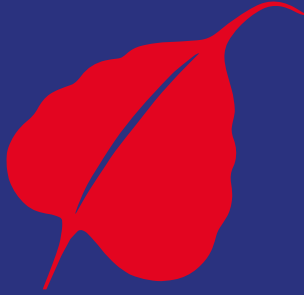




# Annual Report

2016/17



Our logo is a leaf from the *Ficus religiosa* (Sacred Fig), a tree found across the countries of South Asia. It symbolises social, cultural, religious and ecological benevolence, embodying a shared geography. This intrinsic commonality, cutting across political boundaries and identitarian constructions, provokes intriguing curiosity about the ties that bind this complex region. In amplifying this our logo ties the Centre to LSE's motto: *Rerum cognoscere causas*, 'to know the causes of things'.

The height and breadth of the *Ficus*, along with its dry season-deciduous nature, gives it its innate popularity in South Asia — as provider of shade from the scorching sun in the summers, and warm, filtered sunshine in its cold winters. Its density and strength make it a nesting paradise for several kinds of birds, and its leaves provide fodder for two of South Asia's most important pack animals, the camel and the elephant.

The bark, leaves and figs of the *Ficus* have several medicinal attributes, and are used in Ayurvedic, Yunani and other alternative medical knowledge-systems, helping to treat open wounds, inflammations, ulcers, asthma, and digestive and heart ailments.

Its popular names include *arani*, *ashvattha*, *bo*, *bodhi*, *bodhidruma*, *beepul*, *esathu*, *pimpal*, *pipal*, *ragi*, and *shuchidruma*, amongst many others.

The logo has been designed by Oroon Das.

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# INTRODUCTION

Dr Mukulika Banerjee, *Director*

**The first two years of the LSE South Asia Centre has seen consolidation and greater engagement in the region through conferences, visits, alumni and research.**

2016/17 marked 70 years of India's and Pakistan's independence. The Centre commemorated this milestone through a variety of programmes. We held our first-ever LSE Pakistan Summit in Karachi which was a unique event in Pakistan, bringing together internationally recognised academics with colleagues in universities, media, business and the social sector in Pakistan in full and frank dialogue alongside lively audience participation. The event was free for anyone to attend and marked the Centre's commitment to continuing engagement in creating a fresh new narrative about Pakistan.

In India, we were delighted to hold the second annual Summit, this time in the capital which also is home to exceptional social science research and a robust media. The two summits marked the significant anniversary year and attracted wide ranging coverage across various platforms. In Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Myanmar, we have made considerable progress in building links with alumni and interested stake-holders for future collaborations leading to similar LSE Summits in each country.

Our commitment from the beginning has been to make LSE a significant part of the conversations and challenges

in South Asia by providing a platform for open and informed debate and discussion and we have started to establish a reputation for this through our Summits. We have developed links with a wide variety of institutions and individuals that we would not have otherwise known who attended our meetings and we intend to build on these further. By making Working Papers available free, we have been able to disseminate and impact conversations beyond the Summits themselves. Our next challenge is to generate research programmes and publications on the basis of the outcomes of the Summits and Working Papers.

In the UK, we have continued to build relationships with a wide range of institutions. The High Commissions of all South Asia countries in London have recognised the work of the Centre and stepped up their engagement through visits, student receptions and public events. This has resulted in a full calendar of events in which we have collaborated with the Missions/ Embassies, and plan to co-host exhibitions and lectures at LSE in the coming year. Reaching out to LSE alumni groups in the UK has also borne fruit as we have attracted a network of South Asian professionals to curate activities with us.

We have also built relationships with significant British public institutions such as the British Library, British Film Institute, Courtauld Institute, British Council, Inner Temple and Supreme Court to co-host events. My membership as Patron of the Working Group for the UK-India Year of Culture 2017 provided the Centre further exposure and involvement in the commemorative events to mark the 70th anniversary of India's independence. At LSE we are also running a lecture series over twelve months entitled 'Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall' to mark the 70th anniversary year.

We have succeeded in establishing our commitment to the entire South Asia region, rather than focus on one country over others. We have started a number of initiatives such as training programmes for South Asian government officials, collaborated with multilateral agencies to curate conferences, customised student visits to LSE, and begun to welcome Visiting Research Fellows. The 100 Foot Journey Club between the Centre and the High Commission of India, UK in particular, has drawn attention in the Indian diaspora and beyond.

In order to achieve this, we have also established working relationships with various departments and divisions of the School. Our Faculty Advisory Group consists of academics from various departments and we have excellent relationships with all relevant student societies. We were particularly proud of having inspired a new 'South

Asia Society' by Masters students at LSE which went on to win the 'Best New Society' of 2016/17. Our relationship with LSE Enterprise and the Advancement Office continues to grow, as do collaborations with other research centres and departments.

Our aim in the coming year is to expand our research activities through LSE-based workshops, and securing funding for an ambitious new research programme.

“At the completion of this initial period of existence, the South Asia Centre has therefore managed to make its mark both in the UK and in South Asia, despite its small team and limited resources.”

# BUILDING ACADEMIC NETWORKS

The Centre is committed to initiate and develop academic networks with individuals and institutions concerned with South Asia across the world. This is a continuing exercise, and 2016/17 has been an especially rewarding year, underlining our success in establishing our presence at the global level in such short time.

As part of this commitment to develop the Centre as a global hub on South Asia, the Centre has actively reached out to, and invited, several South Asia experts from the UK or indeed from farther afield, to participate in our events. In doing this, our endeavour is as much to develop the Centre as a place for debate and discussion, as it is to curate events meaningfully by inviting experts from across the spectrum, mine their expertise, and make the Centre an animated hub for issues concerning South Asia.

Professor Javed Majeed (King's College London), author of *Muhammad Iqbal: Islam, Aesthetics and Postcolonialism* (2009), chaired an extremely well-attended talk by Bishop Nazir-Ali on Iqbal's philosophy and thought that we organised at LSE (with Bloomsbury Pakistan) on 27 February 2017. Earlier, on 7 November 2016, a deep discussion took place between Salil Tripathi (Institute of Human Rights and Business, London, and author of *The Colonel Who Would Not Repent: The Bangladesh War and Its Unquiet Legacy* (2016) and Martin Woollacott, journalist for *The Guardian* who covered the Bangladesh War of Liberation in 1971 in Dacca (now Dhaka).

