



News & views

Sustaining excellence

The Sustainability Team are going from strength to strength this year, demonstrating LSE's commitment to sustainability and its progress in delivering the Environmental Policy. The School has won a number of awards in recognition of this work.

On Tuesday 23 June, we won a coveted Green Gown award for the sustainable construction and refurbishment of the New Academic Building. These awards are very special as they recognise those at the leading edge of sustainability for UK universities and colleges. Julian Robinson, director of capital development, said: 'this award demonstrates our commitment to making sustainable development a reality and will support our efforts to always raise the bar and achieve excellence in all areas.'

LSE stormed up the league table to come overall second in the People and Planet Green League of universities, published in the *THE* on Thursday 18 June. We were the highest scoring London university by 30 places, and it shows fantastic progress from our ranking of 23rd place in 2008. The league provides universities with the most comprehensive benchmark on sustainability.

At a ceremony on 11 June, LSE was presented with a platinum award from the Green500 by Mayor of London Boris Johnson. This award is a pioneering carbon mentoring scheme that aims to recognise London organisations that take action to reduce their CO2 emissions and help reach the Mayor's 60 per cent cut in London's CO2 emissions by 2025. By achieving a platinum standard, LSE is one of the highest scoring organisations and demonstrates leadership in the public sector.

The School was also highly commended for innovation with its zero waste strategy and for engaging a wide group of stakeholders, including our student body.

Not content to rest their laurels, the sustainability team are looking at ways of improving on this year's performance and making sure that sustainability is at the heart of what LSE does. If you can contribute to this aim, or have any ideas on how LSE can further reduce CO2 emissions, then please contact Dr Victoria Hands at: v.e.hand@lse.ac.uk



L-r: Julian Robinson, Hannah Williams, Kenneth Kinsella, Victoria Hands, Emma Lovegrove, Chris Higgins, Liane Fredricks, Ian Spencer

NAB floor named for Lord Grabiner



A reception was held on 16 June to mark the dedication of the 8th Floor of the New Academic Building as The Grabiner Suite.

An LSE alumnus (LLB 1966, LLM 1967), Lord Grabiner has served as a governor of the School since 1991 and was chairman of the Court and Council from 1998 to 2007. He was instrumental in the development of estate strategy, driving forward the ambitious plan to purchase and develop the Lincoln's Inn Fields site, now known as the NAB.

A QC since 1981, Lord Grabiner is head of chambers at One Essex Court, a leading commercial

law practice. He is also the author of a landmark report, *The Informal Economy*, which was commissioned by HM Treasury and examined ways to move economic activity from illegitimate to legitimate businesses.

He remains active in the life of the School, both as a member of the Court of Governors and contributor to the Lawyers' Alumni Group.

Lord Grabiner will be made an honorary fellow of the School in a ceremony scheduled to take place on Friday, 17 July 2009.

Obituary

Lord Dahrendorf, LSE director 1974-84, died on 17 June aged 80



Lord Dahrendorf (left) was both an academic who took a role in politics and a political activist who stayed true to his vision of an intellectual and moral framework which underpinned democracy.

One of the foremost sociologists of his generation, he became the first foreign director of the School and, just after being made warden of St Antony's College Oxford, he acquired British citizenship in 1988.

After a four-year terms as a member of the EC, he became a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while remaining firmly committed to the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty.

His idea for the need to provide democracy with constitutionally enshrined individual rights informed everything Dahrendorf wrote and said and, once the Berlin wall fell and communism collapsed, he became more convinced of the need to embrace a citizenship designed to avoid the problems of nationalism and be capable of strengthening multi-cultural societies.

He became more convinced that basic civil rights such as equality before the law and freedom of expression, needed to have constitutional legitimacy and be removed from party politics. Furthermore, he argued that modern citizenship should free people from insecurity, ensuring a good education with incomes not being allowed to fall below a certain level.

After leaving the School, Dahrendorf returned to his former chair of sociology at Konstanz but then in 1986, he accepted the position of Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, where he stayed until his retirement in 1997.

He was made a Lord in 1993. After leaving Oxford, he moved to London, taking part in various debates in the Lords while continuing to lecture, write and involve himself in public affairs. His lifetime's thinking on sociology is summed up in his book *The Modern Social Conflict* (1988) while his *Reflections on the Revolution in Eastern Europe* (1990) won wide praise. In 1995, he produced his *History of the London School of Economics*.

Thinking globally



LSE Director Howard Davies (left) visited Beijing Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 June for the seventh meeting of the International Advisory Council of the China Banking and Regulatory Commission (CBRC). While there, he held discussions with CBRC chairman Liu Mingkang and other senior officials and discussed the current global economic situation with Chinese vice premier Wang Qishan.

