



School of  
**Public Policy**

# Annual Report

20<sup>22</sup><sub>23</sub>



# Dean's

## Introduction

The LSE aims to be the “world-leading social science institution with the greatest global impact”. The mission and vision of the School of Public Policy are analogous: to be a world-leading public policy school with a global outlook and the most significant impact on policy. Our goal is to train the best policy analysts – those who can understand the causes of things – and also the best policy and political leaders who can direct, engage and persuade for the betterment of society.

This summer, the School of Public Policy turns five. We have now spent half a decade working to deliver on those aims. This birthday is a good moment for stock-taking. Here are a few things that have changed since we launched the School in the Summer of 2018.

Back then, we inherited one full-time master's programme, and today, we run three, including the new Data Science and Public Policy programme that starts in August 2023. We had no double degrees, and today we have three – with Columbia University in New York, Sciences Po in Paris and the Munk School at the University of Toronto. The result is that we have gone from 70 full-time students to 350. And 57% of them are women!

The School of Public Policy has always been international, and now, we are more diverse than ever, with students from nearly 50 countries and a greater presence from regions that were under-represented in the past, including Africa, Central America and Central Asia. Plus, one in ten students now receives scholarship support from the SPP.

Five years ago, we had almost none of our own faculty. Today we have three Full Professors, five Professors of Practice, two Associate Professors (Education), one Assistant Professor (Education), and a host of LSE Fellows, Policy Officers and Policy Fellows. Plus, we continue to draw on the teaching talent of departments around the LSE.

We pursue education for impact - our students go on to policy and political responsibility positions at the local, national and international levels. And our faculty's policy-oriented research helps governments navigate the many challenges of today.

Perhaps most important of all, there is excitement and energy in the SPP. I saw it in the graduations and I see it every day in our facilities.

All LSE students value the credentials they get. I would like to think SPP students also have a good time while obtaining them! Routinely, I ask SPP students

to tell me the best things about our programmes and where we can improve. The one positive feature that gets the most mentions is the extraordinary diversity of our cohorts. Our students learn from our excellent teachers and learn from one another - from a classmate who came from a different continent, spoke a foreign language and grew up in a different culture. In that way, memorable late-in-the-evening conversations and lasting friendships are nurtured. I cannot imagine a more welcome development in a world often divided by prejudice and toxic identity politics.

I shared two brief parting thoughts in my remarks to our 2023 graduates. The first one was: never give up hope. Yes, the world faces plenty of pressing concerns, but the current fashion for pessimism is a pandemic. If, at an academic or social event, one does not moan that things are getting worse every day, one risks not being taken seriously.

My advice was: have no such fear. Over the last hundred years, life on Planet Earth has improved massively. And if we do things right, it will continue to improve. As the German-American political theorist, Susan Neiman wrote recently,

*If we succumb to the seduction of pessimism, the world as we know it is lost... Whether you see the proverbial glass as half-full or half-empty is more than a matter of temperament. If you cannot see it as half-full, you will eventually stop trying to fill it.*

And here is the second thing I suggested to the graduates: do not be too sure of what you have learnt. The complete certainty of diatribes in Twitter and the political arena nowadays also amounts to a pandemic. The philosopher Isaiah Berlin famously distinguished between hedgehogs, who know one big thing, and foxes, who know many things, but do not pretend to be sure about any of them. I hope SPP graduates will be like Berlin's foxes and always leave a little room for doubt.

I am confident that SPP students, faculty and professional staff can be proud of what we accomplished together in 2022-23 and over the last five years. I look forward to continuing to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the members of this extraordinary community.

**Andrés Velasco**  
Dean, School of Public Policy





# Faculty

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## Academic Leadership

**Professor Andrés Velasco**  
Dean of the School of Public Policy

**Dr Joana Naritomi**  
Associate Professor and Academic Director

**Professor Tony Travers**  
Professor in Practice, Associate Dean of the School of Public Policy

**Professor Vanessa Rubio-Márquez**  
Professor in Practice, Associate Dean for Extended Education

**Dr Lloyd Gruber**  
Assistant Professor, MPA Programme Director

**Dr Simon Bastow**  
Associate Professorial Lecturer, MPP Programme Director

**Professor Sir Charles Bean**  
Professor, EMPA/EMPP Programme Co-Director

**Dr Dan Berliner**  
Associate Professor, EMPA/EMPP Programme Co-Director

## Academic Staff

**Professor Nava Ashraf**  
Professor of Economics

**Professor Nicholas Barr**  
Professor of Public Economics

**Dr Simon Bastow**  
Associate Professorial Lecturer, MPP Programme Director

**Professor Sir Tim Besley**  
School Professor of Economics and Political Science

**Professor Gwyn Bevan**  
Emeritus Professor of Policy Analysis

**Dr Daniel Briebe**  
LSE Fellow in Political Science & Public Policy

**Dr Gharad Bryan**  
Associate Professor of Economics

**Professor Robin Burgess**  
Professor of Economics

**Professor Stephan Chambers**  
Professor in Practice and Director, Marshall Institute for Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship

