



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

# WELCOME TO LSE ECONOMICS





# **The LSE BSc Economics**

## **Dr Dimitra Petropoulou**

### **Undergraduate Programme Director**

Department of Economics

# Why Economics?

# Why Economics?

- Economics today tackles a broad range of problems – versatile, analytical, relevant
- Practicing economics scientifically and open-mindedly requires **formal modelling** of economic relationships and **testing hypotheses against data**
- To practice modern economics you need to:
  - feel comfortable with, and usually enjoy, mathematics;
  - have a strong understanding of econometrics and what constitutes meaningful evidence;
  - emphasize real world relevance and evidence for policy design.
- Studying economics at LSE involves deepening problem-solving skills, including mathematical and statistical abilities, while never losing sight of the real world.

# Why Economics at LSE?

# Why Economics at LSE?

- 1<sup>st</sup> in the UK; tied 5<sup>th</sup> in the World for Economics & Econometrics (QS)
  - Academic rigour and diverse options
  - Incredibly international and diverse student body and academic staff
  - Benefits of central London location
  - Uniquely rich choice of public speakers and events
- Large investment in teaching excellence, student support and community-building
- Outstanding employability
  - Careers Service with dedicated events for Economics
  - Economics graduates go on to successful careers in the Government Departments, the Bank of England (and world equivalents), academia, investment banking, economic and management consultancy, and much much more!



# Why Economics at LSE?

- What our students say:

*“Economics at LSE goes deeper than just eye-popping diagrams and mathematics – what is taught in the classroom is directly linked to the real-world”*

*“The best of all worlds. Academic rigour, great social life, incredible buzz of intense diversity”*

