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Emirates Foundation and Aman Trust enable launch of Middle East Centre

In May 2010 LSE announced the launch of the Middle East Centre, a multidisciplinary research centre focusing on history, political economy, society, environment, law and international relations in the modern Middle East.

The new Centre, which received £9.2 million in initial support from the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Emirates Foundation for Philanthropy and The Aman Trust, will place emphasis on active and systematic collaboration with Middle Eastern universities, scholars, civil society and policy makers, and speak to a global audience about the region's strengths and challenges. It will be based at LSE from October 2010 and plans to host its first major public event in spring 2011.

Inaugural director, Professor Fawaz Gerges, will work alongside other prominent LSE scholars, and the Centre will engage intellectuals and experienced practitioners to analyse and report on the region's economics, politics and culture. It will help train a new generation of specialists drawn from within the region and from the rest of the world, enabling them to provide informed and balanced analysis of the nations of the Middle East, and the region's place in the international community.

The Emirates Foundation for Philanthropy offers financial and technical support to projects that enrich the lives of people in the UAE. Abdulrahman Al Owais, managing director of the Foundation, commented: 'We are delighted that the new Centre will solidify LSE's academic relations with leading Middle Eastern

universities, including those in the UAE. Our Foundation supports knowledge creation through research and high level training for young professionals, which are key objectives of the new Middle East Centre.'

The Aman Trust is a philanthropic organisation operating in the fields of healthcare, education and food security throughout the Middle East and South Asia. It is headed by Arif Naqvi (BSc Economics 1982), CEO and Founder of Abraaj Capital, one of the largest private equity firms operating in emerging markets, whose family endowed the Trust. He added: 'As an LSE alumnus, I am delighted that LSE has made an institutional commitment to the Middle East.

'As someone who has spent his life in the Middle East, it was important for me to help catalyse the Centre into being an important bridge linking scholars, policy makers and business leaders from Europe and the Middle East, promoting constructive dialogue, mutual understanding and cooperation, which are important challenges in today's polarised world.'

Howard Davies said: 'With founding support in place from the Emirates Foundation and The Aman Trust, we will be inviting other stakeholders who share our values of impartiality and academic freedom to examine the LSE's existing strength in Middle East studies, and to contribute materially to the Centre's future development.'

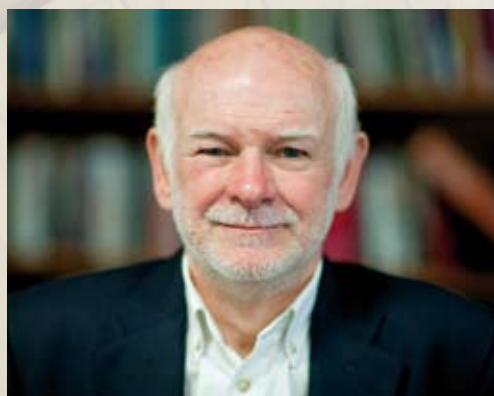
About Professor Fawaz Gerges

- Professor Fawaz Gerges is Emirates Professor for Contemporary Middle East Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
- He earned a doctorate from the University of Oxford and an MSc from the London School of Economics and Political Science.
- Professor Gerges has taught at Oxford, Harvard and Columbia. He was a research scholar at Princeton and the Christian A. Johnson Chair in Middle Eastern Studies and International Affairs at Sarah Lawrence College, New York.
- His research interests include, amongst others, Arab politics and Muslim politics in the 20th century, the international relations of the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict, state and society in the Middle East, and Islam and the political process.



Professor Fawaz Gerges

From the Director



Welcome to the new edition of *LSE Impact*, our newsletter for supporters of LSE.

In this edition we hope to provide you with a flavour of recent activities that have been made possible by philanthropic support to the School, placing particular emphasis upon the wide-reaching impact that these gifts have had across the LSE community.

On the front page of this issue you can read about support that the School recently received from the Emirates Foundation for Philanthropy and The Aman Trust, enabling the launch of LSE's Middle East Centre. These extremely generous gifts will equip LSE to develop significant research and learning on Middle Eastern societies, economies, politics and international relations.

Another region of focus for the School is Africa, and on this page and the next we update you about the progress of LSE's African Initiative, including the inaugural lecture of our Chair in African Development, Professor Thandika Mkandawire. You can also learn about how support received from the Mo Ibrahim Foundation enabled scholars from across the African continent to come to the School to attend an empowering six-day workshop on African governance.

