



Department of  
**Management**

# EXECUTIVE GLOBAL MASTER'S IN MANAGEMENT **2018 Class Directory**







## Sarah Ann Adomakoh

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** London and Sussex, UK

**Current Job Title:** Director of Project Development, Evaluation & Impact

**Current Company:** Associates for International Development (Non- Profit)

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I hold an MSc in Computer Modelling, a BSc. in Biochemistry with Foundations in Economics (London) and postgraduate certification in Health Economics (Australia). I have held leadership roles in the UK, Australia, LAC and Africa in researching/consulting in health economics, national strategic planning, monitoring & evaluation, HIV/AIDS research/programming, community/youth empowerment, human rights advocacy – in organisational, programme and policy development capacities, generating evidence to drive decision-making and fostering partnerships to drive sustainability of outcomes. I began my career as health economics research fellow & consultant at LSHTM, then management consultant to Bermuda Hospitals Board, establishing monitoring systems to reduce operating costs/increase efficiency, then inaugural director of decision-support, Queensland Health, Australia.

This was followed by a role as joint EU-funded University lecturer/researcher and World Bank Consultant role in LAC. In 2004 I co-founded LAC health and social development NGO AIDInc, leading R&D and programming for govts, UN agencies, ILO, WHO/PAHO, DFID, USAID, World Bank, and consulting partners. In 2009, I founded a youth leadership development charity, focused on preventing social disorders. I enjoy raising 3 sons, activity holidays, writing, tennis, sailing, dancing and volunteering. I chose EGMiM for the learning it offers that will enable me to develop, test, refine skills and ideas through sharing, networking with the expertise within tutors, the cohort and alumni to ultimately enhance my ability to globally reposition AIDInc. I also aim to set sail into uncharted waters of fashion retailing, employing innovative production and organisational development concepts.



## Hajjaj Al-Hajjaj

**Nationality:** Canadian

**Current Location:** Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

**Current Job Title:** Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

**Current Company:** CAMC, Alberta Health Services

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I am a Canada and US board certified surgeon in the Maxillofacial and Head and Neck Surgery and Facial Aesthetic medical fields where I am widely published and currently hold distinguished academic and faculty positions at the University of Alberta and the American Board of Aesthetic Medicine. I completed my MBA at McGill University in Montreal, QC, and invest via my holdings in commercial real estate, real estate development, oil & gas and technology. I serve Central Alberta in my private surgical practice at the Central Alberta Maxillofacial Centre in Red Deer, Alberta, and am actively involved in supporting the community. When I am not in surgery or overseeing my numerous business interests, I am with my wife and four kids in our hometown of Red Deer, AB. or spending time at our coastal home in Victoria, BC.



## Shae Armstrong

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** Dallas, USA

**Current Job Title:** Corporate Counsel

**Current Company:** Pacrim US LLC dba CP Homes

For the past 7 years I have served as in-house counsel of international corporations, managing global operations while focussing on foreign direct investment in US real estate development projects. My hobbies and interests include running, reading, global travel and chasing around my two little boys.

I have always dreamed of attending LSE. The international brand and academic excellence is unmatched. I intend to use this programme to advance my career in two ways: to complete my transition from attorney to global manager in a new organisation; and to supercharge my global networks.



## Abigail Beach

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** Washington DC, USA

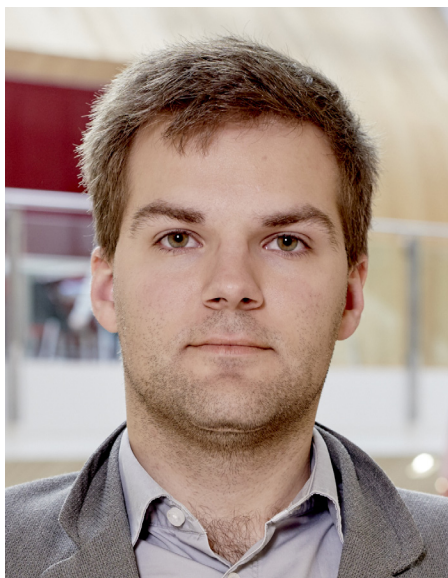
**Current Job Title:** Manager

**Current Company:** EMPEA

I am an experienced international business practitioner focussed on private sector capacity building and capital markets development in emerging markets. I have a nuanced understanding of diverse investment asset classes and strategies including private equity, venture capital, private credit, infrastructure, and impact investing. I have developed Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) assessment frameworks for companies such as Visa Inc. and Pearson plc; an emerging markets private equity performance database with the Wharton School; and co-authored content for the Springer International anthology, "Positive Impact Investing and Organizational Culture". I began my career as a community development worker in South Africa, specializing in MSME development in informal settlements. I hold an executive certificate in Global Corporate Social Responsibility from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

I graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor in Science in Business Administration and Economics with minors in International Studies and Political Science from the Moore School of Business; University of South Carolina. I complemented my degree with International Business and Economic Development studies at Stellenbosch University, Vienna University of Economics and Business, and American University. I am an avid traveller, independent film enthusiast and foodie. I chose the EGMiM programme because of its format, academic rigour and international networks. I plan to leverage the EGMiM programme to advance my career in the international development and finance space, with a goal of building out innovative ESG management strategies for private capital investors and advancing institutional quality impact investing in emerging markets.





