

## Newsletter

### Feed your interest with our first academic event of the year!

In the wake of a truly memorable Freshers programme, this Tuesday sees the start of our hotly anticipated academic speaker events series for the year. Additionally, with one week remaining for officer / StAR applications, now is the time to get your applications in.



#### 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**

#### Officer applications still open!

Having got to know us over the last couple of weeks, we'd love for you to join the team. Becoming an officer is a perfect way to get involved with the committee, learn about how the society works and develop your skill set. These positions are open to students of all years and 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 a short paragraph on why you want to get involved and why believe you are best for the role. Previous experience is not necessary and please indicate the position you are applying for within the title of the email. We will then be conducting short interviews over over the next fortnight.

Applications end next Monday 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 for 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!

### **How can I get this Newsletter?...**

This weekly newsletter of The Economist's Society is issued in two formats. The PDF copy is uploaded into all year-group Facebook groups and on UCL Moodle under the society's tab in the Economics Undergraduate Admin Page for which all students of the department should be signed up to. Alternatively, it's incredibly easy to sign up to our mailing list at [www.economistsociety.org/events](http://www.economistsociety.org/events). Do so and you will find our weekly updates direct to your mailbox every Monday.

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