**Dr Divya Deepthi**  
LSE Fellow

**Dr Jeremiah Dittmar**  
Associate Professor of Economics

**Dr Mathilde Emeriau**  
Assistant Professor of Empirical Political Economy

**Professor Alexander Evans**  
Professor in Practice

**Dr Tasha Fairfield**  
Associate Professor of International Development

**Dr Omar Hammoud Gallego**  
LSE Fellow in Political Science & Public Policy

**Professor Conor Gearty**  
Professor of Human Rights Law

**Dr Katerina Glyniadaki**  
Teaching Fellow

**Professor Sir Julian Le Grand**  
Professor of Social Policy

**Dr Lloyd Gruber**  
Assistant Professor of Political Economy of Development; MPA Programme Director

**Professor Rafael Hortala-Vallve**  
Professor of Political Science and Public Policy

**Dr Ethan Ilzetzki**  
Associate Professor of Economics

**Professor Stephen P. Jenkins**  
Professor of Economic and Social Policy

**Professor Adnan Khan**  
Professor in Practice

**Professor Valentino Larcinese**  
Professor of Public Policy

**Professor Martin Lodge**  
Professor of Political Science and Public Policy

**Frank Muci**  
Policy Fellow and Course Tutor

**Dr Eugenia Nazrullaeva**  
LSE Fellow in Political Science & Public Policy

**Dr Berkay Ozcan**  
Associate Professor of Social Policy

**Dr Jonathan Parry**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy Logic and Scientific Method

**Professor John Van Reenen**  
Ronald Coase Chair of Economics and School Professor

**Dr Jonathan Roberts**  
Senior Lecturer in Practice

**Nick Rowley**  
Senior Lecturer in Practice

**Professor Mark Schankerman**  
Professor of Economics

**Jayatheerth Seetharaman**  
Teaching Fellow

**Dr Johannes Spinnewijn**  
Professor of Economics

**Professor Daniel Sturm**  
Professor of Economics

**Dr Johanna Thoma**  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy Logic and Scientific Method

**Dr Savvas Verdis**  
Senior Research Fellow

**Professor Alex Voorhoeve**  
Professor, Department of Philosophy Logic and Scientific Method

**Dr Joachim Wehner**  
Associate Professor of Public Policy

## Visiting Appointments

**Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable**  
Visiting Professor in Practice

**Hugh Cole**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

**Dimitri Demekas**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

**Valeria Gontareva**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

**Professor Ricardo Hausmann**  
Visiting Professor in Practice

**Dr Chenyang He**  
Visiting Fellow

**Dr Ousmène Jacques Mandeng**  
Visiting Fellow

**Andriy Marchenko**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

**Geoffrey Myers**  
Visiting Professor in Practice

**Dr Dzhamilya Nigmatulina**  
Visiting Fellow

**Professor Charles Okehalam**  
Visiting Professor in Practice

**Professor Lant Pritchett**  
Visiting Professor

**Michael Reid**  
Visiting Professor in Practice

**Valerio Riavez**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

**Dr Christopher Sabatini**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

**Dr Előd Takáts**  
Visiting Professor in Practice

**Dr Tinghua Yu**  
Visiting Senior Fellow

## LSE Cities Executive Group

**Professor Ricky Burdett**  
Director of LSE Cities; Professor of Urban Studies

**Dr Philipp Rode**  
Executive Director of LSE Cities; Associate Professorial Lecturer

**Professor Jo Beall**  
Emeritus Professor and Distinguished Research Fellow

## LSE-Fudan Global Public Policy Hub

**Professor Bingchun Meng**  
Professor, Co-Director

**Professor Yijia Jing**  
Professor, Co-Director

**Professor Andrés Velasco**  
Dean of the School of Public Policy, Governing Council Member

**Dr Timothy Hildebrandt**  
Associate Professor of Social Policy and Development, Governing Council Member

**Professor Wen Chen**  
Professor, Governing Council Member

**Professor Xizhe Peng**  
Professor, Governing Council Member

**Dr Chenyang He**  
Visiting Fellow

**Dr Yan Wang**  
Research Fellow

**Dr Yuezhou Yang**  
Research Fellow

**Dr Yuxi Zhang**  
Research Fellow

## Growth Co-Lab at LSE

**Dr Miguel Santos**  
Director of the Growth Co-Lab

**Camila Arroyo From**  
Policy Officer

**Sheyla Enciso-Valdivia**  
Policy Officer

**Ekaterina Vashkinskaya**  
Policy Officer

# Media Highlights

## Andrés Velasco

Professor Andrés Velasco continued his monthly articles for [Project Syndicate](#) covering topics including Latin American politics, banking policies, cryptocurrency, rebranding the West and much more. Read his latest pieces on the [Project Syndicate](#) website.

[Latin America's Splendid Isolation](#)

[Latin America's Growth Conundrum](#)

[Javier Milei Means More of the Same for Argentina](#)

[Lula's Dance with Dictators](#)

[Flexible Exchange Rates and Emerging Markets](#)

## Tony Travers

Professor Tony Travers was featured in and penned several articles for the Times, the Evening Standard, NY Times, Washington Post, Daily Mirror, France24, CNBC and Financial Times. Professor Travers spoke on a wide range of topics that covered British politics, economics and culture as well as London's relationship to the rest of the UK.

[Why has no one fixed Hammersmith bridge?](#)

[Ulez expansion: It's personal for Sadiq Khan, for the Tories it's about freedom](#)

['After Coronation, U.K. Awaits a Wider Changing of the Guard', Interviewed by New York Times,](#)

['As U.K. Braces for Painful Budget Cuts the Mood is Gloomy', Interviewed by New York Times,](#)

['Kwasi Kwarteng and the ideology behind the British pound's collapse', Interviewed by Washington Post,](#)

## Vanessa Rubio-Márquez

Professor Vanessa Rubio-Márquez published a book review of ['Reclaiming Populism: How Economic Fairness Can Win Back Disenchanted Voters'](#) by Eric Protzer & Paul Summerville.

['Reclaiming Populism' Book Review](#)

## Omar Hammoud-Gallego

Dr Omar Hammoud Gallego had a number of guest spots on audio programming including Veneco Podcast, a compilation of weekly news, analysis, Times Radio discussing the Home Office and UK government's handling of asylum requests, and Social Radio talking about the Venezuelan migration crisis.

[Veneco Podcast](#)

[Symbolic refugee protection: why Latin America passed progressive refugee laws never meant to use](#)

## Christopher Sabatini

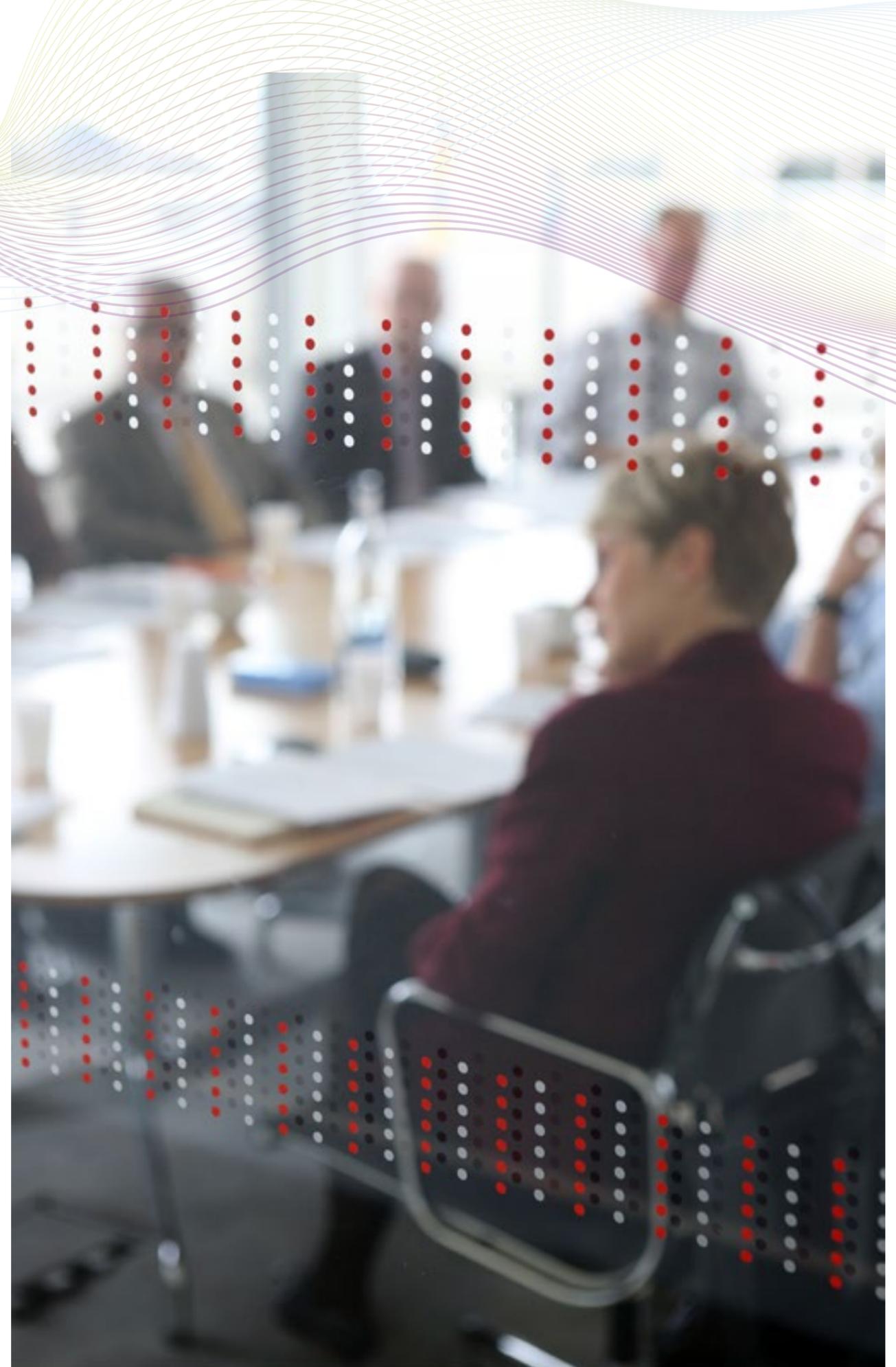
Dr Christopher Sabatini penned a number of articles for The Guardian discussing the first rounds of the [Brazilian elections](#), for Foreign Policy, looking at the [relationship between Washington and Latin American countries in the modern day](#) and the [USAs affinity for sanctions](#) and the Financial Times looking at [illiberal autocracies and the troubling relationships being forged with counties in the Global South](#).

[The lesson from the first round of Brazil's election: Bolsonaro is here to stay](#)

[Hegemony in the Americas Has Been Turned on Its Head](#)

[America's Love of Sanctions Will Be Its Downfall](#)

[The international human rights framework desperately needs an upgrade](#)



## Research Highlights

### Omar Hammoud-Gallego

[The Short-Term Effects of Visa Restrictions on Migrants' Legal Status and Wellbeing: A Difference-In-Differences Approach on Venezuelan Displacement](#)  
Center for Global Development, 2022

[Symbolic Refugee Protection: Explaining Latin America's Liberal Refugee Laws](#)  
American Political Science Review, 2022.

w/ Alexandra Bulat (Migrant Democracy Project)  
[Does Your Local Council Reflect the Diversity of its Population?](#)

### Geoffrey Myers

[Auctioning airwaves: Behavioural risks in government](#)  
Behavioural Public Policy Blog, 2023.

### Eugenia Nazrullaeva

w/ Mark Harrison (Warwick)  
[If You Do Not Change Your Behavior: Preventive Repression in Lithuania under Soviet Rule](#)  
CAGE working paper no. 664, June 2023.

