



Firoz Lalji Institute
for Africa



**Annual Report
2023/24**





"The Institute has become an integral part of life at LSE by bringing together the School's African community and those researching and teaching about the continent. Its work is vital in bringing African voices into the global conversation and promoting inclusive debate. The Programme for African Leadership now has over 800 members of its alumni network, all of whom are looking to drive progressive change in their communities. This is a unique legacy that the Institute will continue to nurture alongside its academic achievements."

– Firoz Lalji





Our Strategy

The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa (FLIA) aims to place Africa at the heart of LSE and be a point of contact for those working on African issues across the School. To achieve these goals, the Institute published a three-year strategic plan this year, which is underpinned by the following principles:

- Be a home for research on Africa at LSE.
- Drive transformative research and creative work.
- Create an enriching learning and research environment for staff and students.
- Promote new analytic frameworks and pursue new research.
- Engage a diverse academic, professional services, and student body in our work.
- Create and support interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to research, teaching, and policymaking.
- Include perspectives and provide a forum for voices that are often not included in global discussions.



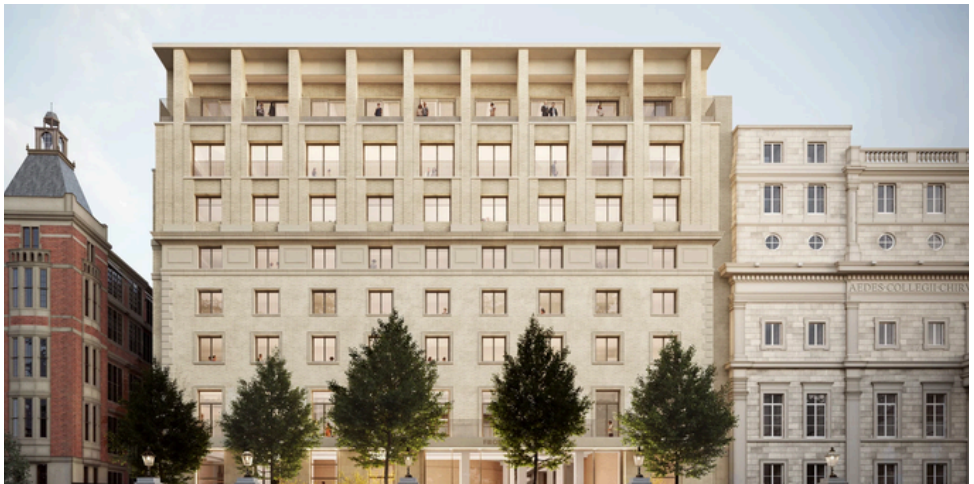
Introducing the New Firoz Lalji Global Hub

This year saw the start of construction on the Firoz Lalji Global Hub at 35 Lincoln's Inn Fields. It is set to be the first carbon-neutral building on campus, and, when completed in early 2027, will become the new permanent home of the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa.



At its centre will be the new Agora, a flexible 270-seat event space giving the School a new state-of-the-art venue.

"It is an exciting time to be part of the Institute as work begins on its new home. The building will help to safeguard its future and give it the space and opportunity to grow into its second decade." – Firoz Lalji





Year in Review

This year, the Institute has renewed its commitment to supporting and showcasing the creative arts in Africa through an extensive range of partnerships. FLIA has established a new Creatives in Residence programme and appointed Chude Jideonwo, a filmmaker and talk show host in Nigeria as the first post-holder. The Programme for African Leadership has also welcomed a new patron, former PfALer, Tsitsi Dangarembga, a renowned Zimbabwean novelist, poet, and filmmaker who will support student development in the arts and help the Programme to grow.

Our research programme has continued its partnerships with the United Nations, the UK government, and the African Union. The Institute has also continued to expand its work on the environment with new projects on sustainable tree use in Uganda, and on climate change mitigation and adaptation practices that reduce desertification across Africa.

Through FLIA's commitment to public engagement, the Institute has invited prominent African thinkers to LSE to bring their perspectives to some of the most important issues of our time. This year FLIA hosted Fatou Bensouda, former Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and current Gambian High Commissioner; Professor Regina Mwatha from Kenyatta University; and Prof Tadesse Woldegiorgis from the University of Johannesburg at LSE, among others.

To further promote African voices, this year we launched the Hub for African Thought, which leverages the LSE's digital platform to showcase the contribution of African intellectuals to global knowledge creation. Meanwhile, our blog continues to go from strength to strength and this year passed 4 million total views.





Impact and Policy

FLIA's work bridges academic research, policy, and practice. This year, we have engaged with institutions, published reports, and disseminated the knowledge and best practices developed by our work.

Engaging governments

This year, FLIA Director, Professor Tim Allen undertook a weeklong visit to Nigeria in collaboration with LSE's Philanthropy and Global Engagement division. The trip featured several meetings with representatives of the Nigerian government, including Vice President Kashim Shettima. The Vice President commended the Institute "for their dedication to unravelling the intricacies of the political economy of Africa through their impactful contributions at the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa", adding "your presence today emphasises our shared commitment to shaping a future where Africa is not relegated to the footnotes of our discourse on development. The link between gown and town is one that we can't afford to sever because the repercussions are dire."





In Uganda, CPAID Researcher Dr Eliza Ngutuku held a workshop to discuss the role of grassroots actors in addressing violence against children. The workshop was attended by child and family protection unit officers, elected officials and representatives from civil society. Grassroots volunteers and cultural leaders were present to help bridge the divide between the official modes of protection and other forms of community protection.



Back in the UK, Dr Gedion Onyango, FLIA Research Fellow, attended an invite-only event at Wilton Park organised by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office. The event brought diplomats, academics, and civil society practitioners together to discuss current trends affecting East Africa and their drivers. Dr Onyango highlighted the importance of both formal and informal structures of governance for political systems that are grappling with conflict and other development challenges due to weak state capacity. These interventions led to further follow-up discussions and a direct line of communication between the Foreign Office and FLIA.



Scan the QR code to read the final report to the European Commission

The PERISCOPE Project, which examined the lessons learned about public health governance from the Covid-19 pandemic delivered its final report to the European Commission this year. Amongst its findings were recommendations for the better integration of open-access data into decision making, an improved focus on the health of marginalised groups to improve trust, and more democratic discussion about the role of science in pandemic governance.



Teaching engagements



The Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID) held two-day workshops in Kampala and Juba for its Public Authority and Humanitarianism course. Each workshop was attended by practitioners and academics from the region who were eager to explore how a public authority lens could be applied to their work. Participants brought their experience of responding to the region's humanitarian challenges while working for the UN Mission in South Sudan, international NGOs, and civil society organisations.

CPAID held a two-day workshop at the University of Johannesburg with government officials, practitioners and academics on the concept of public authority. It focused on applying a public authority lens to case studies of development and humanitarian practice, and an in-depth discussion of CPAID research on humanitarian protection, self-protection strategies and public authority.



In Liberia, Assistant Professor Dr Robtel Neajai Pailey ran a one-month short course at Cuttington University for students at the host institute and the University of Liberia. The partnership will serve as a foundation for staff and student exchanges between LSE and both institutions. The partnership will also strengthen ties for potential collaboration on future research projects.



"Frameworks developed in the Global North for understanding how power is allocated and used, such as the social contract, do not describe how much of the world really operates. Public authority reminds us that power is often much more dispersed, especially in conflict-affected regions." – Dr Duncan Green is an Investigator for CPAID and a former Senior Strategic Adviser at Oxfam GB.

Research Programme



FLIA continues to produce high-quality research across our core themes of justice, governance, environment, humanitarianism, and health. Our work has produced new insights for academics, policymakers, and practitioners, and helped guide policy responses to Covid-19, regional trade, and humanitarian protection among a range of other subjects.

This year, we completed research on PERISCOPE, a 32-institution research project that investigated the social, economic, and mental health-related implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. Professor David Luke's book *How Africa Trades* won the UK Business Council for Africa's Best Business Book of the Year prize, the first such award won by a book published by LSE Press, the School's in-house open access publisher.

