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LSE's student conference, part of LSE Festival

Wednesday 14 June 2023

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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 third 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 80 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 nearly 20 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: people and change. *How do people effect change, and how does change affect people?* Today's panels focus on a cross-cutting set of themes including the future of education, the impacts of displacement and war, changing global business and economic landscapes, and the effects of living in a digital age – all with the goal of interdisciplinary conversation about how we shape the world.

As interdisciplinary educators and academics, 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 the generous donor support from the LSE Student Futures initiative, Professor Emma McCoy for her closing plenary remarks, Dr Claire Gordon and the Eden Centre team, Louise Jones and the LSE Festival team, Abi Black and Clara Rawlings as well as the Communications Division, Helen Rosemont and the CIVICA team, the LSE100 Fellows acting as research mentors and conference chairs/discussants, and our amazing student ambassadors. 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 Jillian Terry and Dr Chris Blunt
Conference organisers, June 2023

Conference programme

Wednesday 14 June 2023 (all times BST)

9:30 – 10:00

Registration

Second Floor, Marshall Building

10:00 – 10:15

Room MAR 2.10

Welcome from the conference organisers

Dr Chris Blunt

Assistant Professorial Lecturer and Co-Director of LSE100, LSE

Dr Jillian Terry

Assistant Professorial Lecturer and Co-Director of LSE100, LSE

10:15 – 11:30

Room MAR 2.10

Parallel panel sessions (I)

A Changing global business and economic landscapes

Elites and climate change: How does the UK's business elite think and act about climate change?

Emma Somos, Akshatha Giridhar, Wangyuan Qu, Yiwen Wu, Skylor Ko, Linea Petrela Paiement and Bruno Dunda

ESG – Evaluation of reporting and measures on the example of selected banks

Michał Siczek

Measuring the response of the Polish economy to the European Central Bank policy surprises

Michał Reczak

Between China and the West: the political economy of Argentina's foreign debt policy

Úrsula Sofía Larraquy

Illuminating the shadows for development: Evidence from China's anti-corruption campaign

Allen Huang

Microwork in the UK: Motivators and concerns

Dimitra Prekka

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Room MAR 2.09

B Resistance, justice and social movements

Building cross-movemental solidarity: A comparative study of social justice movements' online strategies

Dhwani Jaisingh and Öykü Özfırat

Precarities and resistance shaping the gig economy in India

Srishti Pal and Ananya

Period pads on CCTV cameras: A case study of Iranian authorities' weaponisation of AI and feminist resistance

Mariam Habib Matta

"Now you see me, now you don't": A philosophical exploration into the radical potential of liminality as refusal

Anna Watson

Crimes of passion and culpability: analysing historical perspectives

Samuel Leduc

10:15 – 11:30

Room MAR 2.08

C (In)security, displacement, and the impacts of war

I'll make a man out of you: A critical discourse analysis of the portrayal of gender roles in the Women, Peace and Security agenda

Desirée Sterner

The obscured impacts of maritime insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea: Using human security to critically re-assess impacts on littoral communities and external actors

Mina Anderson

Transition, revolution, war, and changes in memory politics in Central Ukraine: The case of Zhytomyr in 2014-2023

Yevhen Yashchuk

From single & citizen to married & precarious: An intersectional analysis of marriage trafficking from the Global South

Salwa Mansuri

Memory, identity, and power: Examining the role of memory politics in the evolution of civil society and consociational power-sharing in North Macedonia

Kevin Morris

The cultural landscape of ancient villages of Northern Syria in the memories of displaced locals and diaspora

Mahmoud Barakat

11:30 – 11:45

Break

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11:45 – 13:00

Room MAR 2.10

Parallel panel sessions (II)

A Health, economics, and foreign policies across the social sciences

Behavioural finance and policy decisions during crises

Wojciech Godlewski

Does a decline in health aid worsen health outcomes across countries?

Shivani Shukla

Relationship between good management practices and quality of childbirth care in primary healthcare facilities in Gombe State, Northeast Nigeria

Awwal Abdullahi

Never ending race - how global anti-doping policy impacts on politics, business and society?

Sebastian Muraszewski and Aleksandra Pełowska

Creative teaching methods in Foreign Policy Analysis: The digital life of a diplomat

Hongli Liu, Marlene Willimek, Tania Gandhi and Devina Singh
(additional participants: Jørgen Lien, Rizka Anggara, Abhirami Boyina, Saksham Jain, Satyam Singh, Nicola Stellini and Amartya Mishra)

11:45 – 13:00

Room MAR 2.09

B Gender identity, activism, and experience: local and global perspectives

Breaking the walls of silence: Women's motivations for participating in the Greek #MeToo movement

Tatiana Harkiolakis

Cooking up change: Bi-directionality and the experience of female immigrants in the UK

Isobel Sanders

The heteronormative nation: Mapping the gendering and representation of symbols in Indian nationalism

Sanika Sawant

Gendering Gentrification: Exploring the relationship between gender and gentrification in South-East London

Ana Maritza Garrido

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Room MAR 2.08

C Values and meaning: art, craft and beauty

A lingering change: the ideological construction of lingerie in post-war Japan

Miyuki Shiraki

How and to what extent does language shape our worldview?

