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SOAS University of London is renowned worldwide for the standard of its teaching and research. It is the world’s leading institution for the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East and has an excellent reputation for its interdisciplinary approach to international studies.

Our academic staff are at the forefront of their field, publishing their work worldwide and sharing with other academics, decision-makers and opinion-formers. As a student on one of our online and distance learning programmes, you will benefit from the expertise of an internationally renowned community of scholars and practitioners.

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## Learn anywhere in the world



In a world of shrinking borders, an online and distance learning qualification brings the expertise of SOAS University of London to you, wherever you live or work.

Every year we deliver programmes to over **2500 students** living and working around the world, in **over 160 countries**.

## Experienced online and distance learning providers

SOAS has over **25 years' experience** delivering distance learning programmes.



Equal in standard to those taught on campus, our online and distance learning degrees offer you the **flexibility** to fit your studies around your **professional** and **personal commitments**, while simultaneously allowing you to build up a **global network** of professional contacts.

## Study at your own pace, according to your own needs



The modular format of our programmes means you can begin your studies with just one of our 80 modules and the credits earned will count towards an upgrade to a full postgraduate programme.

Multiple study sessions throughout the academic year means you can plan your study around your schedule, and you'll only be paying for the modules you are enrolled on.

## Connect with students and alumni in your industry, all over the world



While studying, you will connect with other students through our **online forums** and **social networks**. Our **extensive alumni networks** give you access to contacts in government ministries, the public sector, NGOs and consultancies, as well as development projects, charitable trusts, social enterprises, and bodies concerned with environmental policy and poverty.



I decided to study with SOAS because of the flexibility that they offered me on the programme. I was searching finance programmes that I could do that could easily bring together the experience that I had gained from my previous studies as well as from my work experience. When I looked around I saw that SOAS had very flexible distance learning programmes which could actually give me more time in terms of being able to dovetail my career advancement as well as family responsibilities as a father and a husband."

**Arnold Msipa**, Finance and Financial Law (2016)  
Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

# How it works



“I was very pleased with the thoroughness and the rigour that was applied to the course and examinations and the paper. They truly wanted you to know the material inside and out and to be able to think critically about it. I would do it again in a heartbeat.”

**Michael Keck**, MSc Finance (Economic Policy) (2016).  
Location: Kentucky, USA

## Study materials

All of our study modules have been developed for online or distance learners and are regularly updated so that they remain relevant. Your course materials will include all the resources you need to complete your module, such as:

- Study guide
- Textbook(s) for your module
- Readings
- Exercises and self-assessment questions

## Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

In addition to the study materials, you will have access to the our Virtual Learning Environment. This dedicated learning community is where you will find study resources such as study guides, additional readings, video and audio resources, exercises and self-assessment questions.

The VLE is where you will connect with your tutor and fellow students and make professional and social connections through tutor-led forums discussing the concepts and issues of each module.

## Module tutors

Apart from the study material itself, your tutor will be the most important aspect of your learning experience. Tutors are on hand to answer academic questions and to provide comprehensive and supportive assignment feedback.

## Connect with your academic and support staff

Support is available from our team of online academic tutors and student support staff, who are both knowledgeable in their field and experienced in supporting the needs of online or distance learning students. They are here to help you, and are contactable through the virtual learning environment.

## Financing your studies

### Pay as you learn

Only pay for the module you are enrolled on.

### Postgraduate Loans

UK, EU and EEA students are now eligible to receive up to £10,000 in student loan funding. Find out more at [soas.ac.uk/distancelearning](https://soas.ac.uk/distancelearning).

## Your qualification

An online and distance learning degree is equivalent to an on-campus qualification. Your qualification will be awarded by the University of London and will state that the academic direction for the programme was provided by SOAS. On the degree certificate will be the University of London crest and, below this, it will state:

‘[your name] having registered with the University of London on a programme under the academic direction of SOAS and having passed the approved examinations, has this day been admitted by the University of London to the degree of [your subject].’



“The knowledge was immediately useful for my work. Furthermore, it gave me important insights into the ‘academic’ side of many things I encounter in my daily work, which I feel makes me stand out from many of my peers.”

