



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
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POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

# LSE Environment Week

21-24 September 2026

**Monday, 21 September**

**Tuesday, 22 September**

**Wednesday, 23 September**

**Thursday, 24 September**

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# Monday, 21 September

12:00 to 21:00

Before 12:30 | ARRIVALS AND HOTEL CHECK-IN

12:00 – 13:00 | WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

Venue SAL 1.05. Lunch will be served.

13:00 – 13:15 | WELCOME REMARKS

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| SPEAKERS | <b>Robin Burgess</b> (LSE)<br><b>Clare Balboni</b> (LSE) |
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13:15 – 14:45 | KEYNOTE AND POLICY SESSION: CHINA AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Venue: SAL 1.04

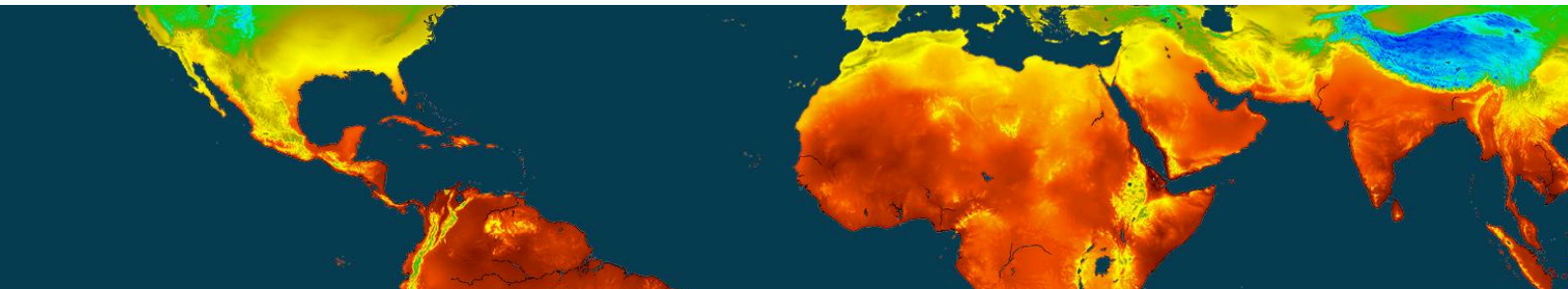
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| SPEAKERS | <b>Noam Yuchtman</b> (LSE, Chair)<br><b>Daniel Xu</b> (Duke University)<br><b>Shaoda Wang</b> (University of Chicago Harris) |
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14:45 – 15:00 | BREAK

15:00 – 16:30 | SESSION 1: MARKET DESIGN AND INNOVATION

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 15:00 | <b>Teevrat Garg.</b> <i>A comparison of contests and contracts to deliver cost-effective energy conservation</i> |
| 15:30 | <b>Jacquelyn Pless.</b> <i>Data Centers and Electricity Rates</i>                                                |
| 16:00 | <b>Andres de Loera.</b> <i>Strategic Underreporting Under Conditional Access: Evidence from Deep-Sea Mining</i>  |



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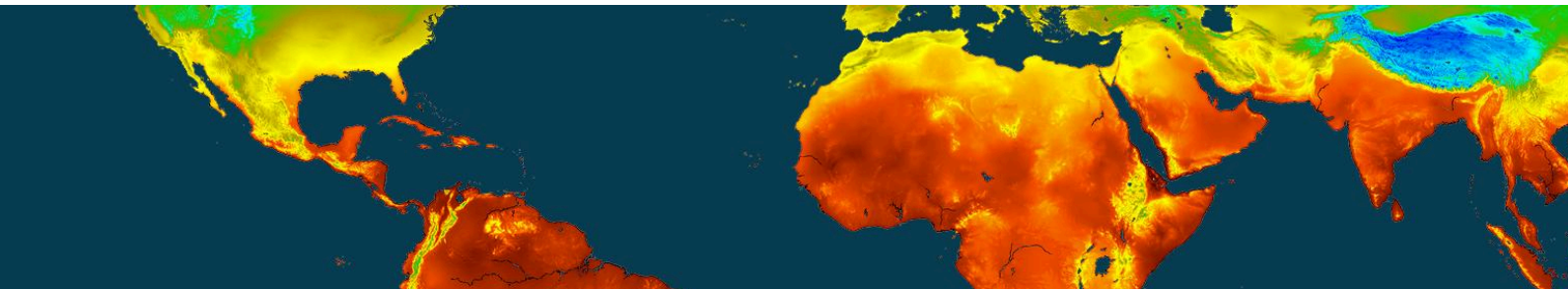
## 16:45 - 17:45 | SESSION 2: BIODIVERSITY