Ruyi Shi

The philosophical thread: Les Misérables and its critique of enlightenment

J. Alfonso Correa-Cabrera

The spillover effect of Black Lives Matter: Impacts on the beauty industry

Aishwarya Giri and Radha Sharma

Crafting resilience in times of war: Ukrainian refugee craftswomen in Europe

Sasha Milbeck, Isabel Davis, Clara Ruthardt, Anaïs Fiault and Nadine Henschel

Kintsugi Art

Ruyi Shi

13:00 – 13:30

Lunch

Second Floor, Marshall Building

13:30 – 14:45

Room MAR 2.10

Parallel panel sessions (III)

A Living in a digital age: data, transparency and justice

How can Artificial Intelligence enhance transparency and foster collaborations in justice institutions

Pablo Hilaire

Liberation or privilege? Digital nomads in China

Yuhan Guo

Surveillance, ubiquitous gaze and technology in the big data era

Ruxu Tang

The debate over data ownership and access to data in the context of the Data Act proposal

Gospodin Stoyanov Tonev

Do cheap Chinese phones stimulate the service sector in Africa? A case study of how Tecno Mobile phones create new markets for services in Kenya

Xaver Haack and Eleonora Papa

The impact of Artificial Intelligence on economy

Ashot Davoyan

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13:30 – 14:45

Room MAR 2.09

B Examining empire and the postcolonial

Imperialism and the mimetic desire of modern society

Kenan Jusufovic

Coffee in a globalized world: From Abyssinia to postcolonial nations

Mahmoud Al Hamdan

People and (lack of) change: Lessons from economic history on why ex-colonies grow but issues of development still persist

Mrinal Tomar

The persistence of empire

Alexander Rodriguez

13:30 – 14:45

Room MAR 2.07

C Education: innovation, inclusion and adaptation

Bangladesh's public universities, online education, and Covid-19 pandemic: Convulsions and corrections

Lamia Mohsin

Introversion or extroversion: The adaptation of LSE students to online learning

Theerisara Silaphatkul (Tam), Tiffany Tang, Amneet Kaur Nandra, Hélène Sentuc, Anzhen Gu, Sylvia Naneva and Jingtong Lu

Educational fairness: Reducing the attainment gap in England with our focus on early years education

Madison Bryan, Kyumin Lee, Cyndy Alima and Yuhua Liu

Which country is going to be the next scholarly blueprint? How can we determine the next academic leader by observing macroeconomic variables? Decision trees algorithm in identification of association rules for benefit-cost analysis of higher education systems

Antonina Gruszczyńska

The interconnectedness of social protection policy and quality inclusive education implementation: Insights from Armenia

Susanna Kardashyan

The problems of gender studies in Higher Education

Wen Wen

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13:30 – 14:45

Room MAR 2.06

D Poster flash talk session (I)

The PR-ice of carbon: How proportional representation drives increased climate policy stringency

Annabelle Gouttebroze

Ending wars over water? To what extent can AI be used to predict and prevent transboundary water conflicts?

Akhila Potluru

State supervision of poor families in Los Angeles

Bashirat Oladele

“Small-town swots” studying abroad: Self-identification and challenges faced by Chinese overseas students from small towns

Chenyu Yan

Rights for rivers? Evaluating environmental personhood as a tool for protecting vulnerable rivers

Akhila Potluru

Improving the value for women in the waste supply chain

Dina Mairawati (Rara)

14:45 – 15:00

Break

Second Floor, Marshall Building

15:00 – 16:15

Room MAR 2.10

Parallel panel sessions (IV)

A Power, politics and leadership

Be afraid, but keep cool: Emotional management and the 1689 Convention Parliament

Nicholas Accattatis

Manufacturing consent revisited: Producing and perpetuating control in hybrid regimes

Petra Radić

Why did the Red Wall fall? Accounting for Labour’s ‘left behind’ in the fallen Red Wall

Joel Hooper

The role of leadership traits in driving change towards effective cybersecurity management in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Sub-Saharan Africa: A cross-disciplinary perspective

Fikun Aluko

Optimal labour tax progression: An overlapping generation approach

Bartosz Mikos

Breaking the glass ceiling: Social mobility & the power of change

Diza Saxena

The impact of Artificial Intelligence on economy

Ashot Davoyan

Conference programme

Wednesday 14 June 2023 (all times BST)

