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**LSE's Interdisciplinary Student Research
Conference, part of LSE Festival**

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Organisers' welcome

Dear students, colleagues, alumni and friends of LSE,

We are delighted to welcome you to Knowledge Beyond Boundaries, the fifth annual interdisciplinary student research conference happening this year as part of the LSE Festival. This conference was designed as an open, welcoming and inclusive space for students and recent alumni of LSE to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue, debate the big questions of social science, and collaborate with others from outside their own discipline. The conference is an opportunity for participants to empower their academic, personal, and professional growth while showcasing their research for the LSE community and beyond.

In organising today's programme, our aim was to bring a diverse set of student and alumni voices into conversation about some of the most pressing challenges of our time, and to provide a space for participants to deepen their knowledge, question previously held assumptions, and learn from each other. We were excited to receive over 100 proposals to present at the conference, including papers, posters, creative show-and-tell projects and performances. The projects range from first-year undergraduate student research to in-progress MSc dissertations, from collaborative research teams to work from recently graduated LSE alumni. We are especially delighted this year to welcome over 40 participants from our CIVICA partner universities across Europe, many of whom have travelled to London to be here with us in-person for the conference.

This year, our conference focus aligns with the theme of the LSE Festival: **visions for the future**. How will AI, new technologies and innovation shape our societies? How will we confront the global challenges of climate change and inequality? And, after an historic year of elections, will our political realities change? Today's panels focus on a cross-cutting set of themes, touching on the social and philosophical implications of AI, how digital technologies will shape our culture, health, and societies, the future of migration and development, and more - all with the goal of interdisciplinary conversation about how the social sciences help us understand possible futures. We are delighted that this year's conference programme also proudly features several panels and a reception hosted in partnership with **LSE's Global School of Sustainability**.

As interdisciplinary educators and researchers, we are enthusiastic proponents of stepping beyond the boundaries of your degree programme as a student – the skills you need to tackle complex problems can't all be found within the confines of a single discipline. Whether it's learning how competing definitions shape a challenge, understanding why methodological choices matter, or interrogating the borders of disciplines themselves, we hope this conference sparks your curiosity and broadens your understandings of what student-led social science research looks like.

We are grateful to everyone who has made today's conference possible, including generous support from LSE's Education and Student Experience Strategy, Simon Jolly from the LSE100 team, Louise Jones and the LSE Festival team, Clara Rawlings and the Communications Division, Emma Davies and Molly Rhead from the Global School of Sustainability, Rebecca Sealy and Emily Harrison from the CIVICA team, the LSE100 Fellows and GSoS affiliates acting as research mentors, our panel chairs, the LSE Catering, AV, and Portering teams, and our fantastic student event stewards. Most of all, thank you to all of our conference participants who are sharing their research with us at this year's conference.

Enjoy the conference and we hope to see you again next year!

Best wishes,

Dr Chris Blunt, Dr Danielle Cameron, and Dr Jillian Terry

Conference organisers, June 2025

Conference programme

Tuesday 17 June 2025 (all times BST)

9:30 – 10:00

Registration

Shaw Library (Sixth Floor, Old Building)

10:00 – 10:15

Shaw Library

Welcome from the conference organisers

Dr Chris Blunt

Associate Professor (Education) and Co-Director of LSE100, LSE

Dr Danielle Cameron

LSE100 Student Experience Administrator, LSE

Dr Jillian Terry

Associate Professor (Education) and Co-Director of LSE100, LSE

10:15 – 10:30

Changeover break

Parallel panel sessions (I)

10:30 – 11:45

CKK 1.14

A AI governance and control

Trust, access & responsibility of AI in healthcare: how to turn a dystopia into an opportunity?

Juliette Duchateau, Maïa Lacombe and Ani Sarukhanyan

Addressing AI-led structural unemployment at its roots

James Li, Jon Olalde, Siyu Lin, Hashim Khan and Anton Syrotian

Smart & fair: Latin America's blueprint for responsible AI

Serena Indij da Costa, Aldo Cisneros, Anna Butler and Germán Acosta

Human rights in the age of AI: potential challenges of an emerging technology

Petroslava Bratanova

Balancing efficiency and accountability in algorithmic governance: developing an interdisciplinary framework for ethical AI implementation

Shruti Kakade

Cash to crash: the causes of AI-driven market crashes and proposals to address them

Orlando Ye, Aneesh Rao, Livanah Parwani, Mouli Bhambani and Premee Benya-Apikul

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10:30 – 11:45

CKK 1.15

B Human Futures and Digital Selves

The philosophical limit of AI: towards a negative definition of human uniqueness

Hongjing Huang

A window into the metaverse: Roblox as a research method

Mithalina Taib

Training the machine, erasing the human: the politics of AI, microwork, and digital development

Yue Hong

Does AI dream of electric sheep? Phillip K. Dick and affirming empathy in the age of artificial intelligence

Zara Branigan

Becoming a future: queer temporality and fragmented selfhood in post-apocalyptic worlds

Sihan Yang

The Social Scientist in the Age of AI: The Digitellectual

Avery Jayne Benton

10:30 – 11:45

CKK 2.13

C Climate, capital and energy futures

In partnership with the LSE Global School of Sustainability

Modeling beyond growth: integrating the doughnut into economic theory

Myriam Noir

Policy, waste, and power: textile dumping in Chile's Atacama Desert

Emma Minerva Brambilla

Climate imaginaries in China: envisioning a better future in a hostile climate

Adrian Julius Herzberg

Powering the future: how Lithuania's energy cells show the way to a fair and green tech transition

Kristupas Virsilas

Between growth and depletion: governing water in tourism-reliant island economies

Ellie Fischer

Accelerating AI development and managing surging energy demand from data centres in the US

Wen Qi Loh

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D Power, media and democracy

CKK 2.14

A critical realist analysis of EU integration spill-over: How do political responses to crises influence the makeup of integration?

Gabriel A. Pierzynski

Utopian personalism: when disinterested peace-making shows the way

Elia Quatraro

The art of international engagement: populist interactions with global governance in the Trump era

Carla Abon

From ballots to hashtags: mapping the future of youth democracy

Laura Mirella Corbella

The new machine age: AI's role in US political polarization

Giulia Rita Putrino

The generation of digital laughter: how online mediums shape individual perception of political communities

Kira Rodionova

11:45 – 12:00

Changeover break

Parallel panel sessions (II)

12:00 – 13:15

A Urban futures: reimagining the city

CKK 1.14

The mindful city: a new blueprint for urban progress - rethinking development through the lens of Gelephu Mindfulness City

Tan Guan Yu

Navigating the EV revolution: a tale of two systems – Germany and China

Jacqueline Yi

Air quality and income inequality: Canadian metropolitan areas

Zane Williams, Aiden Cathcart, Jiaqi Lei and Krishaant Pathmanathan

Corrugated dreams on the cusp of tomorrow: lessons in material justice from corrugated iron for the “smart cities” of the 21st century

Lara Harmankaya

Conciliating heritage protection and energy efficiency: policies, challenges and perspectives in the Transnational Upper Rhine Region

Yannis Bocquet

Institutional innovation and adaptive governance: a comparative analysis of state-market coevolution in Singapore and Shenzhen

Yihe Wen

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CKK 1.15

B Education futures: AI, climate and equity

Can AI bridge the gap? A study on UK educational inequality post Covid-19

Tilly Taylor

Generative AI and student learning: bridging or widening the gap?