## Aleksandr Boulankov

**Nationality:** Canadian  
**Current Location:** Cambridge, UK  
**Current Job Title:** IT Consultant  
**Current Company:** Cantab Capital Partners

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I was educated at one of the best, not to mention one of the most beautiful, universities in North America – University of British Columbia. There I studied a curious mixture of computer science and psychology. It is from those studies that I not only acquired my formidable technical knowledge, but also the spark for understanding the human element in the equation. After completing my education my employment path meandered from the technical world at the world's most admired company – Apple, to my current position in the exciting and fast paced world of high finance where I am now a senior member of an IT team at a quantitative hedge fund. While deliberate and methodical at work, once outside I tend to become more of a risk taker – one of my chief hobbies is riding my powerful motorcycle along the winding and twisting English countryside roads. And when weather prohibits that, I am likely to be found at a movie theatre engrossed in the make believe world of the silver screen. I have now reached the point where to further advance my career I feel more high quality knowledge and training is required. As such, after searching high and low, I found this programme. With the skills and understanding that I look to acquire I believe that I will be able to help lead my current company into the future.



## Chanapa Bunyakitjinda

**Nationality:** Thai  
**Current Location:** Bangkok, Thailand  
**Current Job Title:** Senior SAP Consultant – Independent Contractor  
**Current Company:** Freisland Campina

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I have a bachelor's degree in accounting, however I had always been fascinated by a consulting career. After graduation, I started my career with Accenture and have been in consulting ever since. I love travelling and learning about different cultures. I actively travel every month out of Thailand to meet new people and to try new things such as surfing and flying an areoplane. EGMiM was my only choice in pursuing further education due to three reasons. Firstly, it is a part-time programme which allows me to continue working. Secondly, the programme offers exactly the areas where I need to improve in order to achieve my career goal. Lastly, the programme is taught by reputable professors who I completely trust in providing me the best knowledge in each of their expertise. I plan to jump from being a third party consultant, to taking a full-time management position in the fast moving consumable industry, where I'll be driving improvement in their IT landscape and business strategies.



## Abhishek Chaudhary

**Nationality:** Indian  
**Current Location:** London, UK  
**Current Job Title:** Project Manager  
**Current Company:** Accenture Services Pvt Ltd.

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I hold a bachelor's degree in technology from College of Engineering Roorkee of hill state Uttarakhand, India. I have around 11 years of demonstrated IT experience starting my IT career with Infosys in 2005 and later working as a SAP Utilities consultant for US based MNC-Sapient Consulting Pvt Ltd. For the last six years, I've been working for Accenture with various global clients in Energy, Utilities across Regulated & Deregulated markets. I have excellent consulting skills and specialisation in SAP Project Implementation.

In the last year, I've been working as a Project Manager in the UK on behalf of Accenture for one of the leading oil and natural gas companies leading an offshore team of more than 30 individuals, managing IT services deliveries to some of the largest Utilities Companies. I have excellent communication, inter-personal and stakeholder management attributes which are pivotal for starting and running a successful project in any IT firm.

This EGMIM programme at LSE will enable me to get a glimpse of other aspects of organisation management in addition to understanding various intricacies of business and management with exposure to other industries apart from IT services.





## Kristy H L Chan

**Nationality:** Hong Kong

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Global Reward Manager, Human Resources

**Current Company:** HSBC

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In the past decade, I have been working as a Human Resources professional for leading global legal firms and banks. Coming from Hong Kong, I am now working in the London headquarters as a Global HR Manager, specialising in Compensation and Reward leading 15 local markets (mainly across the UK, Europe, Asia, US & Canada) for our Asset Management business.

Academically I pursued my Social Sciences degree at the University of Hong Kong and completed an exchange programme with the University of Toronto. Enriching my intellectual substance, gaining innovative insights, broadening my network and challenging my comfort zone are my major motivation for joining this programme. With strong aspiration to progress further, I am confident that joining the EGMiM programme, a pioneer programme of its kind, and learning alongside with a group of high achieving cohorts would facilitate a fruitful outcome.

Residing in London, I have enjoyed travelling around the UK and continental Europe. The vibrant cultural life in London is amazing and I am thrilled that my schedule is all packed with ballet classes, concerts, theatres, museums and yoga classes!



## He Shen Chow

**Nationality:** Singaporean

**Current location:** Singapore

**Current Job Title:** Family Office Investment Manager

**Current Company:** N/A

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I have a bachelor's degree in accounting and am currently a member of the Institute of Chartered Accounts of Australia and NZ (CAANZ).

