

Major scholarship gift to support UK undergraduates

Alumnus Simon Morris (BSc Geography 1993), in partnership with donor-advised fund Goldman Sachs Gives, has generously donated £540,000 for a new scholarship.

The Goldman Sachs – Simon Morris scholarships will support four students a year for three years from 2014/15, covering tuition fees and living costs. A total of 12 UK undergraduate students will have benefited from the gift by the end of its cycle in 2017.

Simon personally benefited from a bursary from the School in 1992 which enabled him to continue his studies. Now a Partner in the Securities Division at Goldman Sachs, he attributes much of his success to LSE, and appreciates the bursary he received.

"I was given a small bursary in 1992 when it was tough to make ends meet – it was a key factor in enabling me to stay at LSE and finish my degree," he said. "Without completing my degree, it's difficult to see my career following the same trajectory, so I appreciate as much as anyone the critical nature of giving to those who may need assistance."

As well as being eager to support UK students from disadvantaged backgrounds who otherwise would struggle to meet the costs of an LSE education, Simon is also encouraging his colleagues at Goldman Sachs to give in a similar way.

"If I can persuade just one person to follow this example, then it will be worth it. I believe equality of opportunity is essential with regards to education. At this time of high fees and extremely expensive living costs in London, the onus is increasing falling on philanthropy to ensure such opportunities are provided."

Simon fondly remembers his time at the School: "I had three great years at the School which I wouldn't change for the world. Going to LSE gave me so much, and this is my way of giving back."

The Goldman Sachs – Simon Morris scholarships becomes the latest addition to the philanthropic scholarship programme, which in the 2013/14 academic year is supporting 237 students with funds totalling £2,743,042.



This year's Donors and Scholars reception in March, hosted in the Senior Dining Room, celebrated the School's philanthropic scholarship programme, as scholars had the chance to meet and thank their donors and their representatives, as well as exchange their experiences.

Citing his extracurricular activities, BSc Economics student Michal Leszczynski, recipient of the Kadas scholarship, told the audience: "This scholarship has almost literally pulled me out of one reality and tossed me into another one – it has enabled me to invest my time in whatever I have found valuable for my development."

Photos of the reception can be found on the back page.

From the Director

Dear friends

Busy doesn't seem to come close to describing recent activity at the School since the last edition of *Impact*. There has been a recent series of events which I hope will resonate with you as they highlight the numerous strands of the School's work that your support helps to facilitate.

The Institute of Public Affairs, featured on page 11, is a particularly stimulating project, hosting a wide ranging series of lectures and debates, among other areas of work, that tie in to its aim of being a catalyst for change. Whether it is Professor Gearty's exciting "guerrilla" lectures pioneering a new form of learning, the Space For Thought Literary Festival bringing less traditional forms of learning to the School, or the important debates regarding climate justice (page 10), the IPA's events are not just innovative, but also befitting of our prestigious reputation for high profile public engagement.

One such event saw former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner, Mary Robinson, discuss the consequences and responsibility for climate change with Professor Lord Nicholas Stern of the Grantham Institute, among others. Mrs Robinson also joined us for the formal opening of the reading room at The Women's Library @ LSE (see opposite). It is enormously satisfying to see this project coming to fruition, with more to come with the creation of the Exhibition Space, and the Teaching and Activity Room.

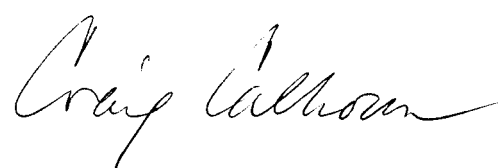
Of course it is not the only major estates project to have come to life since our last edition – the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre opened

for business in January 2014, and some of the beneficiaries of this amazing new facility express their gratitude on page 6. Stay tuned for news of its formal opening.

On a slightly different note, I was delighted to attend the annual Donors and Scholars event in March; once again a touching and humbling occasion. While long term academic and estates projects generate high levels of excitement among all of us, we are always mindful of our commitment to ensuring an LSE education is open to those who are bright and dedicated enough to warrant it, regardless of their personal circumstances. Our event at the Bank of England celebrating Widening Participation (page 8) further underlines this commitment.

These events, touching upon the broad themes of student support, academic excellence and campus development, provide an indication of the many ways in which your support continues to advance the life of the School. Thank you for contributing to these already significant achievements – but of course it doesn't stop there, and we look forward to shaping our exciting future with you.

Thank you for your support,



Professor Craig Calhoun, Director of LSE

LSE news: think tanks ranked 2nd best in the world

Two LSE research groups – the foreign affairs centre, LSE IDEAS, and political analysts/consultants the Public Policy Group – have jointly been named the second best university think tank in the world in a global survey.