**Anton Smirnov**  
MSc Finance  
(major: Financial Sector Management) (2012)  
Location: Odessa, Ukraine





## MOOCs - free taster programmes

Our massive online open courses (MOOCs) allow you to explore new subjects and the distance learning style. Enrol for free, or pay a small fee to receive your certificate of achievement.

The programmes, taught by SOAS academics, are suitable for anyone wanting an introduction to a particular subject.

Upcoming MOOCs:

- Global Diplomacy – Diplomacy in the Modern World
- Risk Management in the Global Economy
- Understanding Public Financial Management: How Is Your Money Spent?
- Understanding Research Methods

Go to [www.soas.ac.uk/moocs](http://www.soas.ac.uk/moocs) to learn more.

# Employers

## Employers

Increasingly organisations require their staff to have a strong academic foundation underpinning their professional skills. Our programmes, with their rigorous theoretical contemporary frameworks and focus on practical issues, are designed to be relevant to businesses, international organisations, government institutions and NGOs.

Our Individual Professional Awards (IPA) give employers the opportunity to offer staff an individual module to fill a specialist skills gap, while our Masters programmes and Postgraduate Diplomas equip employees with a greater depth of knowledge and training suited to their organisational needs. Once enrolled, module credits can be used towards further study, which means that IPA students can progress on to a Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) and then on to a Masters (MSc).

## Request more information

Our team is available to discuss your organisation's professional development needs. For more information or to request a meeting, please contact us at:

- Email: [distancelearning@soas.ac.uk](mailto:distancelearning@soas.ac.uk)
- Phone: +44 (0)20 7898 4319

## Organisation benefits

- Personnel with enhanced capabilities, expertise and confidence in their field.
- Immediate professional application of new ideas, strategies and skills, resulting in improvements in your organisation's capabilities, processes, productivity and efficiency.
- Development of managers with a greater international and organisational awareness.
- Retention of talented staff members and heightened commitment to your organisation.
- A rapid return on investment through improved organisational performance.

## Staff benefits

- Career enhancement without having to take a career break.
- An enriched understanding and knowledge within the field of expertise, leading to expanded professional capabilities.
- Flexibility to select study periods, accommodating professional, family and personal commitments.
- The opportunity to build up a global network of professional contacts.
- An internationally recognised qualification.



# Career prospects for graduates

As a graduate of our online and distance learning programmes, you will be well prepared for a career in government ministries, the public sector, NGOs and consultancies, as well as development projects, charitable trusts, social enterprises, and bodies concerned with environmental policy and poverty. You will also acquire the requisite skills for roles in higher education and research institutions.

## Our alumni work in 160 countries

SOAS online and distance learning students and alumni are employed in a wide range of sectors across finance, government, industry and international organisations, including:

### The Governments of

Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kosovo, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Switzerland, UK, USA and Zambia.

### Sub-national governments

- Federal Ministry of Finance, Ghana
- Fukushima Prefecture
- Lagos State Government
- National Treasury of South Africa
- Office of the Attorney General, Bahamas
- U.S. Agency for International Development

### United Nations agencies & European Union organisations

- Council of the European Union
- European Commission
- International Atomic Energy Agency
- Unicef
- United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- United Nations Development Group
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

### Intergovernmental agencies

- European Commission
- International Finance Corporation
- International Fund for Agricultural Development
- International Labour Organisation
- World Health Organisation

### Charities and NGOs

- ActionAid
- CARE International
- Concern Worldwide
- Farm Africa
- Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
- Habitat for Humanity International
- International Crisis Group
- International Federation of the Red Cross
- Oxfam International
- Plan International
- Rainforest Alliance
- Save the Children International
- Tearfund
- WaterAid
- World Vision International

### Central banks & financial organisations

- African Development Bank
- AIG
- Asian Development Bank
- Banco de Mozambique
- Bank of Canada
- Bank of Japan
- Citigroup
- European Central Bank
- IMF
- Inter-American Development Bank
- JP Morgan
- National Bank of Abu Dhabi
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Rand Merchant Bank
- Reserve Bank of Vanuatu
- Standard Chartered Bank
- World Bank
- World Trade Organization

### Energy, mining & manufacturing companies

- BP
- Ford Motor Company
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation
- Mitsui & Co
- Proctor and Gamble

### Media & telecoms companies

- BBC World Service
- Thomson Reuters
- Verizon
- Vodafone

To find out how some of our students have progressed since successfully gaining their online or distance learning qualification, visit [www.soas.ac.uk/distancelearning/profiles](http://www.soas.ac.uk/distancelearning/profiles)



# Centre for Development, Environment and Policy

Environmental issues and the continuing poverty of large numbers of people around the world are among the greatest challenges of our times. They are inter-related in complex ways, with important ethical, political, economic, social and technical dimensions.