Despite FLIA's many successes this year, it has been a challenging time to secure funding for research on Africa, with attention inevitably drawn elsewhere. The continent is increasingly important to the UK's future due to its proximity, age profile, and potential for economic growth. Despite this, we are seeing Africa being problematised, rather than viewed as a place for potential partnerships.

Regardless of the challenges in the present climate, the Institute is well-placed to make use of our extensive expertise. We look forward to the upcoming UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office's review of its Africa policy and its predicted combined approach to the continent. The launch of our Strategic Plan and the upcoming move to our new office space will allow us to expand our research activities to even more topic areas and increase our ability for impact in the coming years.

The Centre for Public Authority and International Development



The Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID) is an ESRC-funded multi-year research centre hosted at FLIA. It examines the creation and maintenance of authority and the delivery of public goods in areas where the state is weak, disinterested, or not the sole governance actor.

A lens in scholarly debates

The concept of public authority refers to any kind of authority beyond the immediate family that commands a degree of consent. This can include clans, aid agencies, or violent militias. Using this lens, CPAID researchers focus on who benefits and who is excluded from different actors' claims to authority.

CPAID researchers use a public authority lens to undertake empirical studies of governance as it is actually experienced by people in conflict-affected places. Of particular importance is the effectiveness of that governance in providing public goods such as security and justice, health services, and education to traditionally marginalised groups. Through long-term fieldwork, CPAID research has revealed the variety of public authorities that exist in places often written off as ungoverned, or even ungovernable.





CPAID in Review

"Since we started the Centre, it is remarkable to see how the use of a public authority approach has gained momentum, for example finding its way into government documents foregrounding the ways in which governance occurs outside of formalised processes. Seeing authority from the perspective of ways in which it is actually promoted, exercised, and maintained makes things look very different, and highlights aspects of life that are not hidden, but are persistently overlooked." Professor Tim Allen, FLIA Director and Director of CPAID.



Since it first began seven years ago, CPAID has been honing and maturing its use of the public authority lens. One of the major academic contributions the Centre has made has been on the links between non-traditional forms of governance and the more traditional governance structures and institutions.

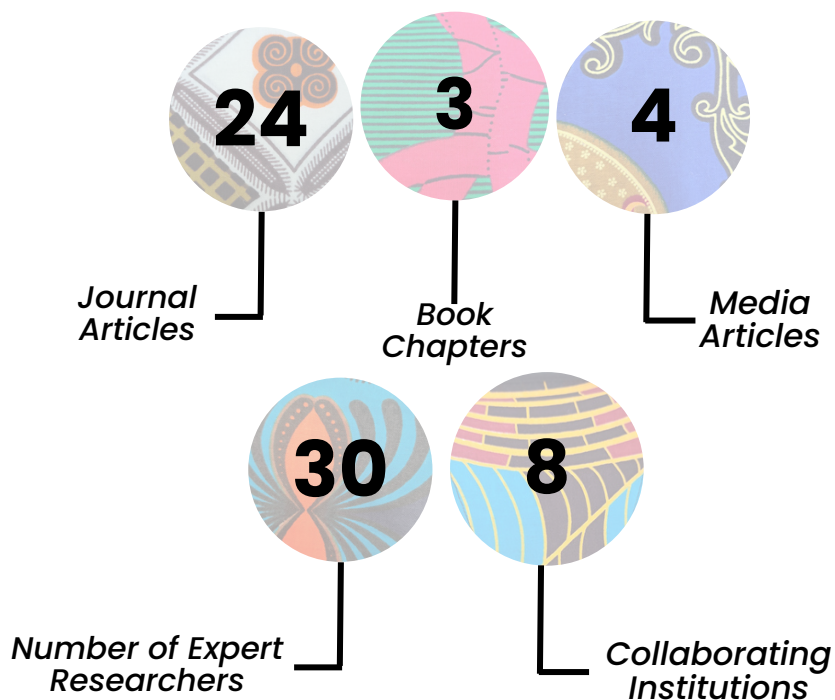
How a crisis unfolds is often intimately connected to public authorities' pre-existing connections and relationships with states and international authorities. In CPAID's more recent work, this understanding helped to bring the state and international organisations back into discussions about responses to crises even in locations where they are not the sole authority.

"Public authority has been used very broadly across the research of CPAID, to mean actually existing governance, helping researchers to understand characters and institutions often hidden from the view of development actors. In my work, I use public authority as an empirical tool to try and understand how a wide range of moral and legal issues – from war crimes to petty theft – are handled in post-war northern Uganda." Dr Anna Macdonald, CPAID Co-Investigator, Associate Professor in International Development at the University of East Anglia, Senior Visiting Fellow, FLIA.

CPAID



Outputs for 2023-2024





Centre for Women, Peace, and Security

The Centre for Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) was set up in 2015 with the support of the UK Government as part of its Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI). The Initiative was launched by William Hague, then UK Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, alongside Angelina Jolie, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Special Envoy. PSVI focused on ending sexual violence in armed conflict, achieving accountability, and ending impunity for harm committed.

At LSE, WPS quickly established itself as a world-leading space for scholars, practitioners, and students to promote justice, human rights, and the participation of women in conflict-affected situations around the world. The Centre joined the Institute in May 2023.

One of the many prestigious research grants awarded to the Centre was to establish a Database on National Action Plans (NAPs) and reports on Twenty Years of WPS NAPs, and The Future of the UK's Women, Peace and Security Policy. It has developed online resources and education tools including an A-Z dictionary of landmark legal cases dealing with sexual violence and a practical guide to tackling violence against women and girls. All of these can be found on the Centre's website.

The goals of the Centre are:

- To remain a global centre of academic excellence, generating evidence, policies, and networks within LSE to help:
- Increase women's participation in governance and peace-making to better prevent conflict.
- More effectively ensure the protection of women and girls during conflict and situations of violence.
- Improve the provision of long-term peace and security through strengthening economic and social rights, tackling gender inequality and misogyny, and applying a feminist ethic to organisational behaviours.

"It's an exciting and challenging time to be part of WPS at LSE. Despite all the international legal frameworks and government action plans relating to gender-based violence, as recent conflicts show, women and girls continue to endure some of the worst human rights violations across the world in war and peacetime. Today's highly unstable and unequal world places millions of women and girls in situations of extreme vulnerability. More than ever, we need to prevent gender-based violence from slipping further down the global political agenda and to bring women into conflict prevention and peacebuilding, if we have any chance of achieving meaningful long-term security for all of humanity."

—Professor Joanna Lewis, WPS Director



WPS Events



Women and diplomacy:

From the interwar to the cold war

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Centre co-hosted this event alongside the International History Department. International scholars spoke about the need for new approaches to cultural diplomatic history, particularly concerning influential women and women's rights movements throughout the 20th Century. The panel addressed forgotten legacies, forced renunciation of women, and men impeding women's rights causes for political gain. Speakers included Dr Caroline Green, who was appointed as the new Centre Manager in February 2024.

Careers day

The Centre inaugurated the first LSE Careers event for LSE students thinking about a career in peace-making, diplomacy, and foreign affairs. It was co-organised with the International Relations Department's Women in Diplomacy Unit and was a great success.

Gender-based violence workshop

with Dr Regina Mwatha

WPS hosted Dr Regina Mwatha, part of the Women's Economic Empowerment Hub and based at Kenyatta University to explore gender-based violence (GBV) and strategies for engaging men in its prevention. The workshop was funded by the LSE Global Research Fund, and discussions highlighted the importance of holding men accountable and finding ways to reach even hostile individuals. The workshop explored the complexities of GBV terminology and the cultural factors that often keep women in abusive relationships, particularly in Kenya.

The result was a five-year project proposal, "It's your daughters who are hurting." This initiative will mobilise men to change cultural norms around violence against women in eastern Africa.





Summer of research culture event series

The Centre hosted three events to look at the key issues on the women, peace, and security agenda to explore future research agendas. The first session looked at misogyny and gender-based violence, particularly in relation to extremism, GBV as a hate crime, and the impact of online GBV in fragile settings. The second session focused on the upcoming 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The final session looked at the realities of the WPS agenda and included speakers from countries with some of the worst records of GBV in the world.



