LSE School of Public Policy

Information session

13 November 2023

LSE School of Public Policy

- 8 masters programmes designed for early stage to executive level students

- 2000+ alumni from 56+ countries

- Core training in economics, political science and policy evaluation

- Focus on application of skills to real-world problems and contexts

- Professional development programmes and policy in practice sessions for students

- Member of the Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)

Our Location
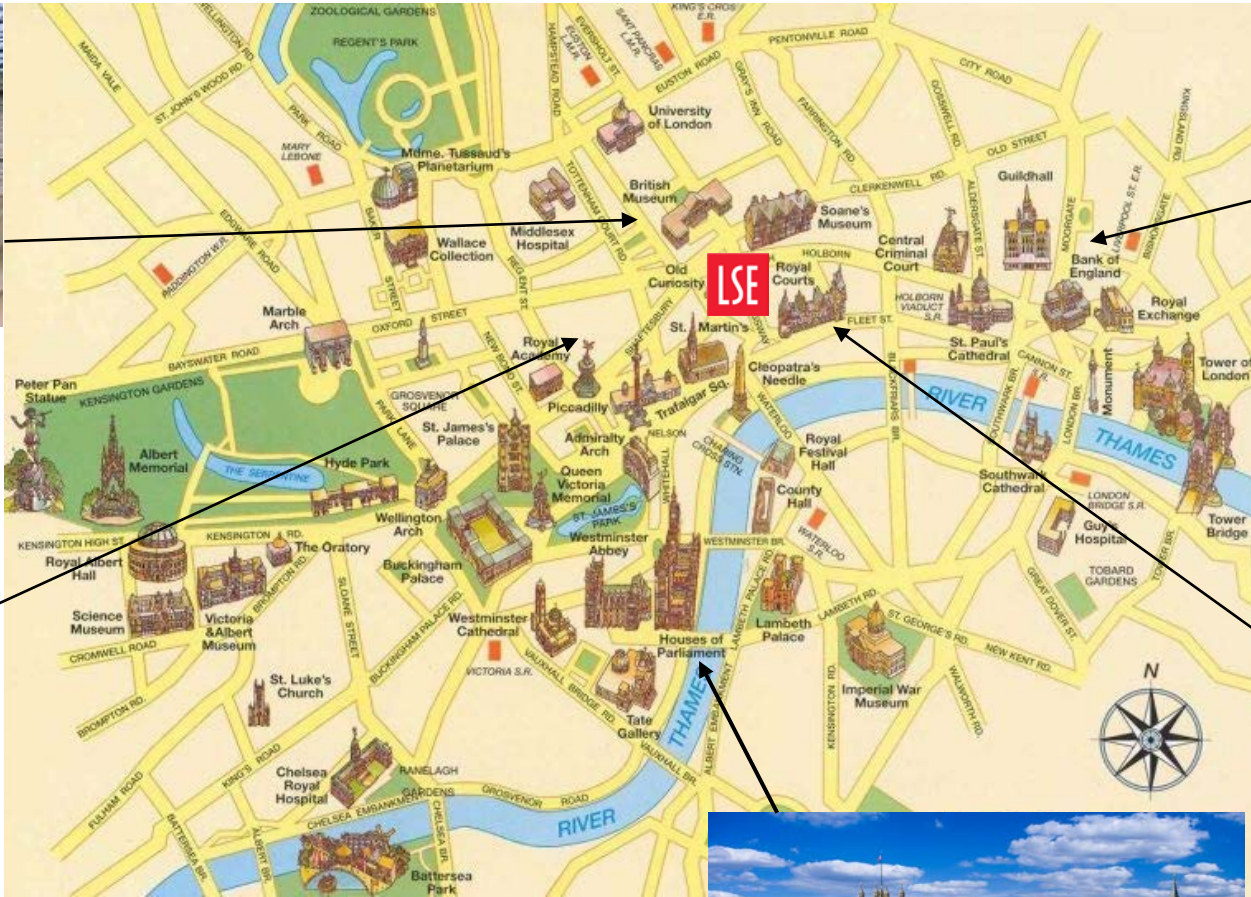
Our Leadership Team

Professor Andrés Velasco
Dean of LSE School of Public Policy

Professor Vanessa Rubio-Márquez
Associate Dean of Extended Education

Professor Tony Travers
Associate Dean

Dr Joana Naritomi
Academic Director and Associate Professor

Professor Adnan Khan
(Currently on secondment as Chief Economist to the