### Joachim Wehner

w/ Daniel de Kadt (LSE School of Methodology)  
[South African Governmental Publications 1986-1996](#)  
SocArXiv, 2023

## Publication Highlights

### Professor Andrés Velasco

w/ SPP students Catalina Badinella, Mónica Palomino, Joaquín Marandino and Renzo Giraud.  
[Why Does Latin America Underperform?](#)  
Group of Thirty, 2023.

### Daniel Berliner, w/ Alex Ingrams and Suzanne J. Piotrowski

[The Power of Partnership in Open Government: Reconsidering Multistakeholder Governance Reform](#)  
MIT Press Information Policy Series, 2022

### Vanessa Rubio-Márquez

['Latin America's duty to stand with Ukraine' in Supporting Ukraine: More critical than ever.](#)  
CEPR, 2023

[Mexico Mostly Free? Mexico Mostly Prosperous? Uncovering Shades of Grey in the Freedom and Prosperity Index](#)  
Atlantic Council's Freedom and Prosperity Center, 2023.

### Geoffrey Myers

[Spectrum Auctions: Designing markets to benefit the public, industry and the economy](#)  
LSE Press, 2023.

### Christopher Sabatini

[Reclaiming human rights in a changing world order](#)  
Chatham House, 2022

### Dr Előd Takáts

w/ Professor Piroska Nagy Mohacsi (LSE Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa)  
[Emerging Europe's chronic distrust: Lessons from the region's COVID puzzle](#)  
Corvinus University of Budapest, 2022

### Yan Wang

[Pension Policy and Governmentality in China](#)  
LSE Press, 2022



## In The Policy Arena



**Andrés Velasco**

Professor Andrés Velasco joined a World Bank-convened advisory group on “Drivers of Economic Growth” in South Africa. The group, which also includes Nobel Prize laureate Michael Spence and Montek Singh Ahluwalia, the former Chair of the Planning Commission in India, will consult with the Government of South Africa on its development strategy.

Professor Andrés Velasco also lead the Co-Lab team, along with Dr. Chris Canavan and Co-Lab researchers Sheyla Enciso and Camila Arroyo, to carry out growth diagnostic exercises for the Government of Mozambique. The team paid its first visit to Maputo and met with leading government officials in June 2023.

He also published an essay in the prestigious journal *Foreign Affairs* entitled “[The Change Chileans Really Want](#)”. Professor Velasco argues that voters were right to reject the proposed constitution for Chile in September 2022.

In July 2023, Alexander Evans was appointed a Trustee of the International Longevity Centre and a member of the Advisory Council of Wilton Park. He continues to serve on the Advisory Council of the British Library. He participated in the Ditchley Foundation conference on *China and the World: the impact of Russia’s Ukrainian Tragedy* (New York, September 2022) and is a member of the Ditchley Science and Technology Group. He chaired part of *Democracy in the Age of Putin* (Romania, September 22) and was invited by German MPs to speak on their forthcoming national security strategy (Berlin, October 2022). In February 2023 he was invited to speak on Asian security during bilateral talks between Pakistan’s Chief of Army Staff, General Asim Munir, and General Sir Patrick Saunders, the UK’s Chief of the General Staff. In April 2023 he met with UN officials on technology, non-proliferation and sanctions in New York. He has led sessions on strategy for the UK Cabinet Office and the Office for the Secretary of State for Scotland and taught masterclasses on foreign policy for the FCDO International Academy. He has also met with visiting official delegations including from Kenya, India and Estonia.



**Alexander Evans**

Over the last academic year, SPP Fellow Omar Hammoud-Gallego has published a [research article](#) on the *American Political Science Review*, the foremost journal in political science worldwide and an [academic book review](#). He has been invited to speak at the Centre for Global Development in Washington D.C., on the radio (Times Radio in the UK and Radio Social in Panama), on podcasts (Veneco Podcast), and at conferences worldwide, including a World Bank conference on migration economics in Lisbon, a workshop at the Free University in Berlin, at the European Political Science Association Conference in Glasgow and the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference in Chicago.

In December 2022, as part of the Migrant Democracy Project, Omar was also awarded a grant from the Mayor of London for the *Civic Data Innovation Challenge* to write a report on the representativeness of local councillors in London, together with Alex Bulat. The resulting report has been published on May 2023 and is accessible at [www.migrantdemos.org.uk/research](http://www.migrantdemos.org.uk/research).



**Omar Halloud-Gallego**



**Joana Naritomi**

Joana Naritomi gave a number of invited talks at Harvard-MIT Development Economics, Tufts Economics, Boston University Economics, Seoul National University. She also participated in several conferences at Oxford University on Micro Macro Labour Markets linkages, CEPR Public Economics Symposium and LBS-Stanford Global Tax Conference and participated in policy engagement through an OECD event on Taxation in Developing countries along with researchers from the World Bank and UCLA. Naritomi was appointed to the Advisory Board of the IMDS - Instituto Mobilidade Social (Social Mobility Institute) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and was invited to do the keynote speech for the Simpósio Acadêmico de Economia do Setor Público no Brasil (LabPub) at USP, Brazil (University of São Paulo).

Vanessa Rubio-Márquez delivered the keynote address at the first conference of the CIVICA European Polarisation Observatory (EPO), an initiative founded by Sciences Po, the London School of Economics, Bocconi University, and the Central European University. The conference focussed on polarisation at the intersection of cultural and political transformation, with a focus on computational advances and methods. She also participated in a panel with Ilan Goldfajn, the newly appointed President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), at the Overseas Development Institute.

She delivered five conferences to The Royal College of Defence Studies on Mexico’s outlook and geopolitics; the Iberoamerican University of Mexico on Polarisation, Populism and Politicisation; the Autonomous University of San Luis Potosí on current challenges for public policy and two more for companies in the energy and platform-transport industries. She was also invited to participate in two international conferences in Berlin and Brussels, on enhancing German-Latin American relations and on the role of the opposition in Venezuela to achieve free and fair elections in the country.



**Vanessa Rubio-Marquez**



**Tony Travers**

Tony Travers had several appointments this past academic year that included Advisor to the House of Commons Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee, Member of London Partnership Board. Member and Future of Westminster Commission and the C-Chair of London research and Policy Partnership. He also led two high-profile panel debates at the Conservative and Labour party conferences on the subject of how local, regional and national governments can boost entrepreneurialism and productivity and gave a major lecture at King’s College London on 1 March about the future of London.



**Study**

## NEW: MPA in Data Science for Public Policy (MPA-DSPP)

We were delighted to open applications for our new MPA in Data Science for Public Policy (MPA-DSPP) degree programme this year. The degree programme complements LSE's mission to embrace new technology and ways of learning to keep the social sciences at the forefront of global thinking, solutions and impact.

As businesses and governments increasingly rely on data-driven decision-making, this competitive new degree programme is designed to equip public policy professionals with the skills to address policy challenges in a world of rapid technological change. Students will hone their quantitative and analytical skills and develop the practical tools and professional experience to be able to confidently address real-world policy challenges.

SPP Dean Andres Velasco celebrated the launch of the new degree programme, noting its relevance for our rapidly evolving society:

*"The launch of the MPA in Data Science for Public Policy comes at a perfect time. As the world goes online, there's an increasingly vast data footprint that can be usefully exploited to improve public services, decision-making, and governance. We are happy to launch a new programme about just that."*

Students will begin their first year with a dedicated pre-session coding bootcamp to learn the foundational skills in Python programming and will benefit from rigorous training in data science, econometrics and quantitative tools, economics and political science throughout their studies. In their second year MPA-DSPP students will apply these skills to a real-world policy problem for an external client as part of a six-month Capstone Project.

The degree is for students who are passionate about quantitative analysis and data as well as policy, public administration and government.