Upon graduation, I joined JP Morgan Chase and became a senior associate in corporate banking after undergoing the Chase Global Training Program. From banking, I moved to Vickers Ballas Securities and became the founding Equity Research Director covering the equity markets of Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

The firm then established sales offices in London and New York and I was responsible for pitching Asian equity investment ideas to fund managers and hedge funds there. When DBS bank subsequently bought over our firm, I became a family office fund manager.

My decision to pursue a further degree at LSE is driven by the fact that LSE is a great institution situated in the heart of the great city of London. I also wish to improve my understanding of the economies and equity markets of the UK and the rest of Europe. The programme also provides me with huge networking opportunities with well-informed individuals around the globe, not to mention the privilege of being part of the LSE alumni network.

The world class curriculum and high teaching standards at LSE will sharpen my understanding of the world and I am confident that my skills in investing will be lifted.

In my free time, I love to read widely and deeply about economics, finance, politics and philosophy. I also enjoy my occasional rounds of golf. Back home in Singapore, I love entertaining friends from all over the world to a home cooked meal and a nice bottle of wine.



## Benjamin Colton

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** New York, USA

**Current Job Title:** Active Ownership

**Current Company:** Norges Bank Investment Management

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Following undergraduate studies as a collegiate athlete at the University of Nevada, I chose to pursue my interest in international finance during my Master's while completing an exchange semester at the University of Oslo. Upon completing my studies, I started my professional career working for Norges Bank Investment Management (NBIM) in Oslo, Norway. I have gained extensive experience in the international corporate governance field while working as a member of the Active Ownership team at NBIM. I recently relocated to NBIM's office in New York to concentrate more closely on considerations related to the Americas region. The international focus of the Executive Global Master's in Management programme is highly appealing to me both personally and professionally. The diverse and rigorous learning environment offered by the programme will allow me to develop my skill set and perspectives in new ways.

LSE's faculty and close-knit community facilitates a platform for me to further expand my professional network. Building these relationships will allow me to obtain a deeper understanding of diverse, and sometimes competing, interests, facilitating a more pragmatic and constructive approach to meaningful initiatives. The modular format enables the application of insight learned in the classroom directly into my daily work. By enriching my understanding of key elements of business activities from a management perspective, the programme will develop my ability to more effectively conduct balanced and fruitful dialogues with investee companies. Outside the workplace I enjoy staying active. I participate in long-distance races both on foot and cross-country skis.



## Hemerson De Villa

**Nationality:** Brazilian

**Current Location:** Florianopolis, Brazil

**Current Job Title:** Executive Director

**Current Company:** Famcred/Minaplast

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At present, I serve as a Partner and Executive Director of Famcred, an asset management firm focussed on asset-backed securities loans to middle-sized manufacturing companies. I also hold positions on the boards of two other companies in which we made private equity investments, and I am the Chief Operating Officer at Minaplast, a manufacturer of disposables plastic utensils, another firm in which we have bought equity. Living in an area that abounds with research universities and new tech companies, I am also actively involved with many technological start-up firms. Moreover, I hold a BSc in Management Science from Loughborough University and I am a Certified Asset Manager by the Brazilian Securities Commission.





## Bill Elman

**Nationality:** Canadian  
**Current Location:** Tianjin, China  
**Current Job Title:** NA  
**Current Company:** NA

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I began my professional life as an academic. Specialising in computation and the mind, I spent several years in pursuit of a doctorate in the Philosophy of Science. In the midst of my research I sought to renew my sense of purpose by taking a little time off to teach overseas, and I have never turned back. For the past 19 years I have worked in schools in Turkey, Latvia, China and Morocco. I have found a lifestyle and a career in this area, progressing to the level of school CEO/Director.

I have a strong understanding of education and international schooling, and I also possess sound business sense, but I am not a strategic business thinker. I chose to apply to the EGMiM programme to get a better understanding of the broader context in which education occurs and international schools operate in, the forces which drive school enrollments and the forces which define local business and political contexts. It is my hope that this new understanding will make me a more effective head of school and, more broadly, a more insightful thinker about education in the global context. Outside of work I enjoy reading, cycling, travelling, movies and cryptic crosswords (I fare better with the North American variety than the British!). And I also thoroughly enjoy spending time with my children reading, drawing, sculpting and playing video games. Their interests have evolved over the years, and I take these precious moments of mutual enthusiasm wherever I can!



## Jacky Finkelstein

**Nationality:** Colombian/Polish  
**Current Location:** Bogotá, Colombia  
**Current Job Title:** Associate  
**Current Company:** Advent International

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I have worked in the private equity industry for the past 7 years, first in Corficolombiana (the largest merchant bank in Colombia) and then in Advent International (a global private equity firm). I have also worked at Deloitte and the Colombian Central Bank. Outside of work I enjoy playing and watching sports, mainly football. I also enjoy travelling and politics. I chose to apply to LSE as I always wanted to attend the school, given its reputation. The EGMiM programme allows me to continue working while studying. The programme will help me continue advancing my career in the Private Equity industry.