They are ranked second only to Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs in the 2013 Think Tank and Civil Societies Program league tables.

A report from LSE IDEAS, *Governing the Global Drug Wars*, which was supported by the Open Society Foundations, as detailed in the last edition of *Impact*, was also ranked sixth in the world in the Best Policy Study/Report produced by a think tank in 2012-13.

Mary Robinson opens Women's Library Reading Room

In a significant milestone for the development of The Women's Library @ LSE, March saw the formal opening of the new Reading Room. The Reading Room, a 40-seat research facility which sits on the fourth floor of LSE Library, was officially opened by former President of Ireland and UN High Commissioner, Mary Robinson, at an event attended by 300 supporters of The Women's Library and the School.

Mrs Robinson delivered the keynote address, and additional speeches were made by Elizabeth Chapman, Director of Library Services, LSE Director, Professor Craig Calhoun, and Suni P Harford, Managing Director for Citigroup and Co-Chair of Citi Women, who supported the reception and are supporting The Women's Library collections overall.

"As a former female head of state, I am aware of the fierce efforts made by those women before me," said Mrs Robinson. "The Women's Library is a veritable treasure and should be a constant source of knowledge and inspiration to us, allowing us to fulfil our responsibility to listen to women's lives, in their own words and in their own time. I believe that LSE's library is already one of the best, and is now greatly enhanced. LSE's custodianship and plans for The Women's Library will help in an area of study – the progress of women – that I believe is critical to the continued advancement of human progress overall."

Philanthropic support has played an important role in the evolution of the collection over the years, and LSE Library is offering generous donors the unique opportunity to have their gift recognised through named Study Spaces in the Reading Room. One such donor, Tamara Box (BSc Economics 1989) commented: "The sacrifices of the early suffragettes opened eyes as well as doors, as people of both genders began to appreciate the basic humanity common to all of us. Education plays a crucial role in furthering the goals of an egalitarian society, and nowhere is that responsibility taken more seriously than LSE. I find it fitting that the school that changed my life should honour the women who changed all of our lives and I'm thrilled to be part of this effort."

LSE was selected as the new home of The Women's Library following a competitive bid process after London Metropolitan made the decision to relinquish the collection. The oldest and most extensive collection

"It is always a pleasure to interact with LSE, and staff and students from the School, and every time I visit I find I leave energised. The founders' dream was to establish a ground-breaking institution, which would set the agenda for change nationally and internationally, and educate people to help create a better society. What a remarkable vision which is still as relevant today – and The Women's Library is a wonderful example of fruitful co-operation between the public administration and private enterprise to which they aspired. Long may the School and this library continue to have a very real, very positive and wide-ranging influence on healthy public opinion throughout the world."

Mary Robinson, keynote speaker



Cutting the ribbon: Mary Robinson and Elizabeth Chapman open The Women's Library @ LSE Reading Room

of women's history in Europe, it was founded in 1926 and includes over 60,000 books and pamphlets and 3,000 periodical titles. The Wolfson Foundation and LSE's Annual Fund have also made generous gifts in support of the recent redevelopment of LSE Library, essential to accommodating and showcasing this unique collection. As well as the Reading Room, the building project will also create a new Exhibition Space, due to open later this year, and an Activity and Teaching Room.

Elizabeth Chapman commented: "The opening of the new Reading Room for The Women's Library @ LSE is an important step in ensuring that the unique identity and integrity of the collection is protected. We look forward to welcoming LSE students and the wider public to our outstanding new research facility in 2014."

Professor Calhoun said: "The numerous synergies between LSE's holdings and The Women's Library @ LSE gave us the opportunity to strengthen what is already one of the best social science collections in the world, and build a comprehensive resource for research on women's lives and gender issues. The new Reading Room is another demonstration of LSE's commitment to providing high-quality facilities for our students; furthermore all of our online and physical exhibitions are free to access and available to everyone, underlining our commitment to ensuring that the collection can be accessed by as many people as possible."

The Women's Library Reading Room is now open to the public. Information on all ways to give to The Women's Library @ LSE can be found at lse.ac.uk/supportingTheWomensLibrary

The transformative impact of legacy giving

Legacy gifts have been a part of LSE history since its very inception, a legacy from Henry Hunt Hutchinson providing the funds to establish the School in 1895. This form of giving has since been repeated across generations, and continues to make a significant difference to all areas of the School.

Valued alumni, retired and current staff, governors and emeritus governors have committed to supporting the School with a gift in their will, ensuring that LSE remains a premier institution, engaged in rigorously tackling questions of global importance and effecting policy that contributes to a better world.

