

# Impact

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## New Chair in African Development at LSE



Professor Mkandawire is an eminent development economist and since 1998 has been Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). His previous roles include that of Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA).

Professor Mkandawire said: 'There is a vibrant but underfunded community of African scholars whose work needs both supporting, and wider dissemination... I hope to help facilitate this through this new Chair... to increase the visibility of Africa within teaching and research across the social sciences and within the global political and policy arenas.'

The Chair will also play an integral role in the School's developing LSE African Initiative. The Initiative is an exciting collaborative endeavour with partners in Africa and around the world, which will engage with African institutions and scholars collectively to develop connections, encourage accessibility and promote international knowledge exchange. This long-term collaboration will inspire and support generations of students and scholars who will themselves effect global change.

To find out more, please contact Felicity Jones at [f.jones@lse.ac.uk](mailto:f.jones@lse.ac.uk) or +44 (0)20 955 7361.

Thanks to the support of alumni and friends, a new Chair in African Development will join LSE in September this year.

Professor Thandika Mkandawire has recently chosen to join the School as the first holder of the Chair, which will be based in LSE's Development Studies Institute (DESTIN) having been generously supported in the first instance by LSE's Annual Fund and DESTIN.



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## Pass on your knowledge

The Alumni Professional Mentoring Network is a career networking resource that allows LSE alumni to give back to the alumni and student community by sharing some of their valuable professional experience and expertise.

The Network has recently re-launched on Houghton Street Online, LSE's online community for alumni and friends, and now offers a much-improved and more user-friendly platform.

Mentors set up a short profile, and mentees browse the secure online system to find the mentor best placed to answer their questions (such as what a particular organisation is like to work for, how to switch sectors) and contact is made by email.

We're always on the lookout for new mentors, so if you have more than five years' professional experience that you would be happy to share with others, why not become a mentor?

To find out more and to get involved, please see [www.alumni.lse.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.lse.ac.uk) or contact Nat Holtham, deputy head of alumni relations, at [n.holtham@lse.ac.uk](mailto:n.holtham@lse.ac.uk)



## From the Director



### Welcome to this edition of LSE Impact, our newsletter for supporters of LSE.

This edition highlights the impact that collective giving can have on all aspects of life at LSE. The contributions of alumni and friends through unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund have already made a real difference to the School by funding a diverse range of projects across the LSE campus and your continued support also means that the Fund is on course for its most successful year to date.

Support for the Annual Fund will also enable LSE to welcome its first Chair in African Development, Professor Thandika Mkandawire, who will be central to the academic leadership of the LSE African Initiative. The School is committed to this expanding Initiative, which will forge effective links with African scholars to reinvigorate African research at LSE and institutions and increase the visibility of Africa within the social sciences and on the global public stage. We look forward to telling you more about this developing initiative in the next edition of *Impact*.

This issue also highlights the many ways in which you can engage with the School, wherever you are in the world. We hope that our comprehensive events programmes, re-launched mentoring and growing rich media initiatives will encourage you to get even more involved with the LSE community and I look forward to meeting you at an event soon.

Your support continues to have an invaluable impact on the School.

**Thank you**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Howard Davies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'H' and 'D'.

**Howard Davies**, Director, LSE

## Remembering LSE

**Students in the geography department will benefit from a legacy of support from former Senior Lecturer Robert Rawson (1916-1996) and his wife Dilys Rawson (1917-2009), who died earlier this year.**

Bob Rawson came to the School in 1945 joining the Geography Department, to which he and his wife Dilys remained close for the rest of their lives. Before coming to LSE, Bob had served as a Squadron Leader in the RAF, from 1941 onwards in the Middle East and Far East, specialising in air photographic interpretation. He had a number of achievements which earned him a mention in dispatches and was the joint leader of an expedition into Tibet.