15:00 – 16:15

Room MAR 2.09

B Sexuality and gender relations in transnational and international contexts

Which women matter? Nirbhaya, #MeToo and Orientalism in transnational gender dialogues

Poorvika Mehra

Experiences of international LGBTQIA+ students in LSE environment

Khushi Bajaj and Sanisha Shiny Sanadhanan

Sexuality “(dis)orders” the international

Abhirami Boyina

Wearing community and change: Interpreting the badges of the Hall-Carpenter Archives

Philippa Fletcher and Noah Petts

The politics of scapegoating: Populism, religion, and the anti-LGBT movement in Poland

Didier Muller

Domestic violence in emerging economies: A case for healthy relationships curricula

Poorvika Mehra

15:00 – 16:15

Room MAR 2.07

C Changing identities: nations, cities and individuals

The future in the face of a daffodil: Social representations of the past, present and future of Wales

Lowri Adams

Social class and identity work: Articulation and performance over social media

Shivani Rao

The origins of Neoconservatism in early 1990s China

Letian Lei

The borders that matter: An exploration of creation my new identity

Gowri Niranjana

Techno-(Eco)smopolitanism: Sociotechnical imaginaries in Indonesia's new capital city

Eva Pastora

Socio-economic regeneration in Scotland: Panacea or urban problem?

Simran Massey

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Room MAR 2.06

D Poster flash talk session (II)

Approaches to reparations for climate-related harm

Hayley D'Souza

Self-regulation practices of 18-to-29-year-olds on social media

Isabella Szklany

Newham's Speakers Corner

Johanna Zackenfels, Nusrat Jahan Hossain, Weiqing Li and Crystal Hardy

Gender equality in the military: Analysing the gender divides within military conscription policies of Sweden and Finland

Kirsty Vass Payne

The role of strategic workforce planning in organizations

Shagorika Das

Co-production of knowledge for conserving the tropical dry forest in the Chamela-Cuixmala biosphere reserve in Mexico

Laura Vigil Escalera Mier

16:15 – 16:30

Break

Second Floor, Marshall Building

16:30 – 17:00

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Closing plenary discussion

Professor Emma McCoy

Vice President and Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education), LSE

17:00 – 18:30

Networking and drinks reception

Eighth Floor, Marshall Building



Participant biographies

A

Abhirami Boyina

Abhirami Boyina is an MSc International Relations student at LSE. She is interested in critical theory in international relations, particularly in exploring the interactions between gender, sexuality and the international. Prior to her master's at LSE, she pursued a Postgraduate Diploma in Research and Innovation and preceding that for her undergraduate studies, she triple majored in English, Political Science and History.

Aishwarya Giri

I am Aishwarya and I come from the holy town of Deoghar in Jharkhand, India. I am currently pursuing a master's in International Relations from LSE. I completed my under graduation majoring in Political Science from Miranda House, University of Delhi. My research interests are conflict, diplomacy, gender and IR, and international politics of South Asia. Additionally, I write articles for the London Globalist (Asia-Australasia section), which is a student-run IR-based journal in LSE. Apart from politics, what equally appeals to me is poetry and creative writing, and accordingly as the general secretary of LSE Poetry Society, I organize events and host poets at LSE from and around London. I had been awarded as one of the gold medal finalists in the Queen's Commonwealth Creative Writing Competition in 2019.

Akhila Potluru

Akhila has dedicated herself towards increasing youth participation in the UK Water Sector. She has served as the president of the UK Youth Parliament for Water and holds a position on the UNESCO Groundwater Youth Network. Akhila studies Social Policy and Economics at LSE where she is a Laidlaw Scholar.

Aleksandra Pełowska

Aleksandra Pełowska is a graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics, currently being an analyst in the sustainability & economics team at Deloitte. She also gained her experience in companies: Unilever and Microsoft. While a student she engaged in students' union activities being e.g. a member of Executive Committee of the Students' Parliament of Republic of Poland. Ola was also a speaker at the international EU&Sport Conference at the University of Lausanne (UNIL). She was a Polish representative at the European and World Junior Weightlifting Championships. She is interested in antidoping policy issues.

Alexander Rodriguez

Alexander Rodriguez is a MSc International Relations master's student at LSE. Coming from studying Political Science at the University of Chicago, he continues to examine international politics with a historically-informed approach, at the intersection of empire, nations, Great Power status, and identity construction.

Allen Huang

Allen Huang is a final-year BSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics student at LSE. He has broad research interests in empirical economics, particularly how economics can contribute to interdisciplinary understanding based on causal inference.

Participant biographies

Amneet Kaur Nandra

Amneet Kaur Nandra is a third-year BSc Sociology student at LSE. She is interested in feminism and gender equality; having recently completed a dissertation on culturally-derived patriarchy in the Punjabi Sikh community.