We welcomed our first cohort of MPA-DSPP students in August 2023

Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/study/MPAinDataScience](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/study/MPAinDataScience)

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## New Peruvian Scholarships for Public Service

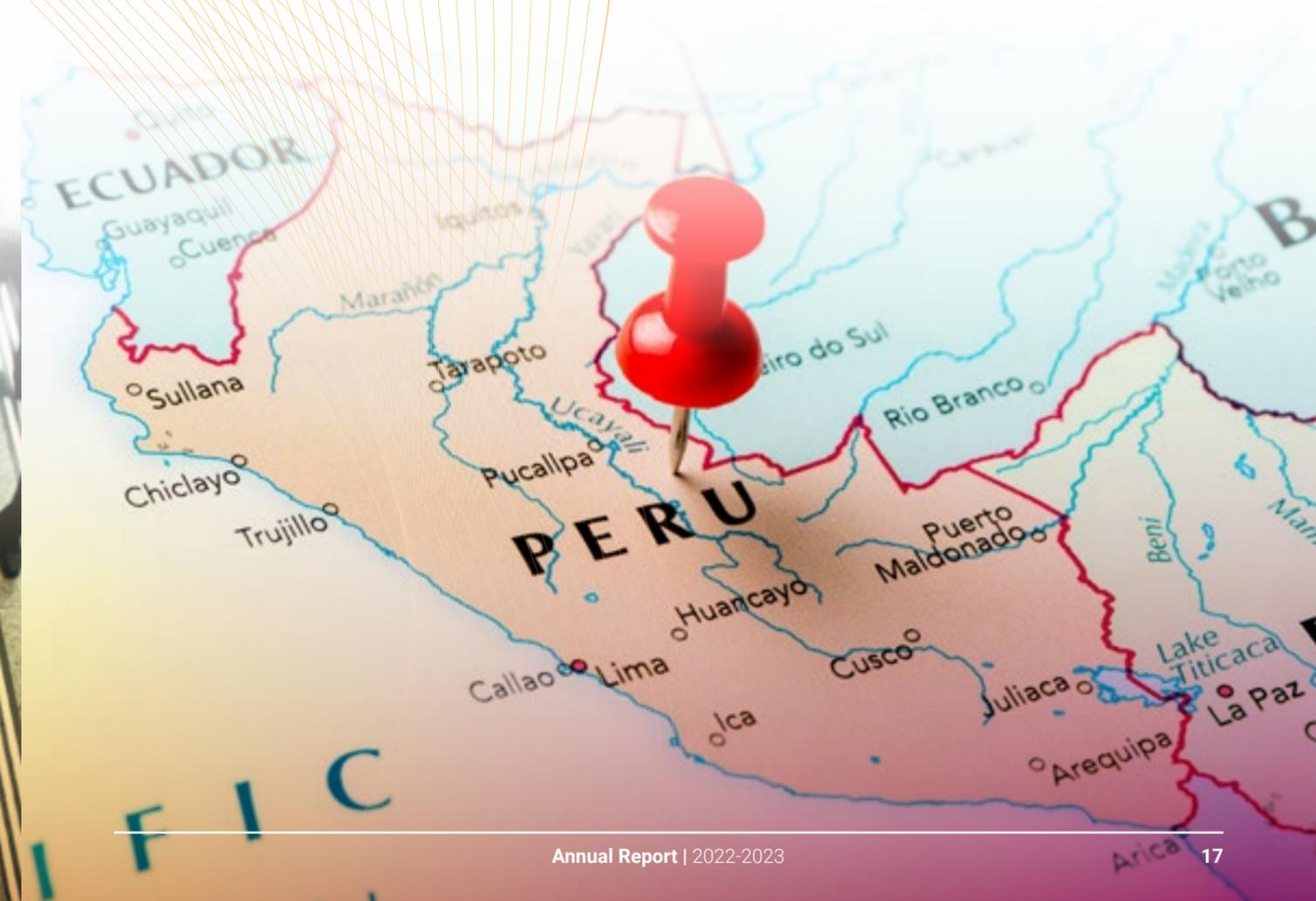
Through generous donations, the LSE School of Public Policy has launched the new Peruvian Scholarships for Public Service.

These new scholarships will train future generations of public policy professionals who are ordinarily resident in Peru. By supporting those who would otherwise lack the financial means to study at LSE, these new scholarships will address skills gaps to promote the country's continued economic development. The scholarships reflect the purpose of the School of Public Policy and the mission of LSE, which was founded in 1895 'to understand the causes of things, for the betterment of society'.

A launch Event for the Peruvian Scholarships for Public Service took place at the Universidad Tecnológica del Perú (UTP) on Tuesday 18th April.

Welcoming this gift, Dean of the School of Public Policy Professor Andrés Velasco commented, "On behalf of LSE, I am delighted to receive this generous gift which will enable the transformational benefit of an LSE education to reach a wider group of talented individuals in Peru. We already have strong philanthropic and educational partnerships in the region, and I am proud to add this new scheme to our work. I look forward to welcoming the exceptional scholars that this scheme will fund".

Learn more on the SPP Scholarships at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/study/SPP-financial-aid](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/study/SPP-financial-aid)



# Our Students

**350**  
students

**52** countries  
represented

**8** Post-Graduate  
degree  
programmes

**Early-stage professional  
to executive level**

- USA
- ALBANIA
- AUSTRALIA
- AZERBAIJAN
- BANGLADESH
- BENIN
- BRAZIL
- BRITISH CANADA
- CHILE
- CHINA
- COLOMBIA
- DENMARK
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- NEDERLANDS
- ECUADOR
- ETHIOPIA
- PHILIPPINES
- FRANCE
- GEORGIA
- GERMANY
- GHANA
- HONG KONG
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- IRAN
- IRELAND
- ITALY
- JAPAN
- KENYA
- MALAYSIA
- MEXICO
- MOLDOVA
- NEW ZEALAND
- NIGERIA
- PAKISTAN
- PARAGUAY
- PERU
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL
- RWANDA
- SAUDI ARABIA
- SINGAPORE
- SLOVAKIA
- SOUTH KOREA
- SPAIN
- SUDAN
- SWITZERLAND
- THAILAND
- UKRAINE
- VIETNAM

## Master of Public Administration (MPA)

In September 2022 we welcomed our 20th cohort of MPA students. The 2-year programme equips early to mid-stage professionals with the core analytical skills, practical tools and professional experience to be able to confidently address real-world policy challenges.

The programme combines methodological discipline and practical application. Students benefit from rigorous training in economics, political science and quantitative methods of analysis. In their second year of study, students have an opportunity to apply these skills to a real-world policy challenge as part of a six-month consultancy style Capstone Project hosted by an external client.

Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/mpa](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/mpa)

## Master of Public Policy (MPP)

The MPP is an intensive 9-month programme designed for policy professionals who are seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills and progress in their careers. In September 2022 we welcomed our 5th cohort of MPP students who represent a diverse range of nationalities, backgrounds and professional expertise, which provides an added dimension to their learning experience.

The programme enables students to take a short career break to join an experienced global cohort, gain new perspectives and develop an understanding of how to analyse and navigate the different perspectives which form the “craft of government”. This integrates theory and analysis, politics and implementation of policy.

MPP students enhance their knowledge and analytical skills to effectively address complex public policy challenges and advance their career in any policy-relevant sector.

Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/mpp](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/mpp)

### Class stats 2022 intake (Y1)

**104**  
students

**26**  
nationalities

**3.5**  
years (avg)  
professional experience

### Class stats 2022 intake

**89**  
students

**31**  
nationalities

**7.5**  
years (avg)  
professional experience



## MPA Double Degrees

Our double degree programmes draw on the academic strengths of LSE and a partner university to provide students with a unique, multidisciplinary, educational experience that harnesses the best of two world-leading social science institutions. Students graduate with two degrees, one from LSE and the other from the partner school.

In September 2022, we welcomed our first cohort of MPA Columbia SIPA double degree students and our second cohort of MPA University of Toronto double degree students.

Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/empa](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/empa)

## Executive MPA (EMPA)

A 21-month modular programme designed for professionals in government departments, public agencies and the private sector who are seeking a formal graduate qualification in public administration and policy-making.

Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/empa](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/empa)

## Executive MPP (EMPP)

A 21-month modular programme that brings together experts from across LSE to help train future public policy leaders of the UK Civil Service with emphasis on a core set of skills in economics, policy evaluation and political science.

### Class of 2022

**36**  
students (Y1 LSE)

**16**  
nationalities

**3**  
years (avg)  
professional experience

### 2022 intake (EMPA & EMPP Y1 & Y2)

**130**  
students

**12**  
years (avg)  
professional experience



## Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)

Dean Andrés Velasco and SPP students joined participants from policy schools around the world at the annual GPPN conference, hosted this year by Fundação Getulio Vargas São Paulo School of Business in Brazil.