Bob and Dilys had been fellow students at Aberystwyth. Dilys's academic career as a biologist, at what was to become Queen Elizabeth College, began in London in 1940. She, like Bob, always had a close connection with her students and she recalled the pleasure of teaching the young David Attenborough about tape-worms! Bob went on to publish 'The Monsoon Lands of Asia', to write many papers, to contribute to studies of aerial photographic interpretations of land use problems, and to supervise many graduate students from Asian countries.

The Rawsons were dedicated to providing opportunities and counsel to the many students under their care. This dedication will continue through a very generous legacy in their memory which will provide scholarship assistance for postgraduate geography students.

For more information on supporting LSE with a legacy gift, please contact the School's Legacy Officer, Laura Harvey at [l.j.harvey@lse.ac.uk](mailto:l.j.harvey@lse.ac.uk) or on +44 (0)20 7852 3654



**Robert Rawson and his wife Dilys Rawson**



# Support for LSE scholars enabling innovative research on Asia

**Philanthropic support is helping to build a vibrant community of scholars at LSE's Asia Research Centre (ARC), working across disciplines and regions to address key social science issues facing Asia in the 21st Century.**

These sponsored research scholarships include the Sir Ratan Tata Fellows, CR Parekh Fellows, Bagri Fellows, and the Modi Fellows. Since Spring 2009, they have been joined by the inaugural Korea Foundation LSE Fellow, Dr Jai Mah who joined ARC in January 2009 for six months from Ewha Womans University and is undertaking research on the role of industrial policy in the economic development of Korea.

Dr Hakan Seckinelgin, from LSE's Department of Social Policy, will spend three months at Korea University as the first LSE academic on the exchange programme, working on the links between global and local civil society and comparing Asia and Africa.

Dr Mah joins the first Jemsetji Tata Fellow, Manoj Srivastava, the 12th Sir Ratan Tata Fellow, Dr Sumita Sarkar from YMT's College of Management in Mumbai, who is studying youth in hardcore crime in Indian cities, and the CR Parekh Fellow, Dr Richa Minocha who is working on the cultural and ecological aspects of language in Himachal Pradesh.

These funded Fellows work alongside post-graduate and post-doctoral fellows from institutions across the world and LSE academics developing international skills and working on various mutually-relevant and inter-disciplinary research themes. On returning to their

home institutions, they retain and forge international research links, in particular linking scholars based in Asia with the global academic community working on topics relating to the region.

Under the leadership of Professor Lord Nicholas Stern (ARC Chair), Professor Athar Hussain (ARC Director), and Dr Ruth Kattumuri (Co-Director of ARC and India Observatory), the Fellows can develop within a lively cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary community working on complementary research themes and regions. The ARC is developing this successful model to enhance active engagement for research and programmes related to Asia from across LSE and beyond.



Dr Jai Mah



Professor Athar Hussain



Dr Sumita Sarkar

## Space for Thought in New Academic Building

**In February, LSE held its first Space for Thought Literary Festival in celebration of the completion of the New Academic Building – a weekend of free events supported by alumni and open to everyone, exploring the interaction between the arts and social sciences in this new 'space for thought'.**

The theme of the festival drew on the inspiration of figures in LSE's history such as George Bernard Shaw, who championed literature as a tool for social reform. All events over the weekend asked questions about the role of the arts in the LSE's areas of study, and the relevance of literature for LSE today.

The launch night of the weekend began with a prize giving event for LSE's first ever creative writing competition, a project organised by LSE Conference and Events Office in conjunction with Student Recruitment, and kindly supported by the LSE Annual Fund and The Royal Society of Literature.

The competition invited Year 9 students from London state schools to submit a piece of creative writing responding to social problems which concerned them, from knife crime to global warming. The prize-giving

event put together a panel of popular and award-winning teen authors to discuss this theme, and saw Professor Sarah Worthington presenting prizes to the winning students.

The LSE Annual Fund also supported a series of events on 'Poetry and Choices' organised by Poet in the City, a charity that aims to bring poetry to new audiences, with speakers including Ben Okri and Jo Shapcott.