Afghan women conference

A key focus this year has been on Afghanistan due to the deteriorating situation for women and girls in the country. The Centre hosted three conferences on the issue featuring over 150 delegates.

Afghan women leaders, living in exile in UK and USA, shared details of the worsening conditions women and girls are being forced to endure. The conference concluded that: "The Taliban is at war with half its population" and the Centre released a statement declaring that there should be no recognition or talks with the Taliban military regime unless the cruel restrictions on women and girls are lifted.



The Africa Trade Policy Programme

Throughout human history, trade has played a key role in generating economic growth by leveraging comparative and competitive advantages in the exchange of goods and services. Communities then reap the accrued benefits for personal and communal development.

Today, trade is recognised as a driver of growth, sustainable development, and poverty reduction. But this is not automatic. To harness this potential, trade policies must be dynamic, inclusive, and responsive to both the opportunities and challenges of constantly changing national, regional, and global contexts.

The Africa Trade Policy Programme, led by FLIA Strategic Director and Professor in Practice David Luke, brings together international expertise on policy and negotiations from academia and practice. The Programme's research evaluates and contributes to the creation of trade policies that can help African countries to better leverage trade as a vehicle for inclusive development.



The programme focuses on several key areas:

- To significantly extend the current knowledge base on African trade policy to enable more informed decision-making so that trade can be better utilised as a driver of sustainable development.
- To demystify African trade policy as a specialised esoteric activity confined to a few experts. Opening up the subject will generate a better and more broad-based understanding of how trade impacts the lives of ordinary Africans and the continent's sustainable development aspirations.
- To produce easily accessible open-access information on Africa's trade data, trade agreements, and up-to-date information on current trade negotiations.
- To empower policymakers, stakeholders, and scholars to interrogate the effectiveness of trade agreements, and their implementation in relation to sustainable development, inclusion, and poverty reduction.

The Programme's first major research output, *How Africa Trades* (LSE Press 2023) featured data-driven evaluations of what Africa trades, with whom, and the challenges this poses for African countries as late developers. The book won the UK Business Council for Africa's Best Business Book of the Year prize at their 2024 annual awards.

In the award citation, the book was praised as "a crucial resource for policymakers, scholars, and anyone interested in understanding the intricacies of African trade and its implications for the continent's development." The book is the first major award won by LSE Press.



Current Projects

The African Trade Policy Programme has an exciting range of research projects lined up for the coming year.

As a follow-up to *How Africa Trades*, the Programme's second major research output, *How Africa Eats: Trade, Food Security and Climate Risks* will be published in early 2025. The new book will analyse why 280 million Africans, a fifth of its population, are undernourished and why 340 million Africans, a quarter of the population live with daily food insecurity.

Building upon the issues raised in the Programme's 2023 *White Paper on Sustainable Industrialisation in Africa: The Art of Upgrading Industrial Policymaking*, the Programme plans to undertake case studies of industrial policymaking in African countries to help shed light on what is, and what is not working across the continent.

In partnership with the Africa Climate Foundation, the Programme will continue to explore the interface between trade and climate policy. It will examine carbon border adjustment measures, and the role of critical minerals in sustainable industrialisation, and monitor trade, climate, and sustainable development discussions at the World Trade Organization.

Research is also being carried out on the impact of the proposed maritime shipping carbon tax on African countries. The research will help to inform the African delegations negotiating for carve out and exceptions at the International Maritime Organization.





China-Africa Initiative

The China-Africa Initiative strives to examine, debate, and where appropriate, influence and inspire Chinese engagements in Africa. It does so through research, policy engagements and events, including China-in-Africa conferences, workshops, and exhibitions. Its director, Dr Shirley Ze Yu, is an Asia Fellow with the Ash Center

of Harvard Kennedy School, an adjunct professor with the IE Business School and a member of the Davos Expert Network on 5G, geopolitics and geoeconomics.

China-Africa Conference 2023

This year The China-Africa Conference looked at how to create a pathway to the African century looking at the issue of governance across the continent.

This year's key speakers included: Dr Mo Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation; His Excellency Geraldo Nunda, Angolan Ambassador to the UK; and Dr Nkosana Moyo, former minister of Industry and International Trade, Zimbabwe.





Research Projects

The Institute has undertaken a range of individual research projects this year. All of which have generated peer-reviewed research, policy recommendations, and engagement with civil society and academic institutions.

Art Allies

The 'Art Allies' project identifies how artists and activists understand protection and vulnerability based on their personal experiences. Three workstreams address the research questions through case study research in Colombia, story circles in South Sudan, and the curation of an exhibition in Bogotá, Colombia. This project is part of the Creating Safer Spaces network funded by AHRC.

Food Security in Palabek and Rhino Refugee Settlements, Uganda: Urgent Data Collection

This project will collect data on the pilot of a new strategy by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Programme. The project will measure the major changes towards food aid for people living in the Palabek and Rhinoceros refugee settlements.

Public Authority and the Governance of Informal Cross-Border Trade in Eastern DRC

Focusing on the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Simplified Trade Regime, this research examines the need for good institutional design of regional trade policies and the need for them to be better adjusted to the circumstances of their targeted beneficiaries. Funded by the British Academy.

Stigma in a post-Covid-19 World: Ethnographies of Health Among Roma Communities in the United Kingdom

The project looks at perspectives on the Covid-19 pandemic that are usually missing from the national understanding. The study is multi-sited research providing insights into life in a post-Covid-19 world for Roma populations in London and Leicester. Funded by the LSE Research and Impact Support Fund.



Trust in a Post-Covid World:

Participatory Interventions across the Midlands, UK

This research project investigates the idea of trust among Somali and Roma communities living across the Midlands in the UK. It focuses on how policymakers working in these communities understand the concept of trust and use it to build relations through community engagement and service provision. Supported by the LSE Research and Impact Support Fund.

Understanding the consequences for quality and efficiency of expanding services through the private sector in South Africa (SoPriMa)

The SoPriMa project is undertaking a detailed empirical investigation of the market for public and private primary care services in Soweto, Johannesburg. The project will focus on the determinants of provider performance on the one hand, and demand for private services from uninsured cash-paying patients on the other. Funded by the Medical Research Council.

Unwanted Strangers: Ethnographies of Bordering, Deservingness and Resilience Among Ukrainian Roma Refugees in Poland

Amidst the outpouring of solidarity, volunteering, and benevolence for Ukrainians fleeing the Russian invasion, there has been a segregation of Ukrainian Roma refugees for whom support is not so forthcoming. The Unwanted Strangers project explores geographical and social bordering practices through the experiences of Ukrainian Roma refugees in Poland. Funded by the British Academy.

Training and Knowledge Exchange on Information Literacy During and After Transitional Justice Processes in Ethiopia and Uganda

This project will facilitate knowledge exchange with FLIA academics and actors in Ethiopia and Uganda on transitional justice processes. It will look at the dynamics of media, and social media, and address mis- and disinformation. The project will host a series of workshops and stakeholder meetings with transitional justice and media actors to discuss awareness raising, giving voice to victims, and fostering empathy in public communications forums. This will also include collaborating with the University of Johannesburg to discuss the South African experiences of reconciliation. Supported by the LSE Knowledge Exchange Fund.



Sustainable Tree Use in Acholi, Northern Uganda

Focussing on the Acholi region, this project will learn how family groups, sometimes comprising hundreds of members, manage their natural resources, especially trees. It will investigate what practices might lead to sustainable consumption and how communities can be inspired to adopt those practices. It will do so by researching family governance patterns and potential influences, including public authorities, and popular culture. Funded by the British Academy.



Sudanese Women Leadership in Global Uncertainty: Tailored Solutions to Overcoming Barriers to Leadership

Led by Dr Souad Mohamed, this project builds on her previous research, 'Understanding Barriers and Enablers to Women's Leadership in Sudan.' The initiative aims to apply those research findings to support Sudanese women recently displaced to Egypt due to conflict. The program addresses the unique challenges and new barriers these women face in this context and equips participants with the skills and knowledge to strategically reposition themselves in both local and global job markets. Funded by the Sigrid Rausing Trust.



