's official statistics on the attainment gap between disadvantaged and advantaged students. Including these would boost the proportion of students classified as disadvantaged from 14 to 22 per cent of the total.

Dr Noden said: 'The difference in GCSE results is disguised by the popularity of vocational qualifications in the most deprived schools. In trying to close the gap it is important that schools don't limit access to academic qualifications for those pupils who would benefit from them.'

To download the full report, see: www.suttontrust.com/reports/Attainment_deprived_schools_summary.pdf



LSE people

STEERING EUROPE'S RESEARCH



Anthropologist Henrietta Moore (left), visiting professor and former LSE pro-director, has been appointed to the Scientific Council of the European Research Council for four years. The council, which is funded by the EC, sets a research strategy across Europe, monitors quality and performance and steers the

communication of research.

For further information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/pressAndInformationOffice/newsAndEvents/archives/2009/HenriettaMoore.htm

REAPPOINTMENT

Jeanette Hofmann, CARR, has been re-appointed to the United Nation's Multistakeholder Advisory Group to prepare the Internet Governance Forum. See: www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/pi1880.doc.htm

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT



Professor Mike Power (left), Accounting and Finance and CARR's research theme director has been awarded an honorary doctorate in Economics by the Senate of the University of St Gallen, Switzerland.

The award was conferred at the *Dies Academicus* of

the University on 16 May and has been given in recognition of 'outstanding contributions in the field of accounting, auditing and risk management', and for 'significant impact on international accounting research and on the development of the audit profession.'

Professor Power is author of *The Audit Society* (Oxford, 1997), which has been translated into several languages, and *Organized Uncertainty: designing a world of risk management* (Oxford, 2007).

Tops for jobs

LSE has been rated top for graduate job prospects in the Guardian university league table.

Pro-director of Teaching and Learning at the School Janet Hartley said: 'League tables do not provide a complete picture of our strengths but it is pleasing that we are consistently ranked as one of the country's top universities. Our graduates are in great demand so it is gratifying to see this acknowledged.'

E-coli report

A paper by professor of risk regulation Bridget Hutter and Dr Tola Amodu, guest teacher, Law Department, formed part of the public inquiry into a major outbreak of E-coli 0157 in South Wales that claimed the life of a young child and hospitalised many others in 2005.

Professor Hutter's paper sets out the key principles of food hygiene regulation in the UK and looks at enforcement and compliance.

To read the full report, go to: <http://wales.gov.uk/splash?orig=/ecolidocs/3008707/reporten.pdf>



MPA showcase

Sir Michael Richard, KCB, director of the Institute for Government, put forward proposals for *A New Way for Government* in the keynote talk to this year's annual Capstone Showcase for the MPA (Master of Public Administration) Programme held on 11 May.

The Institute is organising a thought leadership programme within government and the senior civil service and is collaborating closely with the LSE Public Policy group on a programme of seminars and sabbatical fellowships showcasing the best social science knowledge.

The Institute also hosted one of this year's MPA Capstone projects. Capstones are six month long applied research projects which directly address a public policy problem and which are undertaken by MPA students together with distinguished government and private sector organisations.

Other Capstone clients this year have included the Bank of England, the Cabinet Office Strategy Unit, DFID, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, HM Treasury, the Inter-American Development Bank, the National Audit Office and the World Bank.

Sir Michael is chairman of the Design Council. He was appointed chair of the Legal Services Commission in 2005 when he introduced a range of reforming measures aimed at modernising the legal aid system. He was also chair of the educational charity Rathbone.

A full transcript of Sir Michael's talk is available at: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/mpa



Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

LSE Employment Relations and Organisational Behaviour Group

PROFESSOR WILLIAM B GOULD IV

How Obama Could Fix Labour Law

Tuesday 26 May, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

The current US system for union recognition on the basis of employee elections has long been fundamentally defective, because of the wide scope for employer obstructionism. The current proposals backed by American unions and the Democratic majority in Congress would replace elections by a 'card-check' provision; but this would also be open to abuse. Instead, Gould suggests measures to reform the current system while retaining the election mechanism.

LSE alumnus William B Gould IV was chairman of the National Labor Relations Board under the Clinton administration, writing about this experience in his memoir *Labored Relations*. Currently Emeritus Charles A Beardsley Professor of Law at Stanford, he is a prolific scholar of labour and discrimination law, William B Gould IV has been an influential voice on worker management relations for over 40 years.

LSE Arts/CsGG Talking Pictures series

MISHKA HENNER

All That Life Can Afford

Tuesday 26 May, 7-8pm, Wolfson Theatre

What does poverty in London look like? And can photography expose the often hidden mechanisms that keep the rich divided from the poor? Mishka

Henner discusses the making of his photographic essay, *All That Life Can Afford*, deconstructing its production to reveal the negotiations and obstacles involved in visualising poverty.

Mishka Henner is a photographic artist based in Manchester, England.