Our programmes offer a unique range of subjects that promote the understanding of **poverty reduction**, **climate change**, **sustainable development** and **improved natural resource management**.

As a student, you will gain first-hand knowledge of leading development issues as all of our staff are active researchers and practitioners.



# Programme overview

## Programme duration



Our Masters degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas can be completed in a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years. Postgraduate certificate students have a minimum of one and maximum of five years.

## Module length



Study session 1 is 32 weeks and study session 2 is 16 weeks long. Check module availability at

[www.soas.ac.uk/cedep/programmes/modules](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cedep/programmes/modules)

## Time commitment



We recommend dedicating 5 – 6 hours per week per module in the first study session and 10 – 12 hours per week in the second study session.

## Assessments



You will submit an assignment and sit a two hour unseen exam, worth 20% and 80% respectively. All exams take place in September and can take place in your own city. You can see a provisional examination timetable at [www.soas.ac.uk/cedep/exams](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cedep/exams).

## Materials



Before the session begins you will be supplied with all your materials and textbooks by post and online.

## Collaboration



Throughout the programme you will have support from your module Tutors and your fellow students in the online forums.

## IEMA professional recognition



The MSc and Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management are approved by the Institute for Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), subject to the completion of specified modules. On completion of your qualification you will have 12 months to join IEMA.

## Progression



Students who initially enrol for an IPA, PGCert or PGDip can upgrade their programme of study to a PGCert, PGDip or MSc degree.

*Please note programme structure is subject to change in 2017/18 academic year.*

## Fees

MSc	£9,450
PG Dip	£8,400
PG Cert	£4,200
IPA	£1,050

## Entry requirements

### Master of Science (MSc)/Postgraduate Diploma

Direct registration for an MSc requires you to have an undergraduate qualification, as recognised by the University of London, with good grades in a relevant subject area.

Relevant professional experience will be taken into consideration when assessing application.

### Individual Professional Award (IPA)

Applications are assessed on their merit and at the discretion of the centre. This may offer some experienced and able candidates without a first degree a route into postgraduate training.

### English Language Competency

You will be required to have a high level of English language ability in reading and writing, and in study skills. If your first degree was not taught in English, you will need to provide evidence of language ability as tested by the British Council or another registered body. We require the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0, with no less than 7.0 in each of the writing and reading tests.



You will require internet access to participate in our programmes.

## Apply now

To find out more about our programmes and admission procedures, or to apply now, please visit [www.soas.ac.uk/cedep](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cedep)

Our admissions team will be pleased to answer any queries you may have, please contact us at:

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## Key dates

	Study Session 2 2016/17	Study Session 1 2017/18	Study Session 2 2017/18
Application deadline	31 Mar 2017	6 Nov 2017 (TBC)	31 Mar 2017 (TBC)
Enrolment deadline	14 Apr 2017	20 Nov 2017 (TBC)	14 Nov 2017 (TBC)
Start of Study Session	22 May 2017	Late Feb 2018 (TBC)	21 May 2017 (TBC)



## MSc/PGDip/PGCert Agricultural Economics

Convenor: **Professor Bhavani Shankar**

This programme provides students with the essential tools required for theoretical and empirical economic analysis, particularly in relation to the agri-foodsector. It aims to equip students with the rigorous technical skills that are generic to the field of agricultural and food economics, while maintaining a focus on applications rather than abstract analysis. Students are able to take modules orientated towards development, production, marketing, policy, and economic transition. The programme is designed for those who wish to pursue a career as an agricultural economist or to undertake higher studies within this area.

### Structure:

MSc students take four core modules, three elective modules and two research modules, one of which is a dissertation.

PGDip students take four core modules and four elective modules; including one free choice from across all programmes.

PGCert students take three core modules and one elective modules.