Resilience Project



This research focused on resilience as “the capacity of individuals, communities and systems to survive, adapt, and grow in the face of stress and shocks, and even transform when conditions require it.” Ten projects were supported under four broad sub-themes: financial resilience, climate resilience, resilient cities, and resilience in post-conflict transitional processes.

The project supported original and primary research that applied diverse methodologies and involved early career and established scholars from across LSE. The research generated high-quality academic outputs and contributed to capacity-building, awareness-raising, and international and national policymaking.

Our work impacted a landmark trial at the International Criminal Court. It resulted in the production of the Dakar Guidelines on hybrid criminal courts as well as manuscripts and journal articles. The final report encompassing the findings across all the projects was delivered this year. The programme was generously funded by the IGA-Rockefeller Research and Impact Fund.

Main Report: Resilience Programme



PERISCOPE



The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa played a leading role in the EU Horizon project: Understanding the response to COVID-19 and enhancing preparedness for future pandemics (PERISCOPE). This project investigated the multi-level governance required for equitable pandemic responses. PERISCOPE was a multi-disciplinary, multi-year project drawing on diverse methodological approaches, including systematic reviews, multi-sited ethnographic work, randomised controlled trials, online surveys, and smartphone data analysis. The project brought together 32 collaborating partner institutions.

The Institute's research demonstrated that social infrastructures, and community support, enabled groups to survive the pandemic. EU and national pandemic governance holds the potential to either enable or disable social relations upon which health protections rely. Equitable pandemic responses rely on guaranteed funding for communications and partnerships which bridge national, regional, and community public health responses.



The headline findings that emerged from LSE research show that the language of vaccine hesitancy provided a limited frame for understanding diverse orientations towards vaccines. Homogenising groups in health policy may create future mistrust in the state and healthcare system. Building capacity and links between multiple layers of governance must be a priority for future pandemic preparedness.

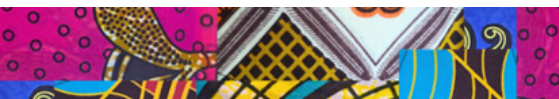
The socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 response continues to resonate through many groups who feel disfranchised and abandoned by the state.

Across the UK and the EU, many continue to live with the consequences which stem from lockdowns. In the UK, the effects of the pandemic response on young people's mental health were extremely uneven and continue to have deep effects.

Young people have experienced severe disruption to education and health services, which continues to shape their lives post-Covid. The pandemic response was largely informed by data derived from epidemiological models and behavioural science. Whilst this research revealed crucial insights at the population level, ethnographic and qualitative research is a necessary complement to understand diverse spatial and temporal responses to pandemic policies. PERISCOPE research revealed the need for interdisciplinary data to explain differential rates of lockdown adherence and vaccination rates in particular.

Selected outputs:

- Report: [Understanding the response to COVID-19 and enhancing preparedness for future generations](#)
- Report: [The Commission for Pandemic Governance and Inequalities](#)
- Event: [The LSE Commission for Pandemic Governance and Inequalities: an experiment in cross-disciplinarity for pandemic policy.](#)





Influencing for Senior Leaders: Analysis, Strategy, and Practice

In partnership with the Global Executive Leadership Initiative and the United Nations Office for Project Services

FLIA has delivered this training course for senior humanitarian leaders since 2022. This year we have completed four cohorts, in Nairobi, Panama City, Dhaka and Bangkok. In January 2025, we will deliver another special session of the course in Istanbul, Türkiye.

FLIA is the lead academic partner on the Influencing for Senior Leaders training course in partnership with the GELI. The course is for senior humanitarian, aid, and development leaders. It focuses on analysis, strategy, and practice and involves a combination of in-person and online teaching. The curriculum looks at media engagement, strategic communications, and other techniques informed by research for designing strategies to bring intentional change to the sector.



"It has been a really engaging week, and there are many things, tools, considerations, concrete advice from colleagues that I will keep with me. I go out of this week energized and motivated, and aware of my responsibility to lead with courage and purpose." – Participant, Nairobi 2023.

The Gender, Justice and Security Hub

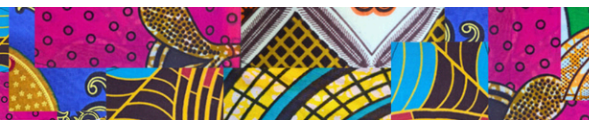


The Gender, Justice and Security Hub, hosted at WPS, is a £17 million, five-and-a-half-year multi-partner research network working with practitioners, governments, and international organisations to advance gender, justice, and inclusive peace.



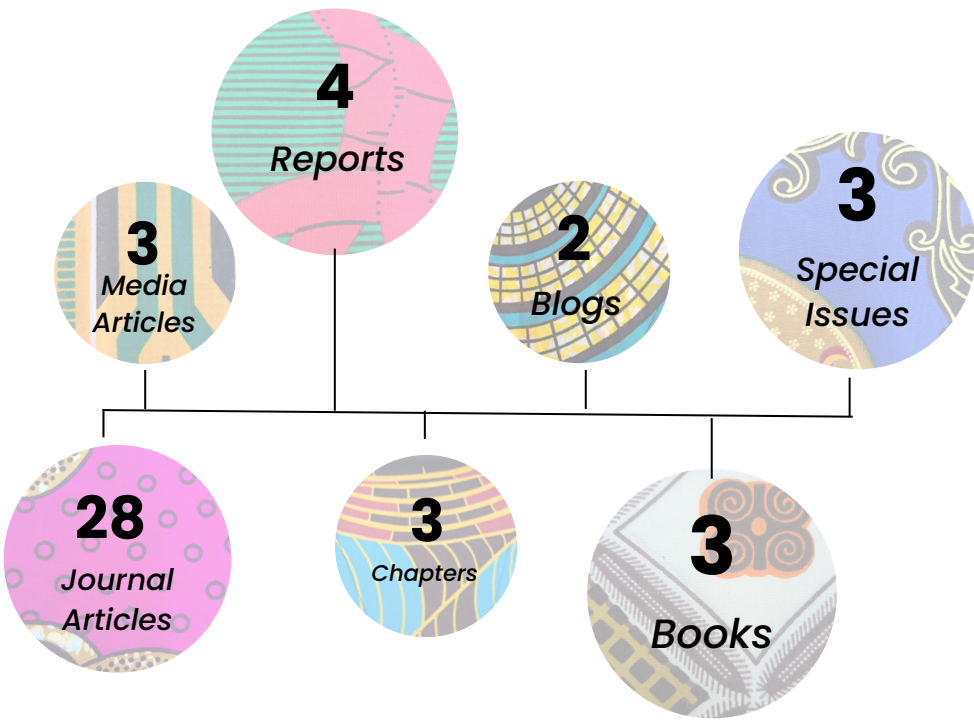
The Hub seeks to advance the delivery of the UN's fifth Sustainable Development Goal on gender equality; its sixteenth on peace, justice and strong institutions; and the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda by developing an evidence base around gender justice and inclusive security in conflict-affected societies.

This year saw the launch of the Hub's legacy website which will ensure its work remains visible beyond the completion of the project in September. The digital Hub deliberately showcases the work of researchers in a way that makes its work more accessible to non-academic audiences. The Hub is funded by UK Research and Innovation and the Global Challenges Fund.

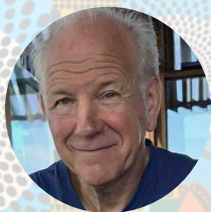


Research Programme

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Introducing New Visiting Scholars



**PROFESSOR
RICHARD FARDON**

Visiting Professor: Professor Richard Fardon is a social anthropologist specialising in West Africa, particularly Nigeria and Cameroon, where he began fieldwork in the 1970s. He is the author or editor of over two dozen books and over fifty essays and articles. He taught at the University of St Andrews in Scotland and SOAS University of London, where he is Emeritus Professor of Anthropology and was Chair of the Centre of African Studies and founding Head of the SOAS Doctoral School. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2004.



DR DESNÉ MASIE

Visiting Senior Fellow: Dr Desné Masie is an economist and journalist who has held several senior roles in media, academia, and financial services in the UK and South Africa. She has advised governments and major multinational corporations on geopolitical risk, economic policy, sustainable finance, and wider financial sector policy. She has been awarded a Pulitzer Grant for her work on carbon markets and is an accomplished public speaker and author.