Pradisty Herlina Setiabudi

Inclusive curriculum futures: subaltern insights into the representation of enslaved people in Mauritian textbooks and directions for reform

Madvee Jane Moteea-Sewall

Why Education Matters for a Climate-Resilient Africa

Christopher Liberty

Generative AI in higher education: balancing innovation with integrity, privacy, and equity

Qurat Ul Ain Gul

Renegotiating social mobility and identity: ethnic minority students and preferential policies in Chinese higher education

Anruo (Emma) Wang

12:00 – 13:15

CKK 2.13

C Health and wellbeing in the digital commons

AI in Mental Health: Balancing Innovation and Governance for Societal Benefit

Shruti Kakade

Navigating the AI economy: exploring AI attitudes and career anxiety among college students

Kumarjit De

A NHS for food? Rethinking the state's role in ensuring citizens' right to food across European community-based alternatives and food social security initiatives

Roméo Raccat

Politics of disability: AI and collective perception

Maria Neagu

The digital democratization of environmental expertise from 1992 to present

Aliya Hirji

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12:00 – 13:15 D Poster session: AI futures

CKK 2.14

From crisis to campus: a study on the gender experiences in higher education in the context of the Balkans' post-crisis environment

Sanjana Iyer, Eleni Anayiotou, Charan Kandepalli, Kika Doyle and Koshiki Chauhan

Value pluralism in decision-making in AI development/application and its implementation in the legal field

Yu-Yue Cheng

The relationship between AI use and well-being: exploring the roles of frequency, type, and mediators

Emma Wiley and Hayden Sliger

Imagination without the mind: will AI redefine the future of art?

Olivia Gbato

AI and America: three stories about the future that's already here

Kayode Adeniyi, Francesca Nicolodi and Paula Natasha Chavez-Montenegro

Can we trust AI in healthcare? A psychological framework for the future of medicine

Anah Zakeer

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch

Shaw Library, 6th Floor, Old Building

Parallel panel sessions (III)

14:00 – 15:15 A Culture and creation in a technological future

CKK 1.14

Drifting between worlds: AI, diaspora, and post-human belonging in Kogonada's After Yang (2021)

Anh Nguyen

I create therefore I am: can law protect AI art without devaluing the human artist?

Nathaniel Guerreiro

AI and art law: how is generative AI affecting artists' rights of ownership and copyright around the world?

Vivika Gerogianni

Painting oppression in whiteface: how does 'white dystopia' appropriate real-world racialised suffering?

Mirha Butt

The wawas of the Pachamama

Danerine Anthuanet Mendieta Vargas

Letting go and digging right: archaeology, desire, and the ethics of possession

Apolline Garbois

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14:00 – 15:15

CKK 1.15

B Climate futures: negotiating climate justice

In partnership with the LSE Global School of Sustainability

[The macroeconomic effects of climate change on human capital development in Africa](#)

Bill Ivans Gbafore

[Combatting green colonialism and empowering Isthmus of Tehuantepec in Mexico](#)

Bess Basilla Chau, Juliette A. Warbington, Chanhyeok Wang, Mihir Raddi and Jinyi Li

[In code we trust: AI at the negotiation table](#)

Lara Maria Puoti

[Negotiating the future: how digital tools and democratic challenges shaped the youth climate movement](#)

Julia Jadzinska

[Ecocide, emissions and warfare's environmental toll: what will we do if the whole world becomes scorched earth?](#)

Mehar Suri, Min Rebecca Yoo and Farah Alaradi

[Designing climate justice: indigenous knowledge and language in AI-driven climate action](#)

Tara Faza, Nikola Anna Mayrhuber, Shrivalli Ghosh and Khansa Ha-nun Augie Ath Thaariq

14:00 – 15:15

CKK 2.13

C Gender, technology and justice

[Mothers watching mothers: exploring maternal identities through postfeminist gaze among Indian mom influencers on Instagram](#)

Isha Samrat Saha

[Technological interventions for gender-safe public transport: a comparative study of London and Detroit](#)

Simran Massey and John Brenner

[Can AI be feminist? Reproductive justice and digital resistance in Peru](#)

Lucía Santos Peralta

[Imagine a just future for the family: creating space for equality and genuine intimacy](#)

Yiyi Huang

[Migrant women navigating digital poverty](#)

Lola Reinwarth

[Artificial attraction: tech, AI, and the dating economy](#)

Natalia Feinberg and Hannah Tomczyk

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CKK 2.14

D Security futures and digital battlegrounds

Humanitarianism and biometrics: migration management in the digital age

Maya Forte

Assessing the EU's security framework: from fragmented differentiation to common defence policy?

Anya Yu

Digital technologies and AI in warfare: disinformation, democracy, and the struggle for information integrity in Ukraine

Mariana Mazur

Geopolitical analysis in a world of AI

Anoushka Laiker

Balancing safety and surveillance: the paradox of AI in public spaces

Ling Yuk Iu

The transition to algorithmic warfare: legal and ethical implications of AI redefining the nature of war

Mara-Alexia Monoses

15:15 – 15:30

Changeover break

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Parallel panel sessions (IV)

15:30 – 16:45

CKK 1.14

A Economic futures: consumption, development and change

Behind the odds: experimental insights into online sports betting

Paul Seidenberg

Bridging the wealth divide? Examining the role of stocks and shares ISAs in reducing wealth inequality in the UK

George Rushworth

From passive consumers to critical citizens: empowering the Global South for responsible AI futures

Ancilla Pramudita and Ghea Adasta

Cyberpiracy as a growing threat to the maritime industry

Holden Meilman

Path dependence and growth: the role of oil in developing economies

Toribio Iriarte Fernandez

Failed futures: an economic sociological exploration of why Metaverse real-estate future imaginaries failed to LAND

Catherine Greene

15:30 – 16:45

CKK 1.15

B Rights, risk and autonomy in an AI age

Learning to harm: AI-driven algorithms and the limits of EU liability laws

Kaja Urbaniuk

An analysis of the GDPR: rethinking regulatory considerations for group rights

Christianna Alexiou

Reimagining rights: AI and the future of human dignity in a changing world

Julien-Manuel Despres

Losing ourselves to technology: agency, autonomy and the law

Maksim Karliuk

Sovereignty, public force, and algorithms: rethinking governmentality in the age of risk