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 16:45 | <b>Chang Wang.</b> <i>Does Urban Biodiversity Matter? Evidence from NYC's Street Tree Changes</i>         |
| 17:15 | <b>Agnij Sur.</b> <i>Community Forest Management and Biodiversity: Evidence from Bird Counts in Nepal</i> |

17:45 - 18:30 | BREAK

## 18:30 – 21:00 | CONFERENCE DINNER



# Tuesday, 22 September

09:00 to 18:00

## 09:00 – 10:30 | SESSION 1: NATURAL DISASTERS AND ADAPTATION

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 09:00 | <b>Anshuman Tiwari.</b> <i>When Conservation Backfires: Efficiency-Induced Groundwater Depletion under Electricity Rationing in India</i> |
| 09:30 | <b>Vaidehi Tandel.</b> <i>Global Evidence on Urban Resilience and Adaptation to Flood Risk</i>                                            |
| 10:00 | <b>Pol Simpson.</b> <i>Direct Damage, Indirect Costs: The Incidence of Natural Disasters</i>                                              |

10:30 – 10:45 | BREAK

## 10:45 – 11:45 | SESSION 2: ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MARKETS

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 10:45 | <b>Nicolas Astier.</b> <i>Nuclear operations with a high penetration of renewables: the case of France</i>         |
| 11:15 | <b>Alberto Salvo.</b> <i>The Challenge of Regulating Dirty New Industries: Evidence from Cryptocurrency Mining</i> |

11:45 – 12:00 | BREAK

## 12:00 – 13:00 | SESSION 3: URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE I

Venue: SAL 1.04

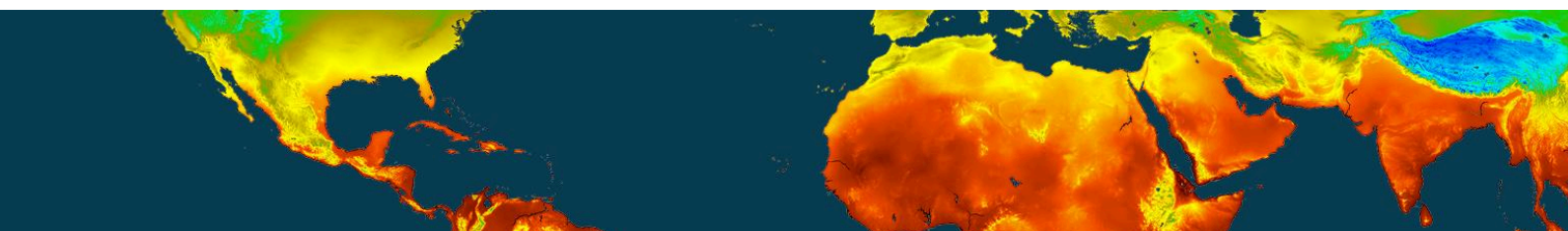
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| 12:00 | <b>Robin Möllerherm.</b> <i>Fostering Climate Resilience: Socio-Economic Effects of Improved Urban Drainage in Bangladesh</i> |
| 12:30 | <b>Emiliano Rinaldi.</b> <i>Dynamic Costs of Resource Shocks: Evidence from Cape Town's Water Crisis</i>                      |