Other highlights of the weekend included a series of creative writing workshops, including a session from LSE alumnus and published author Catherine Webb; a discussion on 'Designing Spaces for Thought' with Professor Richard Sennett, Antony Gormley and NAB-designer Neven Sidor; a talk on death by Will Self; and a lecture on the financial crisis, climate change and energy by former LSE Director Professor Lord Anthony Giddens.

To download podcasts and videos of the event, or for more information, please visit [www.lse.ac.uk/spaceforthought](http://www.lse.ac.uk/spaceforthought)

To find out more about the plans for the 2010 Literary Festival, contact Felicity Jones at [f.jones@lse.ac.uk](mailto:f.jones@lse.ac.uk)





# Making a real impact on

**Thanks to the support of alumni and friends, this year promises to be the most successful yet for the LSE Annual Fund.**

Each year the Annual Fund supports a broad range of projects which have a direct impact on academic life, the campus environment, facilities and student life at the School and the support of our alumni, parents, Governors, staff and friends has already contributed over £600,000 in donations this financial year to date.

This unprecedented level of support is actually worth over £800,000 to the School thanks to the UK Government Matched Funding Scheme. Between 1 August 2008 and 31 July 2011 all gifts received by the Annual Fund are eligible for a 3:1 match from the UK Government.



*'This year the Students' Union has benefited enormously from the generosity of Annual Fund donors. Our Advice and Counselling Centre has been able to distribute hardship funds to students in need; our new website will be able to showcase our incredibly diverse student societies and small and specialist sports now have the funding they need to develop. It's great to be able to see the difference this money makes to students right away, and we're incredibly thankful to the donors who made it possible.'*

**Will Barber, SU Treasurer, Students' Union**

*'Support from the Annual Fund has been crucial in allowing us to update our IT equipment and provide an increasingly professional service to students across the campus.'*

*'In our 10th anniversary year, the generosity of Annual Fund donors has allowed us to completely refresh and update our studio space. This continued support means that many more generations of LSE students will have the chance to hone their skills in a broadcast-quality creative space.'*

**Mark Harrison,  
Station Manager,  
PuLSE student radio**

## This year's projects:

### Departmental Initiatives

LSE: A History in Pictures  
Restoring the Personal & Human in 'Human Rights':  
Survivors of Rwanda's Genocide Speak  
Fellowship for a Chair in African Development

### Research and Teaching

STICERD/Annual Fund New Researcher Awards  
Teaching Innovation Awards  
Two-Year Fellowship for an International Scholar At  
Risk, in partnership with the Scholars Rescue Fund

### Students' Union

LSESU Fabian Society Journal  
Rerum Causae – Journal of LSESU  
Philosophy Society  
Students' Union Website Redevelopment  
New Experiences at University Sports  
Pulse Radio 10th Anniversary IT Upgrade  
The Politeia International Conference  
Grimshaw Club Academic Trips

### Student Support

Annual Fund Welfare Award top-up for Student  
Hardship and Welfare  
Flexible fund to support needy applicants through  
the New Futures Fund

### Events

LSE-Cambridge Inter-University  
Graduate Conference  
Information Systems Research Forum  
Psychoanalysis@lse Lecture Series  
LSE Choice Group  
Ralph Miliband Programme Annual Public  
Lecture Series  
Cognition and Culture  
Poet in the City Events Programme  
London Schools' Creative Writing  
Competition 'RealITY'  
How to Deal with Economic Crisis in Developing  
Countries? A Series of Conferences with  
Mexican Leaders  
An Analytical Look at Childhood in Colombia:  
Needs, Policies and Challenges

### Campus Facilities

Campus Signage and Wayfinding  
St Philips Redevelopment Design and Competition  
Architects' Fees, Creation of Website, Online  
Voting Facility and Public Consultation Exercise  
Good Quality Street Furniture for Houghton Street,  
including demountable tables for student stalls  
External Café Furniture for NAB Forecourt



# campus

This means every £3 donated will be matched by a further £1 and will make an even greater difference to LSE. All gifts made to the Annual Fund are eligible for the match, regardless of country of origin.