Ana Maritza Garrido

Ana Maritza is a recent graduate of MSc Gender, Media and Culture and BSc Sociology at LSE. She is particularly interested in intersectional processes of symbolic violence brought about by gentrification and displacement. Ana Maritza has also carried out research on the cultural identification of second-generation Spanish immigrants in England.

Anaïs Fiault

Anaïs Fiault is a second year master's student in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action at Sciences Po, Paris. She holds a first master's degree in International Relations from LSE. She is particularly interested in peace and conflict studies, gender, and post-Soviet studies.

Ananya

Ananya, is currently a master's student in Gender, Development and Globalisation at the Department of Gender Studies, at LSE. Her key areas of interest include gendered analysis of labour market and social change, decolonial epistemological interventions in the field of gender and human rights.

Anna Watson

Anna Watson is a 2022 graduate of LSE's MSc Gender program. She is interested in intersectional feminist theory, with a particular focus on the subjectivity of U.S. Women of Colour. Her ongoing research aim is to bring a gendered lens to the traditionally white/heteronormative field of philosophy. She is currently applying to research fellowships, full-time roles in social justice, and roles in academic editing.

Annabelle Gouttebroze

Annabelle Gouttebroze is a final-year BSc Politics and Philosophy student, who studied in her third year at Sciences Po Paris. Her research interests centre around comparative case study analysis, studying cross-regional and transnational trends. She is particularly motivated by projects which allow her to understand the nuance of individual areas.

Antonina Gruszczyńska

Antonina Gruszczyńska is a second-year student of Quantitative Methods in Economics and Information Systems at SGH Warsaw School of Economics. Through the use of machine learning she is keen to discover the levels of macroeconomic variables that guarantee increased effectiveness of education systems.

Ashot Davoyan

I am an economist with experience in academia, private and public sectors. My research mainly focuses on innovations related topics characterizing outcomes and processes behind economic development and growth in emerging and mature markets. I have completed academic programs at a number of world's top universities including Charles University in Prague, Georgetown University in the US, Skolkovo School of Management in Moscow and most recently London School of Economics.

Participant biographies

Awwal Abdullahi

Awwal has an MSc in health policy, planning and financing from the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research interests include exploring innovative ways of achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and healthcare reforms to improve user experience. Awwal is currently a Program Manager for UHC at the Clinton Health Access Initiative.

B

Bartosz Mikos

Bartosz Mikos holds a BSc in Economics and is currently pursuing his final semester of a BSc in Quantitative Methods in Economics and Information Systems at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics. His interests lie in various aspects of economics, particularly in the area of equitable distribution and addressing poverty issues.

Bashirat Oladele

Bashirat Oladele is a second year BSc Sociology student at LSE and research assistant with LSE's Phelan United States Centre. She is interested in how mothers are treated by social institutions and how this is reflected in society and policy.

C

Chenyu Yan

Chenyu Yan is an MSc Culture and Society student at LSE. She is interested in feminist media studies and identities in the East Asian socio-cultural context, especially the self-identification of participants in subcultures.

Clara Ruthardt

Clara Ruthardt is a second-year master's student in Public Policy at Sciences Po Paris. She is interested in different dimensions on European resilience in response to global crises, both in terms of energy and digitalization, as well as feminist approaches to individual resilience.

Cyndy Alima

Cyndy Alima is a first-year BSc Philosophy and Economics student at LSE. She is interested in moral and political philosophy, with an emphasis on applying moral principles and political theory to fundamental public policy issues.

D

Desirée Sterner

Desirée Sterner pursues a MSc Gender, Peace and Security at LSE and is interested in the portrayal and implications of gender roles during conflict. She has dual bachelor's degrees in Human Rights and Peace and Conflict Studies from Lund University, and a MSc in War Studies from Swedish Defence University.

Devina Singh

Devina Singh is a MSc International Relations student at LSE. She is passionate about global affairs, diplomacy and new strategies and technology developments such as AI.

Participant biographies

Dhwani Jaisingh

Dhwani is an independent researcher and a MSc Gender alumni from LSE, interested in gender-based violence and social inequities in South Asia. She is a Research Assistant at the Department of Media and Communications, researching decolonising practices in pedagogy. Her work focuses on intersectional analysis and community-based research methodologies.

Didier Muller

Didier Muller is an LGBTQ+ activist and academic from Liverpool. He resides in London after completing an MSc in Human Rights and Politics at LSE, focusing on intersectional theories of politics, gender, and sexuality. He has written extensively on the relationship between right-wing populism and the global anti-gender movement.

Dimitra Prekka

Dimitra Prekka is a third-year BSc Politics & Philosophy student at LSE. She is interested in political and social philosophy as well as social science research, especially on the ethics of political disobedience and on the social impact of emergent forms of labor.

