

## Newsletter

### Welcome back!

The Economist's Society and the UCL Department of Economics would like to welcome all new and continuing Economics students to the department and the society. We wish you a successful academic year ahead.

### A brief note from the President

Dear students,

Well into our hotly anticipated Freshers programme, I'm delighted to be leading the society into the new academic year. Myself and the committee have been working throughout the summer to ensure that the society builds on our highly successful inaugural year, further enhancing the experience of all students in the department. From high-quality speaker events to a vastly expanded social programme culminating in the now-famous Annual David Ricardo Ball, we are positive that this will be a truly memorable year for Economics Students at UCL. Following on from our AGM at the end of the 11/12 academic year, I am thrilled to introduce this year's committee:

**President** Jack Blundell  
**Chairman** Fabian Eckert  
**General Manager** Stephy Xu  
**Treasurer** David Tran  
**Head of Social Events** Daniel Painter  
**Webmaster** Aiden Patterson  
**Head of Drayton Weekly** Enrico Venerus  
**Marketing Director** - Artiom Enkov  
**Academic Event Officer** Jessica Loo  
**Marketing Officer** Rizwan Mughal

All committee members are freely approachable and contactable for any information on the society.

Many thanks,  
Jack Blundell (President 12/13)

### Become an officer of the society

The committee of The Economist's Society is dedicated to providing a high quality programme of social and academic events and now is your chance to join us! Becoming an officer is a perfect way to get involved with the committee, learn about how the society works and develop skills. Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of the application process. We will be recruiting:

#### Social Event officers

*Social Event Officers will be fully involved in the planning, organisation and delivery of our two feature events of the year, as well as all other social aspects of the Society. Successful applicants will be expected to commit a reliable and focussed effort to the administration and marketing of the events, as well as a professional and attentive approach when working at the events themselves.*

#### Academic Event officers

*The role involves booking speakers, making sure the events run smoothly and assisting the general manager with the organisation of our calendar of academic speaker events.*

#### Marketing officers

*Working in partnership with the Marketing Director to develop and distribute publicity for our events, enhance the look of the society and to design Departmental merchandise.*

#### Secretary

*A vital and newly-created role in the society; the secretary will attend and take minutes at weekly board meetings, manage our newsletter and in general aid in the smooth running of the society.*

All that is required to apply is an email addressed to [Apply@economistsociety.org](mailto:Apply@economistsociety.org) with several sentences on why you believe you are best for the role. Please indicate the position you are applying for within the title of the email. We will then conduct a short interview.

Applications end in a fortnight, on 15/10/12.

### StAR Elections

The Department of Economics is genuinely keen to hear what its students have to say and this is the purpose of the StAR (Student Academic Representative) Programme. Through maintaining a good open relationship with peers and raising issues in weekly meetings with the Department, StARs play an important role in enhancing the learning experience of fellow students. This role also demonstrates strong leadership and communication skills, sought by employers in all careers.

We will be electing:

- Two first year StARs
- One second year StAR
- One Philosophy / Economics StAR (applicant could be any year)
- One Geography / Economics StAR (applicant could be any year)
- One Affiliate StAR (applicants could be any year but those are students of the department for a whole academic year are preferable)

StAR Elections will be held in the Archaeology LT on Monday 29/10/12 18:00-20:00. This will allow all shortlisted applicants the opportunity to deliver a short speech on why they should be elected for the role, then the chance for students to vote on their preferred candidate.

Those wanting to run for StAR positions will need to supply several sentences on why they are suitable to work as a student representative to [Apply@economistsociety.org](mailto:Apply@economistsociety.org). Applications end 15/10/12.

### Write for Drayton Weekly

The Drayton Weekly, the favourite magazine of every UCL Economics student, will be relaunched this year and is seeking enthusiastic people to join our team of editors. In a nutshell, the magazine

offers a weekly insight into economics and finance related events that occurred around the world. We source from a variety of established publications such as The Economist, China Daily and Monocle. This year we are planning on renovating the format of The Drayton Weekly to make it even more awesome!

If you think that you may be interested, please email Enrico Venerus, head of the magazine, at [enrico.venerus@economistsociety.org](mailto:enrico.venerus@economistsociety.org). He will get back to you straightaway and he is really looking forward to expand his team and hear new ideas, especially from Freshers!

### Bank of England museum tour (Tickets sold out)

Come and see one of the most important economic institutions in the United Kingdom, an excellent start to your course!

For those holding a ticket, please bring your UCL ID with you and an official ID (passport/driving license) if you are going to the evening event afterwards.

