



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH  
School of Economics

## School of Economics Student Newsletter



### Welcome to the School of Economics Student Newsletter

**30 January 2014**

Larger-than-life lanterns inspired by ancient Chinese warriors will add a burst of colour to the University this Chinese New Year.

The spectacle was created by Chinese artist Xia Nan for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 - and this is the first time the Warriors will be showcased in Scotland. You can see them in Old College Quad.

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## Photography Competition open to all CHSS Students



Theme  
'My degree  
experience'

# Student Photography Contest

Open to all CHSS students

Find out more at  
<http://www.competitions.hss.ed.ac.uk/>  
Closing date: 28/02/2014

Win an iPad!



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## Academy Scholarship Competition 2014

# The Academy

For the third year, the Institute of Ideas will be running the Academy Scholarship Programme for full time students of **ANY** academic discipline. Successful applicants will be eligible to attend the annual Academy weekend for only £60. Read on for details of how to apply.

### WHAT IS THE ACADEMY?

[The Institute of Ideas Academy](#) is an annual three day residential retreat running from **FRIDAY 18 JULY**

to **MONDAY 21 JULY**, in which we aim to get away and be unashamedly esoteric and intellectual for a weekend, in the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake. There are three parallel lecture series on **Classics, Literature and History** as well as a plenary **History of Ideas** series on moral thought.

If the idea of grappling with the complexities of moral thought through the works of **Aristotle** and **Thucydides**, **Edmund Burke** and **Aquinas**, **Cervantes** and **Thomas Mann** appeals, then the Academy is for you! Join us for a weekend of free thinking and discussion, in which everybody will have the opportunity to cultivate themselves in beautiful surroundings: with good books, good food and drink, and in good company.

This year we will cover texts as diverse as Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, and Virgil's *Aeneid*, as well as Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain* and Edmund Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France*. The lectures will explore moral thought throughout the ages, and consider whether it is possible for us to live a morally good life in a secular world.

In addition, prior to the main programme which will begin on **SATURDAY 19 JULY**, the successful Academy Scholars will have three additional lectures organised for them on the afternoon of **FRIDAY 18 JULY**.

University students from **ALL** disciplines are encouraged to apply to the Scholarship Programme, and whether you are an arts, humanities or science student, you will be joining a diverse range of people from every possible walk of life; from Professors and academics, to other students, business people, barristers, film makers and writers to name just a few.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

The scholarship programme offers full time University students the chance to attend for the heavily subsidised price of **£60** for three nights' accommodation and full board at the luxury **Wyboston Lakes** complex in Bedfordshire.

To apply for an Academy Scholarship, please submit a **500-word (max)** essay on the question: "**Can one be moral in a secular society?**" Please also submit a **300-word (max)** motivation on why you in particular deserve to attend The Academy.

[Submit applications online](#) by **11am MONDAY 31 MARCH 2014**. Once we have successfully received your application, you will be sent the reading list so that you can start preparing while we evaluate all of the submissions.

All successful candidates will be notified on **FRIDAY 2 MAY 2014**

For more information on the Scholarship Programme, and for any questions that you may have, please email [scholarship@instituteofideas.com](mailto:scholarship@instituteofideas.com).

To learn more about the Academy itself, and to see full details of the lectures and schedule, please visit: <http://www.instituteofideas.com/academy2014.html>

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## Volunteer Abroad with Edinburgh Global Partnerships



The University of Edinburgh is a member of Universitas 21, an international network of 27 research-intensive universities located throughout the world. The universities work together to foster global citizenship and institutional innovation through research-inspired teaching and learning, student mobility and wider advocacy for internationalisation. Further information on Universitas 21 is available at <http://www.universitas21.com/>.

There are currently two upcoming opportunities open for University of Edinburgh undergraduate students to attend

### 1. U21 Undergraduate Summer School, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014, University of New South Wales

The theme of the Summer School will be "Shaping the Future City". According to the World Health Organisation "...as of 2010, more than half of all people live in an urban area. By 2030, 6 out of every 10 people will live in a city, and by 2050, this proportion will increase to 7 out of 10 people." Australia is already one of the most urbanised countries on Earth with over 90% of our population living in urban areas, mostly along the eastern coast of the continent. There has never been a more important time for us to focus our creativity and commitment to quality of life on the urban settings we share.

**Internal deadline:** 12pm on Friday 21st February 2014

**Links:** <http://www.universitas21.com/event/details/168/u21-summer-school-shaping-the-future-city> and <http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/study/short-courses/shaping-future-city/>

### 2. U21 Social Entrepreneur Corps, 26<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Guatemala

Students interested in international development will work directly with Social Entrepreneur Corps field professionals and social entrepreneurs in Guatemala to help establish new and grow existing micro-consignment supported businesses. The U21 Social Entrepreneur Corps in Guatemala programme builds on our U21 institutions' expertise in social entrepreneurship, online and blended learning, international collaboration and service learning, as well as on our common commitment to global citizenship.

**Internal deadline:** 12pm on Friday 21st February 2014

**Link:** <http://www.universitas21.com/event/details/177/u21-social-entrepreneur-corps-programme>

#### Further information and how to apply

If you are interested in applying to one of these opportunities, all applications should be submitted using form available at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-academic-services/universitas21/opportunities>. Late applications will not be considered. Reports from University of Edinburgh participants in 2013 are also available on this website.