This year's theme asked participants to consider 'policy challenges in an ever more divided world' and student teams had the opportunity to put their policy skills into practice and develop a project which addresses an important policy challenge which is contentious in today's divided societies. The selected SPP teams presented their projects and received feedback from the Deans of the GPPN schools, as well as a network of policy students from around the world.

A special congratulations to team Plan Raíz, whose project about combating chronic child malnutrition in Ecuador was recognised as a runner-up in the competition.

Learn more at [www.gppnetwork.org](http://www.gppnetwork.org)



## Turner MBA Investment Impact Network and Training (MIINT)

Congratulations to our SPP student team who made it to the finals of this year's Turner MBA Investment Impact Network and Training (MIINT) competition at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. MIINT is an experiential impact investing program, with more than 600 students participating from across the globe.

Throughout the competition, the team of six SPP students were supported by the Marshall Institute as they developed their project as impact investors which involved sourcing companies, conducting due diligence, and preparing investment memos.

The team selected to focus their project on climate-tech startup company Carble, which aims to reduce deforestation within the tropical commodity supply chains, as the focus of their project.

Twenty-five student teams were selected for finals day at The Wharton School, where they had the opportunity to pitch their potential impact investment to a team of expert judges.

Learn more at [turnermiint.org](http://turnermiint.org)



## Professional Skills Accelerator

The SPP offers an extensive and tailored programme of Professional Skills for Public Policy. Students benefit from a variety of concentrated, day-long sessions focused on the vital skills they will need to excel as outstanding policy professionals.

Each session is hosted by a professional expert who can help to bridge the gap between theory and effective practice. This year, sessions included a focus on leadership, networking skills, practical careers guidance, negotiation, interviewing skills, persuasive communication and presentation skills.

The programme is especially designed to complement the skills and insights that students gain as part of the programme curriculum and equip them with the skills for the next step in their career.

## Public Sphere Journal

The SPP community celebrated the publication of the 11th edition of The Public Sphere Journal (PSJ). The journal is produced by SPP students and offers contributors and readers the opportunity to rethink, critically analyse and address important policy problems which are confronting our world today.

The 2023 edition of the PSJ explores the phenomenon of global change through the lens of the economy, the environment, and gender. This year's contributions examine topics including gender inequality in Ireland, local ownership of UN Peace Operations and strengthening Venezuelan refugees integration in the Colombian economy.

Learn more at [psj.lse.ac.uk](https://psj.lse.ac.uk)

## Policy in Practice Seminars

Throughout their studies, SPP students benefit from opportunities to interact with policy professionals and connect classroom learning with real-world scenarios. This year, students were able to gain an insight into the inner-workings of some of the UK's political and legal institutions as they toured the Royal Courts of Justice and Houses of Parliament in London and met with local politicians in Newcastle and Edinburgh as part of a regional tour.

Experts from the policy world are also invited to share their experiences with SPP students as part of the Policy in Practice (PiP) lecture series which runs throughout the year. This year topics and guest speakers have included:

- 'Digital Currencies and their regulation' hosted by Dr Ousmène Jacques Mandeng, Senior Advisor with Accenture's Global Blockchain Technology Practice
- 'The day after: how will the reconstruction of Ukraine look like from a policy perspective' hosted by Valeria Gontraneva, former governor of the National Bank of Ukraine
- 'Regulation of the digital economy' by Lisa Quest, Leads Oliver Wyman's Public Sector Practice in UK and Ireland
- 'Human Capacity in Policy Design and Implementation' hosted by Professor Charles Okehalam, co-founder of investment group, AGH Capital





# Research

# LSE-Fudan Global Public Policy Hub



The LSE-Fudan Global Public Policy Hub supports collaborative research on global public policy, fosters multi-disciplinary cooperation and fosters collaboration between Fudan University in Shanghai China and LSE. The Hub is a sub-Centre of the LSE-Fudan Research Centre for Global Public Policy, located in Fudan University, and is jointly operated by the two universities. Since its inception in January 2022, the Hub's Research Fellows have worked on a variety of issues relating to healthcare, pension, public opinion and social media analysis in China and comparison across the globe.

In November 2022, the Hub hosted its first Annual Conference "Global Public Policy in the Post-COVID Era", bringing together leading academics in the area of public policy, economics and development. The conference focussed on post-COVID public policy challenges in China, UK and beyond, to provide a cross-country perspective on public policy. LSE Pro-Director of Research Susana Mourato and Fudan

Vice President Zhimin Chen opened the conference. Professor Yijia Jing, Professor of Public Policy and Management from Fudan University, and Professor Bingchun Meng, Director of LSE PhD Academy and Professor of Media and Communications, delivered updates on the collaboration between the two universities.

In addition, the Hub launched a monthly seminar series "China and the World" open exclusively for LSE students. This year's series included seminars on a wide range of topics dealing with economic history, public opinion, healthcare and rural revitalization. Invited speakers included Professor Yuezhi Zhao (Tsinghua and Simon Fraser University), Dr Reza Hasmath (University of Alberta) and Dr Yifei Yan (Southampton University).

This academic year, Research Fellow Dr Yan Wang published a book "Pension Policy and Governmentality in China: Manufacturing Public Compliance" with LSE Press. The book explored how the targeted allocation of benefits, policy experimentation, propaganda and knowledge construction are used to shape public expectations and justify state rule. The analysis particularly highlights that when active counter-conduct (such as resistance) is confined, individuals may choose cognitive rebellion and falsify their public compliance. Dr Wang also published a paper "Pragmatism or Politicism: Local Officials' Decision Making in Social Policy Experimentation" on local officials' decision making in China. The research uses two unique studies on municipal- and county-level government officials in China to investigate their rationale and attention allocation on social policy preferences, as well as their decision making on policy experiments.

Elsewhere, Research Fellow Dr Yuxi Zhang published the journal article "Implementing Public Accounts Committee Recommendations: Evidence from the UK Government's 'Progress Reports' since 2012" that looked at the quality and timeliness of government implementation with a novel dataset built on the Treasury-issued Progress Report. Dr Zhang also co-authored an editorial article "Capturing the COVID-19 Crisis through Public Health and Social Measures Data Science" in the journal *Nature Scientific Data*, where the research groups collected data on government reactions to the pandemic.

**Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/research/LSE-Fudan](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/research/LSE-Fudan)**

## Growth Co-Lab at LSE



The Growth Co-Lab seeks to advance empirical knowledge on economic growth and development policy. The research initiative does so by studying and understanding real-life challenges in the developing world, while engaging directly with local policymakers to inform public policies in the quest of shared prosperity.

In collaboration with the Investment Climate Reform Facility (ICR) and the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), the LSE Growth Co-Lab deployed the Growth Diagnostics Framework to study the drivers of growth in the manufacturing sector of Tanzania and improve the sector's competitiveness. For half a year, the Co-Lab researchers undertook rigorous economic and policy research, participated in a fieldwork visit in Tanzania, and met with experts and relevant local stakeholders in the manufacturing sector, including public and private sector representatives and civil society actors. As a result, the project identified key constraints hindering competitiveness and formulated a policy plan to address challenges comprehensively. Following the release of the findings and recommendations, 44 stakeholders participated in a validation workshop, providing valuable feedback on the study. The final study was also presented to government representatives and other influential organisations who will now use this research to inform public policy in the country.

The Growth Co-Lab has also begun work on the Mozambique Growth Diagnostic Study, which was commissioned by USAID and supported by the IMF, AfDB, and Mozambique's Ministry of Economy and Finance. This study is intended to assist the government in prioritising policies that can unlock the country's economic potential and

foster inclusive growth. To this end, the research team undertook fieldwork visits to collect complementary qualitative data, validate hypotheses, and present findings to 43 high-level officials from the public sector and the international cooperation, and influential actors from the private sector and the civil society. The final study will provide insightful policy implications for the country's current National Development Strategy formulation and will be disseminated in provinces besides Maputo.

Finally, the Growth Co-Lab has continued to capitalise on the public policy experience and motivation of outstanding SPP students, who have begun on-the-ground internships at various Namibian government departments and have also joined the Co-Lab team as research assistants, allowing them to broaden their skills and apply them in real-world scenarios.

**Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/research/Growth-Co-Lab-at-LSE](http://www.lse.ac.uk/school-of-public-policy/research/Growth-Co-Lab-at-LSE)**

## LSE Cities

LSE Cities is an international research and educational centre that explores how cities are governed, managed and planned. Through a range of innovative research, education, engagement and advisory programmes, the centre addresses the key challenges facing cities in the twenty-first century and explores governance, policy and design responses, focussing on social equity, climate action and good governance.