Gifts received last year through the Annual Fund are already having a significant impact on campus. The projects include scholarships and hardship support for students, research funding for young academics, support for innovative teaching, sports equipment for the Athletics Union, a new Students' Union website, and support for public events and lectures; highlighting the variety of interests and activity around the School. In total 31 projects were supported across the School and you can see the full list of projects on the left.

These contributions have made a real impact to everyday life at the School for all members of the LSE community. All the funded projects simply could not have happened without support from alumni and friends.

To discover more about making a difference at LSE, please see: [www.lse.ac.uk/annualfund](http://www.lse.ac.uk/annualfund)

*'The Grimshaw Club would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all donors to the Annual Fund for the vital support provided this academic year. The Fund has sponsored an international conference and supported our educational trips abroad including those to Israel, Geneva, Romania, Georgia and Iceland, some of which are regions suffering from recent political and financial turbulence.'*

*Altogether, more than 80 students have benefited from the Annual Fund and many were able to meet up with LSE alumni on these trips and learn from their experience.'*

**Tan Yong Bin, President of the Grimshaw Club**

*'LSE has a rich pictorial history of individuals, buildings and significant events. The generosity of the Annual Fund will allow us to open up this resource to a wide audience of LSE alumni, students and staff: a history in pictures will benefit those with a general interest in our history and departments and individuals needing images to promote LSE in the present.'*

**Sue Donnelly, LSE Archivist**



*'I am extremely grateful to STICERD and the Annual Fund for this award. It will enable me to pursue my research on political elites in the UK, provide time to develop and complete a series of models that explore different aspects of ministerial selection and de-selection, and to analyse the available data on British parliamentary careers.'*

**Torun Dewan, 2008  
recipient of the  
STICERD/Annual  
Fund New  
Researcher Awards**

## Director's Circle

This year's Director's Circle Reception was held on 11 March 2009 in the New Academic Building.

The evening started with an informative and enjoyable lecture from School Director, Howard Davies, 'The G20: What to Expect' and afterwards, guests were welcomed to the 8th floor of the building for a champagne drinks reception.

During the reception, guests enjoyed panoramic views of the London skyline and listened to remarks from Sir

Michael Lickiss, Chairman of the Annual Fund, who thanked members of the Director's Circle for their support and student Mark Harrison who spoke about the impact the Annual Fund has on the lives of LSE students.

The Director's Circle is open to donors who have supported the Annual Fund at the level of £1,000 and over.

For more information contact Kirsty Ramage at [k.a.ramage@lse.ac.uk](mailto:k.a.ramage@lse.ac.uk)



# The main events



**Wherever you are in the world you are never too far away from one of the many events held for LSE alumni.**

The alumni relations team and alumni group leaders have been busier than ever, providing a number of different opportunities to stay in touch with the School.

Ten alumni returned to the School for the inaugural event in the Alumni Lecture Series – a talk by Howard Davies on the credit crunch and the future consequences for global economies. The New Academic Building played host to a lively discussion followed by a reception on the 8th floor of the building as guests enjoyed views of the London skyline at night.

Members of the North American Advisory Board also returned to the School to meet this March. The Board is made up of leading alumni volunteers from the United States and Canada to advise the School on its current position and future strategy. The meeting at LSE marked the first time that the Board had ever met outside of North America.

Slightly further afield, more than 100 LSE alumni and friends attended a Director's Dialogue between Howard Davies and Philipp Hildebrand, Vice Chairman of the Swiss National Bank, on 2 March 2009 in Zurich. The event was sponsored by Zurich Financial Services (ZFS) and held at the Zurich Development Center.

