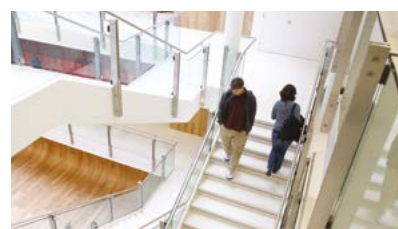
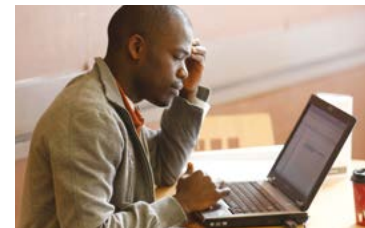




Department of  
**Management**

# EXECUTIVE GLOBAL MASTER'S IN MANAGEMENT 2021

## **Class Directory**





## Nancy Baltouna

**Nationality:** Greek

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Space Planning and Analysis Manager

**Current Company:** London School of Economics and Political Science

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My name is Nancy and I am from Greece (you cannot miss my very Greek accent). I moved to London five years ago to do an MSc in Social Policy and Development at the LSE. Before that, I worked with non-governmental organisations as an Advocate for the Greek Council for Refugees and in Organisational Effectiveness with ActionAid Greece.

I am passionate about social equity and, to spice things up, in my MSc I focused on the role of the private sector in social welfare. Having fallen in love with London, I decided to stay and explore the (semi) private sector, so I started an internship at the Property Management Team at the LSE. Four years later, I am the Space Planning and Analysis Manager, having an overview of the space management and allocation in the School and proudly working on the Estates 2030 Strategy. Re-engineering processes to increase the Organisation's effectiveness, data crunching to assist decision-making and change management to achieve buy-in from all-level stakeholders have become my new passions!

I am ready for the next step – more responsibility and strategic outlook – and I believe that the EGMiM will be a catalyst for professional and personal growth and will help me fill the knowledge gaps I have on corporate management (I also rely on my brilliant classmates to make this a dynamic and utterly enriching experience!).

When I don't talk about space utilisation, I love trying new things: samba band, storytelling, street dance, being a tourist in London or anywhere cheap airline tickets can get me.



## Cleveland G. Barclay III

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** New York, USA

**Current Job Title:** Director, Global Rights & Digital Distribution

**Current Company:** A+E Networks

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I double-majored in Political Science and Sociology during my undergrad academic career. However, I've been working in the media industry for the last 15 years handling global licensing of media content for an international cable network. When I am not at work, I enjoy raising my two daughters (ages 7 and 3) and in my spare time (which seems non-existent at times), I like to read and hopefully someday finish writing a best-selling novel that I can then turn into a blockbuster multiple Oscar-winning screenplay.

In the meantime, I would like to develop my management skills at my day job so that I can segue my career into business development where I can apply academic theories to my ideas and present them to upper management. I'm also looking forward to getting the necessary tools in order to find new and innovative ways to monetize the company's content and maximize our revenue, which will require new thinking and bold ideas. This is of particular interest to me as each media company tries to get a foothold in a fragmented media landscape due to digital disruption. With this program, I am hoping to gain the know-how to figure out how I can make an impact at my company by being a step ahead of our competitors, keeping in pace with technology while at the same time anticipating future challenges of the industry.





### Nicola Bleasby

**Nationality:** Canadian

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** On sabbatical

**Current Company:** Deutsche Telekom AG

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I have held leadership roles in the areas of strategy, business development, and management within Deutsche Telekom – in both headquarters and operating subsidiaries. After 20yrs+ of working across Europe in different roles & countries I am taking some time off to reflect on my experience and figure out what I want to do next. I like hiking, running & cycling. My “kick” is high-altitude hiking in remote destinations.



### Cecilia Borgatti

**Nationality:** Brazilian and Italian

**Current Location:** São Paulo, Brazil

**Current Job Title:** Finance Specialist

**Current Company:** Ab InBev

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I am a 30 years old Brazilian woman who has graduated in economics 9 years ago and since that time has been working at Ab InBev. I started as an analyst, become a supervisor, one year later was coordinator and later on manager and today national Specialist. In 8,5 years I moved 5 times, worked in two different regions, developed trainees, wrote process optimization and now I’m willing to broaden my experience.

Due to my education background I enjoy being with my family gatherings. I love to cook, specially fresh and homemade pasta that I learned from my grand grandmother. Like many others, I also like to watch movies and series.

I plan to make a change in my career from now on and the programme will be the bridge to my next step.



### Vladimir Cebotari

**Nationality:** Moldova, Republic of

**Current Location:** Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

**Current Job Title:** Member of the Parliament

**Current Company:** Parliament of Moldova

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I have a license in law, an Executive MBA and a not accomplished MSc in Air Transport Management (not accomplished because of professional reasons, being appointed in a top governmental position that required my entire dedication).

I am a person with good managerial experience as operating manager, developer, investor as well as public official, having starting my activity as a lawyer, then holding different positions in business entities and public institution, developing my own businesses with a team of inspired and dedicated fellows.

My free time is dedicated to my family, sports, reading and movies.

The EGMiM could be a perfect opportunity to extend my knowledge, relationship network, to gain new experiences and with all that to contribute to the maximum to my country and the teams I work with.



