

## **Our values and commitments**

In all that we do as a university we hold to the following values and commitments:

**Integrity:** we will develop new procedures to uphold the highest standards of ethics and conduct.

**Intellectual freedom:** we will defend and promote the right of all staff, students and the wider LSE community to express their views freely in the pursuit, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in a spirit of mutual respect.

**Excellence in education:** we aim to cultivate graduates of distinctive quality with a breadth and depth of knowledge, the capacity for independent critical thinking and an awareness of global economic and political issues.

**Excellence in research:** we aim to be a world-leading centre of social science research, both in terms of fundamental academic outputs and associated public benefits.

**Engagement:** we will promote interaction with the wider world so that the insights of the social sciences are disseminated as widely as possible for the improvement of society.

**Supporting the LSE community:** we are committed to involving and encouraging our 102,000+ alumni in almost every country of the world and the LSE Alumni Groups and Contact Networks in 74 countries to take an active part in the spread of LSE values and in the development of the School.

**Respect for the environment:** we will manage the School's resources in ways that meet the needs of the present without compromising the options of future generations.

**Equality and diversity:** we will promote equality of opportunity for students and staff from all social, cultural and economic backgrounds. We will uphold a culture free of discrimination on the basis of race, disability, gender, age, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

**Participation:** we will encourage the involvement and collaboration of staff, students, alumni and governors in the development of the School as an essential part of our organisational culture.

**Good governance:** we will continue, through the Court of Governors and the Council, to aspire to the highest quality of governance, fully complying with the standards required of universities.