Cañada Blanch Centre for Contemporary Spanish Studies Fundació Rafael Campalans

JOSÉ MONTILLA

The Spirit of Catalonia Today

Wednesday 27 May, 6-7.30pm, Wolfson Theatre

This lecture explains Catalonia's role in the Spanish, European and Mediterranean arenas, its contributions in terms of the economy, culture, immigration, research and technological innovation, while maintaining its individuality in today's global world.

José Montilla is president of the Government of Catalonia and leader of the Catalan Socialist Party's executive committee

LSE Arts/CsGG Talking Pictures series

MARK SAUNDERS

The Fog of Games: legacy, land grabs and liberty

MARTIN SLAVIN

Reporting the London Olympics

Thursday 28 May, 7-8pm, New Theatre

The Olympics are brief and transitory television events that disguise and justify mega projects of vast urban restructuring that permanently distort cities for the benefit of a few business interests.

Common features of these projects are unprecedented land grabs, the peddling of myths of 'regeneration' and 'legacy' benefits, the sweeping away of democratic structures and planning restraints, the transfer of public money into private hands, and 'information management' to hide truths and silence critics.

Mark Saunders is an award winning independent documentary filmmaker, media activist and writer. Martin Slavin has been engaged with photography since being given his first camera aged 14. His continuing interest in photographing and writing about urban experiences, development and natural life is encapsulated in his current focus on the 2012 London Olympics in his neighbourhood.

Forum for European Philosophy

SPEAKER: JOHN MICKLETHWAIT

DISCUSSANT: PROFESSOR JOHN GRAY

Religion and the Market: are they in conflict?

Monday 1 June, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

The global revival of religion has been predominantly fuelled by the creation of a religious free market defined by entrepreneurship, choice and personal revelation. So can religion and the market sit together and what can economics teach us about religion?

John Gray is emeritus professor of European thought at LSE and author of *Gray's Anatomy*. John Micklethwait is editor of *The Economist* and co-author of *God is Back*.

Panel discussion

Centre for the Study of Global Governance/LSE Arts/LSE Archives panel discussion

SUE DONNELLY, MISHKA HENNER, PROFESSOR GILLIAN ROSE AND DR MIKE SEABORNE

Picturing Poverty: London past and present

Wednesday 27 May, 6.30-8pm, New Theatre

From Charles Booth's 19th century maps and early photographs of East End tenements, to rich-poor divides in Hackney, this discussion will consider old and new ways of seeing poverty – understanding the underlying political processes that serve to reproduce and reduce it.

Sue Donnelly is an archivist at LSE. Mishka Henner is a photographic artist. Gillian Rose is professor of cultural geography at the Open University. Mike Seaborne is senior curator of photographs at the Museum of London.

News&Views questionnaire

Communications at LSE has recently undertaken a major review of its website. As a result, LSE is set to have a freshly-designed externally-facing website as well as a new internally-facing website for staff and current students. This site will have its own home page, on which we will carry news stories of interest to LSE staff and students.

As a result of this development, Communications is now considering the future of News&Views. This is currently produced on a weekly basis in term time, with much of the information mirrored in Briefing – an email newsletter also sent round on a weekly basis in term time and on a fortnightly basis during the holidays to interested staff.

It would be extremely helpful to have brief feedback on a few questions before we proceed and have set up a website survey at: www.survey.bris.ac.uk/lsewebsite/newsandvies for comments. Please complete and return the questionnaire below to: Press Office, Room W400. Please mark the envelope: Questionnaire. Alternatively you can email Nicole Gallivan in the Press Office at: n.gallivan@lse.ac.uk.

Please ring your answers

1. Do you regularly read News&Views?

Yes Sometimes No

2. Would you be happy if the current content of News&Views were communicated via the new internally-facing home page and via the emailed Briefing newsletter?

Yes Don't care No

Other (please specify on separate sheet)

3. We plan to redesign Briefing so that it can be printed for the benefit of those members of staff without access to computers. Would this be important to you?

Yes Don't care No

Other (please specify on separate sheet)

4. We plan to include student news in Briefing and to send it to all students as well as staff. Would you welcome this?

Yes Don't care No

Other (please specify on separate sheet)

5. How else do you think internal communications within LSE could be improved?
(please specify on separate sheet)

6. The books specials and other special issues of News&Views would also be communicated via Briefing specials that could be printed out. Would you welcome this?

Yes Don't care No

Other (please specify on separate sheet)

noticeboard
Small ads

To rent: attractive, fully furnished top floor flat in Victorian conversion, Brixton-Herne Hill, overlooking the park. Quiet, light, airy. Open plan kitchen/living room, two double bedrooms, bath/shower. Recently refurbished to high standard. Ten mins walk to tube/overground. £280pw includes all bills except phone. Available from early June. Contact: susan@nicolai.com

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:

Tuesday 26 May <i>Going beyond Google:</i> <i>advanced use of the internet</i> 12pm <i>Excel 2003: database features</i> 2pm	Monday 1 June <i>Introduction to Database Structure and Design</i> 10am
Wednesday 27 May <i>Endnote: manage your references</i> 11am <i>An Introduction to Learning Technologies:</i> <i>how they can benefit</i> <i>your course (CLT)</i> 12.15pm <i>Staff IT Training Workshop</i> 2pm	For further details and a full listing of what is available, including booking information, see: www.lse.ac.uk/training 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 28 May <i>Blogging for Beginners: using blogs to promote your research</i> 12pm	
Friday 29 May <i>Moodle Basics Training</i> 10am <i>Introduction to E-resources and E-journals</i> 12pm	

Calling all LSE staff with a talent

There is a plan afoot to stage a Christmas bonanza using the talents (hidden and otherwise) of LSE staff. Can you sing, dance, act, play an instrument (or three)? Do you direct? Could you organise a disparate bunch of talents to put on a show of stunning acts? If the answer to one – or more – of these questions is yes, then please get in touch with Chris Connelly at: c.connelley@lse.ac.uk for more details on what promises to be the biggest event in the history of the School – ever!

Channel hopping

Sometime during the third week of July, LSE student Sophie Rutenbar will dive into the English Channel and, despite the 60 degree Fahrenheit temperature and potentially tempestuous conditions, attempt to swim her way to France. Sophie, a native of Dallas, Texas, is studying for an MSc in Human Rights and hopes the endeavour will take her about 12 hours. Swimming the Channel, a distance of 21 miles between Shakespeare Beach near Dover and Cap Gris Nez, France, is one of the world's best known and most arduous extreme endurance events and just over a thousand people have crossed it since Captain Matthew Webb who was the first person to accomplish the feat in 1875. Swimmers must battle variable and frequently challenging weather conditions and very cold water, all while crossing one of the world's busiest shipping channels. In addition, the strong tides can add miles to the journey. Many swimmers have made it to within a mile or so of the French coastline, only to see the tide change and sweep their dream away. Sophie is a British Marshall Scholar – a prestigious award for graduate study in the UK intended to

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officially honour General George C Marshall and the Marshall Plan. She spent the first year of her scholarship at King's College, London, studying conflict. Sophie has been swimming since she was a child and was a nationally competitive synchronised swimmer before returning to speed swimming in high school. For the past two years, she's proudly been 'one of those crazy nutters' participating in the Peter Pan Christmas Day Race. In preparation for the Channel, she has been training five to six times a week, a minimum of an hour and a half each time, with the University of London swimming team and the Serpentine Swimming Club. Sophie is hoping to raise money for the International Rescue Committee UK-Congo Crisis appeal and can be sponsored at: www.justgiving.com/sophiesswim.



Library news

TEAM CHANGES
As some of you know, Maureen Wade is retiring as head of Library Services in January next year, after over 30 years of service. Maureen has made an invaluable contribution to the running of the Library and will be sorely missed. As part of the planning for recruiting her successor, Jean Sykes, librarian and director of IT Services, has announced some further changes to the management team. These reflect Jean's increased strategic role within the School and her involvement as part of the Triumvirate in the ongoing management and monitoring of the non-academic divisions' five year service development plans. It also ties in with the Library's own staff development and succession planning programme called Building on Success.



- Changes from 1 August 2009 will be:
- Jean will become chief information officer and step down as chair of the Library Leadership Team (LLT).
 - Maureen Wade will become director of library services and take over as chair of LLT. Maureen, and her successor from January, will continue to report to Jean.
 - All members of LLT will report to the director of Library Services.
- Jean said: 'I believe that these changes will have a positive impact on Library services both now and into the future, enabling us to truly build on our success. I will also be forming a new Senior Strategy Team together with the director of Library Services, the assistant directors of IT Services, and the director of CLT. 'This new team will concentrate on over-arching strategic matters which cut across the three services and which will be of increasing importance to the School going forward.'

Media bites

'In their initial contacts with Europe, American presidents have always spoken of working together and have been rewarded with a honeymoon period. George Bush represented a real break with the past with his aggressive, we will go it alone stance. Much of the intense feeling for Obama is relief that the old way of consultation is coming back.'



James Mosher, *minnpost.com*, 29/4/09

'What is probably the most worrying thing for the UK is that despite the pound already falling one third against the euro and the dollar, and the UK having, as a percentage of its GDP, the largest fiscal stimulus programme in the world – two things which should be working in its favour – it is still suffering big job losses.'

Bob Hancke, *The Scotsman*, 1/5/09

[Without interbreeding] 'there would have been changes in alliances, boundaries and policies. Most of all, the Habsburgs would have produced more capable and intelligent rulers.'

Alan Sked, *KWQC.com*, 08/05/09

[Car scrappage schemes are] 'like being paid to burn down your house to help the residential construction industry.'

Willem Buiter, *Money.UK*, 08/05/09

'If you look at the hard numbers, China is not only ahead of India, but it has also been widening the gap. On every big measure you look at – living standards, international trade, foreign investments, infrastructure, the business climate, trading procedures, all the way to carbon emissions – you see not just that China is further ahead from India, but the gap has grown.'

Razeen Sally, *Business Week*, 12/5/09