## Sebastian Gomez

**Nationality:** Colombian  
**Current Location:** Medellin, Colombia  
**Current Job Title:** Sales Manager  
**Current Company:** Simex

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I have a BA in International Business and Global Management, with graduate degrees in Political Studies and Strategic Marketing Management. I love to play sports: football, golf, tennis and cycling. I also love to travel and experience new restaurants. I enjoy movies and reading. I chose the EGMiM for the LSE brand, the curriculum, the international modules and the London experience. I want to strengthen my managerial skills to be able to address problems at a higher level of responsibility.



## Patrick Hallberg

**Nationality:** Danish

**Current Location:** Paris, France

**Current Job Title:** Merchandising Manager

**Current Company:** Louis Vuitton

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I am originally Danish, however I grew up primarily between Switzerland and Italy. I graduated from Bocconi University in Milan with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Management. For the past five years, I have been working for Louis Vuitton. I am currently based in Paris where I am responsible for the development and implementation of commercial and product strategy at a global level. I previously worked with business development and consumer behaviour at smaller tech start-ups in London and Zurich. Outside of work I am interested in sustainable energy, entrepreneurship and technology and enjoy reading, travelling and meeting new people. In the future, I hope to combine these passions into developing comprehensive educational outreach in developing countries.



## Jingyi Jin

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Current Location:** Beijing, China

**Current Job Title:** Treasury Director

**Current Company:** Schneider Electric (China) Co., Ltd.

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I obtained my dual Bachelor's degrees from the Beijing University of Technology in 1998 with double majors in Applied Mathematics and International Trade and Investment. Upon graduation, I started my career at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Beijing Branch where I experienced two roles in 3 years: the first was an account officer to manage relationships with key financial institutions in China; and then the Relationship Manager for US & European MNCs in China, with accountability of client visits, credit review and analysis and loan applications. I joined Nokia Treasury Asia in 2001. As corporate treasurer, I helped Nokia China manage banking relationships and set up banklink solution, a STP process to connect Nokia ERP with local banks and to centralize payments processed by Nokia Geneva, the international payment factory.

In 2004 I obtained an LSE offer for MSc Finance and Economics. Unfortunately, due to family reasons, I had to postpone my study plans. That year I joined Schneider Electric China to head Schneider China Treasury team. I have been leading the team to practice in RMB internationalisation, including RMB FDI, RMB cross-border Cash Pooling and Netting. In 2011, Schneider China was awarded the Best Treasury Team of the Year by Treasury Today Eurofinance. As Treasury Director, I am back at LSE to join the EGMiM programme to gain a global view and expand my horizons. My career goal is to be an expert with global views and experience to benefit more and more Chinese companies. Outside work, I enjoy travelling, trekking and sometimes reading.





## Ehshan Kodarbux

**Nationality:** Mauritian

**Current Location:** Beau-Bassin, Mauritius

**Current Job Title:** CEO

**Current Company:** Le Defi Media Group

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I started as a trainee reporter at the age of 17. During the course of my work, I was awarded a scholarship and completed a diploma at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (New Delhi). Subsequently I worked as press attache to the Minister of Social Security until I launched my own newspaper which has evolved into a leading media group in Mauritius. We now publish a leading daily and several other publications, own the leading radio station and a major events company. I write mainly in French about politics and international affairs. I have recently completed an MSc Global Management degree at the University of Salford through distance learning. I wish to consolidate this knowledge with world class exposure through the EGMiM programme which I believe would greatly enhance my capacity as an entrepreneur. My hobbies are reading and travelling.



## James Byungjun Koh

**Nationality:** South Korean

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Project

Manager- Consultant

**Current Company:** Oliver Wyman

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I studied business administration at Korea University. I served 2 years in the military alongside the US army as KATUSA (Korean Augmentation Troops to United States Army) from 2006 to 2008. After graduation, I started working as a consultant at Oliver Wyman and I'm currently working as a project manager at the firm. I enjoy travelling, watching movies/musicals/plays/concerts, cooking and playing sports. I usually spend my weekends doing all of my hobbies. I came across LSE alumni not only in Korea but also when I settled in London last year and they strongly recommended joining the LSE community. This will help me settle in the new city better as I plan to be here for a while and expand my network in the professional field outside the company. Through the 17 months on the programme, I will try to leverage the SE network to gain more foundation for progressing to senior level in the company. Plus, as I plan to move to Singapore 4 years from now, I see the LSE experience as valuable foundation for me to have to build out a business platform in whichever country I am in.



## Paul Kralert

**Nationality:** Australian

**Current Location:** Den Haag, Netherlands

**Current Job Title:** Senior Geochemist

**Current Company:** Shell Global Solutions International BV

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As one of the most experienced exploration geochemists in Shell, I have been actively involved in the company's global search for oil and gas since 2001. During this time, I've had the privilege of working on numerous opportunities in the Americas, Africa, the Middle East, Australia and East Asia, with multi-year postings in the US, Australia and now The Netherlands. Whilst my current role is heavily geared towards technical consulting, I also maintain a strong R&D commitment by managing several in-house and joint-industry research projects including a self-conceived programme focussing on converting CO<sub>2</sub> to high-value industrial products. Prior to joining Shell, I worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the California Institute of Technology after a three-year stint at Intertek/Geotech in Australia. I hold a BSc (Chem.) (Dux), a PGradDipChem (Hons.) and a PhD in organic geochemistry from Curtin University.