## Robert Claire

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** San Francisco, USA

**Current Job Title:** Software Engineer

**Current Company:** Pinterest

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I am a software engineer with over 19 years of experience working with a number of technology and financial companies, primarily in Silicon Valley. I have worked for Pinterest for the past 6 years, with my current focus being in the data engineering function. My main areas of expertise is in data engineering and analysis, cloud computing and distributed systems. I am passionate about working to develop pathways to technology careers for those from non traditional and diverse backgrounds.

I studied History at the California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, and worked briefly in computer animation before I started my career in software engineering.

As a student of the some of the technological, economic and geopolitical trends that shape our world, I am thrilled to be participating in the EGMiM program and excited to broaden my perspectives and understanding of the factors that drive opportunity and risk in a global environment. I am particularly looking forward to working alongside and learning from a very international and accomplished cohort.

I aspire to use what I have learned from this program to be a more informed advisor and investor in the technology space.

Outside of work, I prize spending time with my family. As time permits, I am an avid mountain biker, SCUBA diver and reader.



## Charlotte Dicker

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Vice President

**Current Company:** State Street Global Advisors

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I have worked in relationship management roles in the asset management industry for 9 years with the past 5 of those spent at State Street Global Advisors, working predominantly with Investment Consultants. The role includes elements of strategy, marketing, product development, investment writing and sales. I hold a BA in History and a French Business Diploma.

Outside of work, I practice a lot of yoga which I also occasionally teach. I like to travel and explore the history and culture of other countries and I am particularly looking forward to the trips to Bangalore and Beijing as part of the programme.

I intend to use the programme to change career direction slightly. I am currently looking to focus more on the social impact of investment through either impact investing or philanthropy however I am also open minded to the fact that this may change as the programme progresses.



## Simon Fritschi

**Nationality:** Swiss

**Current Location:** Zurich, Switzerland

**Current Job Title:** Senior Financial Controller

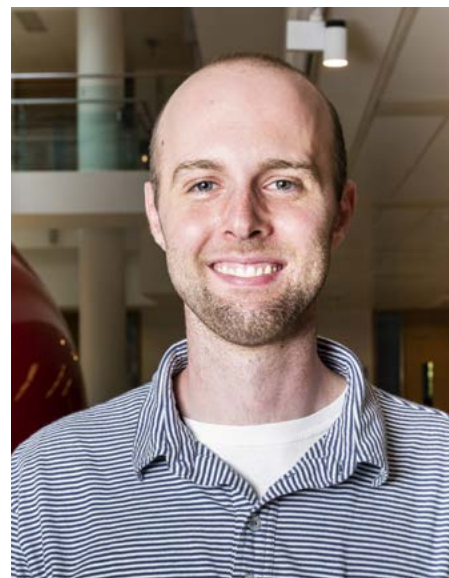
**Current Company:** responsAbility Investments AG

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As a trained banking professional, I am well experienced in the financial industry. I am particularly interested in alternative and development investments. The last 10 years, I have worked in controlling functions with a strong focus on financial planning, analysis and advisory. I have worked for Raiffeisen (Swiss retail bank), UBS Asset Management and I am currently employed by responsAbility Investments; one of the forerunners in impact investing. I have studied Business Administration with a focus on Banking & Finance at the Zurich University of Applied Science in Switzerland and I am a CFA charterholder.

I very much like to spend time with my friends and family while doing some outdoor activities. Growing up very close to a ski-lift, made me a very passionate skier. In summer I like to go hiking, running, cycling/mountain biking, playing tennis and football. I have taken several long breaks to explore the world and go travelling.

My ambition is either to move into a CFO role or launch a consultancy to supporting companies to access the full potential of the corporate finance function. I strongly believe that the corporate finance function can bring the greatest value to companies when it has access to the most relevant data and is fully integrated into strategic decision-making. I expect the program to challenge my current knowledge and experience through the curriculum and the combined experience of my international cohort. I hope to broaden my professional focus and have a memorable time.



## Tyler John Gieseke

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** Minneapolis, USA

**Current Job Title:** Associate Editor

**Current Company:** Abdo Publishing

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I am an associate editor at Abdo Publishing in Edina, Minnesota, USA. At Abdo, we publish nonfiction books targeted to primary and secondary school libraries as well as fiction for primary school students. Before working at Abdo, I did some freelance reporting for a technology blog and interned for a summer at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

I graduated in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and economics from the University of Minnesota. During my undergraduate studies, I was very active with the campus newspaper and was a reporter, associate editor, and editor in chief. Another highlight of my college years was the opportunity to conduct original research regarding behavioural game theory.

Outside of work, I enjoy tennis, piano, singing, and meditating. During the famous Minnesota winters, I enjoy both cross-country and downhill skiing.

With the skills and connections gained through this master's programme, I hope to be more effective and advance in my current company and take a step toward a potential doctorate degree in the social or behavioural sciences.



## Corey Green

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Global Operations  
Director, Risk Consulting

**Current Company:** Aon

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I was educated in Economics in the United States at the University of Arizona before entering the risk field for Aon in New York. I spent a number of years in a client facing consulting role before moving to a relationship management focused role. In time, my interests shifted to helping the organization grow from an internal operations and strategy perspective. I moved to London in 2018 to take up a global operations role for Aon's risk consulting business where I remain today. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my wife, exploring London and traveling throughout Europe.

I hope to use the EGMIM to learn additional leadership skills (interpersonal and commercial) and ultimately leverage those skills to progress my career with my current company.