**DR SOUAD
MOHAMED**

Visiting Senior Fellow: Dr Souad Mohamed is an experienced CEO, consultant, and academic specialising in UK higher education and learning development. With a successful record in global partnership development, she currently leads the Women in Local Governance program in Saudi Arabia, while serving as CEO at IEL International. She has driven impactful women's leadership projects, advocating for policy reforms and women's participation.



"It's obviously an incredible honour to get this appointment and to be part of the LSE community. There is no better time to be co-creating with the faculty and community across the School to enrich and enable Africa's creatives and Africa's sparkling creative economy that is set to take over the world."

- Chude Jideonwo



Creatives in Residence Program



This year, FLIA launched its new Creatives in Residence Program (CiR). Through this program, FLIA will empower individuals to drive change through their creativity, research, and industry engagement.

The CiR Programme will bring creatives with a track record of innovation and leadership to LSE. CiRs will be invited to affiliate with the Institute for a one-year renewable term with the goals of:

- Inspiring, engaging, and facilitating access to opportunities in the creative industries for participants in the Programme for African Leadership (PfAL) and its alumni network.
- Supporting and advancing the work of the Institute in the creative economy.
- Supporting FLIA to secure funding for major events notably the biannual LSE Africa Forum and the Ubuntu Cafe



FLIA is delighted to announce that our first Creative in Residence will be Chude Jideonwo. Chude is a renowned media entrepreneur and co-founder of RED For Africa, a content, consulting, and data company that deploys cultural intelligence from across Africa.

As Creative in Residence, Chude will leverage his extensive expertise and creativity to inspire PfAL and support the development of future African creative leaders. His vast experience in the media will be instrumental in creating a bridge that enhances opportunities for the development of African creative talent at LSE.



"It is inspiring to see the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa continuous growth, and its unwavering commitment to the continent. The expansion of the Programme for African Leadership, now with over 800 fellows, is a testament to the institute's dedication to cultivating and empowering the next generation of leaders who will shape the continent's future."

-Alcinda Honwana, Visiting Professor, FLIA





Programme for African Leadership

The Programme for African Leadership (PfAL) is the Institute's flagship student offering. It is an extra-curricular programme focused on developing leadership skills. It is exclusively available to current African graduate students at the School. Since its inception in 2012, PfAL has grown into an alumni network of over 800 African graduates

from 42 countries with careers in academia, government, and the private sector. Those who enrol are invited to a structured series of activities and events throughout the academic year including debates, career days, and leadership seminars. Through these activities, students hone their leadership skills to positively inspire, influence, and impact their communities at home and abroad.

PfAL's first patron

Tsitsi Dangarembga, acclaimed Zimbabwean author and filmmaker, has been appointed as PfAL's first patron.

As a member of the very first cohort of PfAL, Tsitsi has a strong connection to the programme and its network. As Patron, Tsitsi will play a pivotal role in promoting the programme through her professional network and contributing to its academic, research, and leadership development. Her distinguished literary career and commitment to social justice make her an ideal advocate for PfAL's mission.



"I am honoured to join the Programme for African Leadership at the Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa as its first Patron. This role presents an exciting opportunity to inspire and support the next generation of African leaders, particularly in the creative industries. By fostering collaboration between African and UK professionals in film and media, we can create a dynamic exchange of ideas and opportunities. I look forward to contributing to the growth and success of PfAL and its remarkable community."- Tsitsi Dangarembga.

PfAL Events



Every year, PfAL hosts the Ubuntu Café as part of its Africa Day celebrations. The event attracts hundreds of guests from across LSE and beyond. Each Ubuntu Café is individually curated, but past activities have included fashion shows, book launches, and panel discussions.



This year, the Programme launched the Inter-University Africa Debates to empower students across the UK to contribute to critical conversations and policies affecting Africa. These Oxford-style debates promote fresh perspectives and discourses while developing participant's critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills.





Leadership workshops

PfAL's leadership workshops are based on organisational psychology and ideas of positive African leadership that encourage debate about leadership and the ethical dilemmas it presents. Students are encouraged to think critically about collaboration, the practical application of leadership, and the different forms of leadership around the world.

Ubuntu is central to these workshops. The principle of "I am because we are" promotes an ethos of inclusive, collaborative leadership. It is used by the Programme to guide discussion around what effective forms of leadership mean in different contexts.

The Unleash Africa Projects

The Unleash Africa Projects is an opportunity for students to design an African-centred product or service to pitch a viable social venture to an investor. Coinciding with the African Union's youth priority areas, students develop project management, entrepreneurial, and communication skills with the potential of acquiring funding to bring their vision to fruition.



PfAL Forum

A highlight of the Programme is the PfAL Forum, a biennial summit that brings together the PfAL network on African soil to strengthen bonds and share ideas, which is scheduled to take place in 2025.



PfAL in Review



"Joining PfAL opened many opportunities to lead projects and develop my resume." Chris Ajah, MSc in Health Policy Planning and Financing.

Looking ahead

Our goal for next year is to connect young leaders in the diaspora with those on the continent to inform policy, research, and practice. Leveraging the PfAL Network, Future of Work Dialogues, and the LSE Africa Forum, PfAL will bring together like-minded individuals to create connections, share ideas, and plan how to use their LSE education to have a real-world impact in Africa.

"I got so much more out of PfAL than I possibly could have imagined."
Nour El-Yacoubi, MSc Global Politics.

"PfAL is a home away from home."
Eunice Hansen-Sackey,
MSc Development Management.





PfAL Leadership Code

PfAL students in the third and fourth cohorts collaborated to create a leadership code for the programme. The values contained in the code encapsulate the vision of the programme to make a positive impact on the continent. The code has been used by subsequent cohorts to guide projects and group discussions.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support initiatives that reduce poverty in a sustainable manner and, where necessary, challenge those that create dependency. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work to foster social justice and human rights on the continent. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen and amplify the voices of African citizens at the national, regional, and international levels. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote African intellectualism, storytelling, expertise, higher education, and research. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster an environment where young Africans can reach their full potential. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empower and mentor others to take up leadership within their areas of influence. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide an enabling environment where people of all genders have equal opportunities to succeed. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively foster and further the PfAL network through collaboration with fellow network members. |