My decision to further my formal education by enrolling in LSE's EGMiM programme was driven by a desire to accelerate my transition into a senior management position in Shell to help drive new technology development, and ultimately, to bring about real and measureable change to the world's energy calculus over the next couple of decades. What I found most appealing about the course is the combination of very high standards of academic rigour and a globally focussed curriculum that draws upon the latest insights from business and institutional thought leaders. The tremendous networking opportunities both within the cohort and through the extended reach of the LSE were also a major plus. Outside of work, I'm an avid reader, a genuine art aficionado and a keen astronomer.



## Ardeshir Lessan

**Nationality:** Iranian/British

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Lead Principal Subsea Structural Engineer

**Current Company:** Saipem UK

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I am a chartered structural engineer with 22 years of experience in the upstream oil and gas sector, currently working for Saipem UK on a deep water subsea project (1500m) offshore West Africa. I have managed engineering teams of various sizes in my career to deliver full cycle engineering and as part of large scale multibillion EPCI projects. My reasons for choosing to come on the Executive Global Master's in Management course at LSE were to do something cool, exciting and challenging which could broaden my horizon beyond my comfort zone. To be learning at one of the world's most prestigious management schools and meeting likeminded, ambitious and self-driven individuals is not an opportunity that comes by often. I am super excited to be part of this particular EGMiM family and our common journey ahead!





## Charles Lim Jun Lie

**Nationality:** Singaporean

**Current Location:** Singapore

**Current Job Title:** Product Manager,  
Carrier and Alternative Payments

**Current Company:** PayPal

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I am currently a Product Manager at PayPal, focussing on carrier and alternative payments. I work with carriers to allow their subscriber base to purchase virtual goods via their mobile phones. I negotiate and formalise the legal contracts with the carriers and also manage the integration between both parties for the product launch. In my role, I also work closely with the carriers to grow revenues by executing marketing campaigns and optimising the consumer experience.

Prior to PayPal, I graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2010 and joined Oracle as a management trainee. I chose to join the EGMiM programme as I was attracted to the renowned brand of LSE. I was also drawn towards the modular format of the programme which will allow me to continue working and apply the knowledge I have gained from the course real time. Lastly, I believe that the academic rigour and depth of the programme as shared by the alumni will allow me to thrive in the ever-changing business world and handle the complexities which will arise in the future. It will make me well-placed to continue to innovate at PayPal and grow my career in the technology industry. Outside of work, I enjoy numerous sporting activities such as football, rock-climbing, mountain biking and running.



## Giuseppe Macrì

**Nationality:** Italian

**Current Location:** Crawley, UK

**Current Job Title:** Senior Geophysicist

**Current Company:** CGG

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I hold a BSc in Environmental and Land Planning Engineering from Politecnico di Milano and a full marks MSc in Exploration and Applied Geophysics from the University of Pisa, with a thesis on renewable energy exploration. I continued my research as a collaborator at the University of Pisa and then expanded my expertise on energy exploration as a geophysicist at the University Consortium for Geophysics. It is now five years since I started working in South London for CGG, a leading player in geoscience. I currently hold a Senior Geophysicist position where I process and deliver high-end seismic data to major oil companies. I am in charge of relating with clients and I am responsible for managing every aspect of a project, handling big data volumes, dealing with cutting-edge technology and developing innovative solutions. I am a positive and dynamic person, open minded and always looking for new challenges. I am also a food lover, I like travelling, music, and playing a big variety of sports, among which snowboarding is my favourite.

I decided to apply for LSE's EGMiM because of its attitude and uniqueness. LSE's faculty, reputation, academic rigour and critical thinking focus are what I consider the non plus ultra for investing in my future and competing in this global and inter-connected world. At LSE I will also balance my technical and problem solving capabilities with financial and managerial tools, to comprehend global business and to thrive as a manager.



## Foluso Omowunmi Makanjuola

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Current Location:** Lagos, Nigeria

**Current Job Title:** Tas Contract Engineer

**Current Company:** Total E&P

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I have a degree in economics and have worked for 7 years with Total E&P, first as an HR officer for 2 years and then as a Technical Assistants Services Contracts Engineer. I love travelling, listening to music and artwork. I needed to advance my career and also the drive to improve myself to ensure I could place myself in a strategic leadership position for a gradual transitioning of the regulatory side of my current industry post my studies. I intend to use the knowledge acquired from the programme to improve my current leadership skills which will in turn affect my everyday decisions and judgment in the near future.