13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH AT SAL 1.05

## 14:00 – 16:00 | KEYNOTE AND POLICY SESSION: GENDER AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| <b>SPEAKERS</b> | <b>Clare Balboni</b> (LSE)<br><b>Oriana Bandiera</b> (LSE)<br><b>Stephanie Bockerhoff</b> (Director for Programme Design and Impact, BRAC)<br><b>Sumana Hussain</b> (Gates Foundation) |
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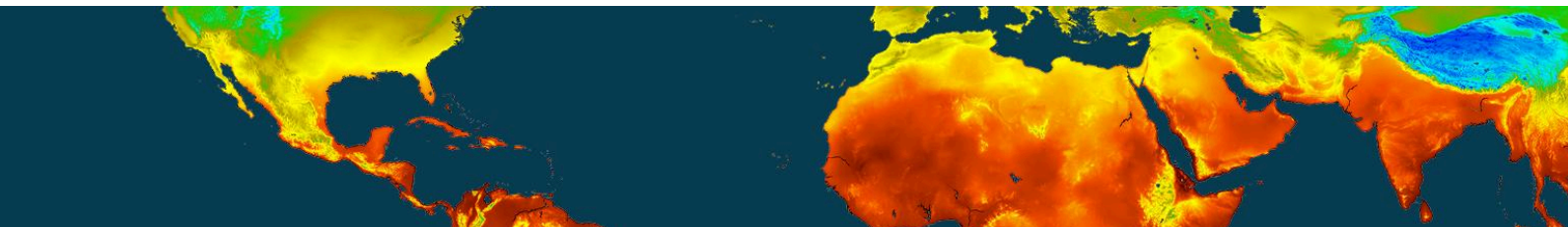
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16:00 – 16:30 | BREAK

## 16:30 – 18:00 | SESSION 4: DECARBONISING TRANSPORT

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 16:30 | <b>Peter Lugthart.</b> <i>The environmental costs and consumer benefits of competitive smog check markets</i> |
| 17:00 | <b>Jonathan Elliott.</b> <i>Critical Minerals, Geopolitics, and the Green Transition</i>                      |
| 17:30 | <b>Clément Malgouyres.</b> <i>The Trade-Off Between Decarbonization and Reshoring</i>                         |



# Wednesday, 23 September

09:00 to 17:30

## 09:00 – 10:00 | SESSION 1: URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE II

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 09:00 | <b>Johannes Boehm.</b> <i>Clearing the Air on the Benefits and Costs of Road Infrastructure</i> |
| 09:30 | <b>Yoshiki Wiskamp.</b> <i>Channeling Density: Sewerage Investments in 19th-Century Paris</i>   |

10:00 – 10:15 | BREAK

## 10:15 – 11:15 | SESSION 2: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN AFRICA I

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 10:15 | <b>Philip Kofi Adom.</b> <i>The Lifeline Electricity Tariff Classification Policy in Ghana: A Hit or Miss</i>          |
| 10:45 | <b>Isaac Doku.</b> <i>Weather Index Insurance and Women Decision to Insure in Ghana: An Experimental Game Approach</i> |

11:15 – 11:30 | BREAK

## 11:30 – 12:30 | SESSION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN AFRICA II

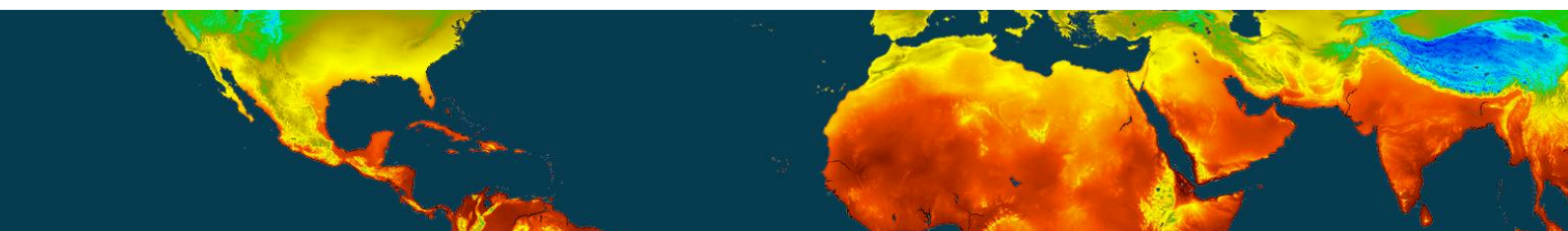
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| 11:30 | <b>Glede Djinhea Paterne Gonhi.</b> <i>Length of Stay of Skilled Diaspora and Industries without Smokestacks: The Role of the Development and Technology Gap</i> |
| 12:00 | <b>Ermias Ganamo.</b> <i>Energy Access and Time Allocation for Housework: Evidence from Ethiopia</i> (Online)                                                    |