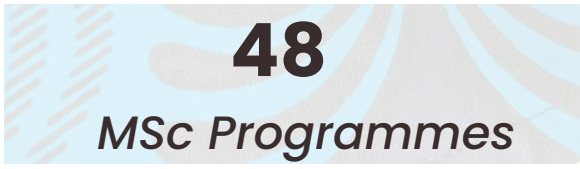
PfAL in Numbers



800+
LSE Alumni



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Number of Students



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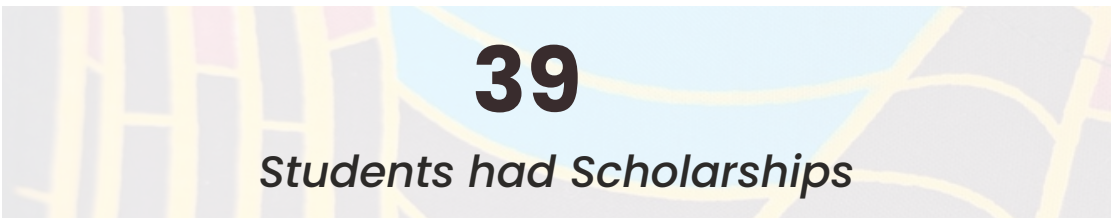
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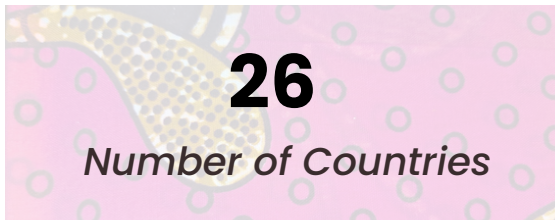
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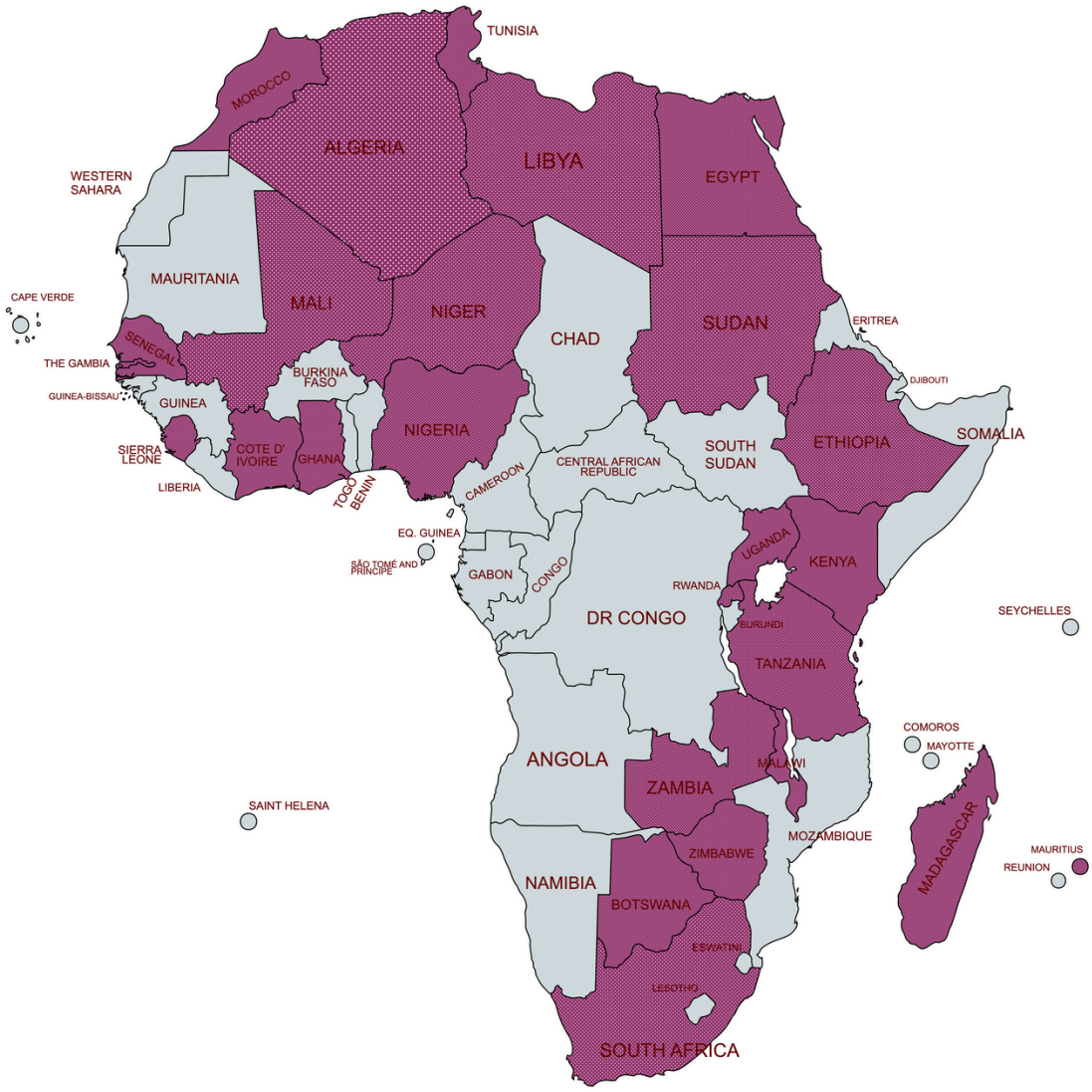


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PfAL Students Home Countries





Africa Engagement Programme

The Africa Engagement Programme (AEP) at FLIA develops partnerships with African public and private institutions, promotes African scholarship, and increases career opportunities for LSE students across the continent.

AEP is guided by four objectives that align with the priority areas outlined in LSE's 2030 'Shape the World' strategy and FLIA's 2023–26 Institute Strategy:

- To build long-lasting strategic partnerships.
- To support alumni and students, especially those connected to PfAL.
- To engage employers in Africa and beyond.
- To advance philanthropic support.

These objectives guide the mission of the Programme to encourage research, policy creation, and global debates that incorporate African voices and perspectives.



EMY Africa



"I thoroughly enjoyed Chude Jideonwo's insights on the creative economy. He shared a profound insight: the creative economy is already borderless, doing what the AfCFTA is striving to do in traditional industries. A visionary investor wouldn't overlook the potential and capacity of Africa's creative industry." – Jennifer Frimpong, Africa Rising 2024 attendee.

AEP partnered with EMY Africa, a media organisation based in Ghana, on the Africa Rising Symposium. With over 250 delegates in attendance, the symposium discussed the continent's ability to innovate and adapt to global challenges; how to leverage the strengths of the African diaspora for growth and investment; and explored the intersection between Africa's creative industries and economic growth.

"A vibrant conversation on harnessing creativity to build across economic power in and beyond the African continent. Key takeaways (1) Collaboration beyond borders (within Africa) is fantastic, (2) following the models set for the Western world is setting us up to fail when scaling, (3) our intuitive intelligence knows how to market to our people already, (3) we are our best supporters." Ivie Itoje, Africa Rising 2024 attendee.



AEP Events



GetIn Education Consulting

The Institute organised The Advance Africa Conference alongside GetIn Education Consulting. The conference asked: “How can I contribute to the advancement of Africa?” 150 attendees forged connections between African talent, business leaders, and change-makers, to foster opportunities across the UK and Africa.

META



FLIA, in partnership with Meta’s Global Collaborations program, GK Partners, and LSE IDEAS, convened a diplomatic roundtable on global digital collaboration. This event brought together representatives from eleven countries, including five Ambassadors/High Commissioners, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the African Foundation for Development, and the consultancy Shabaka. The roundtable was part of Meta’s programme to foster dialogue with the academic, diplomatic, and diaspora sectors, and set the stage for ongoing collaborations.



We hosted a second roundtable, which addressed the critical issues of disinformation, elections, and platform governance, the event was particularly timely considering the 18 elections due to take place across Africa in 2024. There will be further roundtables held in autumn 2024 to delve deeper into how disinformation is affecting the continent.



Supporting Alumni and Students

AEP coordinated the visit of an LSE delegation to Abuja and Lagos. The goal was to increase the School's engagement in Nigeria and promote the LSE Press publication *How Africa Trades*.

On the trip, the Programme met ministers in the Nigerian government, diplomats, and representatives from INGOs, including:

- Nigerian Vice President H.E. Kashum Shettima who invited to participate in the Presidential Initiative for Innovation, Policy Evaluation, and Research.
- Nigerian Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with which we developed a capacity-building programme.
- The delegation met the Minister for Industry, Trade, and Investments Dr Doris Uzoka-Anitev and the Managing Director of the Bank of Industry Dr Olasupo Olusi to discuss the need to restructure African trade to unleash its potential.
- Discussions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with LSE Alum 'Dapo Oyewole, Senior Special Assistant to the President on International Cooperation, focused on the ways to increase cooperation between LSE and the Nigerian government, starting with capacity building on trade negotiations and facilitation.

Following the trip, there was an agreement between FLIA and the African Business Roundtable to jointly host an event at the next FCDO UK-Africa Investment Summit.



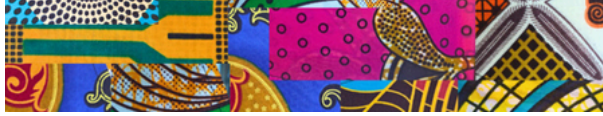


How Africa Trades book launch in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the British High Commission, Abuja

The *How Africa Trades* book launch event in Abuja, Nigeria was co-hosted by FLIA, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, and the British High Commission Nigeria. The event attracted over 80 attendees including diplomats, trade experts, and policymakers. The panel included Professor David Luke, FLIA; Professor Wale Ogunkola, University of Ibadan; Stuart Tibbs, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and was moderated by Teniola Tayo, Africa Policy Research Institute. The welcome remarks were provided by Gill Lever OBE, British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria.



