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Congratulations on receiving an offer to study with us. We're pleased to welcome you to our vibrant student community in the [Department of Government](#) as well as to our world-leading university, located at the centre of one of the most innovative, forward-looking and cosmopolitan cities in the world.

Our department is a truly global group of students and staff who bring a diversity of perspectives, and is a place where you'll be both challenged and supported. We're ranked third in the UK and first in London by the Guardian University Guide 2026 and the Complete University Guide 2026, meaning you'll be intellectually inspired and stretched from day one—in the classroom, through student networks and across the wider LSE community.

You'll soon become part of this energetic, intellectually engaged community, led by over 65 [world-leading professors and researchers](#) who make a tangible global impact. You'll also join over 700 Department of Government students on their journeys to become the world's next great thinkers and change makers. If you'd like to peek into the future, you can find out [what our graduates](#) do when they complete their programme, or learn about some of our [alumni's stories](#)!



As a student in our department, you'll have access to an exceptional range of events, opportunities, and initiatives.

Engaging public lectures and events

Join our diverse [programme of public](#) and [student-focused events](#), featuring leading voices in politics and government, thematic lecture series, book launches, and interdisciplinary talks. These events cover topics such as democracy, geopolitics, political behaviour, and public policy, offering you countless opportunities to enrich your learning and take part in global debates.

Student events and opportunities

As a member of our department, you can participate in workshops, fireside chats with alumni, research-focused events, study skills sessions, and wider LSE student

opportunities. These include social activities, networking with academics and peers, our summer research internship and skills-building sessions designed to support both your academic development and your future career.

A community of world-leading experts

Our department is home to internationally respected academics whose [research](#) shapes policy, influences global discussions, and addresses some of the most pressing political challenges of our time. Their expertise across political theory, public policy, political economy, conflict studies, and more will enrich your learning experience throughout your studies.

If you wish to continue developing your subject knowledge, you can engage with our faculty's work before you even arrive, via our [blog](#) and [publications](#). This year, I'm delighted to celebrate the launch of my own new book '[Tribal Politics: How Brexit divided Britain](#)', exploring how the Brexit referendum created two powerful and enduring political identities—Leavers and Remainers—that continue to shape perceptions, attitudes, and political choices. It shows how these tribes formed through intense conflict, personal engagement, and the way Brexit cut across party lines, offering wider insight into how single political moments can trigger long-lasting polarisation in democracies.

You may also wish to watch my [LSE Research Showcase](#) discussing the book and the broader phenomenon of identity politics as an introduction on this topic.



I encourage you to take advantage of all these opportunities available to you: attend our seminars and public lectures, join student [clubs and societies](#), connect with faculty and peers, and explore events and activities that interest you. We look forward to welcoming you into this dynamic community, and can't wait to see what you'll bring to the department and how you'll make your mark.



What next?

- Familiarise yourself with [your programme](#) and the [support offered by LSE](#)
- Take part in the [Destination LSE](#) pre-departure events to find out useful information and get prepared for your time at LSE
- Meet us at LSE's [Offer Holder Day](#)! If you can't make it, please check out the [Virtual Offer Holder Day](#).
- Follow the Department on social media to see what's we've been up to, including our student events, via [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [Bluesky](#).
- Keep in touch! Contact the [Undergraduate Admissions team](#) if you have a query about your offer, the [Student Advice and Engagement Team](#) for visa matters or our departmental [Undergraduate Programmes Administrators](#) if you have a question about your BSc programme

We'll be in touch with you within the next month to explain more about the Department of Government and all the exciting opportunities available to you. We'll do a deep dive into our community, including faculty, current students and alumni.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community over the next three years and beyond. Your offer is just the beginning of your LSE journey!

Warm regards,



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