## Alejandro Lopez Miranda

**Nationality:** Argentine / Spanish

**Current Location:** Buenos Aires, Argentina / London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Head of Content

**Current Company:** Grupo Vi-Da

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I am a senior media executive with more than 10 years of experience in broadcast TV, advertising and digital media. I studied television production, journalism, and also have a bachelor's degree in Digital Communications from Universidad Católica Argentina.

I worked as a producer for many years at Canal 13, Canal 9, and Televisión Pública in Argentina. After that, I designed digital communication strategies for media companies and multinational brands. During that time I was hired as a consultant for very well known advertising agencies such as Grey and Webar Interactive.

At present I am the Head of Content at TKM (from Grupo Vi-Da) the most recognized digital media outlet aimed for millennials in LATAM, based in Argentina but with a regional audience. I led the company's transformation into an innovation and experimentation media hub that was able to captivate young audiences.

I was recently awarded with innovation funding from Google and Facebook to develop news-related audiovisual projects, and created a success case that is studied as an example of innovation for local news.

Outside of work I'm really passionate about traveling and knowing different cultures. Football is also of big interest for me, since I've been raised in Argentina and almost everyone plays it. Finally I consider myself a news-junkie, so I try to read and watch as much of the news as I can to stay updated on local and global issues.

Hopefully doing the EGMIM will allow me to acquire new managerial skills and give me a global business perspective.





## Kai Lu

**Nationality:** Singaporean

**Current Location:** Chongqing, China

**Current Job Title:** Manager

**Current Company:** CapitaLand Limited

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My first name is Kai, a married 33-year-old Singaporean with a supportive wife and two lovely daughters. One just turned 3 in July 2019, the other just 8 months old. After graduating in 2011 with a Master's in Chemical Engineering (Honours Class 1) from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, my professional career took me from being a resident in Singapore to living in the perspiration inspiring Oman, then moving on to experience the pre-Modi era of India, before settling in mountainous Chongqing, one of the four municipality cities in China, for the past five years. I'm currently with CapitaLand Limit, one of Asia's largest real estate developers, working on a USD 3.5 billion integrated development that is Raffles City Chongqing. It is the single largest investment in China made by a Singapore company. At present I'm heading its new business division, focusing on the experiential, media and tourism aspects of the development.

My personal interest has always been cars, cars and more cars.

Being able to attend the EGMiM programme at LSE will fulfil one of my life-long dreams I had since I was a student, which is to be an apprentice at one of the world's top business schools. Unquestionably, with the LSE brand, knowledge and network gained, I will be better equipped to achieve my career aspirations and be a role model for my two daughters to emulate when they come of age.



## Lakshmi Maithel

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Business Development Manager

**Current Company:** Repositive

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I have a Bachelor's in Economics from UC Berkeley and Master's in Biotechnology from the University of Pennsylvania. My work experience includes three years on the solution sales team at Elsevier followed by two years as Program Director for GenomeAsia 100K where I added partners to the non-profit consortium in order to generate more genomic data on Asian populations. I am currently the Business Development Manager at Repositive, a start-up based in Cambridge, UK committed to increasing the discoverability of biological data to enable medical research. In this role, I lead the expansion of the Cancer Models Platform – the largest directory of preclinical oncology models. My goal in the LSE EGMiM programme is to develop the management skills necessary to build a sales team for the next stage of growth at Repositive.

Though I was born in India and raised in the US, I am now based in London. Outside of work, I volunteer with Asha for Education, a charity supporting education initiatives in India by raising funds for underprivileged schools and creating awareness of challenges to further economic development. In addition, I enjoy attending dance performances and theatre productions as well as reading books on topics ranging from zoology to psychology.



## Eve Lise Mamane

**Nationality:** Israeli

**Current Location:** Tel Aviv, Israel

**Current Job Title:** Director of Growth

**Current Company:** Guesty

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Prior to joining LSE, I completed a degree in International Relations at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel. I then started my career in high-tech, working first at Wix.com for two years, and then at Fiverr, before joining Google and moving to Ireland in 2017 where I was based until my appointment as Director of Growth at Guesty in Autumn 2019.

Outside of work, I love reading, cooking, going to the beach (that's the Tel Aviv effect) and enjoying a pint with close friends (that's the Dublin effect)!

I hope the EGMiM will help me broaden my management skill set and well accompany the career path I am currently on. Most importantly, I hope to meet a fantastic group of people from around the globe with diverse expertise, so I can both learn from all and share my own knowledge and experiences.



## Samuel Matarasso Marcuschamer

**Nationality:** Mexican  
**Current Location:** Mexico City, Mexico  
**Current Job Title:** Chief Innovation Officer  
**Current Company:** L&M Consulting

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Samuel Matarasso has a B.A. in Economics, and a B.S. in Political Sciences, both from Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, he graduated with honors and obtained an honorific mention for his thesis work on labor productivity. Samuel is a serial entrepreneur, he has founded and led two consulting companies: LyM Consulting aims to develop innovative digital technologies to improve agricultural production through strategic alliances with universities and research centers. L'orticello aims to help small farmers to implement good agricultural practices and new technologies to reduce their costs and environmental impacts while improving their productivity.

Samuel started his career in 2012 as a Business Analyst in Agropark, one of the largest high-tech greenhouse clusters in Latin America. Since then, Samuel evolved into a key manager and became a partner in 2016.

Samuel has practiced judo since 2000. He won the Mexican Judo Championship six times in a row from 2004 to 2009. Samuel is deeply concerned about climate change and sustainable development. He is also an advocate against animal mistreatment. Since he was a student, Samuel has collaborated with several causes and initiatives.

