



Department of Mathematics Newsletter - June 2026

Welcome to the latest update for our Mathematics alumni community. As the academic year draws to a close, we're looking back over a busy and rewarding few months for the Department of Mathematics: including our alumni reception in May, and our the Women in Mathematics Seminar Series. We're also looking ahead to next steps in our departmental journey, including our contribution to LSE Festival 2026 in June and this summer's graduation.

Celebrating our alumni community



Winners of our Mathematics Alumni Quiz 2026

Mathematics Alumni Reception 2026

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at this year's **Mathematics Alumni Reception** on Thursday 7 May. It was a pleasure to welcome you back to campus for an evening of conversation and networking with fellow graduates, students, and departmental colleagues.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our vibrant Mathematics community, reflect on shared experiences, and share updates from the department in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to **Professor Martin Anthony** for hosting such a brilliant quiz. It brought a great sense of friendly competition to the evening and

helped make the event a truly memorable success.

We look forward to welcoming you to future events and to continuing to strengthen the connections that make our Mathematics community so special.

[View highlights from the reception](#)



Graduation 2026: welcoming our newest alumni

As the academic year draws to a close, we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our graduating students at this summer's graduation ceremonies.

Graduation marks a significant milestone and the beginning of a lifelong connection with the Department of Mathematics and the wider LSE alumni community.

We are delighted to welcome our newest graduates into our global network and wish them every success in their next steps. We look forward to celebrating with students, their families, and friends in the weeks ahead.

Alumni benefits spotlight: careers support

Wherever you are in your professional journey, LSE Careers continues to support our alumni after graduation.

From one-to-one careers guidance and CV reviews to online resources, events and networking opportunities, a range of services are available to help you navigate career transitions, explore new opportunities and achieve your professional goals.



[Explore alumni career support](#)

Department news



Seminar speaker and attendees, Thursday 26 March 2026

Women in Mathematics seminar: Professor Laura Palagi

Last term, our department welcomed **Professor Laura Palagi** from Sapienza University of Rome as part of our **Women in Mathematics Seminar Series**. In her talk, *Optimizing the Path: Bridges, Bounds, and Belief in the Math-Engineering Intersection*, Professor Palagi reflected on her 30-year academic journey from Engineering to Applied Mathematics and Data Analytics.

Drawing on her experiences as a researcher and academic, she explored the challenges and opportunities of working across disciplinary boundaries and navigating a career in STEM as a woman. The seminar offered valuable insights into resilience and career development, highlighting the importance of collaboration, confidence and professional networks in achieving success.

We are grateful to Professor Palagi for sharing her experiences and inspiring members of our Mathematics community.

[Watch the seminar](#)

Public lecture: Grassroots - Shaping the Digital World and Through It, the World

Earlier this year, we hosted a public lecture by **Professor Ehud Shapiro**, which explored how technology can be used to create a more equitable and democratic digital society. The lecture examined the challenges posed by the concentration of power within today's digital landscape and considered how grassroots digital platforms, social networks, and governance models could help reshape the future of the digital realm.



Drawing on conceptual, mathematical, and technological foundations, Professor Shapiro offered a thought-provoking perspective on the relationship between technology, society, and democracy. The event was chaired by Professor Andrew Lewis-Pye, and brought together members of our LSE community and the wider public for an engaging discussion on one of the defining issues of our time.

We are grateful to Professor Shapiro for sharing his expertise and insights with us.