Career Transitions Lab



"Shamim's session on Purpose and Career Planning prompted deep introspection on the connection between decision-making and fear. It challenged me to continuously address these two crucial aspects as I embark on my job search journey and embrace leading with purpose in various aspects of my life." – Purity Wambui, MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing.

The AEP Career Transitions Lab was a multi-day series of talks and workshops that equipped LSE students and alumni with the knowledge, skills, and tools they need to transition from academia to professional work on the continent or a career focused on African issues.

This year, Dr Shamim K. Matovu ran a workshop on how students could understand their purpose, priorities, and career values and build confidence while job hunting. To help prepare for dissertation writing, Dr Souad Mohammed presented on how to get a distinction. On the second day, Vincent Roget and Imad Coulibaly from Control Risks briefed students on careers in risk, consulting, and government advisory. Patrick Kibunja from Absa also led a workshop on building credibility, networking, and combatting imposter syndrome.





Africa Internship Programme

This year was the third year of the Africa Internship Programme, which places LSE students and alumni in roles at the School and externally. Among the placements this year was an internship at the African Union, which recruited a student to assist with their youth engagement work at COP28.

“The joint internship with the LSA Africa Institute and the office of the African Union Youth Envoy has been such an amazing experience. As someone passionate about African affairs and hoping to someday get involved in politics on the continent I greatly appreciated being able to work with such an instrumental team on the African continent, particularly one that has a focus on empowering young Africans. The relationships I built through the internship have most definitely remained with me and extended past the internship.” Oge Elumelu, BSc Politics & Philosophy, 2023.

FLIA offers additional research internships with the African Health Observatory Platform on Health Systems & Policies; the Department of Government; the Department of International Development; and the Grantham Research Institute.

“My current internship as a research assistant for the Grantham Institute's BASIN Project is proving to be a valuable and insightful experience. It's significantly influencing the development of my Master's dissertation topic. Focusing on water insecurity and its intersectionality through a gender lens, the project is helping me understand the differential impacts on women across the African continent. Through this experience, I'm gaining exposure to a new, educational side of research, allowing me to hone my writing, research, qualitative coding, and professional skills, particularly through collaboration with a diverse team.” Haja Bah, Environment and Development 2023/24.

“FLIA's internship programme provided an essential first step in my research agenda. The intern was smart and self-motivated, minimising the need for close supervision. The programme is important for faculty needing help with research as well as students seeking knowledge of the nuts and bolts of practical research.” Dr George Ofosu, Assistant Professor, Department of Government.

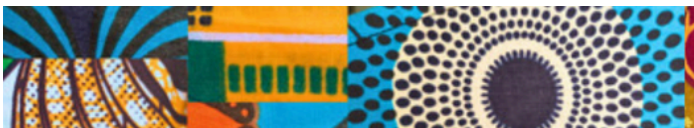


PhD Research Day

As part of our annual engagement with the PhD Academy, AEP hosted the annual Africa Research Day. The event brings together PhD students across the School who are researching topics relating to Africa.

Presentations included, "Surviving the settlement: refugees and urban linkages in north-western Uganda" and "Is extractives-led development possible in Africa? Understanding how Botswana has managed its relationship with De Beers to support economic development in the diamonds sector", from the Department for International Development.

From the Department of Geography and the Environment there were presentations on "Mining for Critical Raw Materials in Africa: Understanding mining policy implementation for sustainable local economic development in Namibia" and "Shifting Geographies of urban revelation in Abomey-Calavi, Republic of Benin." It was a great opportunity for the students to interact with researchers and professors to get feedback on their work.





Africa@LSE

The Africa@LSE blog offers insight and analysis on the key issues affecting Africa from leading academics at LSE and beyond. The blog is a world-leading platform for research on Africa presented in an accessible way that helps to broaden the audience for social science research and increase the impact of academic scholarship.

Our articles have been reposted and cited on news sites around the world, led to research collaborations, and supported grant applications. As a direct result of their work on the blog authors have been approached for interviews by the world's leading media organisations, including the BBC and Al-Jazeera, and called to advise embassies in Africa on a range of topics. This year, the blog has reached 4 million readers since it was launched ten years ago.

Next year, we will be updating the digital infrastructure that supports the website. This will allow us to be more innovative with how we present research and boost our readership even further.

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Hub for African Thought

This year, FLIA launched the Hub for African Thought, which showcases the contribution of African authors to global academia. By leveraging LSE's digital platform, we hope to increase the awareness of African academics with the goal of encouraging students and researchers to cite more African authors in their work.

The Hub includes profiles of canonical thinkers, Q&As with current academics, and curated reading lists from experts on a range of subjects including post-colonial philosophy, trade, and economic history. A link to the Hub can be found on the FLIA homepage.

If you would like to contribute a reading list or have a recommendation for a thinker for us to profile, please get in touch at africa@lse.ac.uk.





FLIA Events

LSE Africa Summit 2024

The Africa Summit is an annual event that takes place each March, led by LSE students. It brings together politicians, academics, and policymakers from across Africa and its diaspora to discuss topics affecting the continent.

This year's Africa Summit was themed "African Minds Transforming Futures: Building Resilient Education Systems". It explored the challenges and opportunities that face the educational landscape on the continent.

In a series of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops, the event explored the factors that have shaped higher education in Africa and addressed the nuanced challenges different population groups face in accessing and thriving in education.

FLIA recruits a committee of LSE Masters' students who collaboratively decide on the theme, invite the speakers, and prepare the programme to generate debate and drive change.

Over the years, the Summit has been attended by influence policymakers and politicians including Nana Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana; Yemi Osibanjo, Vice-President of Nigeria; Dr Donald Kaberuka, former president of the African Development Bank; Ibukun Awosika, Chairman of First Bank of Nigeria; Cristina Duarte, Special Advisor on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General; and Chido Mpemba, African Union Special Youth Envoy.

Next year's Summit will be held on 29 March 2025. You can follow FLIA online and on social media to keep up to date with further announcements.





LSE Festival

As part of this year's LSE Festival, FLIA organised a panel discussion on the role of the law in protecting women in conflict, with a focus on Africa.

Global legal frameworks to protect women in conflict have been agreed by all members of the UN Security Council. Yet violence against women, because they are women, remains very much a part of twenty-first century warfare.

The panel featured H.E. Fatou Bensouda, High Commissioner of The Gambia to the UK, and previously the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; Rita Kahsay, Executive Director of the NGO Irob Anina and co-author of *In Plain Sight*; and Claire Wilmot, a researcher and journalist who recently completed her PhD at LSE on how policy affects the gendered experiences of justice systems.



Africa Talks

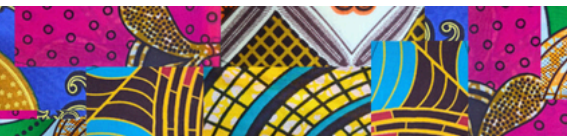


Africa Talks is FLIA’s public event series that informs global debates with new perspectives from the continent. It gives a platform to Africa’s pre-eminent thinkers and practitioners across academia, politics, and activism to present forward-thinking ideas to address contemporary global challenges. This year, we hosted two Africa Talks on the situation in Sudan and climate change activism across Africa.

Activism and climate change

The first Africa Talks of the year was a discussion on the critical issues of climate change and grassroots activism in Africa. Our panel of speakers included Winnie Cheche, an eco-blogger, activist, and leader of YMA Going Green Initiative; Josephine Chiname, an Atlantic Fellow for Social and Economic Equity at LSE; and Chido Mpemba, Youth Envoy for the African Union. The event was chaired by Armine Ishkanian, Executive Director of the Atlantic Fellows for Social and Economic Equity at LSE.

The panellists discussed the challenges, successes, and prospects of grassroots movements dedicated to addressing climate change on the African continent. They also shared their experiences of protesting in Africa.