## Tim Montagu

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Intelligence Analyst

**Current Company:** UK Ministry of Defence

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I am a former Royal Navy Officer with 11 years of leadership and management experience across a range of operational environments. Notable deployments were on counter drug operations in the Caribbean, mine hunting in the Persian Gulf and as a leadership instructor with the British Army at Sandhurst and in Kabul. I am currently an intelligence analyst at the UK Ministry of Defence on the counter-Daesh strategy team. My main academic credential is a BSc in Geological Sciences from the University of Leeds and I hold a series of Level 8 qualifications in Defence, Business, Project and Risk management from the UK Defence Academy and the University of Manchester. I applied for the EGMiM as I see the course content, the network and the LSE brand will provide the most efficient career transition route to the business environment. I am particularly drawn to the geo-political and socio-economic aspects that underpin all LSE courses and consider these essential to any sustainable business model. I intend to use the programme to progress my career in the field of business intelligence and political risk within the financial, oil and energy or risk advisory sectors. In my spare time I am a business development director of the Dr Johnsons House museum which is dedicated to the life of the 18th Century lexicographer and neighbours the LSE campus. For recreation I enjoy running, sailing, skiing, mountaineering and gardening.



## Vera Nicotra

**Nationality:** Italian

**Current Location:** Fleet, UK

**Current Job Title:** Business Development

**Current Company:** Canonical, Ubuntu

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I possess an MSc in Management taken at the University of Management Bradford, School of Management and I completed a BSc in Business Economics at the University of Catania, Italy. My career has been mainly spent in the software opensource environment, with positions as Business Development and channel/direct sales at Red Hat and later at Canonical. I love travelling to discover cultures and traditions of countries and always keep an eye on technology and business/financial papers. I am an art lover and observe present and old societies through their artifacts in museums and art galleries. One of the most appealing aspects of the EGMiM programme is not only the unique global impact, but also the flexibility of executive courses with no match from other top universities. Opportunities to visit and study in foreign countries and the possibility to use a sophisticated online learning tool made this university one of my top choice for my learning path. This course will facilitate my networking and stimulate my curiosity to keep learning and improving managerial skills with support provided by top professors. I firmly believe that this experience will prepare me for the challenges of my next career step in consulting and management.



## Bansari Patel

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Drug Safety Professional

**Current Company:** GlaxoSmithKline

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I am a Pharmacist and Pharmacologist. I hold a Master's degree in Pharmacology and Toxicology from Long Island University, USA. My academic experiences in India and the USA have instilled in me the self-confidence, the self-assuredness and the core belief that, as a woman, I can excel in any field that I choose to pursue. In my opinion, drug safety is the fundamental right of everyone. Hence, I started my career in drug safety where I have been working for many years. I am currently working at GlaxoSmithKline in global clinical safety, where I am involved in clinical trial data management of various lifesaving medications. My long term career vision is to provide value based healthcare innovations for a new era, address management issues in healthcare and increase patient involvement by simplifying complex health information. EGMiM will enhance my capacity to achieve my career aspirations and give back to our society some of the benefits to which I have been privileged. LSE is the place where lifelong relationships are created and EGMiM will give me a unique opportunity to build a lifetime bonding with fellow students, professors and alumni. EGMiM will help me to become a well-rounded leader.





## Varya Petukhova

**Nationality:** Russian

**Current Location:** St. Petersburg, Russia

**Current Job Title:** Hospitality Director

**Current Company:** BELTEL

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I hold two degrees: one in Biochemistry from St. Petersburg State University and another one in Simultaneous Interpreting from Moscow Linguistic University. However for over 20 years of my professional career I've been working in different management roles for BELTEL, a company that offers IT and engineering solutions. I started as a line manager in the Procurement and Logistics department and then progressed to be the head of this department. In 2013 I undertook my current role at Beltel in the business development in hospitality area. What prompted me to seek education is the need to obtain theoretical knowledge and practical skills in management – a field I have been working in for many years without any formal background. I chose the EGMiM programme mostly because of its focus on solving real-life practical problems and at the same time a thorough fundamental approach. By mixing students and staff from all over the world, this programme also provides unique networking opportunities. I am planning to use the acquired knowledge and skills in developing an edge in my current professional role that will distinguish both me and the company I work for on the market. I also anticipate this education to inspire me to locate an opportunity to undertake a different project. Outside work, I enjoy reading (mainly English and American contemporary literature), sports, cooking and spending fun time with my two sons, who are 15 and 6.



## Shalini Prakash

**Nationality:** Indian

**Current Location:** Bangalore, India

**Current Job Title:** Venture Capitalist

**Current Company:** 500Startups

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I believe in the magic that happens at the intersection of entrepreneurship and technology. My interests lie in understanding how these intersections can be empowered to create transformational solutions for different ecosystems. The vast breadth of knowledge and experience gives me a unique perspective and an ability to operate in cross-disciplinary roles and industries, create inter-relations and develop creative solutions. Over the last 8 years, I have had a broad range of work experience ranging from being a Venture Capitalist, Startup Evangelist, Marketing to being a Software Engineer. Currently, I am a Principal at 500Startups, a global venture capital firm and accelerator based in Silicon Valley with US\$250M under management. We're the world's most active early-stage investor with a portfolio of over 1,500 companies across 50 countries. Prior to joining 500, I was working with INKtalks (previously in association with TED ) where my roles involved promoting INK's platform through collaborative programmes and partner networks.