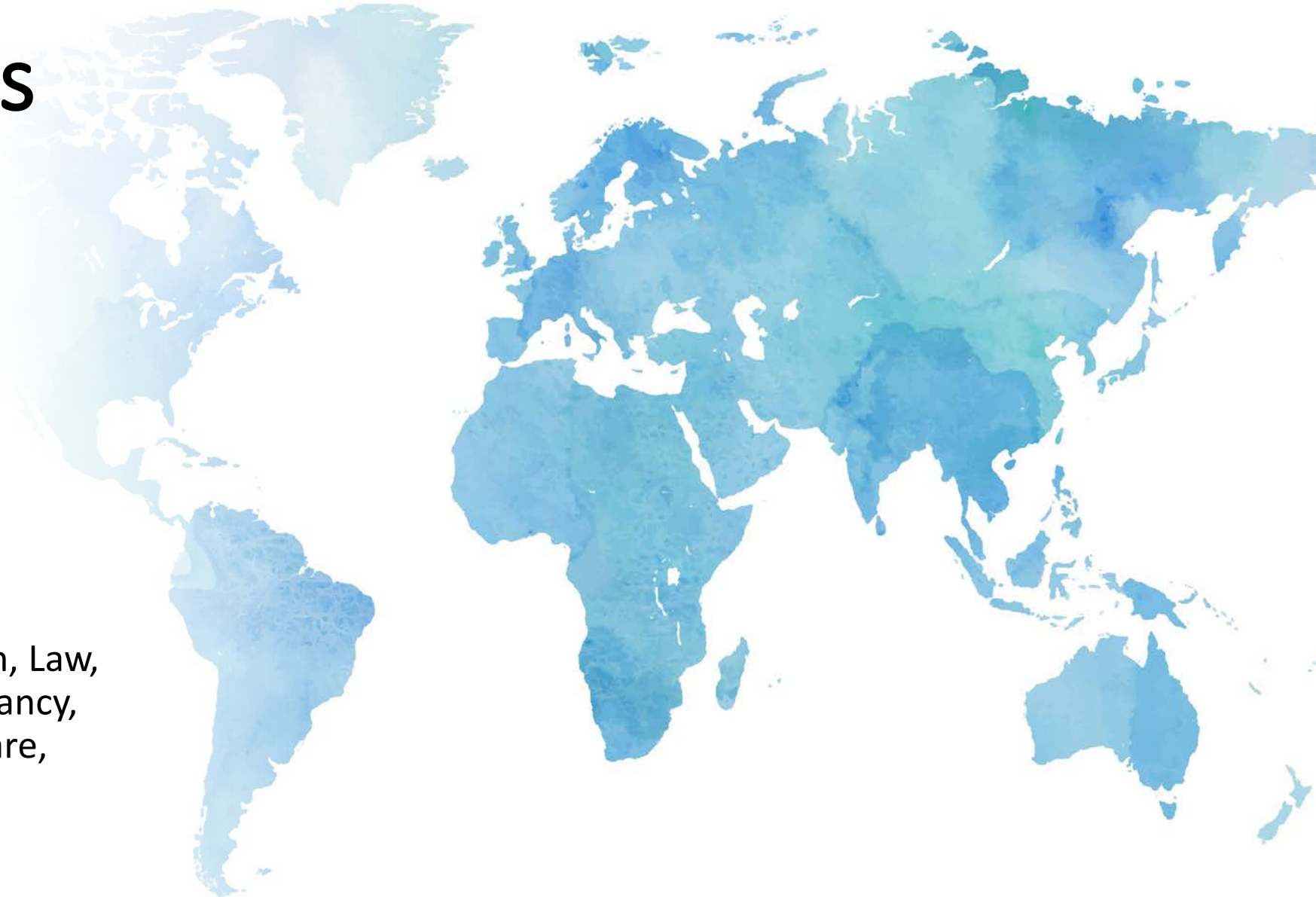Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)

Our Students
(2023 year)

- **342** Students

- **61** Nationalities

Backgrounds including:

- Government administration, Law, Economics, Finance, Consultancy, Engineering, NGOs, Healthcare, Education and more.

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Our Programmes

Seven open graduate programmes designed for early-stage career to executive level students.

- Master in Public Administration (MPA)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)
- MPA in Data Science for Public Policy (MPA-DSPP)
- 3 x MPA Double Degrees
    - - MPA/MGA with University of Toronto
    - - MPA/MPA with Columbia SIPA
    - - MPP/MPA with Sciences Po

- Executive Masters in Public Administration (EMPA)

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Programme

- 2 years, full-time

- For early-stage career. No requirement for prior professional experience.