The Executive Global MSc in Management will help Samuel to improve his leadership skills to help his company to expand to new markets in Europe and Asia. After the Masters, Samuel wants to create new opportunities for his community in the technology area and continue a path of entrepreneurial innovation with social responsibility.



## Rebecca McLerie

**Nationality:** British  
**Current Location:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
**Current Job Title:** Partner  
**Current Company:** Clyde & Co LLP

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Originally from England, I have been living in Dubai for over 11 years.

I am a partner in an international law firm, Clyde & Co LLP which is headquartered in the UK, and I co-head the MEA employment law practice. I primarily advise companies on their HR issues across the Middle East, which frequently requires swift action to manage a crisis or to protect a company's reputation. This can range from advising clients on ways to protect their confidential information, advising on bullying and harassment complaints, and appearing in the Dubai International Financial court on behalf of a client in a dispute for non-payment of bonus or defending a decision to dismiss an employee for gross misconduct. A professional highlight in the past year has been drafting the new employment law for the Dubai International Financial Centre (coming into force on 28 August 2019).

My first degree was a BA (Hons) in Law and Business and having worked as a lawyer for almost 20 years I am now coming back to the study of business through the EGMIM at a time in my career when my interest is moving from "doing" the law to the "business" of law. I am particularly looking forward to learning about some of the theories in management and leadership.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending weekends at the beach with my family and I try to make time to go to the gym or for an occasional run.





## Aun Merchant

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** Orlando, FL USA

**Current Job Title:** Senior Manager

**Current Company:** PwC

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I currently work as a management consultant within the financial services advisory practice at PwC, specializing in areas of treasury and risk management. In my role, I advise CFOs and CROs of global financial institutions mainly in Asia, Europe and North-America on a variety of topics some of which include, enterprise wide data strategy, funding and liquidity strategies to achieve an optimal balance sheet structure and financial performance, Target Operating Model design, Regulatory compliance and enterprise architecture. Prior to consulting, I worked as an investment banking where I worked on a variety of sell side and buy side engagements across the aviation, healthcare, and consumer sectors. I obtained my Bachelor's degree in Business majoring in Finance from the University of Florida.

Outside of work, I am an avid golfer, a cricket enthusiast, and enjoy reading books on a variety of topics. Most of all, I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter, reading and traveling. With the EGMiM program, I hope to complement my treasury and risk background as well as my analytical skills with an in-depth understanding of other management functions, along with the socio-economic forces shaping the global economy to further develop as a global professional and leader.



## Yaseen Mohammed

**Nationality:** Indian

**Current Location:** Hyderabad, India

**Current Job Title:** Director, Programs

**Current Company:** Joveo

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I graduated in computer applications and have been in the tech industry for over 16 years.

I started my journey as an Engineer later holding multiple positions and now as Director, Programs; having worked in India, Singapore, and China; with experiences principally in delivering e-commerce, business transactional services, online gambling, sports betting, PC, console gaming, public-sector initiatives, pre-sales, CRM, and digital recruitment Ad platforms development.

I have successfully managed cross-functional teams, agile implementations for launching products, change management incubations, managing strategic investment budgets, PMO and have run several portfolio projects concurrently.

I am interested in international politics and relationships between countries; I would love to negotiate in conflict resolution situations to bring world peace!

I spend most of my time with family and kids and do go out with friends occasionally. I love visiting historical and natural places in the wild and sporadically listen to random music.

I plan to study general management and want to develop my knowledge to build on my skill sets to explore opportunities, so I can eventually contribute towards my entrepreneurial and social interests. I am keen on microeconomics to create social development chances in emerging markets.

I am looking forward to the many LSE relations, learning from my faculty, peers in the class, for a lifelong affiliation, their diverse experiences, brilliance, and influences to shape desired outcomes.



## Prasanna Mohan

**Nationality:** Indian

**Current Location:** Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Current Job Title:** Regional Director – Middle East

**Current Company:** Sulzer

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I am a Mechanical Engineering a childhood dream that I went ahead to pursue at the midst of a software wave that was sweeping India as it was my strong belief that manufacturing forms the fundamental backbone of any economy.

I am currently the Regional Sales Director for Sulzer Pumps based out in Abu Dhabi, UAE and a rich exposure to International market having worked in Europe and Middle-East for the past 10-12 years.

Love reading books, movies, tennis and obviously playing cricket (claim to be an all-rounder). I love driving my car and last but not least to try spend some quality time with my little princess whenever possible.

The experience gained in managing an organisation is considerable and the personal growth achieved reflected this effort. At the same time, I also sensed a gap and need to gain better understanding to translate my thoughts into structured ideas and streamlined processes that will help in achieving desired results. I realised the need for right kind of education to help me strike the right balance and utilise my managerial experience to its fullest potential. I strongly felt, a Masters in management with focus on current global economics would help accelerate my growth and shape me into a management professional with virtually unlimited potential.