[View the lecture](#)



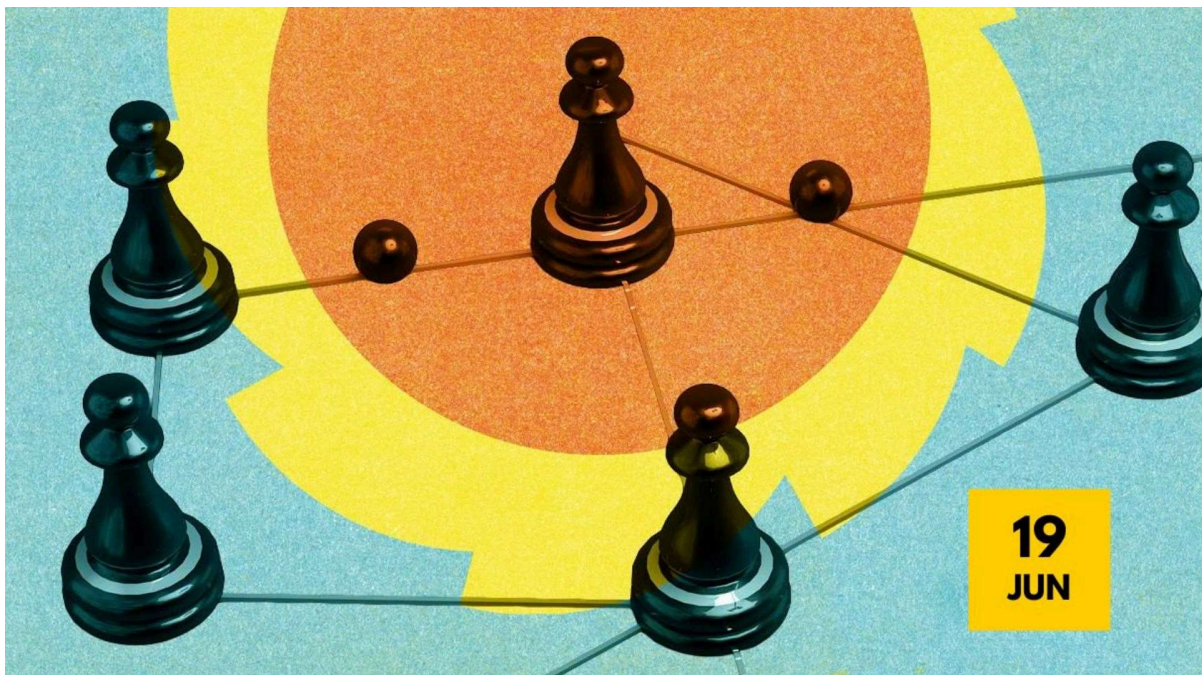
From the Wet Lab to Complex Systems: In Conversation with Dr Jacob Calvert

In our latest Mathematics Blog, we feature **Dr Jacob Calvert**, a visiting fellow at LSE and incoming University of Delaware faculty member. In conversation with Dr Raimundo Saona, Dr Calvert reflects on his unique, interdisciplinary journey from bioengineering to theoretical mathematics, and explores how his "wet lab" background informs his research on complex systems, swarm robotics, and Markov chains.

This engaging interview is an inspiring look at how diverse experiences drive mathematical discovery.

[Read the interview](#)

News from campus



Securing Climate Treaties as a Game

LSE Festival 2026: How to save the planet

From Monday 15 to Friday 20 June 2026, the **LSE Festival** returns with a week of free events, discussions, exhibitions and activities exploring one of the most urgent questions of our time: **how can we save the planet?**

Bringing together academics, policymakers, activists, industry leaders and members of the public, this year's Festival will examine global challenges including climate change, conflict, inequality and the impact of emerging technologies, while exploring the role individuals, communities, and institutions can play in creating a more sustainable future.