The sponsorship was made possible by alumnus Patrick O'Sullivan (MSc Accounting and Finance 1975), Vice Chairman and Chief Growth Officer, ZFS. A reception followed the dialogue, as well as a private dinner hosted by Nigel Williams (BSc Monetary Economics 1977), Chairman, Royalton Partners.

The breadth of events and opportunities provided by LSE for its alumni means that it is easier than ever to stay in touch with the School and former classmates, and get involved with LSE's future development. Full reports on previous events and information on forthcoming opportunities are available on the Houghton Street Online website.

Find out more: [www.alumni.lse.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.lse.ac.uk)



## Public lecture series

LSE's public lecture series attracts some of the brightest minds in the world to talk about the important topics in today's global society.

With lectures throughout the academic year there are plenty of opportunities to return to LSE and be informed and engaged in debate with the top speakers in their fields. Visit [www.lse.ac.uk](http://www.lse.ac.uk) for more information

With such an international alumni body, many of you may not be able to come back to campus in person to attend a lecture. Therefore, LSE now offers podcasts and webcasts of a selection of lectures and events so that you can stay involved with academic debate at LSE wherever you are in the world.

[www.lse.ac.uk/resources/podcasts/publicLecturesAndEvents.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/resources/podcasts/publicLecturesAndEvents.htm)

You can also follow LSE's public lecture and events series on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/LSEpublicevents>

## Upcoming events

### Throughout 2009:

Alumni Lecture Series. Look out for further lectures by leading figures from the LSE community. Information will be posted on Houghton Street Online.

### May 2009:

50+ reunion. For those that graduated from the School in 1959 or earlier. Events are optional so you can pick and choose which you would like to attend.

### July 2009:

1984-1987 reunion. A chance to catch up with old friends and see how LSE campus has developed since your time at the School, with tours, discussions and many other activities.

For more information, go to: [www.alumni.lse.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.lse.ac.uk)



President D Medvedev



# Make new connections with our special interest groups

The Lawyers' Alumni Group, LSE Media Group and the Women's Alumni Network have all also increased their activity at the School recently, with a renewed focus on networking events, designed to complement the School's public lecture programme.

The Lawyers' Alumni Group held a networking reception in the New Academic Building in November, and followed up with the Annual Dinner in February, with guest speaker Professor Christopher Greenwood – both events were sell-outs.

The LSE Media Group networking reception in March, with guest speaker Richard Porter, Head of BBC World

News, was equally successful, and both groups are now planning summer networking events for June.

The Women's Alumni Network is the newest of the groups, and has a July networking event planned at Morgan Stanley in Canary Wharf, with more events at the School to follow.

All three groups are looking to expand their membership, and especially to involve alumni who have significant professional experience, to give real added value when it comes to networking. To find out more, please see the Alumni groups section of Houghton Street Online at [www.alumni.lse.ac.uk](http://www.alumni.lse.ac.uk)

## Restricted View

A major new photographic exhibition and public events series exploring poverty and its portrayal in five world cities is being launched at LSE, thanks to the support of the Annual Fund 2007.

Viewing Restricted is organised by LSE's Centre for the Study of Global Governance in collaboration with LSE Arts and was launched on the 6 May with a panel discussion, followed by a reception in LSE's Atrium Gallery.

It sets out to explore different notions, representations and manifestations of 'poverty' within a global context and five photographers have been selected from an international open competition to deconstruct their interpretations of poverty in London, Mumbai, New York, Istanbul and Shanghai.

Among the selected photographers are award-winning Jessica Dimmock of New York, who has photographed gunshot wound patients trapped by their paralysis and circumstances in a public hospital just minutes, and yet a world away, from glittering Manhattan.

Mishka Henner has London as his focus, exposing the hidden mechanisms keeping rich and poor divided in his journey through the public and private spaces of the wealthy and impoverished population of an inner London borough.

The exhibition will run until 13 June and LSE is looking to take the exhibition to other cities featured in the works.