Our back page provides you with the opportunity to meet our new Chair of the Annual Fund, Peter Jones (BSc Statistics 1964), who stepped into the shoes of Mike Lickiss (BSc Economics 1955) at the end of July 2010. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mike for his exemplary work with the Annual Fund over the last ten years and in wishing Peter the best of luck for his new role.

Philanthropic gifts are a vital source of income that enable LSE to maintain a sense of momentum and improvement, and we are extremely grateful to all those who choose to support us in this way

Thank you again for your invaluable support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Howard Davies'.

Howard Davies, Director, LSE

Empowering greater understanding of African governance

In the last issue of *Impact*, we reported on a generous gift made by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to the Centre for the Study of Global Governance to catalyse the School's diverse expertise in Africa, governance, global civil society and the methodologies of measurement.

Thanks to this generosity, in March 2010 LSE played host to scholars and students from Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Malawi and Senegal who participated in a workshop, organised by the Centre in partnership with the Foundation.

Designed to explore issues surrounding governance and global civil society in Africa and to support the work of the Foundation to strengthen impact in these fields, participants spent six days engaging with LSE lecturers from Global Governance and the Methodology Institute. Additional guest speakers from King's College London, the Brookings Institution, the Hertie School of Governance and a range of civil society organisations also took part.

The workshop's ultimate aim was to equip researchers with the ability to take ownership of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, an annual ranking of governance quality in African countries designed to inform and empower citizens to hold their governments and public institutions to account. Sessions were created to enhance the statistical knowledge and software skills of participants in collating indices with quantitative and qualitative data, as well as improve their understanding of governance and civil society.



Attendees of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance workshop

African Initiative Inaugural Lecture

On Tuesday 27 April 2010 Professor Thandika Mkandawire, the first holder of LSE's Chair in African Development, delivered his inaugural lecture to a packed lecture theatre. The event marked the official launch of the LSE African Initiative and established the vision and institutional commitment that will support the initiative's progress.

The title, "Running While Others Walk: The Challenge of African Development", was inspired by the words of Tanzania's first president, Julius Nyerere. Taking as its starting premise that if it is accepted that African nations are mostly lagging behind other developing nations, Professor Mkandawire explained that Africa has both the challenge and the opportunity to accelerate the pace of its development.

He went on to argue for the centrality of knowledge within this process, and the implications not only for African scholars and institutions of learning but also for global universities such as LSE working in partnership with them. As Professor Mkandawire noted in his opening remarks, for African scholars of his generation, LSE is absolutely synonymous with alumni such as Kwame Nkrumah and Jomo Kenyatta, who went on to become the leaders of post-independence African nations. As such, LSE is today uniquely positioned to play a leading role in supporting and providing a platform for the current generation of African students and scholars.

Chaired by Howard Davies, the lecture sparked lively debate amongst attendees. For those who were unable to attend, the talk was webcast live to many

listeners around the world, and can still be viewed at www.lse.ac.uk/resources/podcasts.

Professor Mkandawire gave a second version of his lecture in Cape Town on 10 May 2010, to mark the momentous occasion of the signing of an MOU between LSE and the University of Cape Town (UCT), which sets the framework for UCT to become the first African partner among LSE's global academic partners.



Professor Thandika Mkandawire speaks at his inaugural lecture

African Initiative builds Visiting Research Fellowships for African scholars

The LSE African Initiative is a long-term School priority and will ultimately include endowing the Chair in African Development, Summer Schools in Francophone and Anglophone Africa, doctoral and faculty exchange programmes, research programmes at LSE and in African universities, and scholarships for students from Africa to attend LSE, particularly at postgraduate level.

One of the first priorities is to create opportunities for African academics at various stages of their careers to spend time at LSE as Visiting Research Fellows. This reflects Professor Mkandawire's vision to 'retool' African faculty, whose current generation have rarely studied outside of Africa and who are often working under very difficult conditions.

By providing funded Visiting Fellowships of varying lengths, scholars will be able to benefit from the opportunity to connect with the interdisciplinary networks at the heart of the LSE academic experience,

regardless of institutional or personal financial capacity, giving African scholars the opportunity to study things from a different perspective at LSE and in turn to bring an African perspective to the globally-focused discussions that take place here.

Support for Visiting Fellowships for African Scholars has already been pledged by a number of generous individuals and organisations, including Richard Delbridge (BSc Economics 1963), The Atlantic Philanthropies, and alumni in the US, via the LSE Centennial Fund. The School aims to build on this initial support to create a large programme of short-term fellowships that will quickly build a critical mass of interconnected African academics in a range of disciplines and from a range of countries and institutions across the continent.