Muriel Houedjakou

Between control and exposure: the many visions of technology in the global 1970s

Joyce Jia Yi Liu

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15:30 – 16:45

CKK 2.13

C Futures beyond borders: migration and sovereignty

Investigating global policy dynamics and obstacles: abolishing detention for migrant children

Jennifer Belardo

Beyond borders: how shared prosperity can rewrite the Kosovo-Serbia narrative

Dorine Buchot

Threat and tolerance: investigating public perception of migrant communities as a threat in Cyprus, and the dynamics of intolerance that emerge as a product

Hudson Sidwell, Lucy Lönnqvist and Luna Mercuri

Migration policy, politics, and governance: investigating the dynamics of migrant integration in the EU

Sudha Jagatheesh Jayanand

Sovereignty, surveillance and the externalisation of Australia's immigration processing

Bethany Kelly

Stateless but sovereign: legal frameworks for deterritorialised nations, the case of Kiribati and Tuvalu

Carla Loubere

15:30 – 16:45

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D Poster session: economic and societal futures

Comparison of disability employment practices in Japanese and UK companies

Natsuki Ozawa

Progress or paradox? Why it's high time humans rethink innovation

Sarah Khan

Practicing citizenship without rights: innovation from the margins in the gulf

Jyotika Roji

Community-led accountability for gender-sensitive climate financing in South Asia

Aarti Lila Ram

The skills palette manifesto

Michael McKenna

Fog-Off: clearing the hype for smarter, more intentional consumption

Phoebe Ng

16:45 – 17:00

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17:00 – 18:30

Networking and drinks reception

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Participant biographies

A

Aarti Lila Ram

Aarti Lila Ram is a development practitioner, gender trainer, and community organiser dedicated to empowering communities and building ecosystems through ideas, knowledge, skills, and technology. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Gender, Policy, and Inequalities at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), alongside her role as Deputy Manager Sustainability at Engro Foundation. Her work centers around sustainable climate adaptation strategies, gender-sensitive digital literacy, and inclusive livelihood initiatives, particularly for marginalised coastal communities in Pakistan. She leads efforts on flood risk mitigation, integrating gender-sensitive approaches in climate-resilient housing and relief efforts.

Adrian Julius Herzberg

Adrian is in his first year of the PKU-LSE Double Master's in Environmental Policy, Technology, and Health. He graduated from Tübingen University with a B.A. in Political Science. Focusing on the science-policymaking nexus, he believes critical reflection on visions of desired futures can help navigate climate policy decisions.

Aldo Cisneros

Aldo Cisneros (Peruvian), MSc in Development Management (c) at the LSE: Aldo is a political scientist from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and holds a Professional Certificate in Digital Transformation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Aldo has 5-year experience as an advisor for political and economic affairs for the South Korean Embassy in Lima where he evaluated bilateral cooperation projects on matters of e-government, public sector reform, infrastructure and defense. During his time as an advisor, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) assigned Aldo the S-tier category, the highest tier for the Korean MOFA personnel and officials.

Aliya Hirji

Aliya Hirji is a dual-degree student pursuing a Bachelor's in Political Humanities at Sciences Po and a Bachelor's in Geography, Environment, and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia. They also lead pan-Canadian climate justice campaigns and design research programs for Canadian park agencies.

Anah Zakeer

Anah Zakeer is a penultimate-year BSc Psychological and Behavioural Science student at LSE and an Appointed Governor representing Children and Young People for the NHS Sussex Community Foundation Trust. She is passionate about leveraging behavioural science to address key challenges in the public sector and healthcare.

Ancilla Pramudita

Ancilla is an MSc candidate in Environmental Policy and Regulation at LSE, co-funded by Chevening and LSE. With six years in international development and a recent focus on climate policy in Indonesia, she's passionate about environmental democracy — and always up for a good debate on intersectionality over coffee or Guinness.

Anh Nguyen

Anh Nguyen is an MSc student in Gender, Media, and Culture at LSE. Her research moves through questions of representation, affect, and belonging, focusing on

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how imagined AI bodies in media carry, racialise, and complicate narratives of memory and identity.

Anoushka Laiker

Anoushka is an M.Sc. Political Science student at LSE with experience in geopolitical risk analysis, humanitarian work, and Middle Eastern studies. Fluent in four languages, including Arabic. Passionate about conflict resolution, equity, and global governance. Committed to empowering marginalised communities through inclusive policy and cross-cultural collaboration.

Anruo (Emma) Wang

Anruo (Emma) Wang is a final-year BSc International Social and Public Policy student at LSE. She is passionate in how education policy can promote social equity, particularly in the so-called Global South.

Anya Yu

Anya Yu is a third-year Politics and Government student at Sciences Po, with a strong passion for international security studies, particularly in the context of European Union foreign policy.

Apolline Garbois

Apolline Garbois completed a dual BA between Sciences Po and Columbia University and will begin the HEC–Sciences Po dual Master in Corporate and Public Management in September. She is passionate about cinema, and has a strong personal interest in the Middle East region.

Avery Jayne Benton

Avery J Benton is a graduate of KCL (2021, BA) the LSE (2022, MSc) and the University of Cambridge (2023, MPhil). Avery is an interdisciplinary social researcher focusing on the intersections of politics and society through both sociological and historical methods. She is interested primarily in the sociology of knowledge, and currently works for an online British school.

B

Bess Basilla Chau

Bess Chau is a first-year BSc Politics and Philosophy student at LSE. She is highly interested in logic, where through her university studies, allowed her to explore its fundamental role in clear and effective communication. Logic isn't only central to formal reasoning but also indispensable in everyday discussion — particularly in preventing misunderstandings or “talking past each other”. One key application of logic is in its curations of definitions including reportive, stipulative and explicative definitions, another is the clarifications of definitions through breaking concepts down in conceptual analysis. Each serves a function in shaping argumentation and ensuring shared understanding in practical or philosophical conversations alike.

Bethany Kelly

Bethany Kelly is a pre-penultimate year Law and International Studies student from the University of Technology Sydney, and an Exchange student at SciencesPo Reims. She is passionate about critical-legal studies, international arbitration and international relations, specifically the effectiveness of international law at protecting human rights in domestic law and policy.

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Bill Ivans Gbafore

Bill Ivans Gbafore is a Kistefos Scholar and IE Foundation Fellow pursuing a Master's in Applied Economics at IE University. Through his research, he seeks to interrogate the dynamics that shape inequality and development and their distributional effects, focusing on human capital, poverty, social policy, and climate change in Africa.


C

Carla Abon

Carla Abon is a third-year student in a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in political science and law at Sciences Po Paris. She is interested in international relations and international law, especially the role of populism in shaping the future of global governance.

Carla Loubere

Carla Loubere is a third-year BSc International Relations student at UBC (Vancouver), currently on exchange at Sciences Po Reims (France). Her academic focus lies in environmental challenges, particularly sea level rise, and its increasing implications for human rights, displacement, and the pursuit of global peace in the years ahead.