For more information go to [www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/global/viewingrestricted.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/global/viewingrestricted.htm) or contact Felicity Jones at [f.jones@lse.ac.uk](mailto:f.jones@lse.ac.uk)



## Telling tales about life at LSE

A new series of short films is being produced by LSE and 2k5 media to highlight the unique character of the School. From musical excellence to a passion for teaching, 'Stories from LSE' is a series of short films that convey all that is exciting, unexpected and special about LSE through personal stories.



Professor Conor Gearty

In the first of an initial series of six films Professor Conor Gearty talks about his commitment to human rights, his academic path and what fuels his teaching: 'the main thing that makes a teacher a good teacher across any level of education is interest in the person being taught, whether it's a four year old a 14 year old or a 24 year old is interest'.

Current student Jumpei Satomi, a classical pianist, talks of how his love of music has married with his love of maths and economics to make his time at LSE so worthwhile. And young Londoners from a range of backgrounds, all the first in their families to study at university, talk of the LSE initiatives that brought them into the School – and what is special about LSE for them.

You can see the films online and remember why LSE is special to you by going to: [www.lse.ac.uk](http://www.lse.ac.uk)



Jumpei Satomi



Photo: Pure Potential

## Widening Participation

**The LSE's Widening Participation Initiative works to raise the aspirations of London state school students from non-traditional backgrounds and to raise their attainment to ensure they fulfil their academic potential in higher education, at LSE and elsewhere.**

The Initiative comprises 17 discrete programmes, led by the School's Widening Participation team and are available to state school students in all 33 London boroughs. It targets students who are intellectually able to progress onto higher education but for a variety of reasons find themselves physically unable to do so, or are unaware of the opportunities afforded by further education.

Programmes such as the Moving On programme are designed for younger children to help pupils from primary school manage the often stressful transition to secondary education and our ACE Days are designed to encourage Year 9-11 students to start thinking early about the possibility of going into higher education and to teach them something about how universities work.

In contrast, programmes such as LSE CHOICE, Pathways to Law and Year 11 Summer Schools are aimed at identifying the most talented young people from London state schools and colleges and giving them the tools they need to successfully apply to competitive Universities.

The programmes have been a great success; in September of this year, 12 LSE CHOICE alumni enrolled at LSE to study for an undergraduate degree, and many more went onto study at other HE institutions across the UK. One LSE CHOICE student said: 'To learn in an environment with such passion and respect for my subject has been an honour and the level of intelligent discussion throughout the last two years has been a priceless experience. I will be going to university in a few months and my time spent on the LSE CHOICE project has really prepared me for what to expect.'

Private support has been vital to the programme with support from LSE alumni and friends and the programmes have proven to be immensely popular: many are over-subscribed, often by as much as four applications for every place.

The Initiative will also be piloting a new project this year. LSEconnect will partner four state schools with LSE in a 'bespoke' relationship, enabling the School to work with the students, teachers and parents of each school. Over the three years of the pilot we estimate that we will reach out to approximately 7,000 individuals. The Moving On project has proved so popular we are keen to extend its scope in 2010 and the Black Achievement Conference – Black to the Future will also take place again following a successful pilot programme, reaching out to Afro-Caribbean students and their families aimed at de-mystifying higher education and promoting the benefits of life-long learning.

For a full list and more information about Widening Participation activities please go to:

[www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentRecruitment/sturecpdfs/08Widening\\_Participation\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentRecruitment/sturecpdfs/08Widening_Participation_Brochure.pdf)

For more information about supporting the Widening Participation Initiative, please contact Bill Abraham at [b.abraham@lse.ac.uk](mailto:b.abraham@lse.ac.uk)



Photo: Pure Potential

**LSE is committed to increasing accessibility to the School and other leading global institutions to ensure that talented students from across the world have an even opportunity to have an active choice in their University education.**

For more information on any of the projects featured in this newsletter, please contact Gemma Wicks in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations on +44 (0)20 7955 6370 or [g.wicks@lse.ac.uk](mailto:g.wicks@lse.ac.uk)



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