Here are some examples of the way in which legacy gifts can advance the life of the School.

Academic faculty and research

Legacy gifts for the purposes of academic research and departments provide the means to recruit and retain the best faculty, giving them the facilities and resources needed to address the evolving challenges of society. Former students and staff continue to show their great affection for the department(s) in which they have been associated, leaving generous bequests to support their activity. The late Professor Brian Abel-Smith, for example, was an academic at LSE from 1965-1991, and through his legacy gift to the Department of Social Policy and LSE Health, the department established the Brian Abel-Smith Chair, currently held by Professor Elias Mossialos, the Brian Abel-Smith Visiting Research Fellowships and funded the Brian Abel-Smith MSc prizes for students.

“Professor Abel-Smith travelled to many countries advising on matters related to health economics, health systems and population health in his role as a consultant to the World Health Organisation and other institutions. He spent his life trying to improve that of others in the way he knew best – through academic excellence. His gift is a worthy reflection of these values and enables us to honour his life and career in exactly this way.”

Professor Elias Mossialos, current holder of the Brian Abel-Smith Chair

Case Study: The Bence Scholarship

The Bence Scholarship was established in 2005, and has since supported nine UK undergraduate students over the age of 25. The scholarship was set up by the estate of Peter Bence (BSc Economics 1965), represented by his niece, Sarah Bolderstone. Recipients of the scholarship include Cheryl Connor (BSc Social Policy and Administration 2010, MSc Social Policy and Administration 2013), now working in LSE's Centre for Analysis and Social Exclusion, and Emma Cardwell (BSc Geography 2009), a PhD candidate at the University of Oxford.

“Before LSE I was an unqualified barmaid and I didn't consider myself particularly intelligent. But thanks to Peter Bence, I graduated in my final year with top marks, not only in my department but School-wide.”

Emma Cardwell

“I have had the unique and pleasant experience of LSE, surrounded by students from every corner of the world, debating with passionate and articulate people, always in an atmosphere of inquiry. To say I have enjoyed this would be an understatement. Without the scholarship, I seriously question if my path would have led to my graduation.”

John Kenny (BSc Government 2013)

“My late uncle was a mature student and often expressed his gratitude to the university that gave him a chance. The scholarship recipients have in turn expressed their own gratitude for being given a chance to study without the need to worry about funding their course. I know my uncle would be delighted and proud of their success.”

Sarah Bolderstone

“Whilst growing up I never thought I would've been capable of attending a university, let alone a world class institution like LSE. A lot of people that attend university do so because it's expected but for me it most certainly wasn't. It feels amazing to be surrounded by like-minded, determined and talented individuals.

Without the Bence scholarship I wouldn't be here. Every time I think about the opportunity that Peter Bence has given me I feel quite overwhelmed. A student from a low income background deserves a place here just as much as a student from a more affluent family, considering the socio-economic hurdles that they have had to conquer in order to achieve the same grades. A scholarship really can change a life - like it has mine.”

Sian Pierce (BSc Maths), 2013/14 Bence scholar.



Student support

For many of the School's supporters, enabling a student to enjoy the same opportunities as they had to study at the School is a motivating factor behind their generosity. Since the late 1980s, when formal legacy gift records began, bequests towards student support account for 57 per cent of the £6.3 million raised in legacy income at the School. This has either been to create named endowed scholarship funds, or as one-off scholarship awards. With the support of legacy gifts, we have been able to provide financial funding to support 13 students undertaking undergraduate, Masters and PhD programmes in the 2012/13 academic year.

“Without my donor's generosity, and my great luck in being on the receiving end of it, there is no doubt my academic performance at LSE would have been significantly impacted by the necessity to work so many hours. It has relieved a hugely worrisome burden off my shoulders and I hope in the future I can give back to LSE in the same way they have done.”

Sharief Abdel-Hadi, Claudio Ciborra Scholarship

Unrestricted gifts

Unrestricted legacy gifts provide flexible funding which allows LSE to seize unexpected opportunities and respond to the evolving needs and challenges of a growing urban campus and of wider society. To date, unrestricted legacy income accounts for 26 per cent of the £6.3m received through the School's Legacy Giving Programme. Unrestricted gifts have contributed to a whole range of areas across the School, including support of new buildings, one-off innovations like the LSE Library's History in Pictures project, and for smaller academic research projects.