## Yorshan Naidoo

**Nationality:** New Zealand, South African

**Current Location:** Floreal, Mauritius

**Current Job Title:** Pilot

**Current Company:** Air Mauritius

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I am an airline pilot presently flying for Air Mauritius on the Airbus A330 aircraft. I have just over 21 years experience as a pilot. I fly the long and medium range routes. Previous to this, I flew for South African Airways on the Airbus A340/330. Prior to starting my airline career, I was a pilot in the military. I served in both the South African and Royal New Zealand Air Forces. I learnt to fly in the South African Air Force. I later joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force and then returned to South Africa to finish my military career. I flew in the maritime and transport lines on many different types of aircraft in a variety of different roles. I was also an instructor pilot and trained ab-initio students and was then appointed to head up the training section of a transport squadron as Training Co-ordinator. I represented the the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) of South Africa in the security portfolio. Before I joined the military, I attended the University of Hawaii on a tennis scholarship. I am also presently developing 2 different businesses.

Outside of flying, I am a family man. My wife Mamtha and our daughters Maya (4 1/2) and Yara (6 months) ensure that there is never a dull moment at home and keep our lives exciting and busy as they grow. I enjoy sport in general and keep fit by going to the gym. I am an avid reader.

I intend to use the skills and knowledge of the EGMiM programme to grow in the business/ management side of the aviation sector globally and enhance my development in entrepreneurial field.



## Andrew Naylor

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** Singapore

**Current Job Title:** Director, Central Banks and Public Policy

**Current Company:** World Gold Council

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I have worked in public policy/ strategy roles for the last twelve years both for a consulting firm and now in-house at the World Gold Council – the international market development organisation for the global gold industry. My focus at the WGC is on developing gold's role in the international financial system including the G20/ FSB regulatory reform agenda, opening up new markets for institutional and retail gold investment, and developing our ESG and sustainable/ green finance strategy. Before my current role I worked for a UK-based public affairs consultancy. Initially in London before moving to Asia in 2010 to establish the firm's regional office.

Outside of work I enjoy being outdoors – sailing, cycling, and hiking. I'm slowly working my way through the RYA Yachtmaster scheme and one day hope to be competent enough to sail home to the UK when I eventually return. I also enjoy classical music and comedy.

I'm very much looking forward to learning about and discussing global management and enterprise trends. I'm particularly interested in emerging markets development, global trade issues, and the emergence of new international architecture. My motivation for joining this programme is to develop a broader-based management skillset and an international perspective of enterprise and organisational development.

I graduated from the LSE in 2006 (BSc Government and History) and it is great to be back!



## Ruth Orbach

**Nationality:** British

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning Technical Lead

**Current Company:** Save the Children International

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I've worked in the not-for-profit sector for 10 years, most recently at Save the Children International. In my current role I work to develop an IT-based solution to improve data, analytical, and process-based implementation for emergency response, health, education, and child protection programming. Prior to this I worked with CARE International, specialising in monitoring and evaluation, based in Tanzania and working across East, West, and Southern Africa. I hold a B.A. in International Relations from Brandeis University.

I am excited to join this year's cohort to enhance my understanding of the interconnectivity between global markets and local businesses. I'm looking forward to applying this knowledge to support small and medium scale enterprises to positively and sustainably empower communities on a global level. Outside of work and classes you can find me running around a football pitch, dancing like crazy, or cooking up a storm, wine glass in hand. Failing this, you can find me seeking out a good story at the local pub, or cheering on Manchester United.





## Gregory Perret

**Nationality:** French

**Current Location:** Geneva, Switzerland

**Current Job Title:** Analyst

**Current Company:** Crescendo Capital

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I graduated from Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne in 2003 with a BSc in International Hospitality Management. I then started my career as a cost controller for Sheraton and then as a Food and Beverage Manager for Sofitel for three years in Philadelphia. My role consisted in managing the overall Food and Beverage operations for the hotel as well as implementing cost control measures. I then quit to pursue an MSc in Finance from EDHEC Business School in Nice. Upon graduation, Crescendo Capital, S.A., a Geneva-based multi family office hired me as an Analyst. Since then, I have been working alongside the team and the partners to develop the company's activities and to evolve it from an entrepreneurial venture to becoming a global player. My main role within Crescendo consists in the funds' selection, analysis and monitoring as well as portfolio management.

Outside of work, you will find me either in a dojo practicing and occasionally teaching karate or in a kitchen cooking for friends or family. Since this year, I am also engaged within an association financing and developing humanitarian projects helping disadvantaged populations and children living in developing countries especially in Vietnam.

The EGMIM program will allow me to equip myself with the necessary skills, tools and knowledge to embrace the changes that are affecting us in order to orientate my career in the coming years.



## Disha Selarka

**Nationality:** Indian

**Current Location:** Mumbai, India

**Current Job Title:** Founder and Director

**Current Company:** Giftract

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I graduated with a Bachelors in Information Technology. Fresh out of school, I started my own website called [www.giftract.com](http://www.giftract.com) which is about creating Gifts that Interact in the form of personalised APPs and games. I have also undergone leadership training by my mentor on Chanakya's Arthashastra model.

Outside of work, I love to paint and I am also certified in the same. I create canvases using oil and acrylic mediums. Apart from that I am an avid reader and also an adventure sports enthusiast. One of my favourites is white water river rafting.

The reason I have chosen the EGMiM is because it allows me to go to LSE, get a masters to broaden my management skill set and keep my business without having to choose between the two. (a choice I had to make 2 years ago when I was accepted to another program here) My goal is to improve the performance of my business and become a better entrepreneur. My long term goal is to further grow my father's company – Acma Computers Ltd. along with my brand, Giftract side by side.