### Core modules:

- Either Economic Principles or Economics and Institutions for Development (the chosen module must be taken in the first year)
- Agricultural Policy and Trade
- Food Security and Social Protection
- Political Economy of Public Policy

*\* This module will run until 2018*

### Elective modules:

- Applied Econometrics
- Climate Change and Development
- Natural Resource Economics
- Project Planning and Management
- Rural Development\*
- Rural Finance\*
- Sustainable Land Management\*
- Understanding Poverty (subject to approval by the Programme Convenor)
- Water Resources Management

### Research modules:

- Dissertation
- Research Methods.

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is for individuals looking to take the next step in their career in agricultural policy analysis, upstream and downstream agricultural industries, economic analysis of agricultural sector issues or in academia.

## MSc/PGDip/PGCert Climate Change and Development\*

Convenor: **Dr Andrew Newsham**

Climate change remains the most high profile global environmental issue. This programme will equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the ramifications of climate change from a professional and development context.

Fundamentally interdisciplinary, the programme draws on insights from development studies, environmental science, environmental economics, human geography and political economy.

This programme is ideal for those looking to establish themselves, or take the next career step, within national and international organisations prioritising climate and development challenges. It is also an excellent choice for those keen to pursue a career in research or academia in the area of environment and development.

### Structure:

Structure of this programme is subject to final approval. Please see <http://bit.ly/ccdev>

### Who should take this programme?

Existing professionals working within environment and development spheres and people moving into these fields. For existing professionals, the programme provides the opportunity to upgrade and update their expertise, and to reflect systematically and in depth on their accumulated experience in the light of up-to-date theory and literature.

*\*Subject to approval*





# MSc/PGDip/PGCert Environmental Economics

Convenor: **Professor Laurence Smith**

Environmental issues at local, national and global levels are among the foremost challenges facing society today. It is widely recognised that most environmental problems, whether small-scale or global, are the result of a complex interaction of natural processes with economic forces and decisions. This programme provides graduates with a sound theoretical base and practical appreciation of the concepts and methods of environmental and natural resource economics relevant to policy decisions and research. It is designed to suit students with a primary interest in issues and policies concerning the rural environment.

## Structure:

MSc students take four core modules, three elective modules and two research modules, one of which is a dissertation.

PGDip students take four core modules and four elective modules; including one free choice from across all programmes.

PGCert students take three core modules and one elective modules.

## Core modules:

- Economic Principles (must be taken in the first year)
- Economics of Environmental Policy
- Environmental Valuation: Theory, Techniques and Application
- Natural Resource Economics

## Elective modules:

- Applied Econometrics
- Climate Change and Development
- Project Planning and Management
- Environmental Science and Management
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Auditing and Environmental Management Systems
- International Environmental Law
- Ethics for Environment and Development
- Either Water Resources Management; Sustainable Land Management; Biodiversity, Conservation and Development; or Energy and Development

## Research modules:

- Dissertation
- Research Methods

## Who should take this programme?

This programme will interest individuals wishing to pursue a career as environmental economists and advisers.

“

I wanted to find a reputable school that offered programmes relevant to my career in international development and SOAS emerged as the only real option that met these criteria. I chose to study environmental economics out of personal interest, a sense that the subject area is becoming increasingly more important in terms of global trends, and finally due to the relevance of the subject matter to my work in international development.

The fact that SOAS specifically catered to working professionals in the development field was also a major factor in my decision, because it gave me confidence that the material would be high quality and relevant as well as flexible in terms of how the degree programme was structured.”

### Brian King

MSc Environmental Economics (2015)  
Chief of Party, USAID Zrda Activity in Georgia  
Chemonics International

Location: Republic of Georgia



# MSc/PGDip/PGCert Environmental Management

Convenor: **Frauke Urban**

This programme takes a multidisciplinary approach to current issues of global environmental concern. It is relevant to those who are concerned with the management of resources and the making and implementation of policies that have an environmental impact at local, national and international levels.

## Structure:

MSc students take four core modules, three elective modules and two research modules, one of which is a dissertation.

PGDip students take four core modules and four elective modules; including one free choice from across all programmes.

PGCert students take three core modules and one elective modules.