- Combines methodological discipline and practical application through Capstone Project with external client

- Option to specialise in second year

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Master of Public Policy (MPP) Programme

- Intensive 9-month programme

- For early to mid-stage career professionals. 5+ years professional experience required

- Develop a deeper understanding of how policy, policy-making, and 'craft of government' works

- Shape your career trajectory and develop your professional networks

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MPA in Data Science for Public Policy (MPA-DSPP)

- Welcomed first intake in August 2023

- 2 years, full-time

- Develop core quantitative, technical and analytical tools to address modern policy challenges in an increasingly digital world

- MPA-DSPP Capstone Project

- 4-week programming bootcamp prior to welcome weeks

MPA
Double Degree Programmes

- 3 x programmes with Munk School University of Toronto, Columbia SIPA and Sciences Po

- 2- years, full time

- Study at two world-leading universities in two cities (London & Paris, New York or Toronto)

- Benefit from the expertise, resources and international alumni networks of both prestigious institutions

Comparing Our Programmes

	MPA	MPP	MPA-DSPP	MPA Double Degrees (x3)	Executive MPA
Duration	2 years	9 months	2 years	2 years	2 years
Format	Full time	Full time	Full time	Full time	Modular
Intake size (2023)	66	73	18	46 (3 intakes combined)	37
Nationalities	24	33	11	15	20
Age (avg)	27	32	26	24	36
Prof experience (avg)	3.5 years	9 years	3 years	3 years	12 years

Policy in Practice

SPP is a forum for students to discuss policy issues with leading academics and practitioners and connect their classroom learning with real-world scenarios.

- Professors in Practice

- LSE and SPP Public events series

- GPPN annual conference

- Policy in Practice (PiP) seminars

- Turner MIINT programme

- Dean's Dialogues

SPP Professional Skills Accelerator

- A tailored programme designed to complement the skills and insights that students gain as part of the programme curriculum.

- Equips you with the necessary skills for the next step in your career.

- Sessions hosted by experts and designed to bridge the gap between sophisticated theory and effective practice

- Sessions include:
  - Professional leadership
  - Decision making and negotiation
  - Persuasive communication
  - Successful interview skills
  - Data visualisation
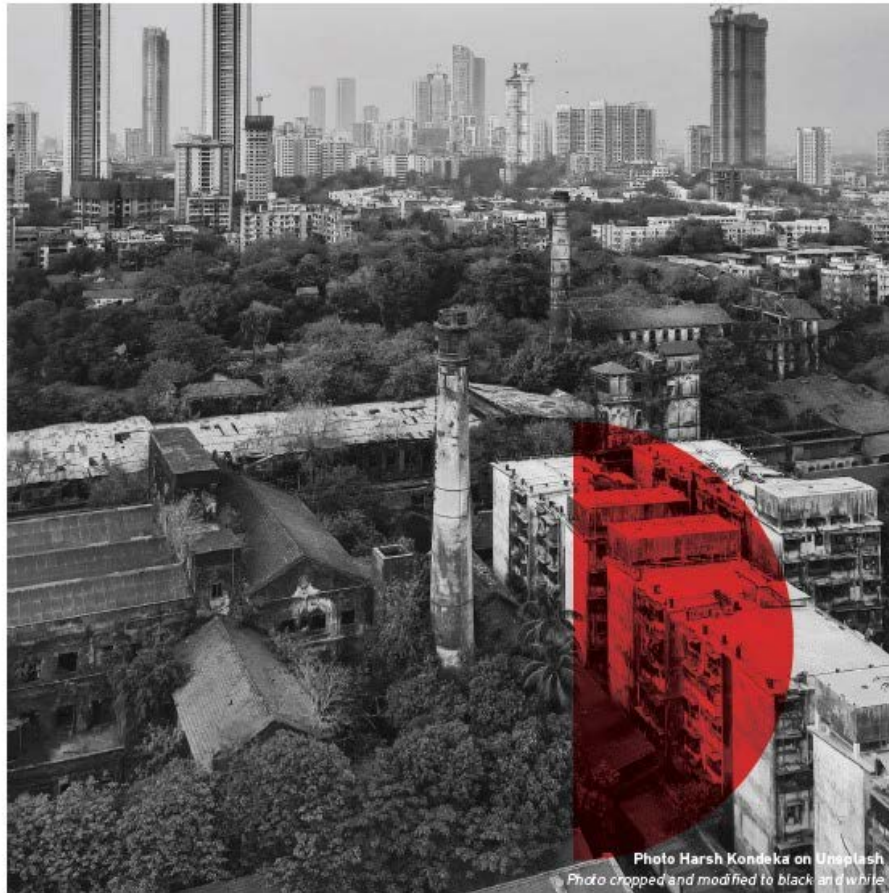
SPP Student Networks and Opportunities

- Association of Public Policy Students (APPS)

- Public Sphere Journal for Public Policy (PSJ)

- Womxn's Network

+ Over 200 LSE societies, volunteering, student media and sports opportunities

Careers support and professional development

LSE Careers

"LSE Careers is here to help you develop your career. We can support you from the early stages when you are working out what you want to do, right through to when you are submitting applications and attending interviews."