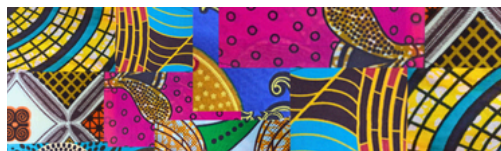


Political elites, civil society, and the future of Sudan

The second Africa Talks panel, titled "Political elites, civil society, and the future of Sudan," addressed the complex crisis unfolding in Sudan, focusing on the theme of 'disconnection' between various actors in the country. These disconnects are observed between Sudanese popular groups, state institutions, and international entities, shaping the ongoing turmoil.



The discussion featured Mai Hasan from MIT and Kholood Khair, director of Confluence Advisory, alongside LSE's Laura Mann to explore these issues and how the sudden displacement of the Sudanese elite from its capital city might re-orient Sudanese politics in future. This event was co-organised with the LSE Middle East Centre.





City of hope – lessons from Cape Town for the future of South Africa and African cities

Geordin Hill-Lewis, Mayor of Cape Town, shared lessons from leading a city of five million people with the audience at LSE. He explored what Cape Town's experiences can tell us about the future of South Africa and what lessons Cape Town can offer to rapidly growing cities across Africa.

Following his presentation Mayor Hill-Lewis discussed these questions with Desné Masie, Visiting Senior Fellow at FLIA. The event was chaired by Professor Suzanne Hall, Head of Department in Sociology at LSE.



We are at the edge, not the end, of history: policy discussion of *The Edge* by Jonathan Maxwell

This event discussed the author's recently published book. The publication looks at recent global events and the agency we have in understanding and delivering big solutions to these issues, on time, no matter their scale.

We were joined by Dr Akshat Rathi, Senior Writer Bloomberg Green & author of *Climate Capitalism*; Sarah Gordon, Visiting Professor in Practice at the Grantham Research Institute; Nigel Topping UK High-Level Climate Champion COP28; and Hendrik du Toit, CEO, Ninety One.



New directions in global carbon markets: towards fair pricing and trade

The issue of carbon pricing has seen a resurgence in global debate since COP27. Whether this takes the form of direct taxation or through trading carbon credits, disagreements around pricing, taxation and trade measures have accompanied the conversation and were the key points of discussion at this event.



Advancing health equity in Africa

This special symposium saw the launch of the Health Policy Brief by recent PFAL Alumni and Health Policy graduates, Elmer Aluge and Dr Chris Agape, and featured a keynote address from H.E. Toyin Saraki, Global Health Ambassador of the WHO Foundation. The launch was followed by a panel discussion on the issues in the presentation. There was a focus on the role of this collaboration in tackling Africa's foremost health challenges.





Book launch

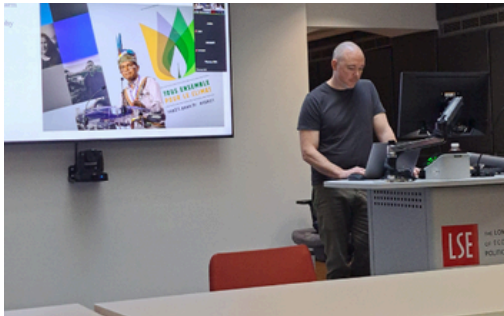
FLIA presented three works by distinguished CPAID authors: Naomi Pendle, Illiana Sarafin, and Deval Desai. Their thought-provoking books delve into the complexities of power, contestation, and resilience in various global contexts. The event offered an opportunity for the audience to engage with the authors and gain deeper insights into their research.



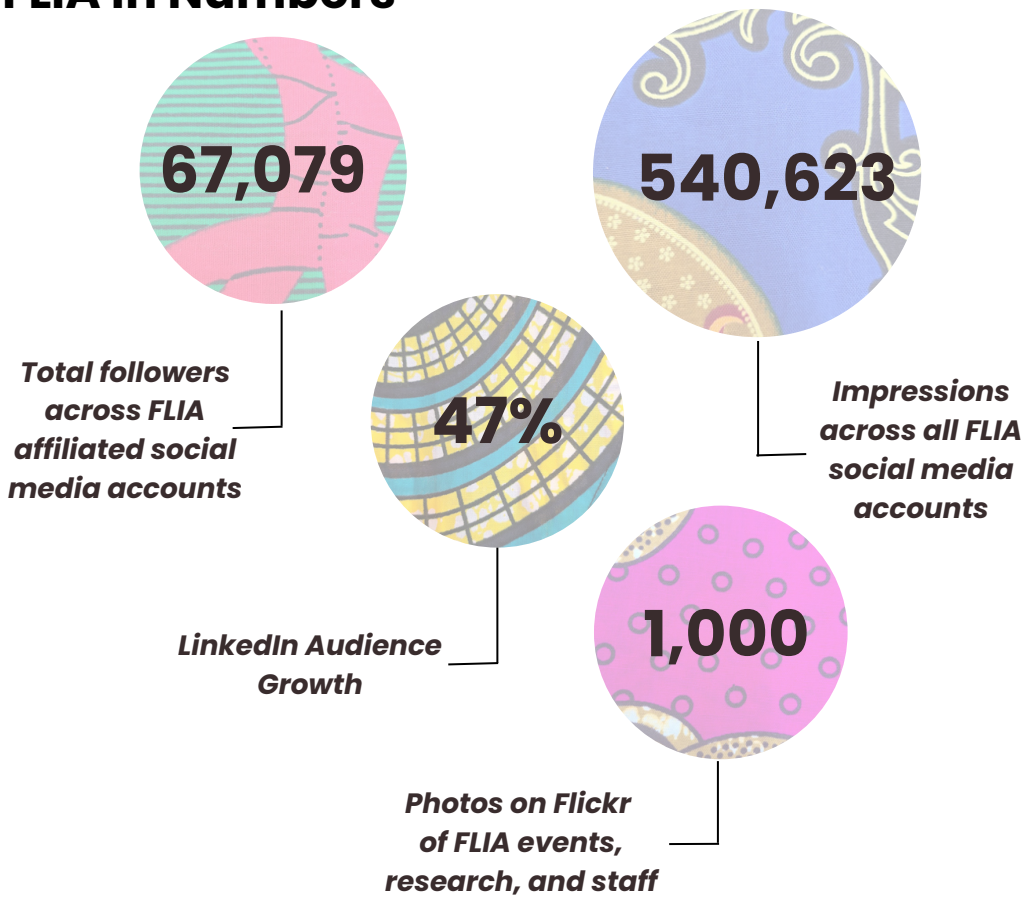
Lunch and Learns

FLIA and the Centre for Women, Peace and Security hold weekly seminar series showcasing work from around the School and our networks. The seminars are open to staff and Master students from across LSE and beyond. This year, we held 23 events on topics including a critique of political decolonization, Sub-Saharan Africa's economic recovery, and feminist foreign policy. Over 450 people came to the seminars over the course of the year.

If you would like to present a lunch and learn, please get in contact at africa@lse.ac.uk.



FLIA in Numbers



Around LSE

As part of its mission to place Africa at the heart of LSE, FLIA runs a dissertation prize for the outstanding Master's dissertation written on Africa or African issues. This year's winner was Alysha Robinson, Department of International History, for her research: "From the Ogu to U.P.E.: The Economic Underpinnings of Igbo Women's Protest, c. 1929-1958."



Looking ahead to 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended our events this year! Your participation and enthusiasm made each gathering truly memorable. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you again in the next academic year for more exciting events and shared experiences!

Check our website regularly to find new events and information on how to register!

Timeline

- 14 October
 - 'Mainstreaming nature positive economics for people and planet'
- 17 October and 27 May
 - Ubuntu Café
- 28 November
 - 'The Future for Wildlife Conservation in Africa'
- 8 March
 - International Women's Day Conference
- 29 March
 - LSE Africa Summit 2025



"What an extraordinary, and very busy year! For me it has been inspiring to see FLIA move so productively into new arenas, with colleagues driving initiatives with such enthusiasm and vision. A particular highlight for me personally were my trips to South Africa and Nigeria. I am embarrassed to say it was my first visit to the latter. I learned so much and it has made me eager to visit again. Also, seeing the architect's three-dimensional model of the new Firoz Lalji Global Hub building was a special moment."

– Professor Tim Allen

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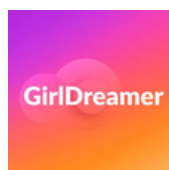
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