Catherine Greene

Catherine Greene is a postgraduate student on the MSc Economy and Society programme at LSE. Her primary research interests relate to the economic sociology of start-up finance, innovation imagined futures, and the intersection of class and fictional expectations.

Chanhyeok Wang

Kevin Wang is a first-year BSc History and Politics student at LSE. He is interested in studying how historical understandings and political theories can be applied to better understand contemporary real-world issues, especially related to politics.

Charan Kandepalli

Charan Kandepalli is a third-year BSc Mathematics and Economics student at LSE. He is currently interested in the role of auctions, particularly the effect of the 'Winner's curse' in real life situations such as during an IPO.

Christianna Alexiou

Christianna Alexiou holds an MSc in Regulation (Government and Law) from LSE and a Bachelor in Journalism with minors in Law and Spanish from Carleton University. Her interests include legal pluralism, comparative and international law, and regulatory governance. She will begin the BCL/JD programme at McGill University this year.

Christopher Liberty

Christopher Liberty is a development professional with Ashinaga Foundation and an LSE graduate in Development Management. His work and research focus on climate change, with a strong belief in education as a transformative tool for building climate resilience.

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D

Danerine Anthuanet Mendieta Vargas

Danerine is a 20 year old Peruvian, future student of the Master in Public Policy with specialisation in Education and Research at Sciences Po, Director of Nuevos Talentos, a social project certified by the Peruvian Ministry of Education. Member of Youth Mobilisers EVAC, Global Youth Movement to end violence against children, and consultant for the UNESCO/IDIL project on education and domains for indigenous languages.

Dorine Buchot

Dorine Buchot is a recent graduate from the School of Transnational Governance at the EUI and holds a master's degree in economics from the Paris School of Economics. She is interested in geoeconomics and European policymaking, with a focus on advancing the decarbonization agenda amid rising geopolitical and economic challenges.

E

Eleni Anayiotou

Eleni Anayiotou is a third-year LLB Bachelor of Laws student at LSE. She is interested in examining the role of the Law in fostering intersectional justice. She has a strong interest in philosophy, ethical leadership, and storytelling. She is always a feminist and occasionally a bookworm.

Elia Quatraro

Elia Quatraro is enrolled in the 3rd year of Bachelor at Sciences Po Paris. He has always rooted his academic interests in the social benefits of scouting, along with the study of the Church's Social Doctrine and its impact. His recent works focus on the complementarity between scouting and elementary school.

Ellie Fischer

Ellie is an MSc student in European and International Politics and Policy at LSE. With work experience in corporate sustainability, her interests centre on the governance of climate action, the regulatory frameworks shaping it, and the livelihoods it impacts.

Emma Minerva Brambilla

Emma Minerva Brambilla is an LLM student in European, Comparative and Transnational Law at the LSE. Prior to that, she studied law at the University of Groningen and at the University of Malta. Her academic interests lie in EU law and international development (in the broadest sense).

Emma Wiley

Emma Wiley is a MSc Student studying Human Resources and Organisations on the Organisational Behaviour track at LSE. She is interested in the use of AI in the workplace and how it affects the well-being of employees.

F

Farah Alaradi

Farah Alaradi is a 2nd year BA Law and Anthropology student at LSE. She is interested in public international law, particularly in the context of preserving human rights and the dignity of individuals, and using the law as a tool of mass atrocity prevention where other systems have failed.

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Francesca Nicolodi

Francesca Nicolodi is a second-year Double MSc candidate in International Social and Public Policy at the LSE and Fudan University, specialising in Digital Policy and AI Governance. Building on her experience drafting policy recommendations to combat the spread of false information ahead of the 2024 European Parliament elections, Francesca is now writing her thesis on the adoption of data protection laws in Kenya. Through a policy diffusion lens, her research explores how Global South countries can best prepare for the challenges and opportunities of global technological transformation. Beyond her academic work, Francesca collaborates with Céline Pozzobon, Counsellor for French Abroad, to address the economic, social, and educational challenges faced by French citizens in Shanghai and its surrounding provinces, advocating for their needs to the French government.

G

Gabriel A. Pierzynski

Gabriel A. Pierzynski is currently a Research Assistant at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He holds an MSc in European and International Public Policy and is a former Blue Book Trainee at the European Commission.

George Rushworth

George Rushworth is a third-year BSc International Social and Public Policy and Economics student at LSE. His research interests focus on wealth inequality, asset-based welfare policies and the distributional effects of tax-advantaged investment vehicles within liberal welfare regimes.

Ghea Adasta

Ghea is a Chevening Scholar and MSc student in Media and Communications (Data and Society) at LSE. With a decade of experience in digital marketing and AI adoption in Indonesia, she is passionate about ethical tech and the impact of AI on cultural production. She also enjoys playing tennis for fun.

Giulia Rita Putrino

Giulia Rita Putrino is a first-year MSc student in Economic and Social Sciences at Bocconi University. Her research interests lie at the intersection of labor and political economics, with a focus on AI-driven automation and the role of policy in shaping its impact in imperfect labor markets.

H

Hannah Tomczyk

Hannah is a Master's student in International Economic Policy at Sciences Po, Paris. Her academic and professional background includes research on international trade, public policy, and labour economics. She is particularly interested in how the diffusion of AI re-shapes socio-economic behaviors and how regulatory frameworks adapt in response.

Holden Meilman

Holden Meilman is a rising fourth-year at the University of St Andrews pursuing a dual honours in International Relations and Sustainable Development. She is interested in the intersections between politics, business, security, and sustainability.

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Hongjing Huang

Hongjing Huang is a second-year BA International History Student at LSE. He believes the support for Palestinian emancipation and the burning need to reverse climate change are the two tests of intellectual honesty of our time. Other matters, such as his presentation on the philosophy of AI, come later.

Hudson Sidwell

Hudson Sidwell is a third-year BA Political Science student at Sciences Po Paris, Menton Campus. In August 2025, she will commence her Master's in Global Health Policy at Sciences Po. She is interested in migration and global health, especially how they are interconnected and impacted by crises such as conflict and climate change.


I

Isha Samrat Saha

Isha Samrat Saha is a recent LSE graduate with an MSc in Media and Communications. She is interested in feminist data studies, social media and gendered self presentation. She has published research in the Mass Communicator: International Journal of Communication Studies titled "Representation of Gender and Childcare in Popular Indian Advertisements from 2011 to 2021".


J

Jacqueline Yi

Jacqueline Yi is an MSc student in Political Economy at the LSE European Institute. Her interests include institutional dynamics and their impact on political economy outcomes, the green transition, and the philosophical underpinnings of diverse institutional and cultural frameworks.

James Li

James is a first-year BSc Politics, Philosophy and Economics student at LSE. He is interested in Monetary policy and unemployment, especially on potential technology or AI led unemployment.

