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We hope you are looking forward to joining LSE and can't wait to welcome you to the Department. One thing we are immensely proud of in the Department of Social Policy is the strength of our, and soon to be your, Social Policy community.

Here are a few recent highlights, items of interest and some information on how you can start to get connected with the Department and your new classmates over the summer.

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Discord

As we highlighted in the email you received from the Programme director, we have a Departmental [Offer Holder Discord Group](#). If you have not already, please do [join](#), start making connections and find out about everyone's inspiring and wide-ranging backgrounds, motivations, and experiences. We will also be posting useful tips in there too!



Social Media

@LSESocialPolicy

The Department of Social Policy uses social media to reach and engage current and new audiences, highlight the work of our academics and create interest in the research, activities and life of the

#LSESocialPolicyCommunity and wider LSE community.

Follow and join the discussions on:

- [Instagram](#)
- [Bluesky](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [YouTube](#)



LSE Public Events



The Department hosts a range of events across a broad spectrum of topics relating to Social Policy. Catch up on our [recent public events](#) and on our department seminar series [here](#). These are great ways to sample a taste of the teaching and learning community at LSE!

Faculty Research

Faculty in the Department carry out research on many topical issues and contribute to live policy debates. Check out the latest publications and articles [here](#)

- **Mannheim Centre for Criminology**

The Mannheim Centre is a forum for criminological research conducted across the LSE's Departments. The Centre functions as a multidisciplinary rendezvous for criminological research that incorporates scholars from across the School and attracts visitors from international institutions.

You can find out more about the Mannheim Centre and the research of LSE academics [here](#)

An inclusive, diverse community – EDI and the Department of Social Policy

We endeavour to build an inclusive and supportive research community and learning environment here in the Department of Social Policy, which supports all staff and students regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion and age.

Find out more [here](#) about EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) within the Department.

Race Matters initiative

The Department's Race Matters initiative proposes a plan of concrete action via three spaces that enable students and staff to talk about 'race' and other racialised discriminations and how it can contribute to a decolonised International Social and Public Policy education and experience. You can get involved with this initiative in several ways e.g., by attending film showings, reading groups and experiential groups. You'll find out more at Welcome!

Your Social Policy Opportunities

Academic and Professional Skills Development



Social Policy students benefit from a series of bespoke workshops and networking events to support them with their academic studies and professional futures. These are split into Networking events, Academic skills sessions, and Professional Skills workshops. With sessions such as Student Alumni networking, how to write a policy brief, Interview techniques and project management, we cater to our students with a variety of sessions throughout the year. Find out more [here](#)!

Language Bursaries

The Department offer a limited number of part-funded bursaries for MSc students to take non-degree modern foreign language courses at the [Centre for Language Studies](#).

Please note that these courses do not form part of your MSc programme. For the 2026/27 academic year, further information on the scheme and application process [will be posted](#)

[here. Read our student testimonials.](#)

For any further queries about language bursaries please contact socialpolicy.msc@lse.ac.uk

Student Voice



[Student Academic Representatives](#) are very important to the Department and the School. They ensure that student concerns are addressed and that students have a say in the running of their programme. Student Academic Representatives help the Department work to improve the student experience both in and outside of the classroom. Reps attend Department meetings and raise issues about the quality of their programme and the experience as an LSE student, including the things they love and the things that can be improved. An election for each programme takes place at start of the year and training is provided by the [Student's Union](#).

Social Policy Green Team

Are you interested in sustainability? Are you keen to promote green practices and initiatives? Then get involved with the [Social Policy Green Team](#)! As part of the team, you will have the opportunity to create, initiate and lead on green themed projects throughout the year with involvement from staff, faculty, and students in the Department.

Look out for the further information on how to take part in any of the fantastic [student opportunities](#) during your Welcome Week, and once you have fully registered with us in September.

Next Steps

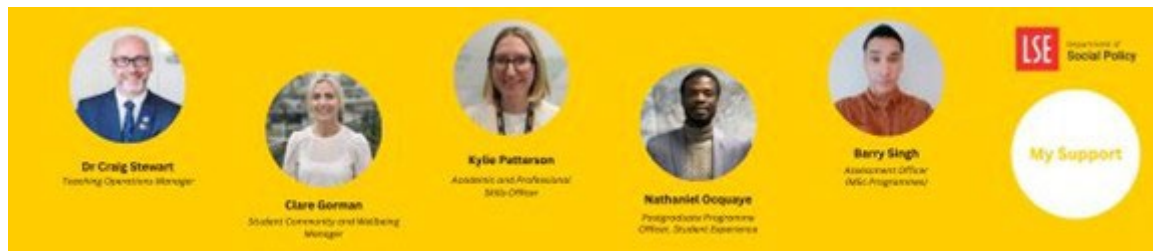
- You will next hear from us in July/August with information on course selection.

We hope you enjoy becoming a part of our Social Policy community!

Best wishes,

Department of Social Policy

MSc Programmes Support Team



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