Dina Mairawati (Rara)

Rara has 15+ years' experience in development work and social impact in variety of areas, but her recent obsession is on the intersection between gender and environment. Currently an LSE student in MSc for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, she aspires to create a women-centered enterprise to tackle global waste problem.

Diza Saxena

Diza Saxena is a first-year BSc Psychological & Behavioural Science student at LSE. She has an emerging interest in Societal Psychology. Having lived in five different countries, her interests lie in understanding the world around her - in particular individual, group and societal-level idiosyncrasies - through interdisciplinary lenses of psychology, sociology, economics and more.

E

Eleonora Papa

Eleonora Papa is a second-year MA in International Relations (MIR) student at Peking University, and she is currently in Beijing. She is interested in International cooperation, particularly in Sino-African relations. In 2022 and early 2023 she spent some time in West Africa to do field research for her master's degree thesis.

Emma Somos

Emma Somos is a final year BSc Sociology student and research assistant at LSE. She is interested in the link between socio-economic inequalities and climate change. She will be pursuing an MSc Sociology at the University of Oxford next year, but she hopes to return to LSE for a PhD.

Eva Pastora

Eva Pastora is a postgraduate student of Media and Communication at LSE and an LPDP scholarship awardee. With a distinguished background as a creative consultant for the United Nations, she is deeply committed to exploring the intersection of design and humanity.

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F

Fikun Aluko

Fikun Aluko graduated with a distinction from LSE with a master's degree in Management of Information Systems and Digital Innovation. As a digital leader, he leverages emerging technologies to create value for organisations. He has a decade of experience in innovation strategy, cybersecurity, software engineering, & venture funding.

G

Gospodin Stoyanov Tonev

Gospodin Tonev has graduated in law at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and he is currently an LL.M. Global Business Law and Regulation student at the Central European University. He is also a junior judge at Sofia City Court (Bulgaria), Civil Division. His main areas of academic interest include Civil and Commercial Law, Intellectual Property, Law and Technology.

Gowri Niranjana

Gowri Niranjana is a one-year Human Rights master's student at CEU. She is interested in the legitimacy of post-conflict reconciliation processes, especially with respect to the role of international law and its tribunals.

H

Hayley D'Souza

Hayley D'Souza is on the MSc Human Rights programme and has an interest in climate change and gender inequalities. Prior to LSE she worked as a senior research consultant in the area of violence against women and public health. She is currently a co-leader of the Society of Gender Professionals and an editor of the LSE Human Rights blog.

Hongli Liu

Hongli Liu is an MSc International Relations (Research) student at LSE. She is interested in Twitter diplomacy, especially the role of political leaders in framing public responses via digital public diplomacy. She is currently working on the case study of AUKUS, examining how Twitter is used for political communications.

I

Isabel Davis

Isabel Davis is a Master of Human Rights and Humanitarian Action candidate at Sciences Po Paris and holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political science, European affairs, and Spanish studies from the University of Toronto. She is passionate about human rights and development, especially capacity-building projects and the inclusion of community voices in policy making. She has worked for the Government of Canada, Think Tanks, and NGOs which has given her a unique lens to imagine policy solutions.

Isabella Szklany

Isabella Szklany is a MSc Media and Communications (Research) student at LSE. She is interested in the effects of social media on behavior, mainly how it affects one's habits and well-being. In addition, she aims to help inform the public about safely navigating these platforms through her research.

Isobel Sanders

Isobel Sanders is a masters student in Political Economy of Europe at LSE. She is interested in social, environmental and industrial policy and recently attended the St Gallen Symposium as a Leader of Tomorrow, where she led a workshop on International Student Mobility. She enjoys singing, cooking and drawing.

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J

J. Alfonso Correa-Cabrera

Jose Alfonso Correa-Cabrera recently graduated from the MA program in Comparative history at CEU. He has a strong background in interdisciplinary studies, history, and political science. In addition to exploring the intersections between philosophy and literature, he is interested in political aesthetics, decoloniality, and the genealogy of western political institutions.

Joel Hooper

Joel Hooper is a recent graduate from LSE, having studied an MSc in Political Sociology. He is keenly interested in the intersection between British politics and contemporary social theory, particularly in the politics of 'left behind' communities in the North, the future of Labour, and the re-emergence of populism.

Johanna Zackenfels

Johanna Zackenfels is a French-German first-year BSc Sociology student. After two gap years traveling around and exploring how inequalities shape everyday life in different communities, she is now curious to study this on a more academic level and enjoyed therefore working on the project of Newham's Speakers Corner.

K

Kenan Jusufovic

Kenan is a trained economist with both a BSc and MSc in Economics from LSE. Currently, he is on break from his postgraduate studies and hopes to re-enter this year. His main research interest is in how values could be integrated into the Economics approach to solving society's problems.