These are only two of several events that saw experts of various hues come to LSE. Other prominent academics who participated in the Centre's events include Amartya Sen (Harvard); Michael Hutt, Mushtaq Khan, Anna Larson and Edward Simpson (SOAS); Sumit Guha (UT, Austin); Ashutosh Varshney (Brown); Ashwini Deshpande (Delhi); Dilip Gaonkar (Northwestern); Jahnvi

Phalkey (KCL); Susheila Nasta (OU); Naomi Hossain (Sussex); David Arnold (Warwick); and Hamid Hakimi (Chatham House).

We also invited journalists, film-makers and commentators to speak on their interests, present their work, and participate alongside academics in discussions on topics of contemporary interest in South Asia. These included the filmmaker Gurinder Chadha, journalists Shrabani Basu and Ashis Ray, and independent researcher Roy Moxham.

The Centre has proactively reached out to other institutions to consolidate its presence. Of particular mention is our joint event with The British Library — the first such collaboration between LSE and The British Library — for a panel discussion on 'The Theft of History' on 21 May 2017 to a packed auditorium at The British Library. Part of the events marking the 70th anniversary of India's independence, this discussion was also part of the ZEE-JLF Literary Festival in London.

Earlier, on 23 January 2017, Deputy Director Nilanjan Sarkar announced the LSE 'India at 70' Summit at the ZEE-Jaipur Literary Festival in Jaipur. LSE South Asia Centre's announcement at the largest literary festival in India led to incredible press coverage and interest in the Summit event in Delhi later in March; it was also the first time that LSE was profiled at their Press Conference.

# AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH AND NEPAL

The Centre has continued to develop and consolidate its links with Nepal and Bangladesh in 2016/17. We have also initiated a program to develop events and projects relating to Afghanistan.

## AFGHANISTAN

On 2 March 2017, we hosted an animated round-table discussion on 'Democracy and Legitimacy in Afghanistan' with Martin Bayly (LSE), Hameed Hakimi (Chatham House) and Anna Larson (SOAS), moderated by Mukulika Banerjee. The different aspects of the complexities of institutionalising democracy in Afghanistan provide lessons for other democracies in war-ravaged polities struggling to rebuild structures of governance. Panelists spoke on a variety of issues based on primary research conducted by each of them, outlining the challenges and successes of re-establishing political processes in Afghanistan.

On 10 July 2017, the Centre supported the Department of International Development in hosting a panel discussion on the role of higher education in Afghanistan. Centre Director Mukulika Banerjee met panellists HE Dr Said Tayeb Jawad (Ambassador of Afghanistan to the UK), Kenneth Holland (President, AUAF), and Yalda Hakim (journalist). The event — even though organised at short notice — generated a lot of interest, and we also carried a blogpost on the discussion, written by the co-Chair of the event Dr Sajjan Gohel.

Dr Nilanjan Sarkar, Deputy Director attended the National Day Celebrations of Afghanistan on 17 August 2016 where former President Mr Hamid Karzai spoke on the challenges confronting Afghanistan, and the developments against the odds that were taking the country forward.



NAOMI HOSSAIN (UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX) AT LSE, MARCH 2017

## BANGLADESH

We are delighted to say that alumni from Bangladesh have been diligent in keeping us informed of their trips to London, so it is always a pleasure to welcome them to the Centre. The newly-appointed Chair of the Bangladesh Alumni chapter, Altamash Kabir, met with Deputy Director Nilanjan Sarkar in London in May 2017, and we are initiating plans to hold a workshop in Dhaka sometime in 2018. The Centre is also in the process of planning a collaborative event at LSE with The Subir and Malini Chowdhury Centre for Bangladesh Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

At LSE, we hosted an extremely well-attended panel discussion titled 'Out of the Basket: Lessons from Bangladesh's Developmental Successes' focusing on Naomi Hossain's (Institute of Development Studies) monograph of the same title. Panelists included Mushtaq Khan (SOAS), Naila Kabeer (LSE) and Naomi herself, and was chaired and moderated by David Lewis (LSE).

## NEPAL

The Centre was delighted to welcome former Prime Minister Mr Baburam Bhattarai for a talk on 'New Politics and Policies for Nepal' where he spoke at length about the his new 'Naya Shakti Party', and its perspective for Nepal's future.

The discussion was chaired by Michael Hutt (SOAS), and Dan Hirslund (LSE) was the principal discussant. The event was live-streamed in Nepal (where it was close to midnight at the time) with more than a thousand viewers watching it online.

The Centre was also delighted to welcome HE Dr Durga Bahadur Subedi (Ambassador of Nepal to the UK) as a discussant in one of our student-led events; Dr Subedi very generously hosted a dinner for delegates and guests at the Nepal Embassy as well. He is keenly interested in the Centre's engagement with Nepal, and has suggested that we collaborate in organising some events in the next academic year.



FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF NEPAL MR BABURAM BHATTARAI AT LSE, NOVEMBER 2016

# INDIA

The Centre organised a series of events to mark the 70th anniversary of India's independence in 2017, which also overlapped with the UK-India Year of Culture. Each event was customised to reflect India's long and complex journey over the last seven decades. The highlight of these was 'India at 70', the annual LSE India Summit, from 29-31 March in New Delhi, supported by Apollo Tyres Ltd.

Our annual Summits reflect our mission to create global platforms for debate and discussion for the public, on issues of contemporary interest. Panelists are invited from across the world to participate in these Summits. This year, the four panel discussions were on:

- Does Forced Philanthropy Work? CSR in India
- Does India need 'Virtual Water'?
- India Abroad: From Third World to Regional Power
- Do we need a New Constitution for India?



AMITA BAVISKAR (IEG DELHI) AT LSE INDIA SUMMIT, NEW DELHI, MARCH 2017

The organising principle of our Summit is to bring together experts of all hues — academics, practitioners, policy-makers, media personnel, analysts, publishers, and business and community leaders on the same platform, and face-to-face with an undifferentiated audience. The Summit in New Delhi was especially successful in this regard, each discussion being followed by an hour-long discussion with the audience.

A cross-section of the best minds on the topics spoke at the Summit:

- in Philanthropy, eminent business leaders Rahul Bajaj (Bajaj Group), Anu Aga (social worker) and Neeraj Kanwar (Apollo Tyres Ltd), alongside Mukund Rajan (Tata Group), with LSE faculty Harry Barkema as Moderator;
- leading environmentalist and academic Amita Baviskar (IEG, Delhi) moderated the panel discussion on 'virtual' water, with its inventor Tony Allan (KCL) introducing the concept, and with inputs from Marcus Moench (ISET-International), Biksham Gujja (AgSri) and Manoj Misra (environmentalist);
- several former Foreign Secretaries and Ambassadors participated in the panel on 'India Abroad', including Jayant Prasad (currently at IDSA, Delhi), Meera Shankar, Rakesh Sood, and Kanwal Sibal with academic inputs from Ashley J Tellis (CEIP) and with journalist Jyoti Malhotra as Moderator;





'INDIA AT 70' LOGO WITH INDIA'S NATIONAL TREE INDIAN BANYAN (*FICUS BENGHALENSIS*).  
DESIGNED BY OROON DAS

- LSE academic and the Centre's Director Mukulika Banerjee moderated the discussion on India's constitution, with panelists Chintan Chandrachud (Lawyer), Kalpana Kannabiran (CSD, Hyderabad), Madhav Khosla (Harvard), and leading constitutional lawyer Pinky Anand.

