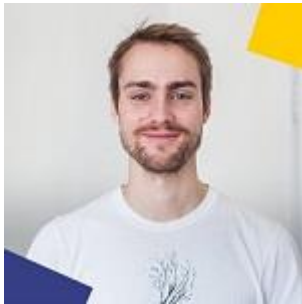Dear ,

Welcome from Dr Thomas Biegert, Programme Director

I am delighted to offer you a place on the MSc International Social and Public Policy (Education) in the Department of Social Policy. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the class of 2024/5 and to the vibrant student community at LSE.

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The Programme

In keeping with LSE traditions, the MSc International Social and Public Policy will bring together academic rigour and in-depth understanding. The programme is designed to provide students with advanced postgraduate education in the theory and practice of social & public policy. The programme enables students to engage in new ways of thinking about how best to meet human needs and increase wellbeing. It equips students with core understanding of central issues of social & public policy development, of the inequalities in policy drivers and outcomes, and of the interrelationship between the state, market, family, NGOs / civil society and international organisations in provision, organisation and funding. It is underpinned by the LSE approach to social and public policy that is explicitly international, interdisciplinary and applied.

You will be joining a class of academically excellent students from across the globe and from a range of backgrounds. The diverse experience and international perspectives which your classmates will bring to the programme will enhance your learning both in and out of the classroom. Some will also bring fascinating insights from their employment experience in public, non-governmental, and private sector organisations.

Subject Specialisms

As a student on the Education stream of the MSc, your core teaching will address a wide range of issues in international social and public policy. It will additionally equip you with a specialist critical and cross-disciplinary understanding of education policy agendas in the world today, both in terms of their underpinning aims and the ways they impact on different social groups.

You will also be able to select from our wide range of optional courses which allow you to explore many other aspects of international social and public policy.

For more information, please see the MSc ISPP programme page or contact the MSc Programme Administration team at socialpolicy.msc@lse.ac.uk.

Careers

As well as providing intellectual stimulation, your studies will also help you achieve your career goals. The interdisciplinary nature of Social Policy means that graduates are equipped with a broad range of knowledge and skills that can be applied in many different settings. Many Social Policy graduates apply their academic training directly; working as policy specialists in government, the public sector and NGOs, as well as following careers in a wide variety of other areas such as consultancy, education, healthcare, and police and justice services. Whichever path you wish to pursue, the LSE Careers Service is there to provide you with comprehensive careers guidance both during and after your studies. You will also be able to connect with a network of 130,000 former students in the LSE alumni community, and benefit from networking events through involvement with alumni special interest and regional groups.

Next steps

- **Accept and confirm your offer**, if you have not already done so.
- Read the **Graduate Offer Pack** for information on visas, fees, accommodation, what to do before you arrive at LSE, general information about student life and London.
- **Take a look at our Offer Holder pages**, which includes answers to frequently asked questions.
- **Join your class Discord group** to meet your classmates before you arrive at LSE.
- **Follow us on Twitter @LSESocialPolicy**.
- **Plan your travel to ensure you are here for Welcome Week which will take place from 23 to 27 September 2024**. We would strongly encourage you to take advantage of the wide range of School-wide activities and events taking place throughout the week. Your compulsory programme welcome session will also take place during this week - finalised dates, times, and other details will be sent to you nearer the time.

Coming up

- **June**: To help you prepare for your arrival at LSE, you will receive a message from the Programme Administration team with some more detailed information about your degree programme and the School.
- The Programme Director and PSS team will hold an MSc ISPP **Offer Holders Virtual Information session on 26 June 2024, 12-1pm (UK time)**. This event will give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the programme. Please register via this link.
- **July**: We will provide information about how the course selection process operates in the Department and the School.
- **August**: We will email you with information about the student community and opportunities that are available to you as a student in the Department.
- **September**: We will contact you again with reminders about Welcome, registration, course choice and School timetables.

Contacts

If you have any questions which are not answered in the **Graduate Offer Pack**, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us:

- **Questions about your application or the admissions process**: contact the Graduate Admissions Office via their **website for offer holders**.

- **Questions about your programme**: Take a look at our **Offer Holder pages** or contact your Programme Administration team at socialpolicy.msc@lse.ac.uk.

We are sure you will enjoy this highly challenging and rewarding programme and your time at LSE. All of us in the Department look forward to welcoming you next academic year. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

With best wishes

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