

# MRes/PhD in Accounting Information Session

Monday 28 November 2022

We will start in a few moments  
This session will be recorded



Department of  
**Accounting**





# Welcome & Introductions

## ■ Doctoral Programme Directors

- Professor Alexander Nezlobin
- Dr Tommaso Palermo



## ■ Programme Manager

- Rebecca Baker



# This session will cover:

- What is an MRes/PhD?
- Why a PhD in Accounting?
- Programme Structure
- Research Areas
- Application Process
- Funding a PhD
- Q&A



# What is an MRes/PhD?

- It's hard work!
- You attend taught courses, research seminars, workshops; you give seminar presentations and work-in-progress seminars – all from your first year!
- It requires full-time commitment – 5 years of your life
- But ... it is rewarding for those who have a passion for research and want a career in academia



# Why a PhD in Accounting?

- Excellent research environment for PhD students
- Top-ranked researchers in Accounting
- Faculty at the cutting edge of their disciplines – working on relevant, topical and interesting problems
- Opportunity to interact with well-known senior faculty as well as up-and-coming younger researchers



# Why a PhD in Accounting?

- An opportunity to carry out research on fundamental and challenging problems and questions in a broad range of accounting and accounting-related subject areas
- Links with Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR)
- Access to research seminars and workshops



# Why a PhD in Accounting?

- Research facilities:
  - Individual desks
  - Shared research student office
  - Computer facilities
  - Support for conference attendance
  - Data support



# Programme Structure:

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- Five year programme, available on a full-time basis only
- MRes → Two years, taking taught courses to the value of six units
- PhD → Three years, focussing on your thesis
- Progression criteria apply for each year
- Offered in two tracks
  - **AOI Track:** Accounting, Organisations and Institutions
  - **EoA Track:** Economics of Accounting





# Research Areas

## ■ Accounting, Organisations and Institutions (AOI Track)

- Management accounting systems
- Historical studies of accounting
- Accounting systems in the private and public sector
- Performance measurement and social consequences of quantification
- Transformations of auditing and risk regulation regimes
- Broader contributions to social theory

..... to study the societal, institutional and organisational roles of accounting broadly conceived



# Research Areas

## ■ **Economics of Accounting (EoA Track)**

- Financial reporting and capital markets
- Design and choices between alternative accounting methods
- Use of accounting numbers in economic decision making
- Assessment of financial reporting quality
- Economic consequences of financial reporting
- Interactions between financial reporting, legal and economic institutions, and corporate governance

.....mainly empirical archival analysis, but theoretical analysis and field research can be relevant in some cases



# Outline of MRes: AOI Track

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## Year 1:

- AC502 Foundations of Accounting, Organisations and Institutions
- AC500 Topics in Accounting Research (AOI) (examined in Year 2)
- Methodology courses (e.g. MY500, MY521, MY551)
- Other elective courses (e.g. SO470 The Sociology of Markets)

## Year 2:

- Research Paper in Accounting
- AC504 Topics in Accounting Research (AOI)
- Other elective courses

Plus attendance of research seminars and workshops.



# Outline of MRes: EoA Track

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## Year 1:

- EC400 Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics (pre-sessional)
- AC506 Topics in Accounting Research (EoA) (examined in Year 2)
- EC411 Microeconomics
- EC402 Econometrics
- FM436 Financial Economics

## Year 2:

- Research Paper in Accounting
- AC501 Topics in Accounting Research (EoA)
- Other elective courses (e.g. FM502 Corporate Finance for Research Students)

Plus attendance of research seminars and workshops.