Special events at the Summit included a conversation on LSE's historic relationship with India over the last century between eminent Indian historian Ramachandra Guha and Michael Cox, Director LSE IDEAS, who is writing the history of LSE; a workshop on 'Using Quantitative Evidence for Social Science Research' with Ashwini Deshpande (DSE, Delhi), Mukulika Banerjee (LSE), Gilles Verniers (Ashoka University), and Karthik Madhavapeddi (IndiaSpend); and a special exhibition to commemorate the partition of the Indian subcontinent in collaboration with The Partition Museum, Amritsar (to which we are Academic Advisors). A moving multi-media performance titled 'Partition: Stories of Separation' by Sonam Kalra (Musician) was a perfect foil for the Summit at one of its dinners.

The highlight of the surrounding events was a series of 3-minute talks by 3 former street children from Delhi's Salaam Baalak Trust, where they spoke frankly about how their lives have changed having been cared for by the Trust in their childhood.

The Summit was reported widely in the press, and was followed animatedly on social media, attracting hundreds of tweets. The panels were livestreamed on Facebook and the videos have collectively been viewed over 6,000 times since they were posted.

Over 600 people attended the Summit and its related events. All sessions were livestreamed and videos are available to view on the Centre's website. Individual interviews with select speakers are posted on the South Asia @ LSE blog weekly, and on the Centre's website. Each panel has been developed as a working paper which will be available via our website.

The Centre hosted several other India-focused events through the year, listed at the end of this Report. Prominent among them were several talks and book discussions as part of our 'Empire as Colony: Histories from Whitehall' series, and included speakers like Tristram Hunt, Shashi Tharoor, Susheila Nasta, and Shrabani Basu. Other prominent speakers included Rajeev Gowda, and Arun Jaitley amongst several others. We also reconnected with our alumni in India during the Summit, details of which are mentioned elsewhere in this Report.

# PAKISTAN

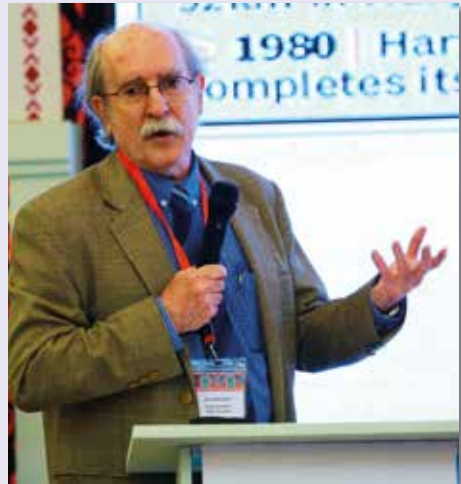
The Centre organised 'Pakistan at 70', the first ever 'LSE Pakistan Summit' and the first global summit to be organised by an international university in Pakistan, on 10-11 April in Karachi, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Pakistan's birth and independence. Supported by Aman Foundation, the panels discussed issues of contemporary relevance in Pakistan today, as her strategic importance as South Asia's frontier grows in the region.

The four panels focused on:

- Philanthropy & Institution-Building
- Art & Modernity
- The Constitution in Pakistan
- Development & Dividends.

Each theme for discussion was chosen carefully, underlining both the strengths and challenges of modern Pakistan, and its everyday life. Experts from across the board, both national and international, participated in animated discussions followed by robust interactions with the audience. Panelists had been chosen carefully to represent a variety of perspectives, and included:

- in Philanthropy, Samad Dawood (Dawood Hercules Foundation), Fayeeza Naqvi (Aman Foundation), Tahera Hasan (Imkaan Welfare Trust) and Zaffar Ahmad Khan (IBA, Karachi), moderated by CEO of Aman Foundation Malik Ahmad Jalal;
- prominent art historian Iftikhar Dadi (Cornell University) moderated the panel on Art & Modernity, with panelists Farida Batool (NCA, Lahore), Fasi Zaka (*Dawn News*), Ali Rez (BBDO, Dubai) and Ali Nobil Ahmad (LZMO, Berlin);
- the discussion on Pakistan's constitution was moderated by Mukulika Banerjee (LSE), and included Matthew Nelson (SOAS), Hina Jilani (AGHS) and prominent constitutional lawyer Anwar Mansoor Khan;
- LSE-IGC Research Director Adnan Khan moderated the discussion on Development with panelists Faisal Bari (LUMS), Ishrat Husain (WWICS), Farrukh Iqbal (IBA, Karachi) and S Akbar Zaidi (IBA, Karachi).



DAVID GILMARTIN (NCSU) AT LSE PAKISTAN SUMMIT, KARACHI, APRIL 2017

# PAKISTAN AT 70

'PAKISTAN AT 70' LOGO WITH PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL TREE DEODAR (*CEDRUS DEODARA*).  
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Four other events were among the highlights of the Summit: opening remarks by Senator Sherry Rehman before the panel discussion on the Constitution; closing remarks by Maleeha Lodhi, currently Pakistan's ambassador to the UN; an evening lecture by Philip Oldenburg (Columbia University) on 'The Making of a Loyal Opposition in Pakistan'; and a special pre-Dinner talk by David Gilmartin (NCSU) on 'The Indus and Its People: The River Basin and the Imagining of Pakistan'.

The success of the Summit was manifold: not only was it live-streamed on our Facebook page, it was trending on Twitter on both days, and our intention of attracting interested audiences from all walks of life — from students and academics to media personnel, publishers, policy-makers and analysts, amongst several others, was achieved to our satisfaction. Proceedings of the discussions will be made available as Working Papers on our website, as will be interviews with select speakers, and podcasts.

Two exhibitions were installed on the two days in the dining area for all visitors and delegates: the first day on select Urdu poetry with English translations; and on the second day, on non-touristic places to visit in Pakistan.