Kevin Morris

Kevin Morris is an LSE alumnus and a Title VIII Critical Language Fellow at Arizona State University. He is finishing a MA Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies at King's College London and is interested in the role of memory politics in conflict transformation and democratic capacity-building in the Western Balkans.

Khushi Bajaj

Khushi Bajaj is an MSc in Media and Communications student at LSE. She is interested in questions of communication and community, with a focus on intersectionality and inclusiveness.

Kirsty Vass Payne

Kirsty Vass Payne is a Master of Public Policy with a specialisation in Social Justice and Human Rights student at Central European Policy. She is interested in the manifestation of gender norms within policymaking and how this ingrains gender inequalities throughout society.

Kyumin Lee

Kyumin Lee is a first-year BSc Management student at LSE. She is interested in the sociological and economic implications of the Educational Attainment Gap, especially how government policies may target it to break the vicious trap of educational unfairness.

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L

Lamia Mohsin

Lamia Mohsin is a young Bangladeshi development professional and researcher working on key areas including climate resilience, adaptation, local governance and public policy. Currently, she is doing her post-graduation (MSc) in Environment and Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science under the UK Government's Chevening Scholarship.

Laura Vigil Escalera Mier

Laura Vigil Escalera Mier has a bachelor's in Environmental Sciences from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Gender Studies at the Central European University, where her research is centered on exploring the interlinkages between climate change and gender in the Generation Equality Forum from a decolonial perspective.

Letian Lei

Letian Lei is a graduate student from the history department of Central European University. His research areas include the 19th and 20th centuries, East Asia and China, East-Central Europe, and intellectual history.

Linea Petrela Paiement

Linea Petrela is a second-year International Social and Public Policy student at LSE. She has a history of climate justice activism in so-called Canada and is interested in the intersections between the climate crisis, capital, and policing.

Lowri Adams

Lowri Adams is an LSE alumna. She graduated in 2022 with a master's in social and cultural psychology and the Hilde Himmelweit Award for Best Overall Performance. She is interested in how people effect political change, especially in relation to nationalism and devolved politics in the UK.

M

Madison Bryan

Madison Bryan is a first-year BSc Politics and Economics student at LSE. She is interested in social policy, especially in how existing policies can be reformed to create a fairer society.

Mahmoud Al Hamdan

Mahmoud Al Hamdan is a sophomore student at the Central European University in Austria. He is pursuing a major in Political, Legal, and Governmental Studies, and a minor in Environmental Science and Human Health. Academically, he is passionate about the benefits and drawbacks of globalization for individuals, communities, and nation-states. In September of this year, he will start his exchange program at LSE.

Mahmoud Barakat

Mahmoud Barakat is an architect from Syria, University of Aleppo. He holds a master's degree in environmental engineering from Pannonia University in Hungary. He worked as a restoration architect in Syria for several NGOs and CSOs between 2015 and 2017. He also did humanitarian and volunteer work before he moved to Hungary to continue his study. He served as a researcher in 2019 and 2020 at Shattuck CCNR at CEU, in his work, he focused most on the Heritage protection policy in conflict zones. Currently, he is a student in MA Cultural Heritage Studies at Central European University. He devotes his work to cultural

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heritage protection and management. Also, he is conducting research on cultural landscape memory in displaced people for post-war recovery.

Mariam Habib Matta

Mariam Habib Matta is a first-year BSc Politics student. She is passionate about the Middle East, Feminism, and the politics of religion, and enjoys researching and running her own blog Aereyah. Mariam is an incoming intern at the UNHCR in Jordan, a Laidlaw Scholar, and a Campaign Youth Advisor.

Marlene Willimek

Marlene Willimek is a dual master's degree student of International Relations at Sciences Po Paris and LSE. With a background in European studies and a focus on political psychology, diplomacy and foreign policy, she plans to pursue a PhD and eventually join the German foreign service or the EEAS.

Michał Reczek

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Michał Siczek

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Mina Anderson

Mina Anderson is a MSc Gender, Development and Globalisation student at LSE. She graduated from the University of St Andrews in 2022 where her curiosity in the socio-economic implications of food systems and security developed. She is particularly interested in the methodological uses of perception and personal experience for social science research.

Miyuki Shiraki

Miyuki Shiraki is an MSc Culture and Society student at LSE. Her interest surrounds the politics of cuteness in everyday life. Having studied gender studies and cultural studies at UCSD and Waseda University, she is currently pursuing two master's degrees at LSE and the University of Tokyo.

Mrinal Tomar

Mrinal Tomar is an econometrician at Gain Theory, London. His research interests include political economy, economic development, and applied econometrics. In particular, Mrinal is keen on applying microeconomic principles to understand causes of economic persistence using econometric methods. Mrinal graduated from LSE with an MSc in Economic History last year. Prior to this, he was a Research Assistant at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford.