Apart from these engagements, I was an "Entrepreneur in Residence" at GSF Global Accelerator Programme, Mentor in Residence for IDEX Accelerator Programme and a Programme Manager at Kyron Accelerator Programme. While I have acquired some business knowledge through education and my past work experience, I think it is time to re-learn and view the dynamic startup technology landscape from a whole new perspective. Studying in a prestigious institution like LSE and learning from a world-class faculty will allow me to gain new perspectives on human and organisation behaviour and decisions; and this experience is very valuable to me.



## Mahmoud Qalyoubi

**Nationality:** Jordanian

**Current Location:** Dubai, UAE

**Current Job Title:** General Manager –  
Limousine Division

**Current Company:** Funsho  
International Group

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I graduated from the University of Toledo (USA) with a BSc in Bioengineering and a minor in Business Administration. After graduation, I worked in the US as an engineer in the medical device manufacturing industry. I then decided to change careers by switching to the business world. I accepted a job in Dubai, UAE as an operations manager for a company called “Kaloti Precious Metals”. Then I made my way up to becoming the Director of Operations and an executive board member of the company. I currently occupy the role of a General Manager – Limousine Division at Funsho International Group based out of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. I like to read news about the aviation industry, watch movies, play volleyball, and soccer. EGMiM is different from the traditional MBA programmes offered by Ivy League business schools. The EGMiM programme is equivalent to such programmes but adds more of a theory-based approach plus the international experience by learning and interacting with corporates overseas (India and China). The reputation of LSE was a major factor in making my decision too. I plan to use my degree to gain access into the strategy-consulting world. I eventually would like to establish my own management-consulting firm to help corporates find solutions to their toughest problems.



## Nikolaos Sofianos

**Nationality:** Greek

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Senior Consultant

**Current Company:** Blackrock  
Programme Management

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I grew up in Thessaloniki, Greece and graduated from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with the M.Eng. in Civil Engineering with honours, as 2nd among 86 graduates, top 1%. After finishing my studies, I was recruited into the Greek army as a Corporal Civil Engineer for one year. Later, I relocated to London, UK, where I graduated from Imperial College London, with an MSc and D.I.C. in Soil Mechanics (Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering). After graduating, I relocated to USA, where I worked as a Civil Engineer for almost three years. Until today, I have lived and worked in three different countries: Greece, USA and UK. Throughout these years, I have acquired experience on planning, design, construction, supervision, disputes resolution and management. I enjoy travelling, music, chess, gym, sports and especially table tennis with great success. I have chosen the Executive Global Master's in Management not only due to the university's reputation, but also due to the fact that I wanted a fresh approach to the traditional MBA curriculum in order to differentiate myself. Last but not least, it is my passion to enhance my management and leadership skills as well to understand economics, finance, marketing, strategy and management for businesses in order to undertake roles with greater responsibilities or have the flexibility to cross industries in future.



## Camila Triana

**Nationality:** Colombian

**Current Location:** Bogotá, Colombia

**Current Job Title:** Managing Director

**Current Company:** Huellitas en el Corazon

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I have a degree in International Marketing and Logistics Management. I am a social entrepreneur with a solid background in social responsibility and management. I am the Founder and Managing Director at Huellitas en el Corazon NGO, dedicated to improving the quality of life of children diagnosed with life threatening conditions or in vulnerable situations. At the same time I am the Executive Director at TAUROQUIMICA S.A (Family Company) Producer and Distributor of Chemical Products and exclusive distributor of BASF – The Chemical Company for the Andean Region. Outside of work I enjoy travelling, exercising, reading, enjoying time with my family and helping others. I chose EGMiM because I am looking to engage my passion with managerial skills. The base of my accomplishments has been my educational background and I know this programme will help me build both management and leadership skills in order to keep moving forward with my professional and personal path.





## Ioannis Tsolkas

**Nationality:** Greek

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Finance Partner

**Current Company:** LSE

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I have studied economics and finance and I am currently studying towards CiMA. I love working with numbers and I tend to overanalyse things (outside of work) so naturally I spend most of my professional time by analysing financial information or developing financial forecasting models. I like sunny places and in general anything to do with summer holidays such as swimming, spear-gun fishing and scuba diving. I also play football and volleyball although not as much as I want to as I am a new parent and I spend most of my time with my 6 months old daughter.

I've chosen LSE since it has consistently been one of the top universities in the world, an international centre for excellence and innovation, encompassing the highest proportion of world-leading research among all British universities. Its academic curriculum is renowned for studying real world issues, it has a vast pool of notable alumni, current and former staff; and it offers excellent career prospects for graduates.