Jennifer Belardo

Jennifer Belardo is part of LSE's MSc International Migration and Public Policy program. Following her BA at Northeastern University, she worked at the International Rescue Committee in San Diego, in microfinance. Then, at Kids in Need of Defense, she facilitated legal services for 5-12 year old detained unaccompanied migrant boys.

Jinyi Li

Jinyi is a first-year at LSE studying BSc Politics and International Relations. She is passionate about how climate change and sustainability are embedded in political and social contexts! She previously wrote an article for the LSE IR Department on a 'planetary' approach to environmental governance during anthropogenic climate change.

John Brenner

John Brenner is a civil servant based in Detroit. He holds an MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy from LSE (2022). Currently, he works for the City of Detroit, focusing on housing and urban development. His interests lie in improving the urban experience through thoughtful policy and sustainable planning.

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Joyce Jia Yi Liu

Joyce Liu is a second-year BA History student at LSE. She is interested in the history of the global 1970s, with a particular focus on technological developments and their influence on Cold War strategy, everyday life, and broader understandings of human imagination and possibility.

Julia Jadzinska

Julia Jadzinska is a graduate student in Environmental Policy at Sciences Po Paris, with experience in climate policy research and journalism. Passionate about climate diplomacy, advocacy and the green energy transition, she focuses on how international governance can advance just, sustainable futures in Europe.

Julien-Manuel Despres

Julien-Manuel Despres is a Master's student specializing in Global Governance Studies at Sciences Po Paris Law School. He is editor for the Sciences Po Law Review, assists the UN Special Rapporteur, and is affiliated with the Canada Research Chair in Human Rights. He previously interned at FAO.

Juliette A. Warbington

Juliette Warbington is a French-American first-year BSc International Relations student at LSE. Her main areas of interest include European politics, the study of Latin American economies, and nuclear regulation, regarding both nuclear energy and international arms acquisition.

Juliette Duchateau

Juliette Duchateau is a second-year student from the Sciences Po Paris bachelor program. She is majoring in Law and Politics. Next year, she will be studying at the National University of Singapore. She is interested in the role of Artificial Intelligence as a tool for equality, especially in Healthcare.

Jyotika Roji

Jyotika Roji is an MSc Social and Cultural Psychology student at LSE, passionate about migration, refugee rights, and the role of psychology in shaping policy. Having lived in Qatar, the Netherlands, and Tunisia, she brings a deep appreciation for cross-cultural understanding and connection.


K

Kaja Urbaniuk

Kaja Urbaniuk is a final-year BA Social Sciences student at SciencesPo. Her interests include European law, particularly the ethics of artificial intelligence and its impact on equality provisions. Her current research explores the intersection of technology and law, focusing on algorithmic accountability.

Kayode Adeniyi

Kayode Adeniyi is an MSc student in Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation at the LSE, and the 2025 winner of the US Phelan Centre Masters Student AI competition. He explores how Digital Public Infrastructure can drive AI-led transformation in developing nations and serves as Co-President of PfAL.

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Khansa Hanun Augie Ath Thaariq

Augie is a master student of International Social and Public Policy at LSE. She is interested in development, climate justice, energy, urbanisation, and infrastructure.

Kika Doyle

Kika Doyle is a recent LSE graduate of International History. She is interested in the negotiation of peace agreements in divided societies in combination with the navigation of national identities.

Kira Rodionova

Kira is a junior at Boston University. She is interested in sociology of digital spaces, and conducts research at Sciences Po Urban School. Today, Kira will present her findings on the influence of different digital mediums on the individual perception of political community online.

Kristupas Virsilas

Kristupas Virsilas is a first-year MSc International Governance and Diplomacy student at SciencesPo Paris. He is interested in AI governance and what role AI can play in sustainable development.

Kumarjit De

Kumarjit De is an MSc International Social and Public Policy (Development) student at LSE, where he focuses on the intersection of digital governance, gender inequality, and marginalised communities in South Asia. With a deep passion for human rights, his work explores how technology shapes social justice and development policy.



Lara Harmankaya

Lara Harmankaya is a second-year undergraduate student in the Dual Degree Program between the Menton campus of Sciences Po Paris and Columbia University. Currently majoring in Politics & Government and minoring in International Relations, her interdisciplinary interests lie principally in the politics of energy in the Middle East and foreign policy. Hailing from Istanbul, she is also fascinated by urban politics. She hopes to work in sustainable development in the future.

Lara Maria Puoti

Lara Maria Puoti is a first-year Master's student in International Relations at Sciences Po Paris and Social Sciences at École Normale Supérieure. She is interested in diplomacy and international negotiations, and her research explores the potential role of generative AI in asymmetrical bargaining contexts.

Laura Mirella Corbella

Laura Corbella is a third-year BSc International Economics and Management student at Bocconi University. She took part in CIVICA's European Week and spent a semester at NYU. Passionate about youth engagement, her research focuses on new tools of participation. She is also interested in how businesses can uphold human rights.

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Ling Yuk lu

Ling Yuk lu was a third-year Public Policy student at Sciences Po last semester. She has a strong interest in urban policy and the dynamics of public space. She is particularly passionate about understanding the use and formation of space through urban sociology, especially from a Marxist perspective. She is deeply inspired by David Harvey's works, particularly his book *Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution*.

Livanah Parwani

Livanah Parwani is a first-year BSc Management student at LSE. She is interested in finance, particularly investing and trading, and especially in exploring how AI technologies can be regulated to prevent market crashes and promote stability in financial systems.

Lola Reinwarth

Lola Reinwarth is a second-year student in Politics and Government at Sciences Po Paris. She is interested in politics, Middle Eastern history, political economy, migration studies, and public health. Outside of school, you will find her hiking, exploring architectural styles abroad, or diving into books on fashion history!

Lucía Santos Peralta

Lucía Santos is a Peruvian human rights lawyer and MSc Gender (Rights and Human Rights) student at LSE. She has over a decade of experience working on gender, reproductive justice and indigenous peoples rights across Latin America.

Lucy Lönnqvist

Lucy Lönnqvist is a third-year BA Political Sciences student at Sciences Po Paris, Menton Campus, currently undertaking her exchange year at Lund University. She is interested in migration, law, and post-conflict development, and will begin her Master's in Law at Sciences Po in August.

Luna Mercuri

Luna Mercuri is a third-year BA Political Science student at Sciences Po Paris, Menton Campus, currently completing her exchange year at Johns Hopkins University. She is interested in migration, having helped migrants along the Franco-Italian border, and received a scholarship to study Arabic in Tunis this summer.

M

Madvee Jane Moteea-Sewlall

Jane is a Research Analyst at Maurice Stratégie, an independent think tank advising the Government of Mauritius. She holds a BSc (Hons) in International Relations and History from LSE and an MA (Research) in History from the University of Mauritius. She is interested in legacies, heritage, and representations of slavery and its implications for contemporary Mauritian society.