This year the centre has consolidated and expanded its activities with an increased focus on executive education aimed at urban leaders from public, private and third sector institutions. Building on the successful Executive MSc in Cities – which attracts urban professionals globally – the centre offers a range of programmes designed to help cities innovate in areas such as urban transport and early childhood development.

A European Cities Knowledge Hub has been established, capturing details about mayors and shedding light on some of their most pressing concerns, such as climate action, transportation, and housing. As part of an ongoing European research collaboration the MyFairShare project is developing a new interdisciplinary behavioural and deliberation experiment in London to examine how mobility budgets can act as instruments of climate protection policy.



At a more global level, the Council on Urban Initiatives is investigating the need for new policy frameworks and spatial models to deliver equitable housing in response to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Emergency Government Initiative has collaborated with international agencies to deliver policy briefs and analytics notes on how to respond to multi-level crises.

The centre is proactively involved with projects that have real-world impact, including collaboration with young people – particularly young women – in the design of public spaces in UK. Research with the LSE Middle East Centre on public space and urban infrastructure in cities of the Middle East has generated policy reports as well as original outreach initiatives on how the public realm impacts on social cohesion.

The centre's pioneering development of urban data and mapping has generated new research and been included in public exhibitions. LSE Cities activities contribute to the intellectual life of the School with high-level public events and involvement in the LSE Festival. It continues to engage with wide audiences through a strong social media presence, blogs and publications, policy roundtables and events.

**Learn more at [www.lse.ac.uk/cities](http://www.lse.ac.uk/cities)**

# Beveridge 2.0 Redefining the Social Contract



The Beveridge 2.0 programme aims to bring the LSE community together to explore key policy debates, fostering dialogue across disciplines and identifying avenues for collaborative cross-disciplinary research. In 2022/2023 the programme hosted two events, jointly with the International Inequalities Institute.

The Beveridge 2.0 [symposium on Tax Justice](#), involving a number of LSE scholars from a range of departments, including Frank Cowell, Mike Savage, Kate Summers, Katharina Hecht, Daniel Reck, Jeanne

Bomare, Camille Landais, Alex Voorhoeve, Andy Summers, Tove Maria Ryding, as well as also notable scholars from outside LSE, Mike Deveraux, John Vella, Nora Lustig, Santiago Levy and Ravi Kanbur.

The Beveridge 2.0 [symposium on Labour Markets and Social Protection](#), with Kirsten Sehnbruch, Steve Machin, Oriana Bandiera, Hugh Collins, Naila Kabeer, Neil Lee, Anna Valero, Timo Fleckenstein, Johannes Spinnewjin.

# LSE Public Policy Review

[LSE Public Policy Review](#) is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal which was launched by LSE Press in 2020 and has since started to attract attention as a vehicle for LSE scholar to share their outstanding research. Issues are thematic and concentrate on a key topic at the heart of current debates in public policy - past issues have covered a wide range of topics, from Populism to Wellbeing, from Reciprocity to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each issue invites articles with different disciplinary perspectives to address public policy challenges and the cross-cutting questions these bring to the fore.

In 2022/2023 the LSEPPR published a new issue on [Tax Justice](#) and Members of the SPP contributed the following articles:

Daniel Reck (with Jeanne Bomare) - [Different From You and Me: Tax Enforcement and Sophisticated Tax Evasion by the Wealthy](#)

Camille Landais (with Etienne Fize, Nicolas Grimpre) - [Can Inheritance Taxation Promote Equality of Opportunities?](#)

Alex Voorhoeve (with Tove Maria Ryding) - [Is the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's 2021 Tax Deal Fair?](#)



The LSEPPR also produced three books with LSE Press:



Wellbeing

Populism

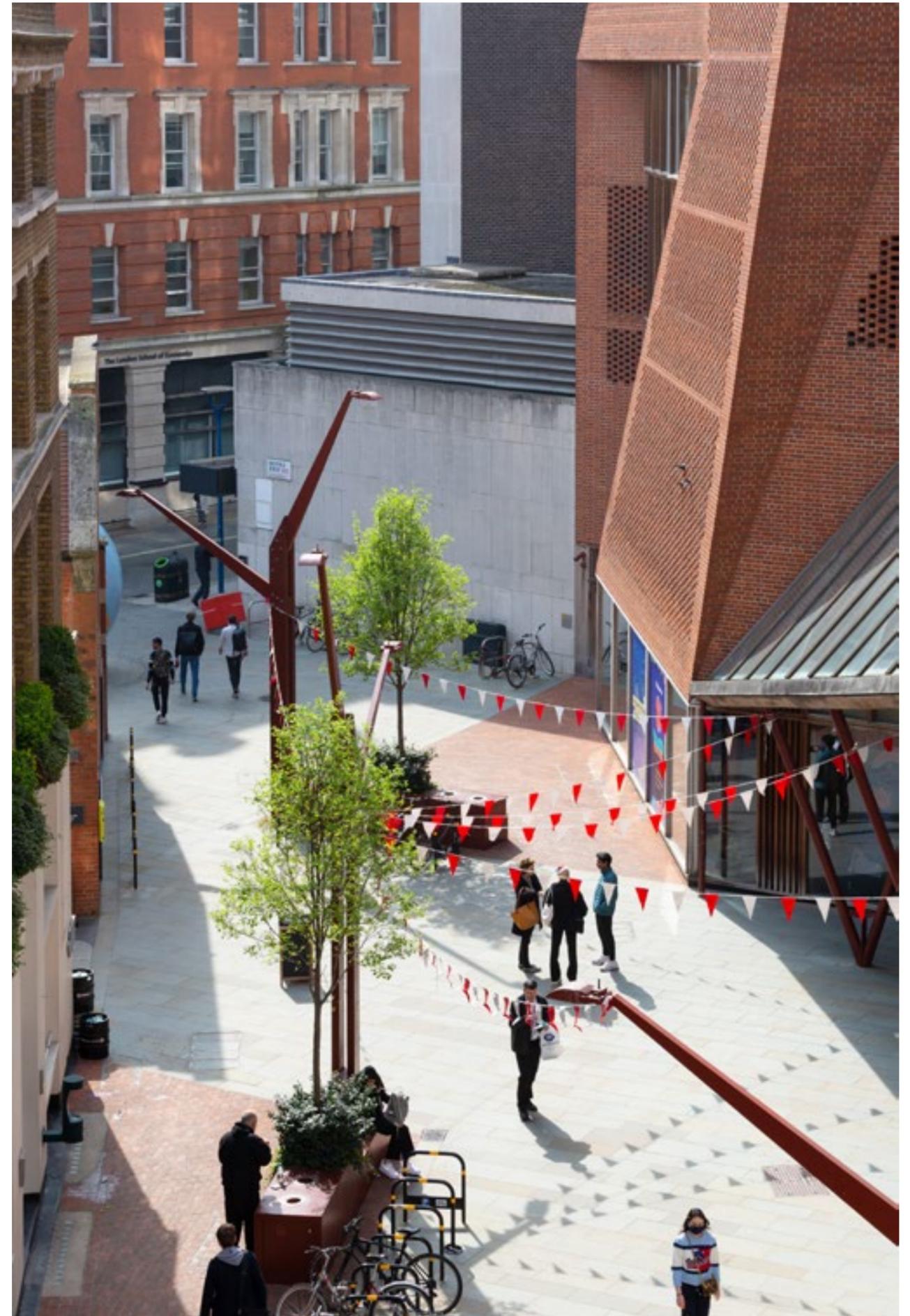
Afghanistan:  
Long War,  
Forgotten Peace

**Timothy Besley,  
Irene Bucelli  
(eds.)**

**Andrés Velasco,  
Irene Bucelli  
(eds.)**

**Michael Cox  
(ed.)**

The special issue focused on the fall of the government in Afghanistan, edited by Michael Cox, was launched with a public event in May 2022: ["Lessons from Afghanistan"](#)





# Events

LSE  
Lecture Series  
BY APPOINTMENT  
THE FUTURE OF LIBERALISM: IN CONVERSATION WITH DAVID MARSHALL BUCKLE  
Lecture Series  
Speaker  
DAVID MARSHALL BUCKLE, Theodor W. Adorno Professor  
Date  
Wednesday, 14th November 2018  
18.30-20.00  
@LSEPublicAffairs

# Events

## Artificial Intelligence: a new frontier for public policy

**Speakers:** Gabriela Ramos (UNESCO), Frank Muci (LSE) and Professor Vanessa Rubio-Márquez (LSE)

**Discussants:** Frank Muci and Professor Vanessa Rubio-Márquez

**Chair:** Professor Andrés Velasco

The advent of artificial intelligence encourages a compelling reimagining of the future of public policy and is already influencing how governments make decisions. From healthcare to transportation and beyond, AI makes it possible to generate unparalleled insights into complex scenarios and holds great potential for use by policymakers in supporting transformative reforms. The panel explored the opportunities and challenges policymakers encounter as they navigate the new and rapidly evolving policy landscape in the face of AI.