N

Nadine Henschel

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Participant biographies

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Nicholas Accattatis graduated from LSE in 2022 with an MSc in Economic History. He currently works as a Policy Advisor in R&D Strategy at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. His research interests include understanding political behaviour, the history of state development, and behavioural economics.

Noah Petts

Noah Petts is a first-year BA History student at LSE. He is interested in the ordinary and everyday lives of people, especially regarding churches and the German Democratic Republic. In the future, Noah is keen to enter the heritage and archives sector.

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O

Öykü Özfiat

In 2022, Öykü completed her MSc in Media and Communications from LSE with a Jean Monnet scholarship. Her dissertation explored stakeholder responses to the EU's Digital Services Act package. Prior to this, Öykü completed a BSc in Political Science from METU. Her research interests are digital regulation and political communication.

P

Pablo Hilaire

Pablo is a master's of Public Policy alumni. He is a criminal lawyer with vast experience across the justice sector. He is an open justice advocate and has worked on justice innovation strategies. He is interested in open data and the impacts of AI on justice institutions.

Petra Radić

Petra Radić is an incoming PhD student in Comparative Politics at CEU, with an MA in Political Science from CEU, and an MSc in Politics and Communication from LSE. Her primary research interest is the interplay of propaganda and power – with a particular focus on the role of propaganda in producing social compliance, and facilitating democratic backsliding.

Philippa Fletcher

Philippa Fletcher is a first-year BA History student at LSE. She has a broad range of historical interests, but is especially interested in cultural history and the use of non-traditional historical sources.

Poorvika Mehra

Poorvika Mehra is a double-degree master's in Public Administration student at LSE and Columbia University. Poorvika writes about the impact of Orientalism on gender-based care, sociopolitical legitimacy, and international freedom and prosperity research. Currently, her research includes work on imperialism in contemporary warfare, feminist ethics for data and surveillance, and intersectional feminist approaches toward domestic violence prevention.

Participant biographies

R

Radha Sharma

Radha Sharma is an MSc International Relations student. She is interested in Migration and Post-Colonial and Feminist theories of International relations. Her specific interest lies in Migration and Refugee Crisis and the policies of different states regarding the same.

Ruxu Tang

Ruxu Tang is a final-year BSc Language, culture and society student at LSE. She is interested in gaze theory, surveillance and the sociology of technology, and how they explain existing issues in law and regulation.

Ruyi Shi

Ruyi Shi is a student majoring in Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method. She has always been passionate about philosophy (Primary areas: various branches of ethics, decision making under moral uncertainty, philosophy of social science. Secondary areas: philosophy of psychiatry, philosophy of psychology, philosophical counselling and logic-based therapy). She also has wide interests in social science disciplines including social anthropology, sociolinguistics, the intersection between behavioral economics and psychology etc. Her main career aspiration lies in the academia, but she is also actively taking concrete steps to develop some other (intellectually stimulating, intrinsically motivating and socially impactful) professional pathways alongside and beyond academia.

S

Salwa Mansuri

Salwa Mansuri is an MSc in International Social & Public Policy (Research) Candidate at the LSE Department of Social Policy. She is a 2023 Salzburg Public Policy New Voices Europe Fellow. As an aspiring lawyer, her research interests are state-led violence, forced displacement and international humanitarian law.

Samuel Leduc

Samuel Leduc is a MSc International Relations student at LSE. He is currently researching the impact of climate change on water conflicts in East Africa. Previously he studied history at the University of Alberta, where he graduated with a BA in 2022. During this program he studied the relationship between crime and media in 19th century France.

Sanika Sawant

Sanika Sawant is a postgraduate student studying MSc in Gender at LSE. She is interested in the understanding the representations and constructions of gender and sexuality and their socio-political underpinnings in society, especially through contemporary media and discourse.

Sanisha Shiny Sanadhanan

Sanisha is an MSc Social Statistics student at LSE. They are interested in analytics for social research and development. A BSc Statistics (Honours) graduate from Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, she hopes to work at the intersection of data and social impact.

Participant biographies

Sasha Milbeck

Sasha Milbeck is a master's in Public Policy student at Sciences Po Paris, specializing in global health. She is interested in approaching social, health, and cultural issues through a gender lens, and promoting greater health communication and equity for vulnerable groups.

Sebastian Muraszewski

Sebastian Muraszewski is a second-year student in master's studies in Advanced Analytics - Big Data at SGH Warsaw School of Economics. His main interests are sports, especially Formula 1, association football and tennis. He has experience in preparing scientific articles in this area and commercial ones for various media outlets.

Shagorika Das

Shagorika Das is an MSc in Management (Human Resources and OB) Student. She is deeply interested in Management practices at global organisations and has been a human capital consultant before joining LSE. She is currently conducting research on the impact of layoffs and effective workforce planning in organizations.