Several more events focusing on Pakistan, and Pakistan in relation to South Asia, were hosted by the Centre through the year, listed at the end of this Report. We were delighted to welcome the High Commissioner HE Mr S Ibne Abbas to a student-led 'Future of Pakistan' conference which included several prominent ministers and individuals from Pakistan. The Summit in Karachi provided us with an opportunity to reconnect with our alumni, details of which appear elsewhere in this Report. Finally, this year we were able to organise events more formally with 'Bloomsbury Pakistan' at LSE, including an extremely well-attended talk by Bishop Nazir Ali, and one by the urbanist Arif Hasan, amongst several others.



SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN AT LSE PAKISTAN SUMMIT,  
KARACHI, APRIL 2017

# THE 100 FOOT JOURNEY CLUB

The 100 Foot Journey Club — which marks, almost literally, the distance between India House and the LSE — is a collaborative initiative between the High Commission of India and the South Asia Centre.

The Club hosts academic events of mutual interest, building on our commitment to work with governments to impact public consciousness through informed knowledge. All events of the Club focus on India, or on India in relation to the wider world — and there is a conscious attempt to curate interdisciplinary events focusing on issues of contemporary relevance and concern in India today.

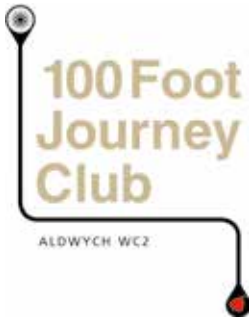
In November 2016, the High Commission very generously hosted an event in the Gandhi Hall of India House to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar, one of LSE's most illustrious alumni and the father of India's Constitution. Six students (in fact seven, because one was a team of 2 students) from LSE spoke on the meaning and relevance of the Indian Constitution in their lives today. They were judged by a panel, and cash awards were given to the top 3 presentations.

The Club has organised several public lectures in the past year. Sumit Guha (UT-Austin) spoke on 'The Indian Village: Romantic Images versus Historical Realities' at The Nehru Centre; the Rt Hon. Jo Johnson and former Ambassador HE Navtej Sarna launched *Mantras For Success: India's Greatest CEOs* by Suhel Seth; and Finance Minister Arun Jaitley spoke on 'Transforming India: Vision for the Next Decade'.

As part of our commemorative events for the 70th anniversary of India's independence, the Centre established a lecture series entitled 'Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall', some of which were hosted under the banner of the Club. These included former Member of the British Parliament Tristram Hunt's lecture 'Cities of the Empire', and Member of Indian Parliament Shashi Tharoor on his latest book *Inglorious Empire: What the British did to India*. More events are being planned for the academic year 2017/18.



DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO THE UK, DINESH PATTNAIK WITH MUKULIKA BANERJEE (DIRECTOR, SAC), NILANJAN SARKAR (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SAC), GIVING AWAY WINNERS PRIZES AT INDIA HOUSE, LONDON, NOVEMBER 2016



**FROM ABOVE:** EDWARD SIMPSON (SOAS) AND SUMIT GUHA (UT AUSTIN) AT THE NEHRU CENTRE, LONDON, JUNE 2016; FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO THE UK HE NAVTEJ SARNA, FORMER MP JO JOHNSON AND AUTHOR SUHEL SETH AT LSE, JUNE 2016; FORMER MP TRISTRAM HUNT AT LSE, NOVEMBER 2016

# SAC IN LSE

## WORKING WITH FACULTY

As an interdisciplinary Centre, one of our core objectives is to work with LSE faculty across departments, institutes and other centres to showcase LSE's world-class expertise. As a non-teaching Centre, we do this by reaching out to faculty, inviting them to our events either to present their own work or to participate in them according to their expertise. As mentioned at different places in this Report, in 2016/17 we worked with several colleagues both at LSE and abroad including Harry Barkema (Management), Simeon Djankoff (Financial Markets Group), George Gaskell (Advancement), Athar Hussain (IGA), Naila Kabeer (Gender Institute), David Lewis (Social Policy), Phillip Rode (LSE Cities), and Tirthankar Roy (Economic History).

Select faculty are also linked more closely with the everyday working of the Centre through their membership to the Faculty Advisory Group.



PROFESSOR MICHAEL COX AT LSE INDIA SUMMIT,  
NEW DELHI, MARCH 2017

In 2016/17, the Group has been involved in the decision-making processes of the Centre in several instances, including approvals of invitations to external speakers. The Centre is very grateful for their time, support, and wisdom especially when some instances have required responses at very short notice. The members of the Faculty Advisory Group are listed on pages 22-23.

## WORKING WITH LSE STUDENTS

Working with our students — engaging them in meaningful debates on a variety of issues both comparative and focused — is central to our profile within LSE. The varied academic training of the students equips them to debate issues from multiple perspectives; the Centre supports them in their curation of the amazing events they organise, underlining their applied relevance, and their wider, longer-term benefits. All our student events are led, and owned, by the students who do everything from contacting speakers from across the world to raising funds and acquiring sponsorships, arranging accommodation, dinners, local hospitality, and ushering the event.

The Centre is very proud to say that we have actively involved our students/research scholars in our events, alongside established academics, providing them with a platform to discuss their research and expertise. Juli Huang (Anthropology) participated in a panel on gender equality and social progress in Bangladesh alongside Amartya Sen, Naila Kabeer and David Lewis; Martin Bayly (International Relations) organised and participated in a Round-Table discussion on democracy in Afghanistan; and Dan Hirslund (Visiting Fellow, Anthropology) was discussant in a talk by former Prime Minister of Nepal Dr Baburam Bhattarai.

On 13 October 2016 we hosted a Drinks Reception (with the LSE PhD Academy) for all doctoral students conducting research on South Asia. The event was a huge success primarily because the Centre was able to bring together researchers from across disciplines and create synergies that would otherwise not have been possible.

## SOUTH ASIA SOCIETY

The LSE SU South Asia Society, which focuses on the region as a whole in comparative perspective overlooking national boundaries, was formed with the support of the South Asia Centre at the LSE, and its founding members Siddhartha Sinha and Maitreya Thakur won the Students Union Best New Society Award for 2016/17. On 29 April 2017 they held the first 'South Asia Development Conference', which was a unique initiative pioneered to serve as a forum to identify, discuss and influence the development discourse in the region. Building on the essence of regional cooperation and globalisation, it addressed the challenges confronting South Asia today in its entirety, in order to foster a sense of common purpose and initiative, as well as to serve as a precedent for the development of better regional cooperation and facilitate the emergence of leaders with an outlook driven by lateral synergy.