Who we are and what we do

Careers consultants, employer engagement specialists, student experience and operations

Understand yourself and your options, make connections, find the right opportunities, develop key skills, market yourself effectively

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Support for all students

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1:1 Career Appointments

- Career guidance and advice
- CV, cover letter, applications
- Practice interviews
- Mock case studies

Career Events

- Careers fairs
- Alumni panels & networking
- Skills seminars
- Employer presentations
- Applications Day
- Mock assessment centres

Resources & Opportunities

- CareerHub
- Employment sector pages
- Jobs, internships and volunteer vacancies board
- Online tools: Meet an Alum, CareerSet, Shortlist me, CaseCoach, Student Circus
- Podcasts, recordings, blogs, newsletter

Departmental Career Support

- Linked careers consultant
- Alumni networking
- Tailored seminars & workshops

How To Access Careers Support

CareerHub

LSE Career webpages

Some programmes of interest

- Discover |International organisations

- Discover | International development

- Discover | Public sector and policy

- Discover | Banking and financial services

- Discover | Consultancy

- Discover | Data

- US, India and China programmes

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SPP careers offer

- Ringfenced one-to-one coaching appointments

- Weekly SPP careers newsletter

- Q&A events with alumni

- SPP Networking evening with employers

- Career impact sessions

- Career development workshops

- Employer workshops

Application & Admissions Process

Programme Entry Requirements

- **Academic requirements**
  - A first or upper second-class honours (2:1) degree or a [non-UK equivalent](#) in any discipline

- **Professional experience**
  - MPP – 5+ years of relevant professional experience
  - MPA, MPA-DSPP and MPA DDs – No formal requirement although students usually have some prior professional experience.

  - High level of English language proficiency

What is policy-relevant experience?

A wide range of professional/voluntary/interning experience can be relevant. The list below is a **non-exhaustive**:

- Work for government agencies
- NGOs/Non-profit organizations/some charity work
- Consulting/advisory roles
- Think tanks/lobbying/special-interest organizations
- Civil-Service roles
- Regulatory work; legal work; compliance work
- Economist roles
- Analyst roles

- Urban planning
- Education
- Development
- Some finance roles, especially those concerned with central banking, regulation or compliance
- Health services
- Defence
- Transportation
- Environment
- Many business or other private-sector roles can also, of course, be policy-relevant

Please don't be discouraged if your own experience does not feature in the list above: Selectors are open-minded, so make the case for its relevance in your Statement of Academic Purpose.

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How to Apply

- Online application
- Includes supporting documents
    - CV
    - statement of academic purpose
    - Two references – can be professional
- £95 application fee (includes two programme choices)

- Decisions issued within 8 weeks
- Progress can be checked on Graduate Applicant Portal

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Statement of Academic Purpose

- Two sides of A4 paper (1,000 - 1,500 words)
- For your chosen programmes, outline your:
    - Interest
    - Understanding
    - Suitability
    - Purpose and objectives
    - Focus on the origin of your interest in this subject/area

- Your statement should:
    - describe your academic interests, strengths and background relevant to the programme(s)
    - outline your academic ambitions and/or research interests, and any professional aspirations.

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Application deadlines

- MPA, MPP, MPA-DSPP application deadlines are rolling but we encourage applications by our early deadline **12 January 2024**

- Sciences Po double degree – apply via Sciences Po by **11 February 2024**

- Columbia SIPA double degree – apply via LSE by **17 March 2024** (complete application)

Fees and Funding

- SPP region specific scholarships – application deadline 12 January 2024
- LSE fees and funding

Next Steps…

- Find out more about our programmes and students on our website www.lse.ac.uk/spp/study

- Find answers to your admissions questions through the Knowledge Base

- Register for a programme information session with our Programme Directors

- MPA info session – 17 November 1pm

- MPP info session – 4 December 1pm

- MPA-DSPP info session – Wed 29 November, 2pm

- EMPA info session

- MPA double degree sessions (dates TBC)

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