## Jordan Shaw-Young

**Nationality:** Canadian

**Current Location:** Toronto, Canada

**Current Job Title:** Director of Strategic Accounts

**Current Company:** Tanium

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I completed my MA Philosophy in 2008, and upon discovering that "philosopher" isn't an easy career to pursue in the 21st century, have been working in the cybersecurity industry ever since. My hobbies change regularly, but I'm currently occupied with biking, darts, travel, and reading my way through the Hemingway List.

I'm very much looking forward to working on an interesting dissertation at the conclusion of the programme, ideally focusing on the theory of the firm with some practical input from my background in cybersecurity and political theory. I'll also be looking forward to absorbing as much as possible from this undoubtedly talented EGMiM cohort.



## Balnur Shonatayeva

**Nationality:** Kazakh

**Current Location:** Atyrau, Kazakhstan

**Current Job Title:** Business Finance Support Supervisor

**Current Company:** Tengizchevroil LLP

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I am a certified accountant (ACCA) and Lean Sigma Black Belt with 8 years of hands-on experience in the fields of accounting, finance and project management. I graduated from KIMEP University in Kazakhstan with a BSc in accounting and management. Currently working in a joint venture between the US, Russian and Kazakhstani oil majors – Tengizchevroil; spent two years in Manila, Philippines on an early career development assignment in Chevron's finance shared services.

Leader of the Women's Employee Network, which is focused on empowering and developing talent to drive individual and business success, and co-lead of the Inclusion Council, with a mission to create an inclusive culture to inspire everyone to bring their best selves to work every day.

Descendant of nomads from the majestic steppes of Kazakhstan, I identify as a millennial third culture kid, who is shaped and influenced by different cultures – went to a Russian school in Kazakhstan and American school in Aberdeen, Scotland. Hence my love for travel, I spend most of my spare time exploring new countries and embracing the diversity of cultures.

My personal interests seem to vary significantly (from bowling to charity) over the years but some that are constant include public speaking, attempting to write poems, running, and photography.

I believe the programme will help me to further progress my career by providing a big picture view, trends and best practices in the world and a solid network to learn from.



## Ashutosh Shukla

**Nationality:** Indian

**Current Location:** London, UK

**Current Job Title:** Technical Packaging Manager, EMEA

**Current Company:** GlaxoSmithKline

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I hold Bachelor of Engineering in Biotechnology and Master's degree in Packaging Technology. Over the last 7+ years at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), I have grown from a Packaging Intern at the R&D Office in India, to being a member of the Extended Leadership Team at the Global Manufacturing site in Ireland, and now as the Technical Packaging Manager for Europe-Middle-East-Africa (EMEA) region at GSK HQ in London. In my current role as the Technical Packaging Lead, I am responsible for managing the Packaging Supply Chain of 13 Contract Manufacturers (CMs), 2 Internal GSK Global Manufacturing sites. I have also taken on the extra responsibility to perform the Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) for a Contract Manufacturer (CM), handling end to end supply chain related activities.

From the EGMiM programme at LSE, I am looking forward to gaining rich understanding of theoretical concepts and its applications in areas like Financial Management, Marketing, Strategy, M&A, Organizational Behaviour and Change Management through the lens of changing geopolitical and economic dynamics. I also believe that formal management education at one of the best schools in the World, which focuses on the "Causes of Things", will be a great learning experience.

I know the skills I will develop over this course will help me in achieving my long-term professional goal of leading a global multi-billion-pound organization.

Outside of work, I enjoy travelling and exploring new cultures, cooking, writing hindi poems, listening to global political analysis/news.



## Tim Sidiropoulos

**Nationality:** Greek / American

**Current Location:** Chicago, USA

**Current Job Title:** Financial Services Consultant

**Current Company:** Accenture

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I studied Economics and Finance at Loyola University Chicago. I have worked in financial services for over 5 years and in consulting for over 4 years.

I enjoy reading, spending time outdoors (particularly by the lake), connecting with friends and family, and sports (notably basketball and soccer, or futbol).

I am looking to add another layer of credentiality to myself, and I believe this is an excellent approach to doing so.





## Aleksander Simoski

**Nationality:** German

**Current Location:** Dusseldorf, Germany

**Current Job Title:** Manager, Management Consulting

**Current Company:** PwC

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I hold a BSc in business administration and an MSc in Finance from the Business and Information Technology School in Germany. During my studies, I had also stays in London and Paris for my terms abroad.

I went on to start my career at PwC in Germany within the Capital Markets and Accounting Advisory Services unit. The assignments I have worked on include financial accounting transformations as well as M&A and capital markets driven transactions. Whilst at PwC, I have worked on multiple international assignments with listed companies in more than 20 countries on four different continents. I am currently based in the Dusseldorf office but have also worked in the Shanghai office in China. Recently I transitioned to Management Consulting where my focus of work is rather on organizational and process related challenges within the finance function (Finance, Accounting, Controlling, Tax) and its impact on a business.

Outside my professional universe, I like to run, spend time with friends and travel the world. I am passionate about Formula 1 and tennis and try to visit races and tournaments as often as possible.

After my MSc I continued my education with the CFA charter as to round off my finance and accounting background. With the LSE EGMiM programme, I want to discover about management and leadership in an international context. I want to understand the rationales behind the decision making carried out at organisations. I look forward to collaborate with a diversely talented cohort and learn to lead with vision and purpose.