“I owe my business success to the rigorous analytical discipline instilled in me by the wonderful lecturers that taught me at LSE. As a Governor, and Chairman of the Annual Fund, I have been privileged to see the excellent academic work of the School first hand – it seems natural for me to leave a legacy so that its splendid work can be continued. I have left it unrestricted so that the money can be spent in the optimum way to benefit the School at that time.”

Peter Jones (BSc Statistics 1964)



Campus and estate

The acquisition of prestigious buildings over the years has transformed LSE into an integrated city centre campus and numerous legacies have helped support projects such as the renovation of the Library, the complete refurbishment of the New Academic Building and the development of the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre. As the estates strategy continues to develop, legacy gifts will contribute towards projects such as the Global Centre for Social Sciences. In total 26 legacy gifts received from 2009-14 have been directed towards the development of the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre, and three of these gifts are recognised with individual named spaces: the Anne Harris Floor, the Henry Bagley staircase, and the Phyllis Hofman room.

“The London property and construction market is not for the faint-hearted! We are competing against the big guns and need every advantage we can muster. Legacy gifts are one thing we have over our competitors. These allow us to bid that little bit extra for buildings or land, or raise the bar on design and construction quality. Without legacy gifts, realising our ambition of creating a ‘world class’ estate would be that much harder.”

Julian Robinson, Director of Estates

If you are interested in learning more about the Legacy Programme, please contact Viet-Anh Hua on v.a.hua@lse.ac.uk or on 020 7852 3654, or visit lse.ac.uk/legacygiving

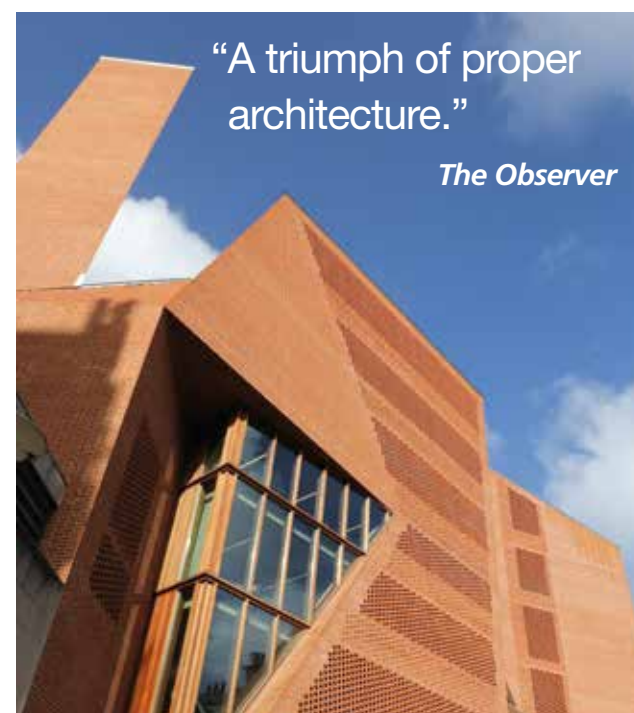
Student Centre comes to life

The New Year saw a number of LSE services move into their spectacular new home, the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre, the School's first new building on campus for more than 40 years.

As well as being a stunning addition to the School's skyline, the building will be of enormous benefit to the student body, as well as recent graduates, housing the Students' Union, LSE Careers, the multi-faith centre, the Three Tuns pub, as well as the student

newspaper and radio station. Since 2010, just short of £5m in philanthropic income has been raised towards the development.

Here some of the beneficiaries share their early impressions of their new home, having had a few months to settle in. The final stage of the development, the pedestrianisation of Sheffield Street, is now underway, and an announcement on its formal opening will be made in due course.



"A triumph of proper architecture."

The Observer

"This move is an extremely exciting chapter in the life of the LSE Students' Union, and indeed the entire student body of the School. In contrast to our cramped offices in East Building, we now have the space and facilities to provide our students with the world class services they deserve. We are much more accessible and visible, making it easier for students to drop in as they wish, while we have additional space for our numerous societies to use – not to mention the excitement of the new Three Tuns and club venue of course. As General Secretary, my remit is to safeguard the interests of our students, and I can confidently say the Centre will ensure an enhanced student experience for years to come."

Jay Stoll, General Secretary of LSE Students' Union

"As anyone who had the pleasure of using our original facilities can attest to, there is quite a contrast between old and new! Our new home is significantly larger and features an invigoratingly modern design. It has afforded us the opportunity to create a gym of outstanding quality, with facilities truly befitting of a world class institute of LSE's calibre. It has been an instant hit with both our existing membership base and our large quantity of new members. More of the student body has the ability to get fit and achieve their training goals than ever before."