Maïa Lacombe

Maïa Lacombe is a second-year student at Sciences Po, majoring in economics and sociology. Beyond her passion for culture and art, she is highly interested in the evolutions of healthcare in the wake of our century, both in relation to new supportive care methods and the emergence of AI.

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Maksim Karliuk

Maksim Karliuk is pursuing an MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy at the LSE Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. He has done some academic and public policy things before, but they can safely be ignored for the purposes of this presentation.

Mara-Alexia Monoses

Mara-Alexia Monoses is a second-year student at Sciences Po Paris, Campus du Havre, specializing in Politics and Government with concentrations in International Relations and the Asia-Pacific Region. Her research interests include the impact of artificial intelligence in shaping the future of warfare and its legal, ethical, and strategic implications.

Maria Neagu

Maria is a Romanian student in the Dual BA Program between Sciences Po Paris and Columbia University. She studied Politics during her first two years in France and will begin studying Sociology at Columbia starting in September, for the final two years of her undergraduate degree.

Mariana Mazur

Mariana Mazur is a Master's student in Politics and Communication at LSE, researching the impact of digital and AI technologies on warfare and the role of disinformation and propaganda in contemporary conflicts.

Maya Forte

Maya Forté is an MSc international development and humanitarian emergencies (IDHE) candidate at LSE. She is interested in the intersection of digital humanitarian innovation and data privacy/ethics, as well as investigating how the new role of private partnership with governments and humanitarian organisations is changing the landscape for humanitarian and development programming.

Mehar Suri

Mehar Suri is a second-year law student with a particular interest in commercial law and financial crime, focusing on how domestic and international legal frameworks are evolving in response to the shifting nature of corporate misconduct and regulatory practice.

Michael Mckenna

Michael Mckenna is a visiting student at LSE, originally from the University of Michigan studying economics and computational analysis. At Michigan he helped build the Program in Computing for the Arts and Sciences. Here at LSE he has taken a multi-disciplinary view of developing technology to enhance the learning experience.

Mihir Raddi

Mihir Raddi is a first-year BA History student at LSE. He's interested in global development, particularly the role of economic institutions in promoting sustainability and long-term growth.

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Min Rebecca Yoo

Min Rebecca Yoo is a second-year LSE Law student from South Korea. Her academic interests include Intellectual Property Law and Public International Law. Beyond academics, she works at a youth-led non-profit organisation called Her Period Dignity to promote menstrual equity globally.

Mirha Butt

Mirha Butt is a third-year BA Geography student at LSE. She is interested in intersectional and Islamic feminisms, subaltern agency in the face of war and occupation, and the politics of representation, namely decolonising Western literature.

Mithalina Taib

Mithalina Taib is a final-year BA Social Anthropology student at LSE, interested in how culture and identity take shape in digital environments. She focuses on immersive platforms — especially the metaverse and video games — as sites of play, creation and emerging social worlds.

Muriel Houedjakou

Muriel Houedjakou is a dual-degree student in Politics and Government at Sciences Po and Law at Assas. She is interested in the future of law enforcement in the age of AI and new technologies — especially regarding the ethical challenges of state authority. Focusing on both public law and criminal policies, Muriel is committed to questions of governance and institutional legitimacy. She aims to pursue a career as a police commissioner.

Myriam Noir

Myriam is a Master's student in Economics at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and a dual-degree student in Psychology. With a background from Sciences Po, she explores ecological, feminist, and post-growth economics, aiming to bridge quantitative modeling with social justice and environmental sustainability.


N

Natalia Feinberg

Natalia Feinberg is a first-year Master's student at Sciences Po Paris studying International Economic Policy. Her academic and professional background includes research on trade policy, energy finance, and international macroeconomics. She is interested in the role of technology in shifting the demographics of both formal and informal economies, including those that frame social interactions.

Nathaniel Guerreiro

Nathaniel Guerreiro graduated from the LSE Law School in 2024 with a Master of Laws specialising in Intellectual Property. His research interest lies in exploring how IP intersects with other fields of study and how it embeds itself into our daily lives.

Natsuki Ozawa

Natsuki Ozawa is a MSc International Social and Public Policy student at LSE. She is interested in employment policy. Her current research interest focuses on employment policies for people with disabilities, particularly in her home country of Japan, which she aims to examine from an objective and analytical perspective.

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Nikola Anna Mayrhuber

Nikola Anna Mayrhuber is an MSc Social Policy student with a background in Business, Economics, and Anthropology. She is passionate about interdisciplinary climate solutions and how local initiatives and cultural perspectives inform global strategies. Moreover, she brings strategic foresight and analytical skills from her experience as a professional chess player.

O

Olivia Gbato

Olivia Gbato is an Ivorian student at Sciences Po, where she is pursuing a BA in Political Science. A lover of the arts in all their forms and passionate about the intricacy of human thought and creativity, she questions the role that AI could play in the artistic field. Will AI shape the new standards of artwork and what will they be?

Orlando Ye

Orlando Ye currently studies BSc Accounting & Finance at LSE. He is committed to preventing financial crises due to reckless decision-making. He is currently investigating past instances of accounting fraud. In his free time he performs with his band and frolics the aisles of the local Tesco's Express.

P

Paul Seidenberg

Paul Seidenberg is an MSc Applied Social Data Science student at LSE. He researches how algorithmic tools profile individuals to leverage informational asymmetries in financial interactions. He focuses on measuring behavioural responses and formulating public policy approaches aimed at mitigating societal inequalities.

Paula Natasha Chávez Montenegro

Natasha Chávez is an MSc International Relations student from Ecuador. She is interested in migration, human rights, and foreign policy. Through her work, she aims to assess how international policies impact marginalised communities and challenge existing power dynamics in global governance. She recently earned an LLB in International Law.

Petroslava Bratanova

Petroslava Bratanova is a second-year student at Sciences Po Paris, majoring in Politics and Government. Her academic interest lies on the impact of emerging technologies on policymaking the new challenges they pose to the protection of human rights.

Phoebe Ng

Phoebe Ng is an MSc Psychology of Economic Life student at LSE. She is interested in how technology and behavioural economics intersect with consumer decision-making, particularly in using AI to encourage mindful consumption. Her current research, including her dissertation, examines hype-driven purchasing patterns through her project Fog-Off.

Pradisty Herlina Setiabudi

Pradisty is a Postgraduate Student majoring in Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation. With four years of experience in Tech Operations,

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she believes the tech role will mainly navigate the future. Her professional and academic journey reflects a deep interest in the intersection of emerging technologies, ethics, and policy.

Premee Benya-Apikul

Premee is a first-year BSc Geography with Economics student at LSE. He's interested in how AI reshapes financial risk, particularly the dangers of insufficient regulatory oversight in AI-powered trading, and explores the intersection of technology, markets, and policy to better understand emerging systemic vulnerabilities.