The inaugural speech by Indian Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi set the tone for the conference with his reflections on his involvement with child rights and universal education in South Asia. Individual panel discussions focused on:

- South Asia's Youth Bulge — Mukulika Banerjee (LSE), Dinesh Pattnaik (Deputy High Commissioner, India), and Rafiullah Kakar (Commonwealth Secretariat);

- Minorities and Migration — Sunil Babu Pant (Activist), Garimella Subramaniam (Journalist), and Beena Sarwar (Journalist);
- Nationalism — HE Durga Bahadur Subedi (Ambassador, Nepal) and Hina Rabbani Khar (Pakistan Peoples Party).

A special lecture by Indian film actor Anupam Kher, and dinner at the residence of the Hon'ble Ambassador of Nepal to the UK Dr Durga Bahadur Subedi concluded a very successful student effort.

Earlier, on 25 October 2016 the Society organised one of its first events — also supported by the Centre: a public discussion on 'Mobilising Resources and Maximising Change' with the Ramon Magsaysay awardee Anshu Gupta, from Goonj, an NGO focused on clothing as a source of sustainable development.



PROFESSOR ASHWINI DESHPANDE (DSE DELHI) CONDUCTING A WORKSHOP ON 'CASTE, CLASS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC MOBILITY IN INDIA', LSE, NOVEMBER 2016

## INDIA SOCIETY

The LSE SU India Society organised their annual international conference titled 'India: A Superpower in the Making?' (with that intelligent question-mark!) on 11 March 2017 — with a range of speakers from Bollywood to politics, business leaders to academics, and to a packed audience for a full day. Their discussions included

- 'Modi'fied India: The Way Ahead? — with Shazia Ilmi (BJP), Ajay Maken (INC), Meera Sanyal (AAP), and Mukulika Banerjee (LSE) as Moderator;
- Demonetisation and Digitisation — with Lord Meghnad Desai, Maitreesh Ghatak (LSE), Alnoor Bhimani (LSE), and Amrita Dhillon (KCL) as Moderator;
- Bollywood and its Omnipotence — with Karan Johar (Producer/Director), Farhan Akhtar (Actor), Anupama Chopra (Film Critic), and Naman Ramachandran (Journalist);
- Financial Reform in India: Challenges and Opportunities — Deepak Parekh (HDFC), Sudhir Mehta (Torrent Group), Shiv Khemka (SUN Group), and Surjit Bhalla (Oxux Investments).

Please visit [www.lsesuindiaforum.com/](http://www.lsesuindiaforum.com/) for more details on their very successful event.



**FROM ABOVE:** FARHAN AKHTAR AT LSE SU 'INDIA FORUM', MARCH 2017; PAKISTAN MP AHSAN IQBAL WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF PAKISTAN TO THE UK HE S IBNE HASAN AT LSE SU 'FUTURE OF PAKISTAN' CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 2016



AMBASSADOR OF NEPAL TO THE UK HE DURGA BAHADUR SUBEDI WITH FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PAKISTAN HINA RABBANI KHAR, AND STAFF AND STUDENTS OF LSE AT THE NEPAL EMBASSY, LONDON, APRIL 2017



## PAKISTAN SOCIETY

The ‘Future of Pakistan’ conference is the brainchild of the Pakistan Development Society, one of two LSE SU societies (the other one being the LSE SU Pakistan Society) that focuses on Pakistan. Following on from the success of their other activities and events, the conference focused on the developmental aspects in contemporary Pakistan, with an array of speakers from different sectors in animated discussion with the audience. His Excellency Mr Ibne Abbas, High Commissioner of Pakistan, attended the entire conference. This incredibly well-attended conference on 19 November 2016 included talks/panel discussions on:

- Politics: Challenges for Democracy and Inter-Provincial Relations — Umair Javed (LSE), S Akbar Zaidi (IBA, Karachi), and Simbal Khan (ISS, Islamabad);
- Economics: Challenges for CPEC and Tax Collection — Adeel Malik (Oxford), Miftah Ismail (Political Economist), and Adnan Khan (LSE);
- Development: Core Priorities — Umar Saif (ITU, Lahore), Nabeel Goheer (Commonwealth Secretariat), and Mahvish Shami (LSE);
- Leveraging the TCF Experience: Policy Recommendations for Improving Access and Quality to Education — Ahsan Saleem (The Citizens Foundation);
- Business Development Opportunities in Pakistan — Iqbal Latif (LRFSA);
- Planning and Development — Ahsan Iqbal (MP) with Mukulika Banerjee (LSE) as moderator.

More details are at [www.futureofpakistan.org/about-us/](http://www.futureofpakistan.org/about-us/) on this day-long, very successful event.

## VISITING FELLOWS

The Centre hosted three Visiting Fellows in 2016-17, further consolidating our association with peer institutions across the world. Our wide-angled activities on South Asia — both in the UK and in the region — have established the Centre as a prominent hub for interdisciplinary interests, and we are delighted to host colleagues from different institutions here at LSE.

### Dr Tamara Relis

Tamara joined the Centre as Research Fellow in 2016 for a period of two years. A Barrister & Solicitor in the UK and an Attorney in the US, Tamara is currently working on a new book project on human rights, access to justice and conflict resolution involving Tibetan refugees in India, Nepal and Bhutan on a British Academy / Leverhulme SRG grant. She has authored *The Purchase of Human Rights: Standards and Legal Pluralism in the Global South* (2015), which is based on her post-doctoral research in 8 states in India, focusing on legal and lay actors’ experiences in state courts, *lok adalats*, and non-state justice mechanisms (*panchayats*, *mahila panchayats*, *nari adalats*) processing human rights violation cases of violence against women. Tamara has taught human rights law, non-state justice and legal pluralism, and evidence in New York, and has been Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Columbia University Law School.

### Dr Laura Zimmermann

Laura spent 2 months at the Centre at the end of 2016. Her research lies at the intersection of political science and economics in the areas of political economy, development economics and comparative politics in India. Laura’s PhD is in Economics from the University of Michigan, and since August 2014, she is Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia in the US.

Laura has presented her work widely at discipline-specific and interdisciplinary conferences, contributes to established blogs like 'Ideas for India' and 'World Bank Development Impact', and is currently working on her monograph which is based on her doctoral research. She conducted two workshops during her visit for PhD and Masters students on 'Using Quantitative Data to find a research question'.

### **Dr Musarat Amin**

Musarat joined the Centre as Visiting Fellow in April 2017, and will be here for a year. At the Centre, her post-doctoral project looks at Pakistan's counter-terrorism strategy and impediments to the successful implementation of the National Action Plan, including an analysis of softer approaches to mitigating terrorism through de-radicalisation and peace education. Her research is supported by the Pakistan Higher Education Council, Punjab.

Musarat completed her PhD in International Politics from Jilin University (China) in 2013, and is Assistant Professor in the Department of Defence and Diplomatic Studies at Fatima Jinnah Women University in Rawalpindi. She appears frequently on national media as commentator on current affairs in Pakistan.