## Core modules:

- Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy
- Environmental Science and Management
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Auditing and Environmental Management Systems

## Elective modules:

- Energy and Development
- Environmental Valuation: Theory, Techniques and Application
- Climate Change and Development
- Water Resources Management
- NGO Management
- Sustainable Land Management (this module will run until 2018)
- International Environmental Law
- Ethics for Environment and Development

## Research modules:

- Dissertation
- Research Methods

## Who should take this programme?

This programme is designed to give students the tools for a career in natural resource management, environmental appraisal, environmental auditing and analysis and policy design.

“

I had a very generalist understanding of Environmental Management from my BSc degree, but felt that I needed more specific knowledge in areas that I was interested in. I also wanted to have a broader geographic scope with an understanding of EU and other relevant environmental policies. With the MSc at SOAS I found all that combined.

The flexibility of the programmes to choose different topics and compile my own curricula was extremely rewarding. It allowed me to add some subjects that are not part of a 'typical' environmental management degree, yet very relevant for my area of work. Working in international development in Asia, I also felt that at SOAS I would feel 'at home' rather than simply studying a degree for the certificate's sake.

**Urs Baumgartner**

MSc Environmental Management (2015)  
Founder, Associate, ekolibrium

Location: Vietnam and Australia



## MSc/PGDip/PGCert Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice

Convenor: **Mr Colin Poulton**

Most of the world's poorest people live in rural areas. These programmes will give you the scientific, technological and economic knowledge and the skills to analyse and tackle the poverty suffered by these people. You will be able to work on real issues, using the specialist expertise gained from your programme.

The programmes integrate theory and practice and provide an understanding of how to manage organisations within their own cultural, political, technological, social, and institutional contexts, with the ultimate aim of solving problems of poverty reduction.

### Structure:

MSc students take three core modules, four elective modules and two research modules, one of which is a dissertation. At least three of the elective modules should be from one of the three specialisms. Title of the specialism will appear on your degree certificate.

PGDip students take three or four core modules and four or five elective modules; with at least three from one specialism and one free choice from all specialisms.

PGCert students take three core modules and one elective modules.

### Core modules:

- Understanding Poverty (compulsory)
- Economics and Institutions for Development
- Managing Knowledge and Communication for Development
- Climate Change and Development

*\* This module will run until 2018*

### Elective modules by specialism:

Development Management:

- Rural Finance\*
- Rural Development\*\*
- NGO Management
- Project Planning and Management
- Gender and Social Inequality

Inclusive Growth:

- Agricultural Policy and Trade
- Energy and Development
- Food Security and Social Protection
- Political Economy of Public Policy
- Rural Finance\*

Natural Resource Management:

- Water Resources Management
- Sustainable Land Management\*
- Environmental Science and Management
- Natural Resource Economics
- Biodiversity, Conservation and Development
- International Environmental Law.

### Research modules:

- Dissertation
- Research Methods

### Who should take this programme?

The Poverty Reduction programmes are designed to assist both existing development professionals and people moving into the field of international development.

*\* This module will run until 2018*

## MSc/PGDip/PGCert Sustainable Development

Convenor: **Dr Ben Daley**

The rationale for this innovative programme of study lies in the global environmental and development challenges that have been articulated in the Sustainable Development Goals. It is clear that solutions to the challenge of sustainable development require holistic, integrated and co-ordinated actions across a very wide range of sectors, and will increasingly require a multidisciplinary approach. This programme aims to provide students with a broad grounding in the main concepts associated with sustainable development, but also provides the opportunity to specialise in one area in greater depth.

### Structure:

MSc students take three core modules, four elective modules and two research modules, one of which is a dissertation. At least three of the elective modules should be from one of the three specialisms. Title of the specialism will appear on your degree certificate.

PGDip students take three or four core modules and four or five elective modules; with at least three from one specialism and one free choice from all specialisms.

PGCert students take three core modules and one elective modules.