Q

Quarat-UI-Ain Gul

Quarat-ul-ain, a Chevening Scholar, is pursuing an MSc in Data Science at LSE. With a research focus on "GenerativeAI in Higher Education", she works at LSE Data Science Institute. As a Social Entrepreneur, she leads Tabeeer, an ed-tech company empowering underprivileged youth to access global education opportunities through AI-driven innovation.

R

Roméo Raccat

Roméo Raccat is a final-year undergraduate student at Sciences Po Paris and a visiting student at the University of Oxford. Undertaking a Master in Political Theory at Sciences Po's School of Research next year, their research explores power structures and imaginaries, tracing their historical development and examining alternative political ideologies.

S

Sanjana Iyer

Sanjana Iyer is a final year BSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics at LSE. She is interested in tackling economic and policy problems through data, mathematics and computational tools. She undertook this research as part of the Laidlaw Undergraduate Leadership and Research Scholarship.

Sarah Khan

Sarah Khan is an MSc International Health Policy student at LSE. With a background in medicine and public health, she is interested in the intersection of social science and healthcare — particularly how technology influences human behaviour and health, inequality, and environmental sustainability.

Serena Indij da Costa

Serena is pursuing a double master's: MSc in Development Management (Applied Development Economics) at LSE and MA in International Economic Policy (Diplomacy) at Sciences Po. With bachelor's degrees in International Relations and Political Science, she researches how technology and public policy can drive inclusive growth through innovative development solutions.

Shrivalli Ghosh

Shrivalli Ghosh is pursuing an MSc in Criminal Justice Policy at LSE. She is an Indian-qualified lawyer who is interested in criminal law, human rights and climate justice. She is also a competitive rifle shooter, photographer and an aviation enthusiast.

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Shruti Kakade

Shruti Kakade is an Master of Data Science student at the Hertie School. Having a background in Computer engineering, she is interested in AI Ethics, Digital Governance, Responsible AI & related regulations.

Sihan Yang

Sihan (Coco) Yang is a second-year Social Anthropology student at the LSE. She is interested in imagination, queer theories, historicity and the digital world, especially how people (re)construct selfhood in imagination, memories and resistance. Sihan is also interested in the intersection of ethnography and literature and how literature can be used to convey anthropological knowledge.

Simran Massey

Simran Massey is a Policy Advisor at the UK's Department for Transport and Chair of the Gender Equality Network. Holding an MSc in International Social and Public Policy from LSE (2022), she leads initiatives to drive inclusion within the Civil Service and beyond, championing equality to inspire systemic, lasting change.

Sudha Jagatheesh Jayanand

Sudha is a final-year BSc Psychological and Behavioural Science student at LSE, where she also took part in the CIVICA Engage Track. Her work explores the intersection of social psychology and political science, with a focus on how social communication and cultural influences shape ideological predispositions and political identities.


T

Tan Guan Yu

Tan is a postgraduate studying MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies at LSE. He is interested in issues related particularly to youth politics, urban geography and city making.

Tara Arani Faza

Tara is a postgraduate student at LSE's Department of ISPP. She is interested in climate action and tech policies.

Tilly Taylor

Tilly Taylor is a third-year BSc. Economics student at LSE, studying for an exchange year at Sciences Po. She is interested in education economics and the sociology of education, particularly the impact of AI on educational inequality. She aims to learn more about education policies and their broader socioeconomic impacts.

Toribio Iriarte Fernandez

Toribio Iriarte Fernandez is a third-year BSc Economics student at Maastricht University and SciencesPo. His interests lie in macroeconomics, econometrics, and growth theory, with a focus on their role in driving development and transformation in emerging economies.

V**Vivika Gerogianni**

Vivika Gerogianni is a third-year LLB Law and Social Anthropology student at the University of Edinburgh and Sciences Po Paris. With experience in legal research and publishing, she has contributed to initiatives on AI, human rights, and cultural property, bridging legal analysis with anthropological perspectives on law's social impact.

W**Wen Qi Loh**

Wen Qi Loh is a second-year MPA Double Degree (LSE SciencesPo) student. With a background in Urban Studies (Bachelor's) and Tech Policy (Master's), she is interested in exploring the intersection of the two fields, particularly how to future-proof public infrastructure, boring to most but critical to all, for a tech-driven world.

Y**Yannis Bocquet**

Yannis Bocquet is a third-year Political Science bachelor's student in a double-degree between Sciences Po Paris and the Freie Universität of Berlin. He is interested in transnational and cross-border cooperation, especially between France, Germany and Italy.

Yihe Wen

Yihe Wen is currently pursuing an MSc in Development Studies at the LSE. She is particularly interested in the political economy of development and inequality in the global economic order. She has worked in international development cooperation for a year, including the Sino-German cooperation on climate change with the German Corporation for International Development (GIZ) and the Sino-German cooperation on energy transition with German Energy Agency (Dena). She holds an MSc in International Affairs and a BSc in German Literature and Language.

Yiyi Huang

Yiyi Huang is a MSc Philosophy and Public Policy student at LSE. She is interested in moral and political philosophy, especially in the nature of intimacy and how it should be regulated by the state.

Yue Hong

Yue Hong is a first-year student at LSE studying Environment and Sustainable Development with Economics. She is interested in how digital technologies, especially AI, reshape labour and inequality, and hopes to rethink development in ways that challenge injustice and empower communities.

Yu-Yue Cheng

Yu-Yue Cheng is a General Course student from Taiwan. She majors in law and is keen to go into academia, with research interests in feminism, criminal law/policies, and STS (science, technology and society). Her previous/current research include criminal regulation for Deepfake porn, anti-carceral feminism and application of AI in law.