12:30 – 14:00 | LUNCH (IGC MATCHMAKING) AT KINTA ALLEY (SAL LG.0)

## 14:00 – 15:30 | POLICY SESSION: CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: EVIDENCE AND POLICY CHALLENGES

Venue: SAL 1.04



# Wednesday, 23 September

09:00 to 17:30

## SPEAKERS

**Sandra Sequiera** (Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Development Economics at the LSE School of Public Policy)  
**Alemnu Mekonnen** (Center Director, Addis Ababa University)  
**Luis Buchir** (Director, Maputo National Park, ANAC)  
**Getu Geremew Soressa** (Chief Executive Officer, Ethiopian Electric Utility)  
**Richard Ofori Addo** (Chief Economist, Climate Change Unit, Ghana)

15:30 – 16:00 | BREAK

## 16:00 – 17:00 | SESSION 4: ADAPTATION AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

Venue: SAL 1.04

16:00

**Roberta Muri.** *Firms Under Water: Floods, Adaptation and Performance*

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**Stephan A. Schneider.** *Wind Power and Veto Power*

## 16:00 – 17:15 | IGC INVITE-ONLY POLICY SESSION

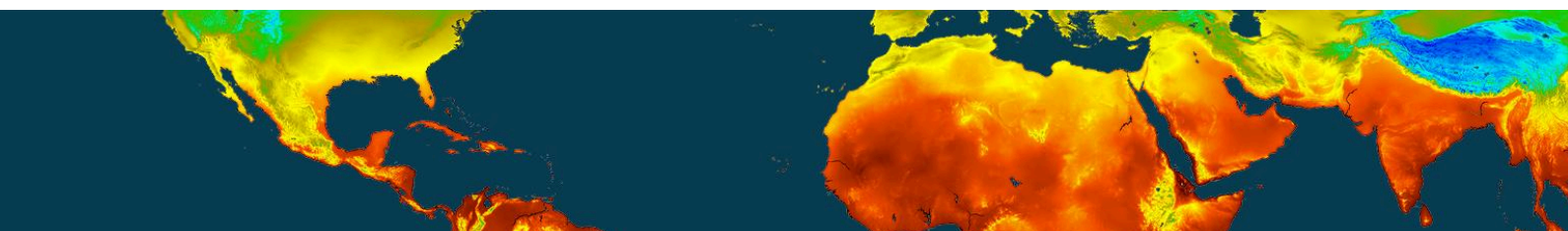
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## 18:00 – 19:30 | THE ROAD TO COP32: SETTING THE AFRICAN AGENDA FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Venue TBC

## SPEAKERS

**Nick Stern** (I G Patel Chair of Economics and Government and inaugural Chair of the Global School of Sustainability)  
**Auguste Kouamé** (Visiting Professor in Practice at the Grantham Research Institute, LSE)  
**Vera Songwe** (Chair of the Liquidity and Sustainability Facility)  
**Amal-Lee Amin** (Managing Director and Head of Climate, Diversity and Advisory, BII)  
**Oriana Bandiera** (Professor of Economics, Sir Anthony Atkinson Chair in Economics at LSE)