For more information about the LSE African Initiative, please contact development-office@lse.ac.uk.

Scholarship support marches on

As a new academic year begins, the School's Financial Support Office (FSO) are currently hard at work allocating scholarship support to a new intake of students who are set to join LSE in autumn 2010. For many, the letter that they receive from the FSO will mean the difference between being able to study at LSE or not.

In the previous academic year alone LSE awarded around £13 million in scholarships, bursaries and awards to its student body. Of this total, £2.5 million came from philanthropic gifts made by the School's alumni and friends, enabling LSE to award scholarships to almost 250 gifted students.

The School's scholarship programme continues to enjoy strong support as we move into a new academic year, with several individuals and organisations whose scholarships were due to finish having chosen to renew their funding.

Among others, Deutsche Bank have committed to renewing their scholarship programme, which has provided support for up to ten Masters students in

the Department of Finance each year since 2008. The company have increased their support to provide full scholarships, and the new commitment, which is worth up to £685,000, will open up the opportunity of an LSE postgraduate education to a total of 30 students over the next three academic years.

Many others have also pledged new or renewed support for scholarships including Santander, Brian Smith (BSc Economics, 1963), Michael Peacock (BSc Sociology, 1952), Anne Baldock (LLB 1980), Stanislaw Karbonicki, Peter Jones (BSc Statistics and Mathematics 1964) and Liz Jones, Lords Group of Companies, Patrick Mears (LLB 1979), Hafsa Al Ulama (MSc Information Systems 1998) and Professor Richard Osborne (PhD Geography 1954). These individuals and companies join a growing group of over 100 scholarship supporters and the School is extremely grateful for their new or continued support.

For more information on supporting scholarships at LSE please contact r.h.s.jones@lse.ac.uk.

LSE partners donors to provide PhD support

LSE is renowned for its cosmopolitan and culturally diverse student body, comprised of students from around the world. Students who pursue postgraduate research at the School benefit from the opportunity to become immersed into one of the largest concentrations of applied economic, financial and social research in the world from the very outset of their studies and are able to work with preeminent thinkers in their fields.

LSE offers its postgraduate students the research environment and prestige that is vital for postgraduate study, however, despite these impressive pull factors, LSE is at risk of losing out to others in attracting the brightest and best research students if it cannot offer financial support packages to rival those offered by the best international research centres and universities.

The LSE PhD partnership initiative is a unique scheme that was created to address this concern. It operates on the basis that both the donor and School contribute towards providing a full scholarship that both covers the course fees and provides living costs for the student.

Thanks to philanthropic support, 19 PhD students at LSE will benefit from new or continuing PhD Partnership Scholarships in the 2010-11 academic year, providing vital opportunities for study and research at the PhD level and ensuring that the brightest scholars can continue to fulfil their academic promise at the School.



Life-changing support

Charlotte Gerada, who recently came to the end of her undergraduate studies in the Department of Social Policy, spoke to guests at the School's annual Donors and Scholars event in April 2010 about the impact that her Bottriell Scholarship has had on her time at LSE.

Following on from this *Impact* spoke to Charlotte about LSE, life beyond and what receiving a scholarship meant to her.

What difference has receiving the Bottriell Scholarship made to you?

I wouldn't have been able to study at LSE if it wasn't for the Bottriell scholarship. I was ecstatic when I found out that I had a place at LSE, but that quickly turned into despondency when I realised that, even with the full loans and grants, I still wouldn't be able to afford to attend LSE.

My father was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease during my gap year which put incredible emotional and financial pressure on myself and my family so I sincerely hoped with all my heart that I would be awarded a scholarship.

I am so incredibly grateful for the support that Bill Bottriell, the donor of the scholarship, has provided me with – he has supported me in a way no-one else could, and illustrated outright that he believes in my ability, despite my challenging background.

How has your experience at the LSE been?

I just love everything about LSE and I threw myself into life here in every way possible. Academically I feel I have achieved so much – getting good grades and genuinely conjuring passion for my subject of study.

Beyond my studies, I also kept myself busy. I was involved in LSE SU's Raising and Giving (RAG) Society from my first year, helping to raise over £30,000 yearly for charity.

More recently I ran for a sabbatical position in our Students' Union, and after weeks of campaigning, I was elected as the next General Secretary, becoming the first woman in eight years to take up this role.

You gave to the Annual Fund recently, what was your motivation for giving?

I have been so fortunate that I have received a generous scholarship but I understand that many others at LSE have missed out – sometimes very narrowly – and it's important that these students are supported too.