Nick Turner, Gym Manager



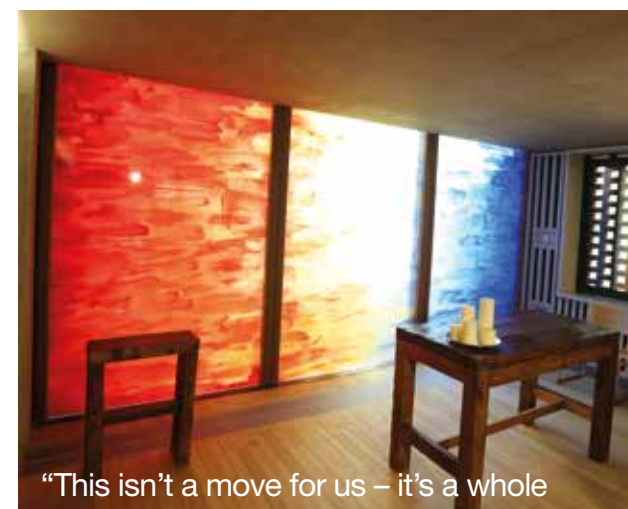
"We are now at the heart of campus and in a building with a broad spectrum of student activity and usage, and have already noticed many more 'casual enquiries' than when we were in the towers. Our new offices are lovely and light and we have all sorts of ideas about how we maximise the use of our space. The whole service is now located on the same floor which is making life much easier for students and staff alike. We are however located dangerously close to the delicious cake selection available at the 6th floor café."

Jenny Blakesley, Director of LSE Careers



"We always wanted to produce a good student centre – however, thanks to the support of donors, we have been able to produce a great student centre. Not only does additional funding allow us to create unique and iconic buildings, but we can also spend more on high quality materials such as handmade bricks, superb hardwood joinery, terrazzo and English Oak floors. Thank you so much for helping us achieve our outstanding result."

Julian Robinson, Director of Estates



"This isn't a move for us – it's a whole new beginning! The chaplaincy was a small converted office space that had limited capacity for our activities, and the Islamic prayer rooms were in a basement without natural light. We're now a proper inclusive facility in a state of the art student-focused building – everyone is enjoying the quality and suitability of the spaces for their own activities. Opening this Centre sends the message that, as a university, we can celebrate the centrality of faith to many people's lives, as well as engage it in critical conversation. It also provides a contemplative space on a very hectic campus that can enhance the wellbeing of staff and students alike."

Reverend Jim Walters, Chaplain and multi-faith advisor

LSE Annual Fund: 77 projects supported this academic year

A number of exciting initiatives have been awarded Annual Fund support in 2013/14. While student-led projects continue to form a significant part of Annual Fund backed activity, there are also a number of other projects that complement LSE's strategic priorities that have received support.

The Institute of Public Affairs is one of a number of **academic initiatives** that have been awarded Annual Fund funding in 2013/14. The Annual Fund grant is being used by the IPA to support research into the gendered nature of public life. "The IPA will seek to capture the experiences of women who have shaped public life and share their reflections with others who seek a more balanced sphere," said Purna Sen,

Deputy Director of the IPA. "With just 1.4 per cent of the 1,941 national leaders during the 20th century being women, questions will be asked such as 'how did women make it?', 'what impacts have they had?' and 'what lessons can we learn?'" More information on the IPA can be found on page 11.

Elsewhere, **social entrepreneurship** is being supported through six student-led projects that promote social enterprise and entrepreneurship. These include the London 2030 Summit organised by students that will provide a forum for current business and world leaders to meet and share their vision with the leaders of tomorrow. The LSESU Hong Kong Public Affairs and Social Service Society have received funding for a competition, pitching for entrepreneurship

and business opportunities in Hong Kong, while the LSESU Enactus Society will receive support for enterprise training programmes for their members. "By supporting these student-led social entrepreneurship projects, the Annual Fund is allowing students to really develop and refine their talents, as well as supporting them in gaining the practical skills that will have benefits for years to come," said Hannah Richmond, Activities and Development Officer at LSESU.

Initiatives that help to further improve the **LSE student life** and prepare students for their future careers have enjoyed significant funding. Among them is the LSESU Training Opportunities Programme, which sees the Students' Union working closely with LSE Careers and external organisations in order

to provide undergraduates with mentoring and professional guidance that helps them to apply practical knowledge to their academic credentials. "This programme allows students to develop professionally and personally, encouraging them to recognise where non-academic activity can be built into a set of transferable skills desirable to employers," said Lucy Hatfield, Opportunities Manager. "This provides students with the opportunity to take ownership over their development."