He participated in a panel on *International Financial Stability* at the JP Morgan annual China Conference, spoke at the Institute of International Finance's conference and moderated a panel on *Stabilizing Global and*

Emerging Markets: the next steps.

He also met the new president of Peking University (PKU), Professor Zhou Qifeng, to review current and proposed LSE-PKU collaborative projects. For the fourth year in succession, the Director delivered a lecture to around 60 senior Chinese government officials who are studying on the Executive Public Policy Training Programme (EPPTP), which LSE delivers in partnership with Sciences Po, Peking University, and Columbia University. The two month course takes place at Peking University's School of Government.

On the Friday evening, 95 LSE alumni attended the Director's lecture as part of the LSE China Alumni lecture series. The talk, entitled *The Financial Crisis: who's to blame?* brought together a large mix of alumni from financial institutions, private equity firms, the banking sector, state and international media, law firms, Chinese government departments, and overseas diplomatic missions.

The Director was presented with first copies of the recently published Chinese version of his book *Global Financial Regulation: the essential guide*, co-authored with David Green (China Financial Publishing House).

Medals for LSE academics

CIMA GOLD MEDAL AWARDED



Michael Bromwich (left), CIMA professor emeritus of accounting and financial management has been awarded the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants' (CIMA) gold medal. The medal was presented at the Institute's annual general meeting on 6 June.

The gold medal is the highest honour the Institute bestows and was awarded 'for outstanding service to CIMA, providing direction to the entire profession and generating thinking which has developed the science of management accounting'.

PAPAL MEDAL

Professor Emeritus Robert (Bob) Estall has been awarded the Papal Medal of Bene Merenti for long and distinguished service to the Catholic Church.

This rarely awarded medal was first established by Pope Gregory XVI in 1832.

Bob studied part time at LSE for his BSc Econ in 1995 and his first class degree earned him an immediate appointment to the teaching staff. He is widely remembered for his clear teaching and writing in economic geography and in the geography of North America.

A devoted member of the School, Bob also contributed widely to its administration, especially in his capacity as chairman of the Admissions Committee and in matters concerning the welfare of students.



Public Lectures

free and unticketed unless otherwise stated

Forum for European Philosophy

PROFESSOR SUSAN NEIMAN

What Makes Heroes?

Monday 29 June, 6.30-8pm, Hong Kong Theatre

This event marks the launch of Professor Neiman's latest book, *Moral Clarity: a guide for grown-up idealists* which looks at how the resources of the 18th century Enlightenment can help reconstruct a progressive politics.

Susan Neiman is director of the Einstein Forum. She is the author of *Slow Fire: Jewish notes from Berlin*; *The Unity of Reason: rereading Kant*; and *Evil in Modern Thought*.

School lecture

WALTER RUSSELL MEAD

Is America in Decline?

Monday 29 June, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

The rise of China and the global economic crisis have

led many to speculate about whether the decline of American power, often predicted in the past, has now finally begun. The picture is more complex; a survey of world conditions suggests that while the American role is changing, the US will continue to be a unique force in the international arena.

Walter Russell Mead is Henry A Kissinger Senior Fellow for US Foreign Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. A contributing editor at the *Los Angeles Times* and a senior contributing editor of *Worth* magazine, he has also written for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New Yorker*, *Harper's*, and *Foreign Affairs*. He is the award-winning author of *Special Providence: American foreign policy and how it changed the World*; *God and Gold: Britain, America, and the making of the modern world*; and *Mortal Splendor: the American empire in transition*.

Global Policy

FAREED ZAKARIA

The Post-American World and the Rise of the Rest

Tuesday 30 June, 6.30-8pm, Old Theatre

In this lecture, Fareed Zakaria will look at a world in which the US no longer dominates the global economy, orchestrates geopolitics or overwhelms cultures. He will explain how the 'rise of the rest' – the growth of countries like China, India, Brazil, Russia, and many others – is the great story of our time. He will also explain how economic growth in any given country produces political confidence, national pride, and international problems.

Fareed Zakaria is editor of *Newsweek International*, host of CNN's *Fareed Zakaria: GPS*, and author of *The Post-American World* and *The Future of Freedom*.

LSE Space for Thought

PROFESSOR AMARTYA SEN

The Idea of Justice

Monday 27 July, 6.30-8pm, Sheikh Zayed Theatre

It is in the nature of reason that it does not allow all questions to be settled from first principles; not everything is in principle resolvable and different people regard different positions as just. But these pluralities are not a disadvantage. Why this is so, and how we may think about justice in a world where one tradition is no longer dominant.