## Yasmin Solomon

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** New York, USA

**Current Job Title:** Chief of Operations

**Current Company:** Drawing Booth

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I have a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Connecticut and a Master's of Library Science from the City University of New York. At present I serve as Chief of Operations for Drawing Booth, a live-art experiences and event activation company, and as an Adjunct Professor of Library Science at Queens College in New York. Previously as Curriculum Coordinator at the Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation (since rebranded as New York Edge) I created extra-curricular, hands-on academics for New York City public schools and as Creative Assistant for Yin Mei Studio I developed dance-theater performances and cross-cultural educational programming for New York and Chinese universities.

When not working, you will find me reading, illustrating, hiking, ballroom dancing, and spending time with friends and family. Looking towards the future, I see the Executive Global Master's in Management as an opportunity to develop lasting and genuine professional relationships, and acquire meaningful learning experiences. For me, it is a unique route and a future investment in skills and resources towards the creation of new experiential, socially-conscious, and value-adding ventures in arts, technology and education.



### Vugar Suleymanov

**Nationality:** Azerbaijani  
**Current Location:** Baku, Azerbaijan  
**Current Job Title:** CEO  
**Current Company:** Qazax Cement Plant LLC

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In 1991-1996 graduated from the Law faculty of Baku State University. In 2008 graduated LLM Corporate Law from the Nottingham Trent University, UK. In 2009 attained Graduate Diploma in Law from Nottingham Law School. In 2010 attained legal professional course of Corporate Pathway from the Nottingham Law School. In 2011-2015 held a number of senior management positions at Ateshgah insurance Company. Starting from 2015 had proceeded to work in executive positions at Akkord Industrial Construction Investment Corporation. Since 2018 is the Member of Supervisory Board in Akkord ICIC. From 2018 until now is CEO of Gazakh Cement Plant LLC.

Love reading, traveling, photography, sport and socializing. Would like to implement the knowledge which I will get from the program to apply in my current business in cement plant and also apply these skill in my daily management routine. I need to develop my knowledge in strategic management up to new level.



### Raja Raman

**Nationality:** Swedish-Indian  
**Current Location:** Bangalore, India  
**Current Job Title:** Director / Head of Development Center  
**Current Company:** Planview India

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I am a Computer Science Engineer with over 20 years of experience in the IT industry, working for startups, and highly scalable enterprise software companies. My international experience spans across India, Sweden, and the US. I currently work for Planview in Bangalore handling the general operations of the subsidiary, which I established back in 2012. My primary interests and responsibility are into Product Development – building world-class Engineering teams and creating innovative software.

Outside of work, I play drums. I like to be outdoors with my family. I also take the time to travel with them to different countries. My wife and I are very interested in learning about other cultures and their food. I enjoy reading books. The ones related to Social-Psychology, Physics, or autobiographies are some of my favourites.

I believe the intellectual context at LSE will hone my leadership acumen in the areas of  
(a) Strategic decision making to enhance product innovation and  
(b) Organizational dynamics (both micro and macro) to realize the full potential of my organization.

Also, I hope the general management curriculum will make me more versatile in handling other essential facets of managership.



### Nicolle Szapiro

**Nationality:** Colombian  
**Current Location:** Bogota, Colombia  
**Current Job Title:** Co-owner & CIO (Chief Innovation Officer)  
**Current Company:** Interiority

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My academic background is in Business Management, with a lot of emphasis in design and marketing. My employment has been varied but has mostly revolved around fashion, design, retail and turn-around strategy. I have done some freelance consulting, directing government and B2B/B2G organizations, and finally I decided to open my own business, an interior design concept-store with the goals of national and regional expansion.

My interest outside of work are reading, especially thrillers and historical novels. I love to exercise, hike and nature trails. I also love to try new foods, experimental restaurants and so forth.

I plan to use this programme to broaden my skills, knowledge and networks. I want to keep an open mind about my expectations, as I've learned that it is better to consider everything as a new possibility. Even though managing a business is exhilarating, I think I enjoyed corporate work better, so I hope this programme can help me improve my opportunities and give me a more competitive edge.



## Haimi Tefera

**Nationality:** South African

**Current Location:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Current Job Title:** Junior Advisor to the Special Initiative on Jobs Programme

**Current Company:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

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I studied Civil Engineering at the University of Cape Town for my first degree, and thereafter did a master's in Complex Systems Engineering (formerly known as Industrial Engineering) at Paris-Saclay University. I've worked in bio-fuels, waste management, water engineering and stewardship in the private sector. I now currently work with the German government in Ethiopia on job creation strategies and initiatives, including attracting foreign investors to the country and improving investment conditions within the country.

Outside of work, I am currently part of the World Economic Forum's Global Shaper's Community in Addis Ababa and am leading the call for a total plastic bags ban in Ethiopia. I also enjoy travelling, learning new languages (currently working on my German), hiking and scuba diving. I plan to use the LSE EGMiM programme to help me transition from my role in investment in Ethiopia in the development sector to managerial role in the private sector.



## Gideon Titi-Ofei

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Current Location:** Accra, Ghana

**Current Job Title:** President/CEO

**Current Company:** Accra Business School

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I have a master's degree in Governance and Leadership. Since then I have been working in a senior management position in the training and higher education sector and as a senior clergyman.

I have an interest in mentoring the next generation of leaders and spend most of my time outside work providing mentoring for young people in leadership. My hobbies include football and church activities.

As the President and CEO of Accra Business School I am hopeful that the knowledge gained and ideas and experiences shared on the programme will sharpen my leadership skills and shape my leadership character to improve on my leadership.