Festival spotlight: Securing Climate Treaties as a Game

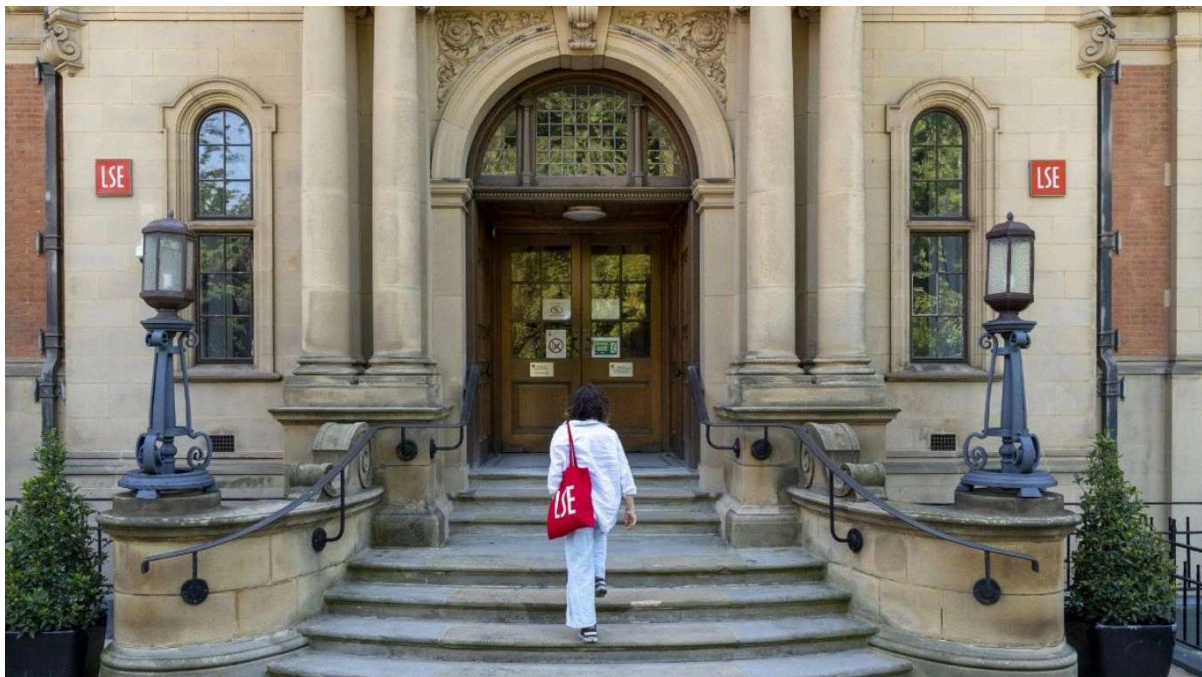
As part of this year's Festival, our department will host an interactive workshop exploring one of the world's most pressing challenges: how can we protect international climate agreements from those who seek to undermine them?

In this innovative game-based workshop, participants take on the roles of either 'nature defenders' or 'exploiters', working together, or against one another, to determine the future of a climate accord. Combining mathematics, strategy, artificial intelligence and decision making, the session offers a unique opportunity to explore the complexities of international cooperation in a fun and engaging way.

[Join us on Friday 19 June](#) to discover how game theory and mathematical thinking can help us better understand the challenges of securing global climate action.

We encourage our Mathematics alumni community to explore the programme and join the conversation through a range of thought-provoking events taking place across the week.

Explore the festival programme



The Sir Arthur Lewis Building, home of the Department of Economics at LSE

LSE announces new Stone Centre for the Study of Wealth Inequality

LSE has announced the launch of the **Stone Centre for the Study of Wealth Inequality**, a major new research initiative dedicated to advancing understanding of the relationship between entrepreneurship, wealth inequality and economic growth. Funded through a transformational \$5 million gift from the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation, the Centre will bring together world-leading researchers to explore how wealth is created, distributed and concentrated, while helping to inform evidence-based policy development.

Hosted by STICERD at LSE, the Centre will support innovative research, international collaboration and the development of future generations of researchers through fellowships, grants and new teaching opportunities.

The Centre is expected to launch in Autumn 2026 formally and will become part of a global network of Stone Foundation-supported centres focused on wealth inequality research.

[Find out more](#)

Stay connected

Wherever you are, we would love to stay in touch. Don't forget to [update your details](#) with LSE if you've changed your email address, job, or location, so we can continue offering you tailored initiatives as part of the alumni experience.

You can also keep up to date with everything going on at the Department of Mathematics by following us on [LinkedIn](#), as well as by keeping an eye on our [future events](#).

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