## **WORKING WITH ALUMNI**

Our alumni are our most valuable resource, our best life-long ambassadors. The support of our Alumni has been spectacular, and we have benefited from it in several ways. The warmth with which they have welcomed us wherever we have met them has been very important to our engagements.

In India, the Delhi alumni led by Chairperson Ashwajit Singh organised a gala dinner at The British Council in New Delhi on 28 March 2017, with addresses by Richard Everitt (Director Education, British Council, Delhi), Andrew Soper (Counsellor), Dr Mukulika Banerjee and Professor George Gaskell. The evening event was attended by alumni from across India, and was a perfect opportunity for alumni to meet and interact with the Centre's staff, along with several LSE members who had travelled to Delhi for the event.

In Pakistan, the Karachi chapter organised a lecture-dinner at The British Council in Karachi on 9 April 2017. Professor Philip Oldenburg (Columbia University) — who had travelled to Karachi especially for this event — spoke on 'The Making of a Loyal Opposition in Pakistan', followed by an animated Q&A, and then a sumptuous dinner. Alumni from other cities also attended, making it very successful on an equally pleasant April evening in Karachi. Chairperson of the Karachi Alumni chapter, Shariq Abdullah, organised this event.

Responding to alumni requests, not least their enthusiasm to remain informed about the Centre's activities, we have started an e-news bulletin for our alumni across the region which highlights the timely activities of the Centre.

This year has been especially rewarding in our success in reaching out to our vast London alumni. Arunima Kumar and Manav Gupta have founded the 'Indian Young Entrepreneurs Network' (IYPN), and the Centre has been in constant touch with them to curate activities through the forthcoming year. Meanwhile, our London alumni have loyally and faithfully attended our events, engaged with the Centre and come up with event ideas and resource persons.

# DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

In 2016/17 the South Asia Centre has continued to develop its digital channels to engage new audiences and strengthen ties with the region. The social media and e-newsletter audiences have expanded significantly and this year we have produced more multi-media content to showcase the activities of the Centre and share insights from the Centre's events and regional Summits. 'South Asia @ LSE', our blog, is now five years old and continues to go from strength to strength, posting more regularly and involving new authors and readers.

## SOUTH ASIA @ LSE

- As of August 2016 new posts have been published every week day during term time and at least 4 times a week during vacations.
- The platform has attracted an average of 14,000 unique hits per month to June 2017.
- South Asia @ LSE continues to post a wide variety of blogs including interviews, research articles, comment pieces, event summaries, photo blogs and book reviews.

The South Asia Centre blog (funded by HEIF) has continued to expand and develop this year. It now posts daily during the week and has shifted towards a knowledge exchange model, where more academics and specialists from outside LSE are invited to contribute on their research or areas of expertise. This has also enabled greater coverage of Sri Lanka, Nepal and Afghanistan, alongside regular posts on India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The Blog has also continued to develop collaborations with other platforms both within LSE (particularly LSE Review of Books and the International Growth Centre), and externally such as Scroll.in and Quartz.

At the same time, the Blog has become even more integrated with the Centre's activities. Interviews were conducted with speakers at three quarters of events held this year. As a result, the Blog has been able to attract big names from academia and beyond, such as Ashutosh Varshney, Ashwini

Deshpande, Baburam Bhattarai, Arif Hasan, Tristram Hunt and Susheila Nasta.

In addition, the Blog has played a key role in communications around the LSE India and Pakistan Summits. Several articles outlining the themes and aims were posted ahead of the two events, and panel summaries posted afterwards. More than 15 interviews were also conducted with speakers across the two events, and these are being posted on a weekly basis as we go to Press.

South Asia @ LSE also continues to support students, both by helping them to develop as blog contributors and promoting their activities. For example, the blog featured two posts to promote the LSE SU Pakistan Development Society's first conference in November. It also had a '2017 Legislative Elections: Experts React' recorded at the LSE SU India Forum, which highlighted the calibre of speakers that the students had invited.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- The Facebook page has grown rapidly this year, with the number of Likes doubling to more than 3,000;
- The Twitter account has gained over 1,000 new Followers and now stands at 4,600;



- Events are now routinely live-tweeted. Both Summits were also live-tweeted, with Pakistan @ 70 trending continuously for the duration of the event.
- The e-newsletter continues to offer a regular round-up of South Asia Centre news, blogs and events. It now goes out to 1,300 subscribers every month;

The South Asia Centre continues to use Facebook and Twitter to provide daily updates about Centre news, blogs and upcoming events. The audiences on both platforms have continued to grow steadily and over the last year there has been a 10-15% increase in engagement on Facebook and a 15-20% increase in engagement on Twitter. This year the Centre has been more consistent in ensuring all events have a dedicated hashtag and has live-tweeted the majority of events for the benefit of those who are unable to attend. The most popular events (including the regional Summits) have also been posted on Storify.

E-newsletters, which offer a round-up of the Centre's latest outputs and upcoming activities, are sent at the beginning of every month. This year the number of regular subscribers has grown by one-third, to a total of more than 1,300.

In 2016/17 the South Asia Centre significantly expanded its multi-media offering. As well as making many events available on the Centre's Soundcloud, the Communications team has produced a number of video outputs. In Michaelmas 2016 they created a series of seven videos with LSE academics talking about their research, which have been viewed more than 750 times.

## MOST POPULAR POSTS IN 2016/17

**'How a2i is using empathy to foster innovation in Bangladesh' — by Anir Chowdhury and Nick Beresford**

**'The Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement: Full steam ahead for India and Sri Lanka?' — by Piumi Gamanayake**

**'Why did South Asians vote for Brexit?' — by Asad Abbasi**

**'Pakistan in the eyes of the world: A new perspective on a blemished international image' — by Nadir Cheema**

The India and Pakistan Summits were both livestreamed on Facebook and some of the videos have attracted hundreds of hits. For example, the panel 'Does Forced Philanthropy Work? CSR in India' has been watched 1,100 times, and the panel 'Philanthropy and Institution-Building' at the LSE Pakistan Summit has been viewed a 1,000 times. In addition, the team produced almost 27 short video interviews with key speakers reflecting on their areas of expertise in relation to the panel's themes. Although these were only posted in May 2017, they have already attracted over 1,600 views as we go too Press (August 2017), a testament to the success of the discussions at our Summits.

# SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

The South Asia Centre held its first meeting of its Senior Advisory Board on 1 October 2016. Mr Nasser Munjee (Chair, Senior Advisory Board and LSE alumnus) convened the meeting. Dr Mukulika Banerjee presented a detailed report on the activities of the Centre from June 2015 onwards, and outlined the vision and strategic plan for the future.