I am looking to improve my management skills, broaden my network and improve my understanding of the global social, economic and political environment by exchanging opinions and ideas with my fellow students and LSE academics, by seeing the global business environment from their perspective and by being exposed to their business culture and working ethos.



## William Turnor

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Regimental Operations Officer

**Current Company:** British Army

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I am a British Army Officer looking to transition into the civilian world at the beginning of 2018. I graduated from Newcastle University with a BA in Politics and Economics in 2009 and from Sandhurst into the Household Cavalry in 2011.

In my current role of Regimental Operations Officer I chair the Commanding Officers planning team and I am responsible for the operational management of around a thousand men. In November I will assume command of a Squadron in London. The highlight of nearly 7 years in the Army is, above all, the wonderful opportunity to command soldiers as a Troop and Squadron Commander. Working with and helping soldiers to succeed has been a responsibility I have found to be fantastically rewarding. The Army has provided a huge variety of valuable experiences and the chance to learn and develop my skills in multiple roles and countries around the world.

I am, however, conscious that I have not had the business experience from which many of my contemporaries have benefitted. The EGMiM at LSE is the perfect programme to help me close this gap and find the right business career. I can't wait to balance 6 years of intense practical experience by moving back into an academic world. In my spare time I have always travelled. Highlights have included four months in pre-war Damascus, where I relished the incredible culture and language, an ascent of the Matterhorn and ski touring and the haute route from Chamonix to Zermatt.



## Claudia Velez

**Nationality:** Spanish  
**Current Location:** Madrid, Spain  
**Current Job Title:** Project Manager  
**Current Company:** Howden Iberia

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I studied law and business management and joined my current company just after university. I have been involved in IT, operations and M&A processes, closely collaborating with the group's Latam operations. I love reading, mainly history books.



## Dan Weston

**Nationality:** British  
**Current Location:** Evesham, Worcestershire  
**Current Job Title:** Chief Operating Officer- Europe  
**Current Company:** Adjuno

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I did my undergraduate degree in Economics at Lancaster University, which I followed up with a Certificate in Project Management whilst starting my career in logistics and supply chain management at Reebok. I joined the Maersk Group in 2005 and spent 7 years in various Supply Chain Development and Account Management roles, mainly focussed on international supply chains for large retailers. I joined the Cargo Services group in 2012, focussing increasingly on technology. In 2014, we started work on creating a new group business to encompass all client-facing software, which earlier this year was launched under the brand name Adjuno and offers supply chain software solutions to retailers, manufacturers and the insurance industry. I am responsible for European sales & marketing, account management, implementation and support. I am also responsible for the insurance sector globally and CSR. Adjuno are targeting rapid growth over the next 5 years and this will present a wide-variety of challenges in terms of management and leadership. I want to be as fully equipped for those challenges as possible and I believe the approach to that the EGMiM takes offers something different in that respect. I also believe it will provide a strong grounding for further study.





## Christy Wilson

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** San Francisco, USA

**Current Job Title:** VP of Operations

**Current Company:** Context Relevant, Inc.

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I am an operations leader passionately devoted to leveraging technology to change the world. In my most recent role as VP of Operations at Context Relevant, a machine learning and data science startup, I lead operations across the company to enable growth, project delivery and drive strategic management decisions. My background includes helping to lead Splunk, Inc., as VP of Product Operations and Engineering, from 50 to 1200 employees, from a \$35M to \$7B valuation and to its 2012 successful IPO. I have also held several leadership roles in other early-stage, venture backed startups with successful liquidity events. In addition to building great software products and investing in teams, I am passionate about using exponential technology to accelerate social good. In 2012 I founded Splunk's corporate social responsibility programme, Splunk4Good. Currently I volunteer with the Field Innovation Team, in the disaster and emergency management space, as well as on the Board of Directors of StudentRND, a STEM nonprofit. I chose EGMiM because I am excited by the global nature of the cohort and lessons, as well as by the focus on underlying theory more than simple business case review. I hope the programme will transform my global leadership skills and propel me into the next chapter of my career.



## Angelina Xu

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Current Location:** Ningbo, China

**Current Job Title:** Vice president

**Current Company:** Oulin Group, China

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I graduated from Cass Business School 6 years ago majoring in Management. Then I started my own business focussing on consumer retail. Three years later I joined my family's business which operates under its main brand Oulin and focuses on providing superb quality kitchen and bath appliances. Outside of work I like to participate in economic and government forums, to broaden my network and advance my knowledge. I also enjoy giving entrepreneurship lectures once a month for the local international high school course. The EGMiM will provide me with the right tools to better enhance my critical thinking skills, necessary to tackle the problems of management from a global perspective. After attending LSE's graduate open evening in early November last year, I knew the strong academic curriculum and outstanding faculty at LSE were exactly what I need to further groom myself into a better business leader. As the successor of my family business, the responsibility will eventually be passed on to me to continue the growth of the business and create a truly sustainable globalised business model. In order to do so, I need further and deeper understanding in the field of management. The EGMiM programme is the perfect choice as it also allows putting what we learn into practice immediately and I can continue my work while studying.