From my previous work as a caller for the Annual Fund, I am aware that the sheer breadth of project support the Annual Fund provides is phenomenal – every worthy cause at LSE has a great chance of receiving the funding it deserves, and, in particular, I am very supportive of the Hardship Funds the Annual Fund contributes to.

Also, LSE has given me so much – I've received a first class education which will undoubtedly set me up for life. Donating £15 seems so insignificant comparatively, and in the future I hope to donate a lot more, and maybe even start up my own scholarship – if I'm wealthy enough!



Charlotte Gerada speaking at the 2010 Donors and Scholars reception

Carnegie support to explore the value of journalism

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded a generous grant of \$25,000 to POLIS, the LSE think tank which focuses on the relationship between media and society.

The gift was made in support of June 2010 conference on 'The Value of Journalism', which was developed jointly by POLIS and the BBC College of Journalism.

The one-day conference looked at what journalism must offer to the digital society and was one of the biggest gatherings of networked journalists ever to be held in the UK. It was based on the premise that the media landscape has radically changed, with networked journalism here to stay and a professional news media that taps into online public participation and social media, making two-way online connectivity essential to mainstream newspaper and broadcast news. The conference discussed the impact this has on business models, editorial innovation and, crucially, the social value of journalism.

Speakers included Head of BBC Global News, Peter Horrocks, Channel 4 News presenter, Jon Snow, and Director of POLIS, Charlie Beckett, who is now working with John S. Knight Fellow Andrew Haeg of American Public Media to produce a discussion paper based on sessions at the event. The paper will set out case studies, trends and challenges. This will be hosted on a dedicated website for post-event debate and input.

For more information please contact Felicity Jones at f.jones@lse.ac.uk.



Jon Snow speaks at The Value of Journalism conference

BBC



Director of POLIS, Charlie Beckett, at the conference

BBC

Korea Foundation

Established in 2007, the Korea Foundation-LSE Academic Exchange Programme generously supports a Fellowship which gives Korean scholars an opportunity to spend a concerted period at LSE's Asia Research Centre and LSE Fellows to make a return visit to a Korean institution.

The Fellows are selected to undertake their research with colleagues at host institutions and through this exchange, the programme aims to build long term bonds between researchers at LSE and leading Korean universities and institutions as well as seeking to facilitate collaborative social science research related to the understanding of Korea in the context of Asia and the wider world.

The first cycle of exchange, which took place between June 2009 and August 2009, was a great success, culminating in Dr Hakan Seckinelgin of the Department of Social Policy spending the autumn term of 2009 at Korea University where, with colleagues, he organised a Global Civil Society workshop on justice in December 2009.

Since then the Asia Research Centre has welcomed two Korean research fellows; Professor Yunwon Hwang, Professor of Public Administration at Chung-An University, arrived at the School in April 2010 for 12 months, and Dr Eunejon Ma, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Seoul National University joined the Centre in June 2010 for a three-month period.

For further information please contact Keith Tritton at k.j.tritton@lse.ac.uk.

Women and the legal profession

LSE has received funding from a number of law firms and organisations, including the Law Society, the Legal Services Board and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, to enable crucial research into the shifting demographics of solicitors in the UK.

Female lawyers listed within the UK Roll of Solicitors account for less than 24 per cent of those over the age of 50 but over 57 per cent of those under the age of 35. Further, over 50 per cent of those admitted to the Roll each year since 1993 have been women.

It is believed that this significant shift in the gender balance will reshape this section of the legal profession considerably over the next 20 years, and its impact on the future organisation and economics of private practice and in-house work for solicitors

and self-employed barristers has not yet been analysed or understood enough to predict the consequences. As the transition proceeds, it is crucial to ensure that any significant differences between male and female lawyers, for example specialisms or modes of working, are clearly identified and then reflected in appropriately redesigned organisation structures and employment practices.

The support received by the School will enable a dedicated research assistant to explore the implications of these new and burgeoning challenges, including the need to redesign private practice business models and radically reconfigure working practices within the Bar.

For more details on the School's research into 'Women and the Legal Profession', please contact Helena Cronin at h.cronin@lse.ac.uk.



The Subir Chowdhury Fellowship on Quality and Economics

The Subir Chowdhury Fellowship on Quality and Economics is a new Visiting Fellowship programme within LSE's Asia Research Centre. Endowed in January 2010 with support from the Subir and Malini Chowdhury Foundation and the UK Government, this LSE fellowship will support scholars of any nationality or ethnicity with experience of research on Bangladesh, India and other nations in Asia.