The Centre is privileged to have on its Senior Advisory Board members who are deeply invested in the activities of the Centre, and have worked hard with us to raise the profile of the Centre across the world in their varied networks, raise funds, and participated in our events and activities where possible.

**Nasser M MUNJEE** (Chair, Advisory Board) (LSE BSc Econ. 1971-74; MSc Econ. 1974-75) is Chairman of Development Credit Bank, and Tata Motor Finance Ltd., both in India. Nasser is also on the Board of 15 public companies, and is involved with several others as Chairman, Member of the Board or Trustee including ABB Ltd, HDFC Ltd,

Jaguar Land Rover plc, several Tata companies, and the City of London.

**Kaushik BASU** (LSE PhD Econ. 1976) is Professor of Economics and the C. Marks Professor of International Studies at Cornell University. Kaushik has served as the Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of the World Bank and as Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India (2009-2012). He founded the Centre for Development Economics in Delhi, and is the President of the International Economics Association. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2008 by the Government of India.



**FROM LEFT:** MUKULIKA BANERJEE (DIRECTOR, SAC), FAYEEZA NAQVI (MEMBER, SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD), NILANJAN SARKAR (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SAC) AND ALI JAMEEL (MEMBER, SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD) ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE LSE PAKISTAN SUMMIT, KARACHI, APRIL 2017

**Craig J CALHOUN** is President of the Berggruen Institute in Los Angeles, CA since September 2016. Prior to this, he was Director & President of LSE (2012-16) where he remains Centennial Professor. He has also been President of the Social Science Research Council in New York (1999-2012), and University Professor at NYU (2004-12).

**A Mushtaque R CHOWDHURY** (LSE MSc Demography 1978-79) is Vice Chairperson of BRAC, Dhaka where he started his career more than 40 years ago. He was the founding Director of BRAC's Research & Evaluation Division, was previously its Executive Director, alongside serving in several international organisations including The Rockefeller Foundation (2009-12) and the UN, teaching at Columbia (2002-04), and was MacArthur Fellow at Harvard (1992-93).

**M Ali JAMEEL** (LSE BSc Accounting & Finance 1991) is CEO, TPL Trakkers Pvt Ltd in Karachi. He has previously served as Chief Executive of Jahangir Siddiqui Executive Bank (1999-2001). Ali has also held several advisory posts in the Pakistani IT and telecom sectors, and serves as Director, Executive Director and Non-Executive Director of several companies. He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

**Lata KRISHNAN** (LSE BSc Econ. 1981) is Chief Financial Officer for Shah Capital Partners. Lata co-founded SMART Modular Technologies (WWH) Inc. in 1989 and also held corporate accounting and finance positions at Montgomery Securities, Arthur Andersen LLP, and Hill Vellacott & Company in London, England. She has also held Director and Advisor posts to several boards in the Finance and Accounting sector, and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

**Mehli K MISTRY** is Director of M Pallonji Group of Companies with interests in shipping, logistics, leasing, insurance, investment and finance, based out of several cities across the world. Mehli works out of Dubai, London and Mumbai.

**Fayeeza NAQVI** (LSE BSc Econ. 1982) is Co-Founder and Chairperson of Aman Foundation, a private philanthropic trust headquartered in Karachi; in 2015, she was awarded the BNP Paribas Grand Prix award in recognition of her humanitarian work. Fayeeza was previously founding Director of Saharay Welfare which oversaw the disbursement of funds to deserving NGOs in Pakistan, and is currently also a Trustee of the British Asian Trust.

**Ratan N TATA** is a businessman, philanthropist, investor and Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group, the Mumbai-based global business conglomerate. He has been awarded the Padma Bhushan (2000) and Padma Vibhushan (2008) by the Government of India, and The Honorary Knight Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (2014) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his lifelong services to business and community.

## FACULTY ADVISORY GROUP

The Faculty Advisory Group, comprising current faculty at LSE, serve as everyday Advisors to the Centre, and meet twice in a year when they receive updates on the Centre's activities. In 2016/17, the Advisory Group was involved in several events organised by the Centre both in the UK and abroad, advising on some very testy issues confronting the Centre, and their unanimous support has provided invaluable strength to the Centre.

**Harry BARKEMA** (Professor of Management) is the founding Director of the Innovation Co-Creation Lab, which explores how to design innovative teams, innovation communities around websites, science parks and corporate campuses, and successful business model innovation in close cooperation with companies.

**Maitreesh GHATAK** (Professor of Economics) is an applied microeconomic theorist with a focus on economic development. Maitreesh's recent work on India analyses land acquisition and compensation policies in West Bengal; continuing preference for intra-caste marriage; and welfare beneficiary attitudes toward cash and in-kind transfers.

**Naila KABEER** (Professor of Gender and Development) has research interests in gender, poverty, social exclusion, labour markets and livelihoods, social protection, and citizenship. Her publications include studies on Bangladeshi women and labour supply decision-making, the impact of social mobilisation and microfinance in South Asia and social justice in relation to the MDGs.

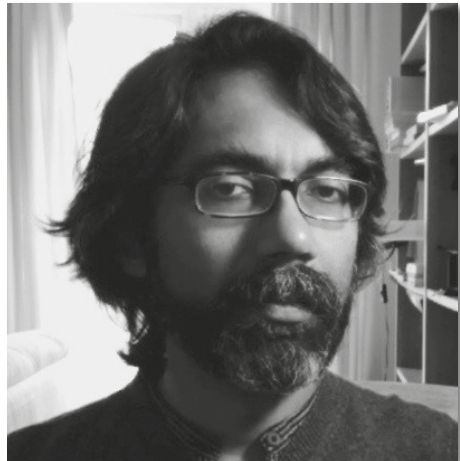
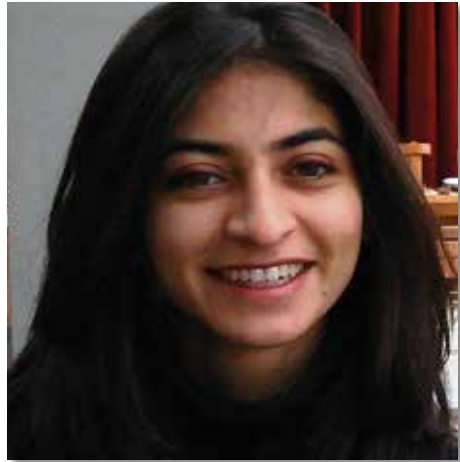
**David LEWIS** (Professor of Social Policy and Development) focuses on Bangladesh's politics and society, and particularly on how the country has been impacted by four decades of international development policies. David has worked extensively on the roles of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and civil society actors in South Asia—mainly in Bangladesh but also in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

**Mahvish SHAMI** (Assistant Professor in International Development) focuses on patron-client relationships established between peasants and their landlords with a focus on Pakistan. Mahvish is currently exploring the types of collective action projects peasants undertake in villages with varying levels of connectivity.