Please note the University will contribute up to £1,500 per student to attend one of these events. Students would then be responsible for any remaining costs or expenses themselves.

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## Deutsche Bank Graduate Outreach for Women



Deutsche Bank Graduate Outreach for Women (GROW) is a 6 month program to help prepare you to be technically competent and business savvy and discover for yourself whether a career in investment banking is right for you.

The benefits of becoming a GROW recipient:

- 1) Attend Insight sessions and learn about the industry and the Bank
- 2) Technical skills & office hour workshops
- 3) Opportunity to be mentored
- 4) Business relevant networking opportunities

No CV required for registration. You are required to attend the majority of the activities to graduate at the end of the 6 months in order to be shortlisted for first round interview for The Analyst Internship or the Spring Week. This is provided you pass the online numerical test and application screening. Travel expense will be reimburse within conditions. Click [here](#) for more information and registration. **Deadline February 8th 2014**. Contact campus ambassador at [c.zhang.ib@gmail.com](mailto:c.zhang.ib@gmail.com) for any question.

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## Paris School of Economics - Masters programmes



### APE – Analysis and Policy in Economics

APE is one of the best generalist training programmes in theoretical and applied economics in Europe. An introduction to research and openness to social science is at the heart of this pedagogical project involving more than 80 teachers. [More Information...](#)

Applications deadline : 07/03/2014 for an answer mid-April - 30/05/2014 for an answer mid-July

> Contact: [master-ape@psemail.eu](mailto:master-ape@psemail.eu)

> Download the [2014 APE brochure](#)

### ETE – Empirical and Theoretical Economics

The ETE Master's programme of University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne within the Paris School of Economics is an international-level programme offering specialisation in demography, macroeconomics, microeconomics and international economy. [More information...](#)

Applications deadline : end of February 2014 for foreign students (check this webpage)

> Contact: [master-ete@psemail.eu](mailto:master-ete@psemail.eu)

> Download the [2014 ETE brochure](#)

## PPD – Public Policy and Development

PPD trains experts in the conception, analysis and evaluation of public policy in both developed and developing countries. The highly international curriculum combines methodological and conceptual teaching with specialised and applied courses. [More Information...](#)

Applications deadline : 07/03/2014 for an answer mid-April - 30/05/2014 for an answer mid-July

> Contact: [master-ppd@psemail.eu](mailto:master-ppd@psemail.eu)

> Download the [2014 PPD brochure](#)

Other documents to be downloaded: please visit our dedicated "[Resources page](#)"

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## London Economic Policy Challenge



The UCL Economist's Society, on behalf of the London Economic Policy Challenge committee, would like you to participate in this year's London Economic Policy Challenge (LEPC). The LEPC is a prestigious research essay based competition jointly organized by the Economics Societies of the top universities in London, including the LSE, King's and Queen Mary University. The official sponsor of the competition is RAND Corporation, a world-renowned policy and decision making research institute.

The competition is open to high school, undergraduate and graduate students from British and international schools and aims to encourage critical analysis of economic issues. The writer(s) of the top three essays will receive prize money of £500, 200 and 50 respectively, and have the opportunity to present their work to a panel of professional economists. The topics for this year's challenge are

- The next global dilemma: An ageing world. What is there to be done about the ageing population?
- What does the rise of the Bitcoin imply for the future of central banking?
  
- Should the US adopt a single paying healthcare system?
  
- How should UK/EU balance promoting green energy and keeping costs affordable?

For more information, check out our webpage- [Facebook.com/lepc2014](https://www.facebook.com/lepc2014)

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## London Economics Symposium 2014



The **London Economics Symposium 2014**, which will take place on the **14th and 15th of March** at **Europe House & Hallam Conference Centre in Central London**, is an **international student conference** supported by the **European Commission**. Our aim is to promote **global socio-economic** and **political discussion** between **students, academics** and **leaders**.

This year's conference, themed "**EU – Lost in Transformation**", will debate fundamental issues regarding the European Union. It will consist of an array of **speeches** and **panel discussions**, followed by **Q&A** sessions. A **networking session** and **dinner** will be held afterwards.

This year's speakers include:

<b>Martin Gilbert</b>	CEO and Founder of Aberdeen Asset Management
<b>Lord Bilimoria</b>	Founder and Chairman of Cobra Beer
<b>David Smith</b>	Economics Editor of The Sunday Times
<b>Mark Littlewood</b>	Director General of the Institute of Economic Affairs
<b>Dr. Andreas Hoefert</b>	UBS Chief Economist Wealth Management and the Global Head of Wealth Management Research
<b>Andreas Povel</b>	General Manager of American Chamber of Commerce, Germany
<b>Christa Markwalder</b>	Vice-President of the Swiss Council, Young Global Leader WEF and Head of Government & Industry Affairs, Zurich Insurance Group, Switzerland
<b>Prof. Daniel Hamermesh</b>	Multiple Award Winning Economist
<b>Dr. Richard Corbett</b>	Former MEP and Current Advisor, European Council Cabinet
<b>Roger Bootle</b>	Managing Director and Founder of Capital Economics, Winner of Wolfson Prize
<b>Prof. Simon Anholt</b>	Independent Policy Advisor and Author
<b>Tim Aker</b>	Head of Policy, UK Independence Party

Please find more information about our symposium on our website [www.les-uk.org](http://www.les-uk.org), find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/London.Economics.Symposium> or apply directly at <http://www.londoneconomicssymposium.org/les2014/application>.

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