## Follow the Money: how much does Britain Cost?

**Speaker:** Paul Johnson

**Chair:** Professor Andrés Velasco

Paul Johnson, Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, spoke about his new book, *Follow the Money*. Johnson looks at what happened following the financial crisis of 2008-09 and the austerity years that followed. He examines the way that the government tackled the economy during Covid – when the UK budget shot up to over a trillion for the first time – and he analyses prospects for our future as we grapple with looming recession and the cost of living crisis.

Catch up on all our events with our podcasts at [www.lse.ac.uk/spp/podcasts](http://www.lse.ac.uk/spp/podcasts)

## Shaping a 21st Century Consensus

**Speakers:** Professor Pranab Bardhan, Professor Diane Coyle, Professor Lord Nicholas Stern and Professor Leonard Wantchekon

**Chair:** Baroness Minouche Shafik

A generation ago, the so-called Washington Consensus laid out a series of do's and don'ts for policymakers around the world, and particularly in emerging and developing countries. The world has changed a great deal since 1989 and so has the collective wisdom on what sound policies look like.

This panel brought together experts to discuss key emerging priorities and challenges across a number of policy areas, reflecting on not just what these policy priorities are and why, but also on how they can be implemented.

## In Conversation with Ray Dalio: looking at principles for dealing with the changing world order and why nations succeed and fail

**Speaker:** Ray Dalio (Founder of Bridgewater Associates)

**Chair:** Baroness Minouche Shafik

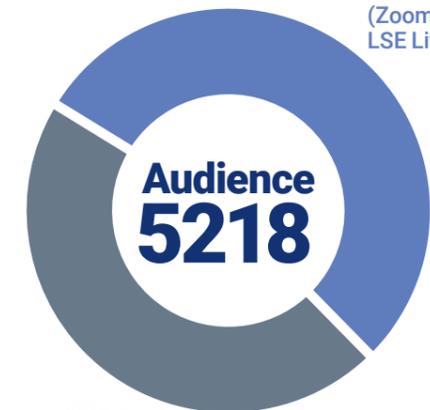
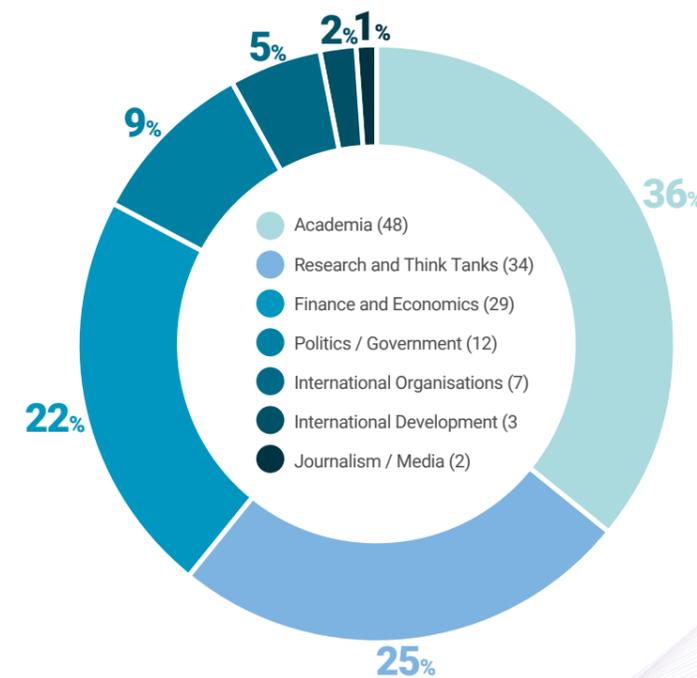
*Ray Dalio and Dame Minouche Shafik discussed the findings of Dalio's recent book, Principles for Dealing with the Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed and Fail.*

Expertly putting into perspective, the "Big Cycle" that has driven the successes and failures of all the world's major empires and countries – including the Dutch, the British, and the American – throughout history. The discussion follows the book revealing the timeless and universal forces behind these shifts and uses them to look into the future, offering practical principles for positioning oneself for what's ahead.

**34**  
Events

**4**  
Conferences  
& Symposia

**30**  
Public Events



Online  
**2823**  
(Zoom, Facebook Live, LSE Live, YouTube Live)

In person  
**2395**



# The School of Public Policy Annual Lecture 2022

For the 2022 School of Public Policy Annual Lecture, our Dean Andrés Velasco was joined by Zanny Minton Beddoes, Editor-in-Chief of The Economist, to discuss the future of liberalism. The event took place on Thursday 24 November at the LSE Malaysia Auditorium.

The discussion investigated the tenants of liberalism, the space for liberalism in the face of far-right politics, liberalism and climate change, liberalism and the post-pandemic increase in regulation by state(s), and the liberal principles of debate.

You can catch up on the event on our YouTube channel or through our podcasts at [www.lse.ac.uk/spp/podcasts](http://www.lse.ac.uk/spp/podcasts).



# The London Consensus – Shaping a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policy Consensus 4 and 5 May 2023

A generation ago, the so-called Washington Consensus laid out a series of do's and don'ts for policymakers around the world, and particularly in emerging and developing countries. Today that vision is recognised to have rightly emphasised the need for growth-promoting economic reforms, but also to have fallen short in a number of dimensions—particularly in its neglect of the social and institutional underpinnings that are indispensable not only for achieving sustained growth, but also for building fairer and more cohesive societies. Today, goals such as sustainability, equity and cohesion play a much bigger role in orienting policy design than they did in the 1980s. Global challenges, including climate change, pandemic control and public health more broadly, and the resilience of our economic arrangements have taken center stage. The urgent tasks ahead are political as well as social and economic and political leaders and policymakers need guidance.

Focusing on the twin goals of renewing the social contract and reimagining the state, and drawing from the research and skills of a group of high-profile

scholars, the School of Public Policy hosted a two two-day conference. It sought to build a 'London Consensus' around which new ideas can coalesce, and which can become a «user's guide» for leaders and policymakers, providing practical solutions at the local, national and global levels.

The conference took place on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 May 2023 at LSE.

This event would not have been possible without the generosity and vision of LSE Emeritus Governor, Benefactor and Alumnus Mario Francescotti. His leadership in establishing the Renewing the Social Contract research programme at the LSE launched this process of academic enquiry. Mario's support will also be crucial for turning the papers into a conference volume, and for the follow-up dissemination opportunities.

Stay tuned for the ensuing website and publication to be released in Spring 2024.





# Alumni



# Our alumni

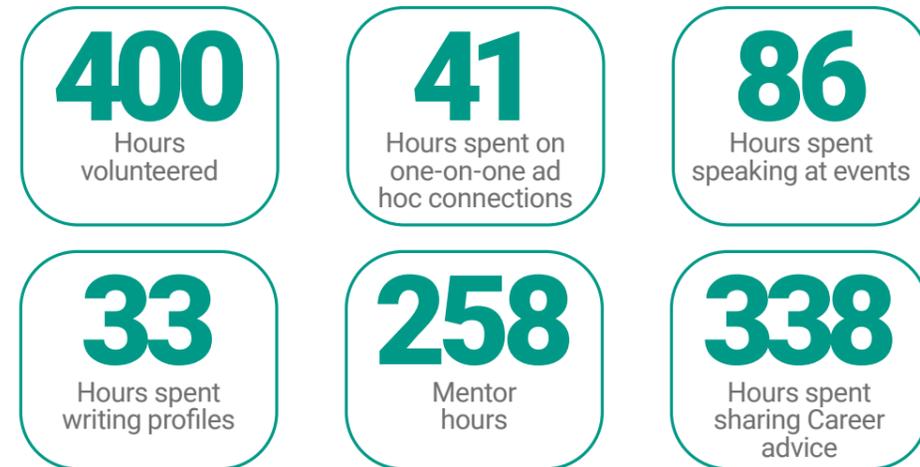
The SPP can boast of a strong global community of over 2,000 alumni. With the new MPA in Data Science for Public Policy beginning next year, we look forward to welcoming many more alumni to our community in the near future. Our international network of alumni not only transforms the world around them – designing policy to tackle some of the world’s leading problems in the top levels of government, international organisations, and NGOs – but also makes our community a vibrant and supportive one long after graduation.