Nobel Prizewinner Amartya Sen is Lamont University professor at Harvard and an honorary fellow of LSE.

Free but ticketed. Staff and alumni: one ticket per person via the online booking form. Students: one ticket per person from LSESU reception. All tickets will be available from 10am on 20 July.

LSE Magazine



This latest issue includes articles on *Surviving the Crunch* by Director Howard Davies who considers what the recession means for LSE and its newest, job hunting graduates and *Romance or Reason?* in which Richard Bronk and Jon Adams debate the place of literature in the social sciences. There are the usual items as well such as *Where are they now?*, Rodney Barker's *Rodent's Rambles* and *Alumni news*.

noticeboard

News&Views

This is the final edition of *News&Views* which will not return in its present form. We are working instead on a new staff newsletter to appear at the start of next term, mixing essential information with lively content. It will be sent by email but will also be printable for those without regular computer access. We also intend to produce a newsletter for students which will look very different but share some content with the staff version. Meanwhile, the electronic update Briefing will continue to appear fortnightly during the Summer holiday. If you have any queries about LSE's internal communication, or any suggestions for future content, please contact the Press and Information Office on 020 7955 7060 or pressoffice@lse.ac.uk

Special issue

Professor Michael Cox, co-director of IDEAS, is delighted to announce the appearance of a new special issue of the journal *International Politics on European Union Foreign Policy-Making*. This special issue has been edited by Professor Daniel Thomas of University College Dublin.



Professor Cox noted: 'I am delighted as editor of the journal to welcome this major contribution by a number of the top people in the field to a critically important topic. I am certain it will become one of the key reference points in the field. Professor Thomas has done a fine job.' Some of the articles are free to view for a limited time and can be accessed at: www.palgrave-journals.com/ip/index.html

Reorganisation

Jean Sykes joins the Director's Management Team from September. This follows the reorganisation of the library's senior management team and her appointment as chief information officer.

Small ads

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

Needed: undergraduate, postgraduate and research students for a study on the use of online information resources. The study will last two hours and will be paid at £10 p/h. If you would like to take part in this research project, please contact Dr Hanna Stelmaszewska, tel 020 8411 6347 (office)/07748156669 or email: h.stelmaszewska@mdx.ac.uk

Diary

Open to all unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 1 July
5-6.30pm. NAB LG03. Sociology seminar: Understanding Freedom. Patrick Joyce: *Freedom and the British*.
5.30-7pm. T206. Choice Group seminar. Jesus Zamora: *Science: the Rules of the Game*.

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 29 June <i>Citing References and Creating a bibliography: MSC week</i> <i>Finding journal articles for your dissertation: MSC week</i>	10.30am 2pm	Thursday 2 July <i>Endnote: manage your references: MSC week</i>	2pm
Tuesday 30 June <i>Endnote: manage your references: MSC week</i>	2pm	Friday 3 July <i>Finding Journal Articles For Your Dissertation: MSC week</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

Peddling heart and soul

by Ian Stephenson, Academic Registrar's Division

I'm happy to report that I completed the London to Brighton Bike Ride last Sunday, all 54 miles of it (plus the 8 mile ride in from home, 6am to 7am, to Clapham Common), in just over six hours. The critical point, as expected, was the long crawl up the 800 feet high Ditchling Beacon, but I made it to the top without stopping (admittedly in almost the very lowest of my 21 gears), and after that it was literally downhill all the way to the cheering crowds (really) on Brighton seafront. The weather was kind to us – cool and cloudy to begin with, but bright and sunny at the seaside. You were all most generous in your sponsorship which, in total, brought in just over £400 for the British Heart Foundation (BHF), and qualified for a Bronze fundraising certificate. Many thanks to all, from me and from the BHF.

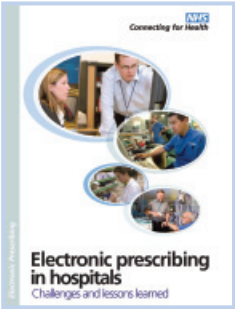
I'd be grateful if those of you who offered your sponsorship direct to me or Linda would let me know how I can collect your cash/cheques. And, for those whose sponsorship was contingent upon photographic evidence (lycra@lse, as Janet put it) here it is and I will send out a jpg to all and sundry, just as soon as I've conquered the technological gulf in expertise between myself and my elder son. For people who haven't sponsored me but would like to donate, just go to: www.justgiving.com/pedanticpedallers