# Thursday, 24 September

09:00 to 20:00

## 09:00 – 10:00 | SESSION 1: HOUSEHOLD AND BEHAVIOURAL RESPONSES

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 09:00 | <b>Maitri Punjabi.</b> <i>Electricity Prices and the Demand for Cooling: Evidence from India</i> |
| 09:30 | <b>Dev Patel.</b> <i>Mis-Remembrance of Things Past: Memory and Adaptation to Climate Change</i> |

10:00 – 10:15 | BREAK

## 10:15 – 11:15 | SESSION 2: MANAGEMENT OF FINITE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WASTE

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 10:15 | <b>Lucas Argentieri Mariani.</b> <i>Enforcement Risk, Credit Supply and Deforestation: Evidence from the Amazon</i> |
| 10:45 | <b>Matthew Gordon.</b> <i>Open Dumps and the Global Trade in Garbage</i>                                            |

11:15 – 11:30 | BREAK

## 11:30 – 12:30 | SESSION 3: ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MARKETS II

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| 11:30 | <b>Lucie Gadenne.</b> <i>Carbon Emissions Begin at Home: Evidence from UK Households</i>               |
| 12:00 | <b>Elisa Rottner.</b> <i>Climate Policies and Electricity Prices: Why Abate When You Can Generate?</i> |

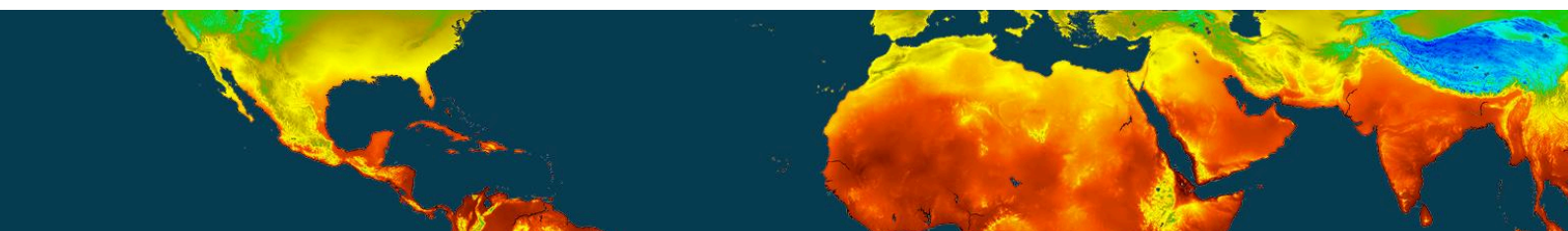
12:30 – 13:30 | LUNCH AT TBC

## 13:30 – 15:30 | KEYNOTE AND POLICY SESSION: INNOVATION AND ENERGY

Venue: SAL 1.04

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| <b>SPEAKERS</b> | <b>John Van Reenen</b> (LSE, Chair)<br><b>Rob Metcalfe</b> (Columbia University)<br><b>Praveer Sinha</b> (CEO & Managing Director of The Tata Power Company Limited)<br><b>Shefali Khanna</b> (Research Director of the Energy Insights and Innovation Lab) |
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15:30 – 16:00 | BREAK



# Thursday, 24 September

09:00 to 20:00

## 16:00 – 17:00 | IFS GREEN BUDGET SESSION

Venue: SAL 1.04

### SPEAKERS

**Bobbie Upton** (Research Economist at the IFS)

*This session will present findings from the latest IFS Green Budget chapter looking at UK electricity prices written by Stephen Jarvis (LSE), Peter Levell (IFS), and Bobbie Upton (IFS). It will examine what is driving the high cost of the electricity system and how those costs could be brought down. It will also set out the fundamental principles of how electricity ought to be priced, and what a coherent long-term approach to taxing energy and reforming the electricity market should look like.*

17:00 - 18:30 | BREAK

## 18:30 - 20:00 | PUBLIC LECTURE: INNOVATION AND ENERGY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Venue: TBC

### SPEAKERS

**John Van Reenen** (Ronald Coase Chair in Economics and School Professor, LSE)

**Anna Valero** (Professor in Practice and Director of the Growth Programme at the Centre for Economic Performance)

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