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MARADONA

(90", 2008, Emir Kusturica, in Spanish with subtitles in English)

Date: 14 February 2012

Time: 6.30-8.30 pm

Place: CLM.5.02

Clement House
London School of
Economics
and Political Science
London, WC2A 2AE

The Serbian director Emir Kusturica directs a celebration of the extraordinary history and phoenix-like resurrection of Diego Maradona: sporting hero, people's champion, fallen idol and inspiration to millions. Enjoying unprecedented access to the man himself, as well as to extensive archives, Kusturica takes the audience on an intimate whirlwind tour of places and people closest to this god of football. From Argentina to Naples, from Cuba to Barcelona; from family and childhood friends to fellow players and world leaders (Fidel Castro), Maradona traces the great man's incredible story, from the humblest of beginnings to world-domination; from spectacular, tragic fall to glorious rebirth. Profoundly moving, joyous and life-affirming, featuring an original score from Manu Chao, Maradona is both a unique documentation of a growing friendship between the director and his subject and a passionate exultation of a true legend of our times.

After the film, there will be a session of Q/A with John Carlin

John Carlin is a journalist and author, dealing with both sports and politics. His book *Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation* about former South African president Nelson Mandela is the basis for the 2009 film *Invictus*. An article by Carlin was the basis for the script of the 2000 Channel 4 documentary *Maradona - Kicking the Habit*. Carlin writes regularly, among others, in *El País* since 2008.

This event is free and open to all with no ticket required. Entry is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, email languages.spanishinmotion@lse.ac.uk

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