In the area of **student support**, ensuring the brightest minds can study at LSE regardless of their financial circumstances remains an Annual Fund priority. Since 2002, 176 students have been supported through the New Futures Fund, and a new £150,000 grant is helping over 40 students enjoy an LSE education this academic year. In addition, the Annual Fund LSE PhD Studentship was set up in 2013, supporting one PhD candidate for £85,000 over the period of the doctorate. "The flexibility offered by the Annual Fund grant for scholarships enables

the School to support a range of students and fulfil several strategic objectives," said Sue Plater, Financial Support Manager in the Financial Support Office. "The awards ensure that these students can take up their places and concentrate on study without having to borrow

towards their living costs or tuition fees, nor feel compelled to take up paid work. "

A report listing all supported projects will be made available to all donors in Autumn. For more information on the Annual Fund, visit lse.ac.uk/annualefund



New Futures Fund scholarship recipients

Bank of England hosts Widening Participation reception

In January LSE's Widening Participation (WP) Programme was celebrated with a unique event in the Court Room at the Bank of England.

Hosted by the Bank of England and LSE, in collaboration with Tim Frost (BSc Government 1987), LSE Governor and Non-Executive Director of the Bank of England, we were joined by current and former Widening Participation beneficiaries, the School's leadership, LSE alumni from the Bank and other friends of the School.

The event celebrated the continued success of Widening Participation and thanked the current donors of the Programme, and also reinforced LSE's commitment to WP, offering it a greater platform to amplify its voice both within the School and externally.

Following Tim Frost's introduction to the event, Andrew Bailey, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Bank, before LSE Director, Professor Craig Calhoun, spoke about the importance of WP at LSE, and the School's obligation to continue raising the aspirations of bright pupils aiming for a university education, regardless of their socio-economic background.

In addition two exceptional students spoke about their experiences of WP and the impact it has had on their future in education. Former WP student and

LSE graduate, Esther Ajose, detailed her journey from LSE's Pathways to Law to student mentor, via LSE Choice and a BSc in the Department of Anthropology. Current LSE Choice WP student, Jason Balaquidan, spoke about his experiences and how they had positively shaped his path into higher education and broadened his horizons.

Speaking of her involvement as a student mentor, Esther said: "It is always inspiring to see the desire

for success among students at the end of the WP Programmes. Through committed teams of staff and student ambassadors, the programme provides a lens through which young students are able to see that coming to a prestigious higher education institution like LSE is achievable."

Additional photos of the reception can be found on the back page.



General Course student support extended



John C Phelan

The John C Phelan General Course Scholarships have been renewed for another three years, extending support to students up to the 2016/17 academic year.

First established by alumnus John C Phelan (General Course 1985) in 2006, the renewal of the gift will see ten General Course students supported from 2014/15 over a three year period, having already supported ten others between 2011/12 and 2013/14. In total, Mr Phelan has donated \$750,000 for scholarships to LSE.

The General Course is a year-long programme, in which students from abroad can study any combination of the 250+ undergraduate courses taught at the School. Disciplines can vary from Anthropology and Geography to International History and Law.

Mr Phelan, who has gone on to co-found and co-manage MSD Capital since taking the course at LSE in 1985, was motivated to support those who wished to follow in his footsteps by his experiences, both at the School and in the UK in general. "My time at LSE had such a significant impact on me, both educationally and from a personal perspective. I believe all students would benefit from a year abroad as part of their educational experience."

He added: "I have very fond memories and feelings for LSE – it is definitely one of the key factors behind my success and I am hopeful that future General Course scholars will come away feeling the same way. An artist friend of mine once created a ski lift ticket with a motto that really resonates with me: "Give

more than you take". I am deeply indebted to LSE for my experiences there, and by being involved with the School and funding scholarships I hope that I am giving more than I have taken."

Those who have already benefited from Mr Phelan's generosity emphasise the benefits of studying such a varied course. "I am taking courses about the international history of the cold war, cultural perspectives on war and war strategies, exploration of the terms sovereignty, rights and justice, and contemporary global literature and society," said Pakistani student, Maliha Ali. "It is a rich mix of courses and I leave each lecture and discussion session full of energy and ideas, and I can investigate these even further through the many public lectures at LSE. The School has certainly delivered the kind of energy and magnetism that I imagined, and I am so excited for the year ahead."

Anhad Hundal, who has taken a year out from her studies at the Sarah Lawrence College in New York, appreciates the way in which the General Course widens her perspectives. "With my interest in social sciences and my desire to be challenged in different ways, the General Course was the definitive next step for me and my education. I am currently taking courses on global perspectives of gender, development and the inter-sections between economy, society and space. John Phelan's kindness and support has helped me substantially in my endeavours, not only by decreasing the financial burden on me and my parents, but also providing me with the knowledge that there is someone who believes in what I want to achieve."

