#LSEWhatisISPP #LSEMeetTheMentor

Your Academic Mentor Group includes*:

Name	Email	Mobile no

*Part of this exercise is to produce a poster or social media post. As the names of all members of your group can't be included, please agree a **group name**.*

Your Mentor Group Name:

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Location of first Meeting*:

Your Academic Mentor*:

*Members of the group, their contacts, your Mentors name and the details of your first meeting will be sent to you prior to Welcome via email.

Your Task

Your group is tasked with finding out about your Academic Mentor's research/research interests.

You are to use this information to create a **poster or Instagram reel** addressing the question '**what is ISPP?**' You are invited to be as creative as possible!

The purpose of this exercise is for your Mentor Group to meet each other and your Academic Mentor; and for the group to *produce an output in the form of a poster or Instagram reel* which engages with the question 'what is ISPP?' through your group's understanding and relating this to the research of your Academic Mentor.

The most creative/most engaging outputs will be EITHER:

- Posted on the Department's Instagram platform.
- Displayed in the Student Common Room.
- Shown on the Department's Triple Play Screens.

Meetings

By email prior to welcome, you will have been sent the contacts of your group, your Mentor's name, and details of your first meeting with your group and mentor.

After you have met your mentor you may wish to arrange one or more additional meetings to work on your output as a group!

Keep in mind that the final deadline is **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

Things you might discuss as a group:

- Discuss as a group what you understand by ISPP. Why did you come to study ISPP – what attracted/interested/inspired you?
- Find out about your Academic Mentor's work:
    - You may wish to consult the Social Policy Website, which lists Department researchers' areas of interest.
    - You could look at what your researcher has published (don't worry - you are not expected to read everything your researcher has written for this exercise!)
- Ask your mentor questions about their work when you meet them!
- How your Mentor's area of interest/what your Mentor says about their research impacts on your understanding of what ISPP is.

Your Output

You should agree the form that you want to use to get across your output from this exercise. In any outputs from this exercise, you must include **#LSEWhatisISPP** and **#LSEMeetTheMentor**

You can choose to create EITHER:

- **A poster-** must be portrait oriented and A2 in size.
- **An Instagram Reel**- short video of no more than 90 seconds.

There are lots of free templates for posters and Instagram reels on Canva to use.

Important: Remember that you need to obtain permission of anyone of whom you wish to publish a picture/video etc.

When you are finished:
You should send your output to James O'Rourke- J.Orourke@lse.ac.uk at by **12 noon on Thursday 8th October 2026.**

Your Mentor Group

Your Academic Mentor may wish to meet your Mentor Group collectively, as well as meet you individually through the year.

Your Mentor Group can also be a source of peer support for you through the year. It is up to you how you use your Mentor Group, how frequently you meet etc.

Your Academic Mentor may suggest things it would be worth discussing at various points in the year, and you will have your own ideas of things you would like to discuss. Use your Mentor group as a resource!