The funding provided will enable one Subir Chowdhury Fellow per year to spend three months at LSE where they will engage in research that examines the impact of people quality and behaviours on the economies of Asian nations, in particular, although not restricted to, India and Bangladesh. Each Fellow will be expected to complete a piece of research of publishable quality during their stay, as well as make a presentation at a seminar or lecture arranged by the LSE Asia Research Centre. The first LSE Subir Chowdhury Fellow will be selected in summer 2010.

Subir Chowdhury is Chairman and CEO of ASI Consulting Group LLC, the world leader on Six Sigma

and Quality Leadership implementation, consulting and training. He is also the founder of 'Global Quality Awareness', a Subir and Malini Chowdhury Foundation initiative.

He comments: 'The Fellowship will focus on revealing substantive and indisputable data that identifies the positive and negative effects a nation experiences due to 'Quality' and its role in society. The 'Quality' levels of a nation's leaders, policies and practices determine the outcomes of their effect on society and 'Quality' necessitates itself as perhaps the most important key element in the health, safety and sustainability of a nation.'

It is the Foundation's hope that the selected Fellows will produce works that bring world focus on the importance of Quality. For further details on the 'Subir Chowdhury Fellowship on Quality and Economics' please visit the Fellowships tab at www.lse.ac.uk/asiaResearchCentre.

New Chair for Annual Fund

Last chance to match your Annual Fund gift

The UK Government's Matched Funding scheme will come to an end on 31 July 2011, making the 2010-11 academic year your final opportunity to make a gift that will be matched by the government at a ratio of 3:1 private to public funds.

The initiative was launched in 2008 to encourage donors throughout the world to support Higher Education institutions in England. Since that time, all donations to the LSE Annual Fund, including Gift Aid contributions from UK tax payers, have been matched, enabling support to the Annual Fund to go that much further in making an impact on life at the School. In 2009-10, matched funding meant that the total raised by the Annual Fund was worth over £1 million.

Visit www.alumni.lse.ac.uk/annualfund to find out more about how to make your gift.

Following an exemplary ten years as Chair of the Annual Fund, Mike Lickiss (BSc Economics 1955) stepped down from the post at the end of July 2010. The Annual Fund enjoyed a good deal of success during Mike's tenure as Chair, and LSE would like extend a big thank you to Mike for his unstinting determination, enthusiasm and commitment.

Mike handed over the reins to Peter Jones (BSc Statistics 1964) and *Impact* spoke to Peter about his new role:

How did you feel when you were approached by Howard Davies about the role of Chair of the LSE Annual Fund?

I was delighted! I became a Governor of LSE in order to give as much help to the School as possible. I can think of no better way of contributing than to help build a strong Annual Fund.

Why is giving to the Annual Fund important?

We all know that university funding is going to get tighter and tighter as the government tries to get a grip on its budget. The Annual Fund is especially valuable because the funds generated are unrestricted and can therefore be spent in whatever way the School most needs. It benefits a wide range of activities and plays a vital role in helping to keep our position as the leading social sciences learning institution in the world.

What are the priorities for the Annual Fund going forward?

The Fund is usually the first opportunity that alumni have to give back to the School. It is therefore most important that we establish that initial link and try to get alumni and others into the habit of regular giving, particularly those in senior roles in the School. It's a strong message to alumni if we can say, for example, that all the LSE Governors are donors.

What do you envisage that you will enjoy about the role?

I enjoy team work and I'm looking forward to working with the Annual Fund staff to take the Fund to even greater heights. Being Chairman of the Fund will also enable me to meet a wide cross section of key members of the LSE community.

What do you think will be the most challenging aspects of the role?

These are difficult times for fundraising as most individuals find their ability to give restricted by the tough financial climate. Fortunately, LSE alumni have a great affection for the School and we will need to draw on these positive feelings to raise awareness of the excellent contribution made by the Fund.

Are there any new developments for the Annual Fund that you can share?

We are changing the timetable for allocating funds to more closely align with the academic year and hope that this will make the Fund even more relevant to the work of the School.

Do you have a message for Mike Lickiss as he steps down from the role?

Thanks for your outstanding contribution over ten years in developing the Annual Fund from its inception to the situation today – with over 3,500 alumni contributing over £780,000 (or £1 million if you include matched funding) through the Fund during the 2009-10 financial year.

And please answer the telephone when I call for help as I surely will!



Peter Jones
(BSc Statistics 1964)

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 the Office of Development and Alumni Relations on +44 (0)20 7852 3685 or at l.jeffery@lse.ac.uk

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