# Graduate Destinations

- These include:
  - University of California, San Diego
  - Copenhagen Business School
  - Harvard Business School
  - HEC Montreal
  - Imperial College London
  - INSEAD
  - Ivey Business School
  - King's College London
  - Lancaster University
  - London School of Economics and Political Science
  - University of Mannheim
  - Monash University
  - Oxford University
  - University of Illinois at Chicago
  - University of New South Wales



# Recent Theses and Placement Highlights: AOI Track

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**Rani Suleman (2022) HEC Montreal**

*Accounting for altruism: tracing the transformation of the modern-day charity in the United Kingdom*

**Dmitrii Zhikharevich (2020) European University at St Petersburg**

*Heuristics of capital: A historical sociology of U.S. venture capitalism, 1946-1968*

**Brett Considine (2019) Monash University**

*Auditor professional scepticism: A qualitative exploration of its development and operation in the United Kingdom*

**Nadine de Gannes (2018) Ivey Business School**

*The emergence and work processes of executive remuneration consultants*

**Robert Charnock (2016) University of Birmingham**

*Accounting and climate change: The two degrees target and financing the transition to a low-carbon economy*

**Dorothy Toh (2016) King's College London**

*The changing constellations of audit quality*



# Recent Theses and Placement Highlights: EoA Track

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**Andreya Perez-Silva (2022) University of California, San Diego**  
*Essays on Firm Stakeholders*

**Felix Vetter (2020) University of Mannheim**  
*Essays on financial gatekeeper regulation*

**Yang Wang (2019) Lancaster University**  
*Essays on financial analysts and broker-hosted conferences*

**Daphne Hart (2019) University of Illinois at Chicago**  
*Essays on the relation between accounting and employment, risk and valuation*

**Rodney Brown (2018) University of New South Wales**  
*Essays at the intersection of taxation and financial accounting*

**Hami Amiraslani (2017) INSEAD**  
*Essays on debt contracting*



# Application Process

- Look at the research interests of faculty members
- Have an idea of the general direction you want your research to take and articulate this in your application
- Apply for each track separately
- Know why you are applying and articulate it!
- Apply through the Graduate Admissions online system
- When the initial evaluation is favourable, you will be invited to interview to present your proposal





# PhD Funding

- LSE Studentships, ESRC and Departmental funding available:
  - Fees + bursary
  - Supplemented with Class Teaching
- Successful applicants are normally fully funded



# Application deadline

■ Application deadline: **26 May 2023**

■ **But:** the selection process for ESRC and LSE Studentships takes place earlier:

- **ESRC and first round of PhD Studentships: 13 January 2023**
- **Second round of PhD studentships: 27 April 2023**

■ Selection for funding is based on receipt of a complete application – including all ancillary documents, references etc.

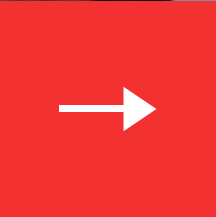
■ **The Department strongly encourages early applications.**







**ANY QUESTIONS?**





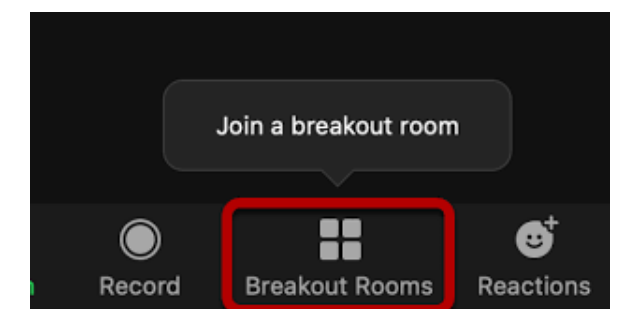
# Breakout rooms

■ Please join our breakout rooms with faculty and current students from both research areas.

■ Please select the room you wish to join and move between rooms:

- Faculty – AOI
- Current students – AOI
- Faculty – EoA
- Current students - EoA

■ Click 'Breakout Rooms' in your meeting controls and select the room you wish to join. Repeat this as necessary to join other rooms.



■ We will then return to the main room to meet Careers Consultant, Catherine Reynolds.





# Careers Support

■ Catherine Reynolds, Careers Consultant for PhD students.

- You are welcome to contact her at any stage during your studies
- She can offer confidential one-to-one career discussions offering advice on applications and preparing for interviews as well as information on careers events
- You can book online via the **Career Hub** or contact Catherine directly: [c.reynolds1@lse.ac.uk](mailto:c.reynolds1@lse.ac.uk)







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# Thank you for joining us!

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

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There will be another information session held in Lent Term.