**Siva THAMBISETTY** (Associate Professor in Intellectual Property Law) has a research interest in the intellectual property protection of biotechnological inventions, bioethics, and comparative patent law. Siva has written on the implications for India's pharmaceutical industry of the Supreme Court decision to uphold the grant of the first compulsory license on a patented drug; India's death penalty and criminal justice system; and accessibility legislation in India.

**Rajesh VENUGOPAL** (Assistant Professor in International Development) is interested in the political sociology of development and violent conflict, particularly with reference to South Asia. He has researched and written on post-conflict reconstruction, nationalism, development

aid, private sector development, and liberal peacebuilding. His recent publications on Sri Lanka explore the politics of market reform during conflict, post-conflict economics, and military fiscalism.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** DAVID LEWIS (SOCIAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT); MAHVISH SHAMI (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT); RAJESH VENUGOPAL (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT); MAITREESH GHATAK (ECONOMICS)



# EVENTS

## 3rd June 2016

### Public Discussion

with the Gender Institute and the Eva Colorni Memorial Trust

'Tales of the Unexpected: gender equality and social progress in Bangladesh'

Speakers: David Lewis (LSE), Juli Huang (LSE), Amartya Sen (Harvard)

Chair: Naila Kabeer (LSE)

## 6th June 2016

### Public Lecture – 100 Foot Journey Club

'The Indian Village: romantic images versus historical realities'

Speaker: Sumit Guha (UT-Austin)

Chair: Edward Simpson (SOAS)

## 7th June 2016

### Public Lecture

'Beyond Caste: identity and power in South Asia, past and present'

Speaker: Sumit Guha (UT-Austin)

Chair: Tirthankar Roy (LSE)

## 16th June 2016

### Book Launch – 100 Foot Journey Club

*Mantras For Success: India's Greatest CEOs*

Speakers: Suhel Seth (Counselage India), Jo Johnson (MP, UK) and Navtej Sarna (former Indian High Commissioner to the UK)

## 13th October 2016

### South Asia PhD Network

with PhD Academy (LSE)

Drinks reception for PhD students and Doctoral Researchers from across LSE working on the region, to assist research dissemination and introductions to academic communities.

## 3rd November 2016

### In Conversation

with LSE SU Pakistan Society and Pakistan Development Society

Speaker: Qazi Khalid Ali (SZAB University of Law)

Chair: Athar Hussain (LSE)

## 4th November 2016

### Roundtable Discussion

'India's Democracy: electoral vibrancy, liberal deficits'

Speakers: Ashutosh Varshney (Brown University), Ashis Ray (CNN)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

## 7th November 2016

### Book Discussion

*The Colonel Who Would Not Repent*

Speakers: Salil Tripathi (IHRB, London), Martin Woollacott (*The Guardian*)

## 9th November 2016

### Public Discussion

'Flawed Political Finance Laws and Corruption in India'

Speaker: Rajeev Gowda (MP, India)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

## 14th November 2016

### Public Discussion

'New Politics and Policies for Nepal'

Speaker: Baburam Bhattarai (Naya Shakti Party),

Chair: Michael Hutt (SOAS)

Discussant: Dan Hirsland (LSE)

## 17th November 2016

### Public Discussion

'Urbanisation Trends in South Asia: the case of Karachi'

Speaker: Arif Hasan (Architect)

Chair: Phillip Rode (LSE)

## 22nd November 2016

### Seminar

Workshop for LSE Faculty and Doctoral Researchers  
'Who Gets Ahead? Caste, Class and Socio-Economic Mobility in India'

Speaker: Ashwini Deshpande (DSE)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

**23rd November 2016**

**Public Lecture** – Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall

‘Cities of the Empire’

Speaker: Tristram Hunt (MP, UK)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

**26th January 2017**

**Public Lecture** – Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall

‘The Bloomsbury Indians: writing across the tracks in colonial London’

Speaker: Susheila Nasta (Open University)

Chair: Nilanjan Sarkar (LSE)

**8th February 2017**

**Public Lecture** – Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall

‘Forgotten Soldiers of the Raj’

Speaker: Shrabani Basu (*The Telegraph*)

Chair: Tirthankar Roy (LSE)

**25th February 2017**

**Public Forum** – 100 Foot Journey Club and the LSE Financial Markets Group

Speaker: Arun Jaitley (Minister for Finance, India)

Chair: Simeon Djankoff (LSE)

**27th February 2017**

**Public Discussion** – with Bloomsbury Pakistan

‘Poet-laureate Muhammad Iqbal’s philosophy and thought’

Speaker: Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali (CoE)

Discussant: Javed Majeed (KCL)

**2nd March 2017**

**Round Table Discussion: Democracy and Legitimacy in Afghanistan**

Speakers: Martin Bayly (LSE), Hameed Hakimi (Chatham House), Anna Larson (SOAS)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

**6th March 2017**

**Book Discussion** – Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall

*Inglorious Empire: What the British did to India*

Speaker: Shashi Tharoor (MP, India)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

**7th March 2017**

**Book Discussion**

‘Out of the Basket: lessons from Bangladesh’s development successes’

Speakers: Naomi Hossain (IDS, Sussex), Naila Kabeer (LSE), Mushtaq Khan (SOAS)

Chair: David Lewis (LSE)

**8th March 2017**

**Public Lecture** – Colony as Empire: Histories from Whitehall

‘Flights of Empire: allies, aeronautics, and adversary in World War II Bangalore’

Speaker: Jahnavi Phalkey (King’s College London)

Chair: David Arnold (University of Warwick)

**17th March 2017**

**Public Lecture**

‘A Revolutionary at Large – Scenes from the Life of M.N. Roy’

Speaker: Dilip Gaonkar (Northwestern University)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

**21st March 2017**

**In Conversation**

‘History is Written by the Victors: the making of “Viceroy’s House”’

Speaker: Gurinder Chadha (Film Director)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

**21st May 2017**

**Public Lecture** – with ZEE JLF London at the British Library

‘The Theft of History: the British Empire in India’

Speaker: Roy Moxham (Independent Researcher/Author) and Shashi Tharoor (MP, India)

Chair: Mukulika Banerjee (LSE)

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