US student Han Wang said: "For a student majoring in mathematical finance, the LSE is a place where aspirations become reality. Taking rigorous mathematical economics and finance courses at the LSE for a year will certainly enhance my employability." He added: "Because of the scholarship, I am almost certain to also work in the field that I am interested in, and I hope that one day I could be in the position to do the same for others."

Dahrendorf Symposium prompts climate justice debates

Support from Stiftung Mercator and Matrix Chambers has enabled the follow up of the 2013 Dahrendorf Symposium with two significant public debates on the topic of climate change. The Symposium, an annual joint initiative of LSE, Stiftung Mercator and the Hertie School of Governance, was held in Berlin and was attended by a wide range of leading climate change experts.



In March, former President of Ireland Mary Robinson and Professor Lord Nicholas Stern took part in a public lecture at the School, jointly hosted by the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) and the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (GRI), supported by Stifting Mercator. “Tackling Global Injustice in a World of Climate Change: punishing the innocent?” sought to investigate what could be done for the world’s poorest, who although not responsible for climate change are paying the greatest price.

This followed an earlier event at February’s LSE Space For Thought Literary Festival, entitled “Baby Boomers On Trial” (pictured). Also hosted by the IPA and GRI, as well as the Department of Law, and with generous financial support from Matrix Chambers, this took the form of a court trial of the post-war generation for “multiple violations of fundamental human rights”,

related to the plundering of the world’s resources and threatening the habitability of the world. Ultimately the specially convened “young and old” jury – made up of LSE students and alumni – returned a verdict of not guilty.

Director of the IPA, Professor Conor Gearty commented: “The event was a terrific success, with 400 people cramming into the theatre to watch the drama unfold. The device of a trial allowed us to get under the skin of the issues behind climate change and did so in an interesting and accessible way, drawing in the general public as well as experts.”

The Symposium was created in honour of Lord Dahrendorf, Director of LSE from 1974 to 1984, to

exemplify how academia can have a productive influence on socio-political discourse and offer European perspectives on pressing global challenges. Funding from Stiftung Mercator also funded five Dahrendorf Postdoctoral fellows and one Dahrendorf PhD fellow.

“We want to foster an honest and pro-European debate about the future of Europe, and climate change is a perfect testing ground for Europe’s ability to act with one voice in the global political context,” said Wolfgang Rohe, Executive Director of Stiftung Mercator. “The Dahrendorf Symposium gives academia the chance to discuss solutions to these challenges with policy makers.”

KAUTE scholarship deepens LSE links with Finland

The Helsinki-based KAUTE Foundation have agreed to fund a PhD scholarship at the School for one Finnish doctoral candidate, starting in 2015-16. This represents a further step in deepening the School’s existing links to Finland.

The gift, valued at £85,000, will ensure funding for a Finnish MPhil or PhD candidate, with a preference for those entering departments related to trade and industry. This is in keeping with the Foundation’s mission to accelerate the renewal of Finnish industry through support for research in the areas of economics and technology.

“LSE, as a leading global institution, is an excellent partner for us,” said Director of the KAUTE Foundation, Jouni Lounasmaa. “The KAUTE Foundation has strong networks in Finland and with top Finnish universities, and can help to build bridges between them and LSE.”

The KAUTE Foundation was established in 1956 by alumni associations for Finnish business and engineering graduates. Other areas of support include international researcher exchange programmes, and chairs at Aalto University for professors whose research is linked to innovation.

It is anticipated that the scholarship will represent a furthering of links between LSE and Helsinki. KAUTE are keen to invite LSE staff to Helsinki and work closely with alumni there, which may result in pre-departure events for Finnish LSE offer holders. KAUTE also have an interest in LSE’s research into economics and technology.

“Finland wants to remain a leading country for innovation,” said Jouni Lounasmaa. “Our traditionally strong position in mobile technologies has been followed by recent success stories in the gaming industry. One of the purposes of this gift is to encourage Finnish scholars to pursue their research at LSE, and we hope this scholarship will benefit both LSE and the Finnish economy.”

Over 100 Finnish students have enrolled at LSE over the last three years, while there are 233 alumni currently living in Finland. Notable Finnish alumni include Emeritus Professor of the University of Helsinki, Jukka Nekakivi (PhD International History 1960), Non-Executive Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell and former CEO of Nokia, Jorma Ollila (MSc Economics 1977) and Finland’s Minister for European Affairs and Foreign Trade, Alexander Stubb (PhD International Relations



Jouni Lounasmaa, Executive Director of the KAUTE Foundation

1999). Prominent Finnish faculty at LSE include Dr Markus Ketola, a Fellow in the Department of Social Policy, and Terhi Rantanen, Professor of Global Media and Communications.