## Duygu Toksozlu

**Nationality:** Turkey

**Current Location:** Izmir, Turkey

**Current Job Title:** Planning and Cost Control Manager

**Current Company:** Renaissance Heavy Industries

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After graduating from the university with an engineering degree, I have been working for the last 11 years in globally well-known EP&C clients in the oil and gas industry in seven different countries. I have managed a multi-cultural team for many years as a planning and cost control manager. In my last project, I have led a 650 million USD project. I have developed for the project cost control system in my latest company, Renaissance Heavy Industries, has brought me the 2016 REXA award in the individual category (Renaissance Construction ranks 36th in Engineering New Record's "Top 250 International Contractors 2018 List"). They have also supported me with leadership and mentorship programmes offered to potential future leaders.

I am interested in travelling, doing yoga and meditating, reading a book and technology & science magazines also I'm curious about behavioral science.

I want to continue my career in the financial industry. I am planning to develop my skills in the financial and leadership areas and share my experiences with other female engineers in the industry.





## Rose Wan

**Nationality:** Australian

**Current Location:** Sydney, Australia

**Current Job Title:** Economics Manager

**Current Company:** Origin Energy

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I studied a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Finance) at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. I have worked in various corporate finance/valuation roles over the past decade, ranging from an investment banking analyst at JP Morgan to now working as an Economics Manager in the Solar & Business Energy team at Origin Energy in Australia (one of Australia's largest energy companies).

I love travelling and food (I have both a travel and food blog). In addition, I like long-distance running (I recently trained for a half-marathon) and I enjoy hiking.

I would like to learn and develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become an effective leader and manager. I believe the LSE EGMiM programme will provide me with these foundations to help me progress and succeed in my career.



## Thomas Wycislo

**Nationality:** German

**Current Location:** Frankfurt, Germany

**Current Job Title:** Team Head Asset Management Retail North & Central Europe

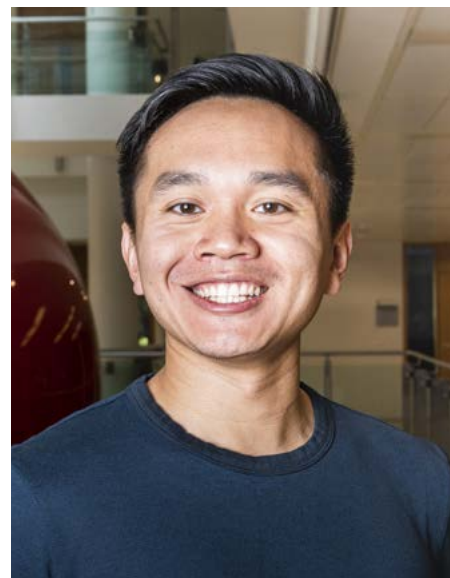
**Current Company:** Allianz Real Estate

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Following on from my degree in architecture, I today head up the retail Asset Management team at Allianz Real Estate in Northern and Central Europe. My personal evolution from studying architecture towards working in the financial sector of real estate was possible after a traineeship at a financial advisory firm in 2008 followed by several years of transaction experience. Subsequently, I transitioned further into Asset Management when offered the chance to join the London-based team at TIAA-Cref Asset Management. As much as I enjoyed living in London (including the rich variety of cultures and people), after a few years I moved back to my native Germany to join my current employer.

Outside of work, I spend as much time as possible with my family and friends. I also find inspiration in travelling, visiting new places and meeting new people. Even though I have never worked as an architect, I still hold a passionate interest in architecture and design in general. Sports, especially long distance running help me to stay in shape and clear my mind.

I look forward to broadening my management skills at LSE, meeting the EGMiM community and benefitting from the different experiences of my fellow students.



## Haotian Xu

**Nationality:** American

**Current Location:** Washington DC, USA

**Current Job Title:** Associate

**Current Company:** Booz Allen Hamilton

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I graduated from Williams College with Bachelor's in History and Economics. Since then, I've obtained industry certifications in Design, Project Management, and Data Analytics. I have worked for Booz Allen Hamilton for the past six years.

I am passionate about movies, traveling, finding good food, and spending time with friends. I run a movie theater review site, and sit on the board of a non-profit in Kenya benefitting widows.

I plan to gain understanding of business strategy and foundational knowledge to accelerate my career growth, as well as broadening my global network to eventually transition to the entertainment industry as an entrepreneur.



## Feng-Ger Yu

**Nationality:** Taiwan

**Current Location:** Madison, USA

**Current Job Title:** Systems Engineer

**Current Company:** Philips Healthcare

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I studied computer science and software engineering in UC Berkeley a little before it was fashionable to do so. Then many years later, after I have gotten experience in the workplace, I pursued a degree in systems engineering, which is the study of large engineering endeavors through its interactions with the rest of the world and the interactions amongst its constituent parts, and just enough about leadership to whet my appetite.

My work experience took me through a prime integrator for government projects, to GE Healthcare, to Philips Healthcare. Because my background is in engineering, I have been known to talk like an engineering textbook.

Outside of work I have picked up many hobbies over the years, just enough to sharpen my curiosity and before fatigue sets in. I consider martial arts -- mainly traditional Chinese ones -- cooking, ball room dancing, and photography as active hobbies. I kayak, too, about once a year (does that count?). For fun, I play board games with friends and shoot pool once in a while.

EGMiM provides the last pieces of the puzzle I seem to be working on with my studies. The last pieces include management, teams, organizations, and social sciences on one side; and about business, economics, finance, and markets on the other side.