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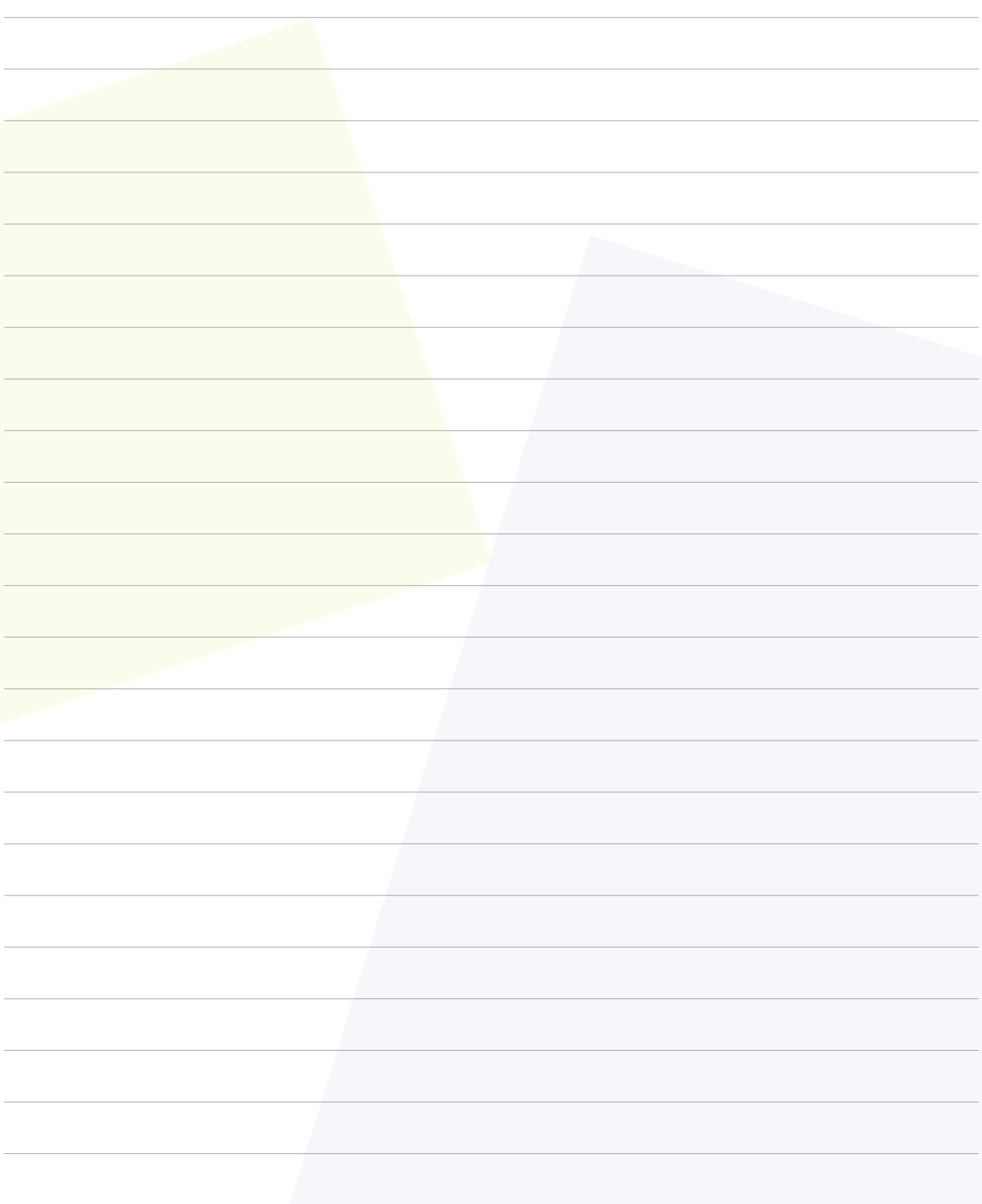
Z**Zane Williams**

Zane Williams is a fourth-year student in the Dual B.A. program between Sciences Po Paris and the University of British Columbia studying Economics, Indigenous Land Stewardship, and Mathematics. Zane is interested in applying dynamic games and mathematical biology to environmental economics to better understand human and environmental outcomes.

Zara Branigan

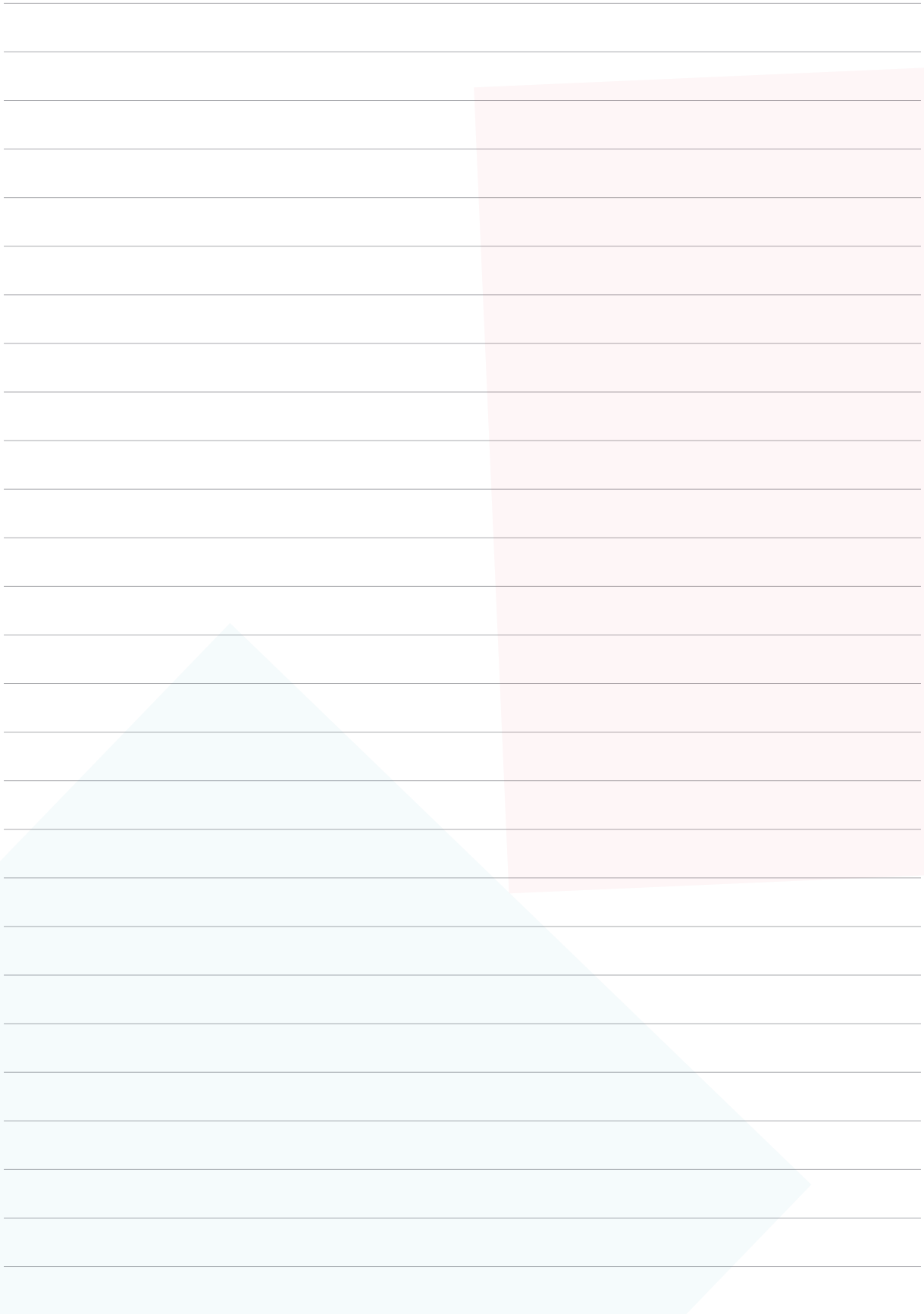
Zara Branigan is a second-year LLB Law student at LSE. She possesses a deep interest in political philosophy, comparative literature and intersectional policy-making. Through her academic pursuits, Zara aims to critically examine the advent of Artificial Intelligence, particularly its impact on creativity and subsequent legal frameworks.

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