Meeting the challenges of public policy: the Institute of Public Affairs

The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) brings together expertise from across LSE in strategic areas and with a timely focus, aiming to be a catalyst for change within the School, led by Director Professor Conor Gearty.

Here are a selection of examples of how its research in specifically-chosen areas provides a platform for individual scholars and research programmes to achieve effective knowledge-exchange and impact for their work, while its extensive public engagement arm complements and adds value to such activities.

Core themes:

Political Engagement: the IPA is at the forefront of connecting senior figures in British politics with cutting-edge academic research. As well as its project on One Nation Britain, a programme of lectures, debates and seminars on one of the most contentious questions in the run up to the UK election in May 2015, the IPA aims to directly engage those with policy-making experience with LSE scholarship. It also organises briefings in Parliament and at party conferences that enable law-makers and academic researchers to exchange knowledge.

Women in Public Life examines the role of and participation of women within the public sphere. The project seeks to understand the experiences of women who have come to public prominence and raised their heads Above the Parapet – the name of this timely project. The IPA’s researchers will interview women from the UK and overseas, to establish how they were able to succeed, the impact they have had and lessons that can be drawn from their social, organisational, familial or political circumstances.

Climate Justice sees the IPA work with the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment to assess the impact of climate change on the poor and disadvantaged, examining the extent to which justice ought to be given specific attention. Following a symposium in Berlin last year, the IPA hosted a public debate in March (pictured) – with details found on the opposite page. Plans are in hand for the development of an innovative and interdisciplinary research project to advance understanding of the causes and consequences of climate injustice.



Areas of activity:

How to think publically

Professor Conor Gearty recently showcased an innovate form of engagement through a secret “guerrilla” lecture, hosted in the crypt of Westminster Cathedral (pictured). Following a teaser campaign on social media and the School’s main website, attendees were treated to a debate on the topic of Hell. Professor Gearty claimed that the evening was the most interesting thing he has done in 30 years as a teacher: “I believe students are up for more adventurous forms of lecturing. They experience a lot of things like that in the rest of their life, so why not at university? I want enthusiastic and intelligent students to interact with traditional expertise in new ways to produce a deeper understanding.”



Carnival” in June 2014 where all those involved in the project, and many others joining for the first time, will be invited to come together for an evening of constitutional debate in a vibrant, fun and celebratory setting.

Space For Thought Literary Festival

The Space For Thought Literary festival was initially founded in 2008 to explore the links between the arts and social sciences. Now convened by the IPA, the Literary Festival has revealed the vibrant cultural mix of LSE academics and students, with interests reaching far beyond their areas of expertise, and has added a unique set of events not traditionally held at the School such as creative writing workshops and film screenings. The theme for 2014 was “Reflections”, exploring the distinctive approaches to understanding the world around us and our place within it.

Giving to the IPA

Alison Rankin Frost (BA International History 1985) and her husband Tim (BSc Government 1987) have philanthropically supported various areas of LSE since the 1990s, including scholarships, the Annual Fund and the Widening Participation programme. Now, Alison explains why she has decided to also support the IPA in this way.

“This very much complements our existing involvement with the School. When we first started giving to LSE, Tim and I discussed the best ways in which we could help the School. We became very interested in innovation and development in university education, as well as attracting school children, who may not have thought of university as

an option, to consider going. The IPA certainly links together these themes.

It brings together people from different “silos” at the School, such as academic departments like the Department of Economics and the Department of Law. They are brought together for the purpose of education, which is then shared through innovative yet inclusive events and activities. The guerrilla lectures, for example, are not just innovative but open to everyone – a different way of educating people that is accessible for all. Meanwhile crowdsourcing a UK constitution is a fascinating idea – by making it inclusive and consulting a wide range of people, it results in an innovative and open process.”

Bank of England Widening Participation reception



Current LSE Choice student, Jason Balaquidan, thanks supporters of the programme for shaping his path into higher education



The Bank of England Court Room

The Women's Library @ LSE Reading Room opening



Keynote speaker Mary Robinson, Director of Library Services Elizabeth Chapman and LSE Director Professor Craig Calhoun



The new Reading Room, now open to the public

2014 Donors and Scholars reception



FM Underhill scholar and LLB student, Eve Wright, thanks her donors: "my donor's faith in me has given me faith in myself"



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