Implementing ePrescribing systems

Electronic Prescribing in Hospitals: challenges and lessons learned, Anthony Cornford, Department of Management and LSE Health, Bryony Dean Franklin, London University and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, Imogen Savage, Nick Barber, and Yogini Jani, all University of London, commissioned by NHS Connecting for Health ePrescribing systems need to be constantly monitored and developed for themselves, but equally, they need to be managed within the evolving context of broader developments of information systems, in and beyond, the secondary care setting. Implementation of ePrescribing needs to be about medicines management innovation first, the evolving broader environment of clinical data second, and the technical details last. Medicines are the commonest form of treatment and the most expensive part of healthcare after staff costs. ePrescribing can provide comprehensive information about the uses and costs of medicines, and can control and influence the use of medicines. For these reasons ePrescribing is essential for any provider organisation to thrive in healthcare.

Doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals who have a role in prescribing, supplying or administering medicines in hospitals will all be affected when their trusts join the pioneers who have already adopted this new technology. This report provides a detailed but accessible insight into the key issues associated with implementing this complex technology in a context where safety is paramount. It draws on the experiences of staff in hospitals in England who have been through the change from paper based to computer based systems, and learned lessons along the way. The report has also drawn on advice from international experts in this area in the USA, Australia and the Netherlands. To access the report and other resources see: www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/eprescribing/challenges



Internet surveillance won't work

A study, Briefing on the Interception Modernisation Programme, by LSE's Policy Engagement Network, has found that Home Office proposals to increase surveillance of the communications activities of all UK citizens have serious flaws and can't work in their present form. The aim of the briefing is to provide some depth of understanding of the nature of the Home Office's latest proposals on communications surveillance. While sympathetic with the needs of the law enforcement community and in agreement with the Home Office that the communications environment is changing, it is questioned whether the Home Office fully

understands the extent to which the way surveillance activities are authorised would change. This change would lead to a tipping of the balance in favour of state power and away from the individual. Another concern is a significant under-estimate of the burdens being placed on communication service providers at a time when there is a demand for universal broadband internet provision. This provision is supposed to be funded by industry. To read the report in full, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/informationSystems/research/policyEngagement/IMP_Briefing.pdf

Library news

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

- 24 hour opening ends on Friday 26 June when the Library will close at midnight and revert to term time opening until the end of summer term.
- Summer vacation opening hours have been extended by 12 hours per week. During vacation the Library will be open Monday to Friday 8am-9pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-9pm. Staffed services are open Monday to Friday 9am-8pm.



BUILDING WORK IN THE LIBRARY ENTRANCE AREA

A reminder that over the summer the Foyer area is being converted into a new social interactive space, where Library users can take breaks from their studies. Work begins on Monday 29 June and is due to complete by start of Michaelmas term. Likely disruption during the building work:

- The Library will remain open as usual throughout, and all Library services will be maintained
- At certain points, the front entrance will be blocked off and an alternative Library entrance will be provided
- There will inevitably be some noise and disruption in the immediate area. Please use the study spaces on the upper floors
- A small area directly below on the lower ground floor will be blocked off at certain times.

Check the Library website throughout the summer for the latest information.

Summer catering

Summer opening hours for LSE catering outlets are now in operation and are as follows:

LSE GARRICK
8am-6pm, Monday-Friday

4TH FLOOR RESTAURANT
9am-3pm, Monday-Friday
Closed 15,16 and 17 July for Presentation Ceremonies
Closed 17 August-25 September inclusive



PLAZA CAFÉ
10am-6pm, Monday-Friday

CAFE 54
9am-4pm, Monday-Friday

STAFF BAR AND STAFF DINING ROOM (MEMBERS ONLY)
Bar: 10am-4.30pm, Monday-Friday
Dining Room: 12.30-2.15pm, Monday-Friday
Closed 3 August-4 September inclusive

GEORGE IV
12 noon-11pm, Monday-Friday

4TH FLOOR CAFÉ BAR
Closed

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Media bites

'...when multiple hypotheses for a severe illness are proposed by different researchers, the general reaction is to give them more resources and encourage them to keep going so more progress can be made. But when economists grapple with multiple plausible explanations for a certain event, the reaction is to pronounce them all useless!'

Francesco Caselli, The Guradian, 17/06/09



'Gordon Brown's decision that the inquiry into the war in Iraq should be held in secret may be a depressing indication that he hasn't yet grasped the depth of damage these events have caused to the relationship between the public and their Government'

Ken Macdonald, timesonline.co.uk, 17/06/09

'We have got the largest government that we have ever had. It is a huge body and unprecedented. I am not happy with the present set-up and I would like to see it slimmed down.'

George Jones, Telegraph, 20/06/09