Shivani Rao

A recent LSE graduate, Shivani is passionate about the intersection of technology, communications and society. She has contributed to projects on media ownership, internet policy, data governance, digital human rights, smart cities, digitisation policy, user-generated content and social media. She is committed to advocate for anticolonial approaches to technological advancements.

Shivani Shukla

Shivani holds a post-graduate degree in Health and International Development with a focus on Applied Development Economics from LSE. Currently, she works as a health financing fellow at the Financing Alliance for Health, an NGO where she drives pivotal projects to build capacity of country governments and reduces the financing gap in community health and primary healthcare across African countries. She has had extensive experience in research, consulting, and venture capital within the health sector which further reflects her interests in health financing and health systems strengthening.

Simran Massey

Simran Massey, is a recent LSE alumna of MSc International Social and Public Policy, and a former UK Parliamentary Intern. She has experience in economic research at the University of Geneva and an MPP from St. Xavier's College. She aims to examine how economists and politicians can prepare societies for unprecedented challenges.

Skylor Ko

Skylor Ko is a third-year BSc History and Politics student at LSE. He is interested in the politics of climate change and East Asian International Relations and History.

Participant biographies

Srishti Pal

Srishti Pal is currently pursuing MSc Gender, Development and Globalization at LSE. Her research interests are broadly focused on labour rights, decoloniality, social movements, developmentalism, digital activism and alliance building within Global South especially India. She is an aspiring gender theorist keen on undertaking multi-disciplinary scholarship that focuses on the intersections of art, activism and academia to resist hegemonic structures and bring about change through collective power. She completed her bachelor's in economics from University of Delhi and interned at ICRIER and Nikore Associates before joining LSE.

T

Tania Rajul Gandhi

Tania Gandhi is in International Relations postgraduate student at LSE. She hails from Mumbai and is primarily interested in the politics of the Asia Pacific region and foreign policy studies.

Tatiana Harkiolakis

Tatiana Harkiolakis is an MSc student in Media and Communications at LSE. She is Director of Communications at Executive Coaching Consultants and a Ph.D. candidate in Cultural Policy and Management at City, UoL. Her research interests include online activism, gender equality in Greece, and emerging technologies in the workplace.

Theerisara Silaphatkul (Tam)

Tam is a second-year BSc Philosophy and Economics at LSE.

Tiffany Tang

Tiffany Tang is a third year BSc Management student at LSE. She is interested in behaviourism science, especially when applying to decision making in consumer and business context. She is also intrigued in innovative and novel topics such as AI and how will it impact future business world.

U

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Úrsula Larraquy holds an MSc in International Political Economy (with distinction) from LSE and a BSc in International Relations. She is currently an Associate in the Climate Finance & Economics practice at Genesis Analytics (UK). Her interests include geopolitics, international finance, and climate change, with a particular focus on emerging markets.

Wangyuan Qu

Ruby is a final year undergraduate student pursuing a BSc International Social and Public Policy at LSE. She is interested in researching relevant fields of social policy, specifically the hukou (China's household registration policy) and comparative education policies. She will continue pursuing her research interests at the University of Oxford, where she will undertake research specialising in China's hukou (household registration) policy.

W

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Weiqing Li is a first-year BSc Sociology student at LSE. She is interested in the study of social inequalities and ways to address the condition.

Participant biographies

Wen Wen

Wen is a graduate from MSc Gender Media and Culture 2022. She is a bilingual writer and a Chinese social media planner. She is now working for a transnational education technology company and also volunteers at NGOs that work for educational equity. She wants to establish an organisation called Undocumented Research Group for social inclusiveness next year.

Wojciech Godlewski

Wojciech Godlewski is 1st year of master's student at the SGH. He is former President of SGH Student's Union. His bachelor's thesis was entitled "Differences in understanding of SRI among Christians and Muslims". He is interested in quantitative and behavioral finance and political, cultural or sociological aspects in finance.


X

Xaver Haack

Xaver Haack earned a Bachelor in Social Sciences from the Free University of Brussels. He is currently pursuing a double degree at LSE and Beijing University in International Affairs. Xaver is interested in the political economy of trade, Africa-China relations, state-led development initiatives and the history of Chinese economic development.


Y

Yevhen Yashchuk

Yevhen Yashchuk is a master's student in Comparative History at Central European University. He is interested in the imperial and postimperial past, with a research focus on the transimperial history, media history, and intellectual history of the second half of the nineteenth century and topics in contemporary memory politics.

Yiwen Wu

Yiwen Wu is a third-year BSc Sociology student interested in family, elites and culture.

Yuhan Guo

Yuhan Guo is an MSc Sociology student at LSE. She is interested in mobility, work and family, especially through a perspective of "frontstage" and "backstage". Doing relevant research and participating in practices contribute to one of her pursuits of "seeing more pieces of the picture of reality".

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