# Undergraduate Team



**Wouter**  
Deputy Head for Education



**Dimitra**  
UG Programme Director



**Judith**  
Departmental Tutor



**Kasia**  
Undergraduate Tutor



**Nico**  
Undergraduate Tutor



**Junius**  
Undergraduate Tutor

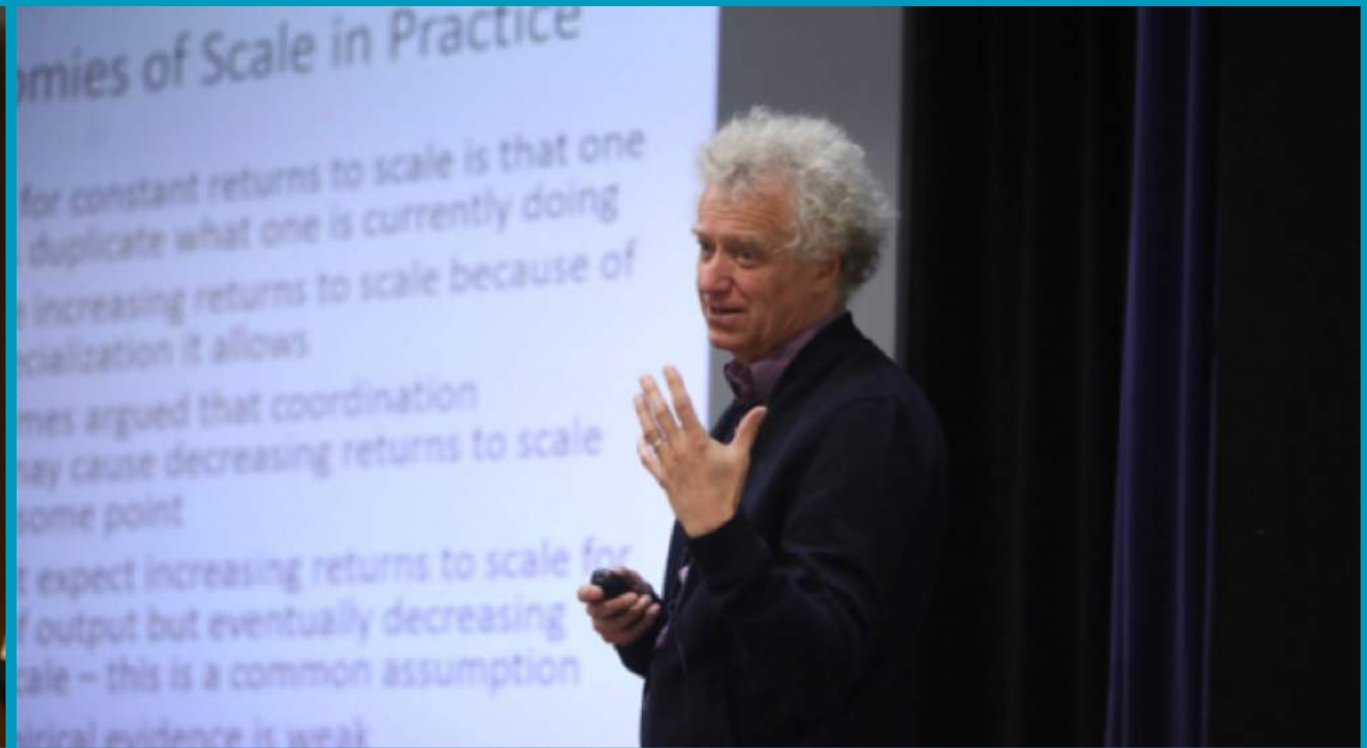


**Sarah**  
UG Programme  
Manager



**Fiona**  
Programmes  
Assistant













# Our Undergraduate Programmes

- **BSc Economics**
- **BSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics**







# BSc Economics

# Introducing our new curriculum (from 2021/22)

- Separate (Year 1 and 2) core courses for students on the BSc Economics and students on other degrees studying economics
- Core courses tailored to the specific needs of different students
- Rigorous, up-to-date and policy relevant.
- Excellent preparation for Year 3 for all.

# How will BSc Economics students benefit?

- Take courses together with a **more homogeneous group of students**
- **Tailored courses** to better match students' interests and career objectives
- More time devoted to economics will enable **exploration of interesting applications** to a wider range of problems.
- More **diversified assessment** including policy briefs and empirical projects.

Year 1 Michaelmas Term	Year 1 Lent Term
Economics	Microeconomics I
Quantitative Methods (Mathematics)	Macroeconomics I
Elementary Statistical Theory	Econometrics I
Outside Option	Outside Option

Also LSE100 for all students at LSE!

Year 1 Michaelmas Term	Year 1 Lent Term
Economics	Microeconomics I
Outside Option	Macroeconomics I
Elementary Statistical Theory	Econometrics I
Mathematical Methods	

Also LSE100 for all students at LSE!



# Just a few of the great Year 1 options

- EH101: Internationalisation of Economic Growth: 1870 to the present day
- GV101: Introduction to the Study of Politics
- PH103: The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy
- PB101: Foundations of Psychological Science
- AC102 and FM101: Introduction to Financial Accounting; Finance (half units)
- LN: language: French, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin (from scratch to proficiency/mastery)

LSE offers a uniquely rich array of rigorous social science courses to Economics students


Year 2 Michaelmas Term	Year 2 Lent Term
Microeconomics II	
Macroeconomics II	
Econometrics II	
Principles of Finance <b>OR</b> Outside Option(s)	



**Three** advanced economics courses:

- Development Economics
- International Economics
- Public Economics
- Monetary Economics
- Behavioural Economics
- Labour Economics
- Political Economy...and more!

A **fourth** course *either* from Economics *or* from related subjects, such as:

- The Making of an Economic Superpower: China since 1850
  - International Political Economy
  - Game Theory
  - Management Accounting, Financial Management and Organizational control
- ....and many more!
- 

# BSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics

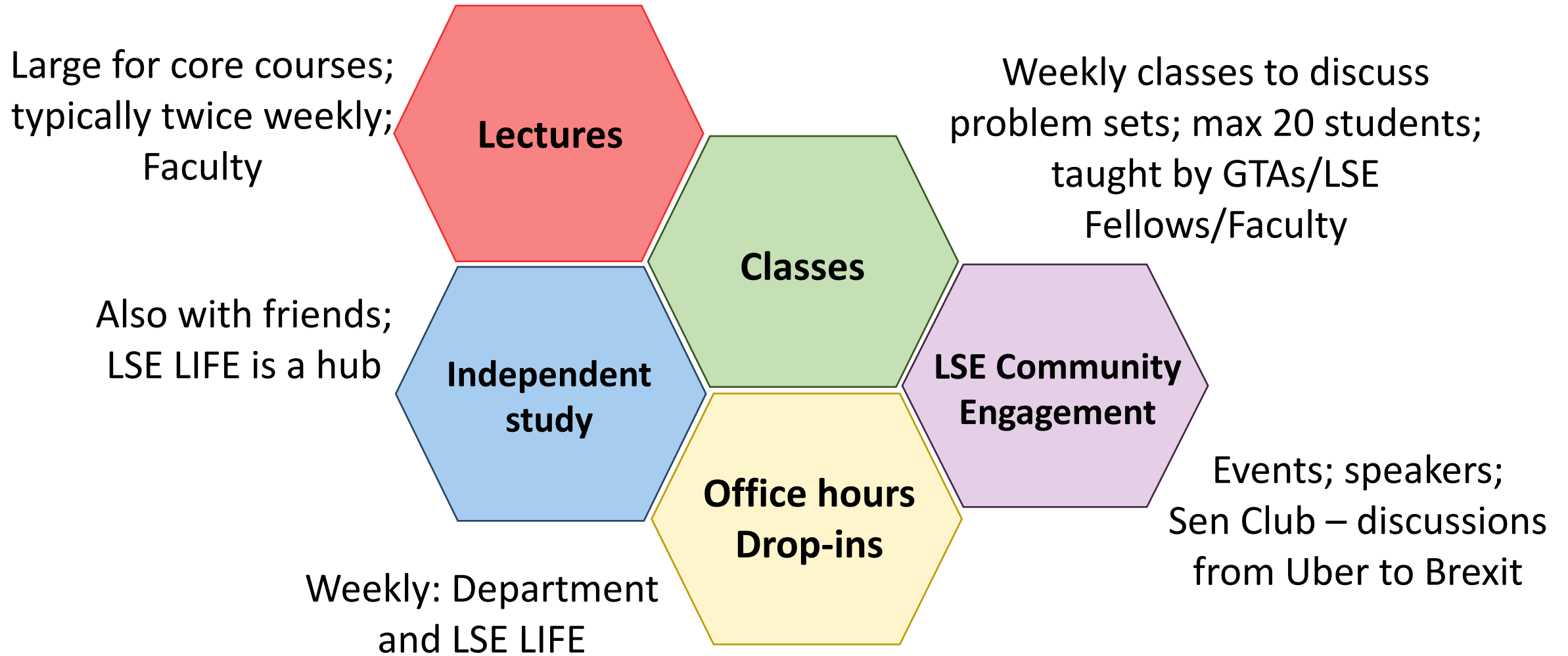


- Application for transfer into EME end of Year 2
- Quantitative Thesis
- Three units comprising:
  - up to two from:
    - Econometric Theory
    - Games and Economic Behaviour
    - Problems of Applied Econometrics
  - up to two from the EME course selection list (lots of choice!)
  - up to one outside option



# Teaching and Learning in Economics

# Building blocks of teaching and learning



# How will I be assessed? What feedback will I get on my progress?



## Problem sets

- Formative
- Feedback provided



## Class participation

- Mainly formative
- Ongoing
- Feedback in class
- Class report



## January exam/ coursework

- Summative
- Weight depends on the course
- Collective feedback provided for exams
- Individual feedback for coursework



## Final exam

- Summative
- Summer Term
- Weight depends on the course
- Collective feedback provided



# Academic Support

- Each student is assigned an **Academic Mentor** - a key source of support and guidance
- **Undergraduate Tutors** and **Departmental Tutor**
- **Undergraduate Programme Manager**
- **LSE LIFE** for study skills and support labs
- Departmental **Peer Supporters**
- LSE LIFE Economics **Student Academic Mentors**
- **LSE Student Union** Support



**Feel free to contact me!**



**Dr Dimitra Petropoulou**

**[d.petropoulou@lse.ac.uk](mailto:d.petropoulou@lse.ac.uk)**

Department of Economics



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

We look forward  
to meeting you!