It has been a busy year for the alumni engagement with twenty in-person and virtual events held across the academic year. In the term, we welcomed alumni back to campus for the first Alumni Symposium since the UK lockdown, discussing the theme of ‘Becoming Leaders In The Public Policy Arena’. Our alumni also enjoyed multiple networking drinks, professional development events, and open-house policy discussions throughout the year.

Our alumni have also been doing more than ever to transform our School community and give back to our students, with an amazing 400+ hours of volunteering time given back to us through our incredible alumni volunteers. 2022-23 saw the launch of a new student mentoring scheme, in which 90 alumni were matched with students for career advice across the year. We also saw alumni join our students to share their expertise in our career Q&A series and through our new Alumni Ambassadors initiative. Everyone at the SPP is hugely grateful for everything our alumni community does for us.



## TOTAL ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

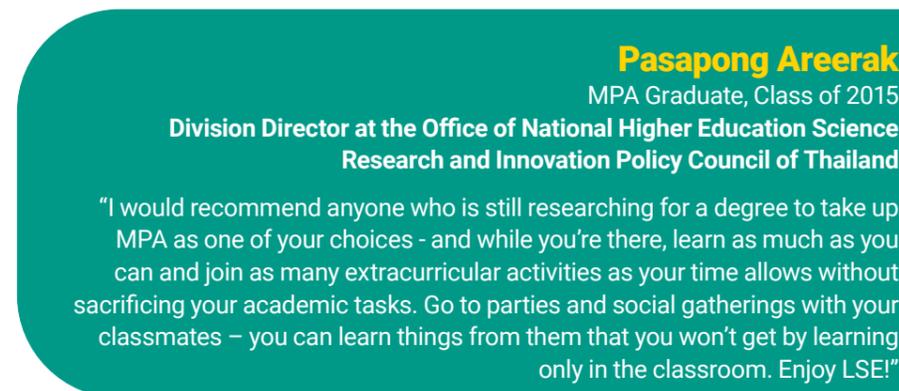


### Nuria Rodriguez

MPP Graduate, Class of 2022

**Associate at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change**

“I understand how important it is to encourage people to achieve their dreams despite their financial constraints. This is why I founded “Inspira Peru”, an organisation that aims to inspire students from Peruvian rural areas to pursue higher education at universities around the world. I am very grateful to the MPP for giving me the platform and network needed to boost my professional career which has helped me to achieve my goals and continue to positively impact people’s lives.”



### Pasapong Areerak

MPA Graduate, Class of 2015

**Division Director at the Office of National Higher Education Science Research and Innovation Policy Council of Thailand**

“I would recommend anyone who is still researching for a degree to take up MPA as one of your choices - and while you’re there, learn as much as you can and join as many extracurricular activities as your time allows without sacrificing your academic tasks. Go to parties and social gatherings with your classmates – you can learn things from them that you won’t get by learning only in the classroom. Enjoy LSE!”



### Lola Talabi-Oni

EMPA Graduate, Class of 2019

**Special Adviser (Data Coordination & Statistical Framework) to the Honourable Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning & Budget**

“I wanted a program flexible enough to accommodate my full-time job, but robust enough to provide opportunities for real learning and networking. The opportunity to learn and network with an accomplished cohort of EMPA course mates, in a city as cosmopolitan and vibrant as London and with access to the LSE alumni, was hard to beat!”

## Support for the SPP

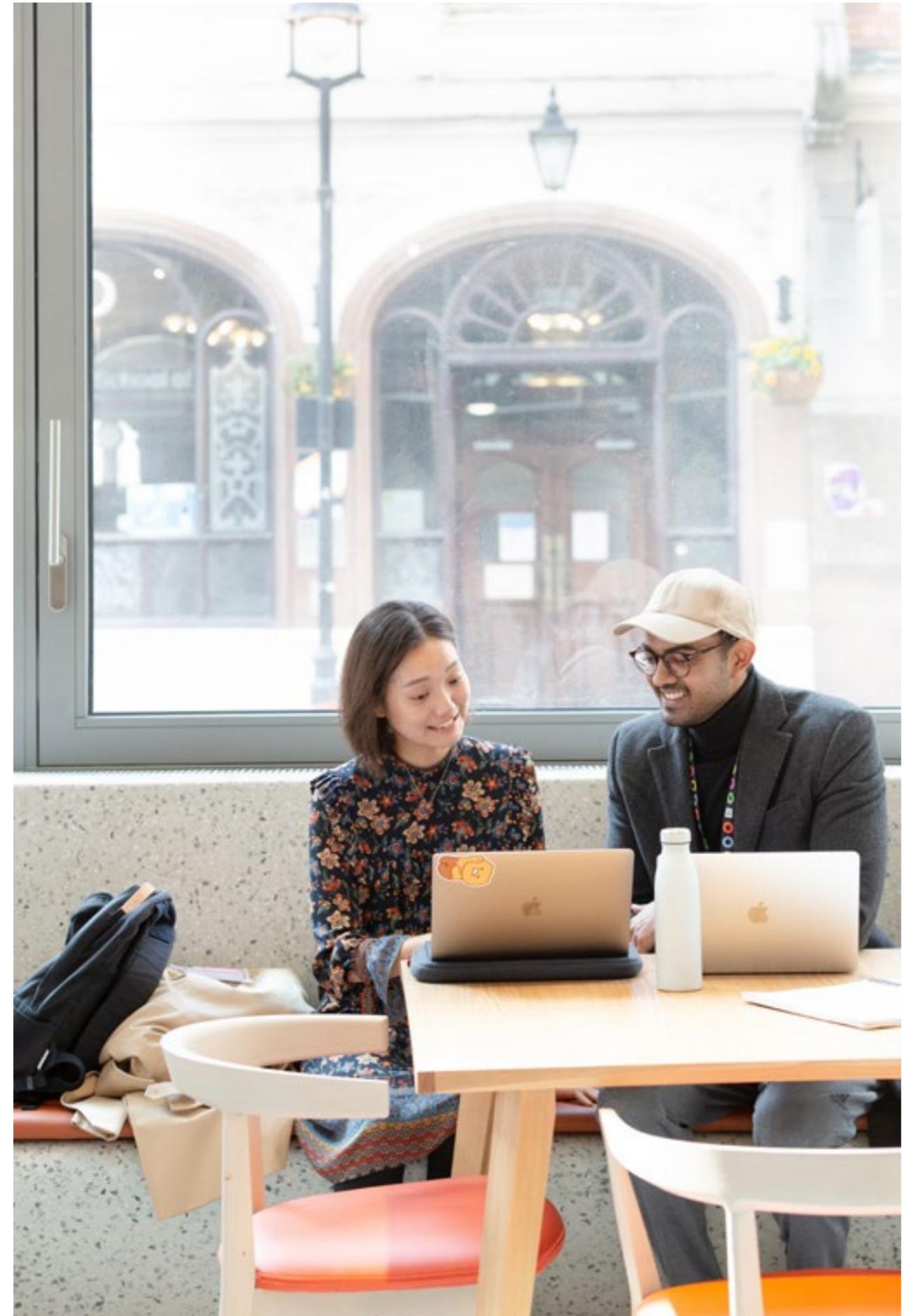
The support from our alumni and friends is immensely appreciated by everyone at the School of Public Policy: helping us to keep our community strong, and to introduce new opportunities to our students.

Our thanks go out to everyone who has supported us through donating their time volunteering with our students and providing them with much needed advice – you are helping us keep the SPP a fantastic place to learn.

We would also like to take this time to recognise those in our community who have supported the SPP through financial donations. The ongoing generosity of such supporters helps our institution thrive and enables us to find new ways of supporting new generations of scholars and policy leaders. Our donors enable us to make wonderful things, and everyone from the SPP community would like to extend their thanks to our donors for their generosity.

### We would like to thank and recognise the friends of the SPP who made a financial donation over the 2022-2023 financial year:

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