**Date:** October 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**Time:** Meeting outside Drayton House at 13:00pm

**Venue:** Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, EC2R 8AH

### Trip to Brighton (Tickets sold out)

This is the big one! We'll be taking the lucky first 45 people who have signed up to one of the UK's best night's out and getaways! As Freshers winds to a close, come with us to the South coast for two days and a night of fun together with your committee and fellow course mates. There really isn't a better way to finish this amazing fortnight.

**Time:** 10:00 Sat morn -17:00 Sun afternoon

**Place:** Meet at Drayton House

## An evening with the Economist's Society

The Economist's Society extends an invitation to all students of the Economics Department, including those studying on a joint-honours course (Geography or Philosophy), to join us for an evening of informal drinks, welcoming everyone back to London and this academic year.

Join us from 6pm onwards in The City and take advantage of the Cocktail & Wine bar's Happy Hour until 7pm.

**Date:** October 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
**Time:** 6pm onwards  
**Venue:** Minster Exchange Wine & Cocktail Bar  
Minster Pavement  
Mincing Lane  
EC3R 7PP

Nearest tube stations: Bank, Fenchurch Street, Tower Hill & Monument.

Dress Code: Smart Casual.

Contact [socials@economistsociety.org](mailto:socials@economistsociety.org) for further information.

Please bring your UCL ID with you and official ID (passport/driving license) for proof of identity as we can only admit those who are members of the Department of Economics or those studying on joint-honour courses

## Insights into Research: EDePo

The Economist's Society presents a real must for those interested in economic development and research here in the UCL department of Economics.

The Economics department here at UCL holds an outstanding international reputation for research, hosting several widely respected and influential research centres. The Economist's Society's new series titled 'Insights into Research' aims to form a connection between the work of these centres and the student body.

We commence this series with a talk from Orazio Attanasio, co-director of the Centre for the Evaluation of Development Policy (EDePo), an influential development research centre based

here at UCL in conjunction with the IFS. The EDePo's research aims to promoting the best practice in the design, conduct and evaluation of development interventions and policy reforms in developing countries. Professor Attanasio will be sharing the aims and philosophy of the EDePo, giving an overview of the projects that EDePo engages in and talk in greater detail about a recent project.

More info about the work of the EDePo can be found on the EDePo website at <http://www.ifs.org.uk/centres/EDePo>.

**Date:** Tuesday October 9th 2012  
**Time:** 1600 - 1730  
**Venue:** Jevons LT, Drayton House  
**Admission:** Public, free

## IBM Universities Business Challenge (UBC) UCLU Business Society

The Economist's Society is encouraging its members participate in Universities Business Challenge (UBC) run by UCLU Business Society. It is a business simulation for teams of 5 from all over the UK managing a virtual firm. For more information about IBM Universities Business Challenge please refer to their website [www.uk.ubeworldwide.com](http://www.uk.ubeworldwide.com) or contact Olya at [o.vasilenko@uclubusinesssociety.com](mailto:o.vasilenko@uclubusinesssociety.com).

Please apply by sending your 1-page CV (do not worry, it does not have to be very professional) and a paragraph explaining your motivation to participate (up to 250 words) to [o.vasilenko@uclubusinesssociety.com](mailto:o.vasilenko@uclubusinesssociety.com). The deadline for applications is Monday, 8 October.

## A notice from the UCL Careers service: GES

Please observe the following notice passed on to The Economist's Society by the UCL Careers service:

*“The economist fast stream scheme opens on 17 September 2013. We are aiming to recruit around 180 fast stream Assistant Economists across some 25 government departments for appointments starting in summer/autumn 2013. To apply please go to <http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/networks/ges>.*

*Candidates must have either have, or hope to obtain in 2013, a first or upper second class honours degree in economics or a postgraduate degree in economics. At least 50% of the degree course modules must be in economics.*

*For candidates who are available to start earlier, it may be possible to offer immediate temporary appointments to those who pass the Economics Assessment Centre in November/December 2012.”*

The Government Economic Service (GES) will be making a presentation at the UCL Careers service's Economics forum, taking place on December 3rd.

## Online Presence

Whilst we endeavor to contact all our students simultaneously with information on our events, by far the greatest way to stay informed is by connecting with us online at:

[www.EconomistsSociety.org](http://www.EconomistsSociety.org)

[www.Facebook.com/TheEconomistsSociety](https://www.facebook.com/TheEconomistsSociety)

[Twitter.com/EconSocUCL](https://twitter.com/EconSocUCL)

We also recommend you join your yeargroups facebook pages. These can be found by searching “UCL Economics” followed by your year of graduation. For L101 students we suggest joining the group for which most of your classmates are members. For affiliates, we would recommend joining “UCL Economics 2015”.

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