### Core modules:

- Understanding Sustainable Development (compulsory)
- Climate Change and Development
- Environmental Science and Management
- Ethics for Environment and Development

### Elective modules:

Development Management:

- Economics and Institutions for Development
- Managing Knowledge and Communication for Development
- NGO Management
- Project Planning and Management

Environmental Economics:

- Economic Principles (advised)
- Economics of Environmental Policy
- Environmental Valuation: Theory, Techniques and Application
- Natural Resource Economics

Environmental Management:

- Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy
- Environmental Assessment
- Environmental Auditing and Environmental Management Systems
- International Environmental Law

Natural Resource Management:

- Water Resources Management
- Sustainable Land Management\*
- Biodiversity, Conservation and Development
- Natural Resource Economics

Rural Development and Change:

- Agricultural Trade and Policy
- Understanding Poverty
- Food Security and Social Protection
- Rural Development\*
- Gender and Social Inequality

### Research modules:

- Dissertation
- Research Methods

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is suitable for students from a wide range of backgrounds who wish to expand their knowledge in the fields of policy analysis in sustainable development and environmental planning.

*\* This module will run until 2018*





## Individual Professional Awards (IPA)

The IPA programme enables you to study up to three modules from any of the distance learning programmes that we offer, allowing you to focus on subject areas that are relevant to your profession or interests.

IPA graduates will be awarded a University of London certificate. Alternatively, students who have completed their IPA will have the option of upgrading their study to a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters programme, providing they have achieved a pass mark of 50% or more on modules already taken that are relevant to the subsequent PG Cert, PG Dip or Masters.

An IPA is an ideal solution for those:

- looking to update their professional skills
- specialising in a particular area.
- wanting to try out distance learning before registering for a full programme

[www.soas.ac.uk/cedep/ipa](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cedep/ipa)



# Centre for Financial and Management Studies

CeFiMS has **over 25 years' experience** providing specialised Masters and postgraduate programmes by distance learning in the fields of **banking, finance, financial law, public financial management, public policy and management**, and **international business administration**.

We provide you with the theoretical expertise and tools to critically analyse, discuss and examine the critical issues facing organisations across the globe; and, if you choose, the opportunity to explore your research interests through a dissertation.

Our programmes are designed to allow you to focus on your professional development needs and interests. Undertaking a postgraduate programme offers you a great opportunity to engage with theories, issues and debates.



# Programme overview

## Programme duration



Our masters degrees can be completed in a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years.

## Module length



Each study session is eight weeks long. Students may take one module in each of the five study sessions.

## Time commitment



We recommend dedicating 15-20 hours each week.

Please note programme structure is subject to change in 2017/18 academic year.

## Key dates

	Study Session 1	Study Session 2	Study Session 3	Study Session 4	Study Session 5
Application deadline	12 Sept 2016	28 Nov 2016	30 Jan 2017	3 April 2017	29 May 2017
Enrolment deadline	03 Oct 2016	19 Dec 2016	20 Feb 2017	24 Apr 2017	19 Jun 2017
Start of Study Session	14 Nov 2016	30 Jan 2017	03 Apr 2017	05 Jun 2017	31 Jul 2017
Assignment 1 deadline	13 Dec 2016	28 Feb 2017	02 May 2017	04 Jul 2017	29 Aug 2017
Assignment 2 deadline	24 Jan 2017	28 Mar 2017	30 May 2017	01 Aug 2017	26 Sep 2017
End of Study Session	22 Jan 2017	26 Mar 2017	28 May 2017	30 Jul 2017	24 Sep 2017
Examinations	September/October 2017				

## Assessments



You will submit two assignments, worth 15% each, and sit one exam worth 70%. All exams take place in September/October and can take place in your own city.

## Materials



Before the session begins you will be supplied with all your materials and textbooks by post and online.

## Collaboration



Throughout the programme you will have support from your module Tutors and your fellow students in the online forums.

## Progression



Students beginning their study with an IPA can upgrade their qualification to an MSc degree upon passing the module.

## Fees

MSc	£10,080
IPA	£1,260

## Entry requirements

Applicants should have an internationally recognised Bachelor's degree in the following subjects:

### Finance/Finance & Financial Law

Finance, economics, or another appropriate discipline.

### International Business Administration/ Public Policy & Management

A social science discipline.

### Individual Professional Awards

Appropriate experience depending on the modules you are interested in undertaking. Qualifications in other subjects will be assessed on their merits. Your application may also be considered if you have previous education and experience, equivalent to a degree-level qualification, which includes suitable preliminary training

### English Language Competency

You will be required to have a high level of English language ability in reading and writing, and in study skills. If your first degree was not taught in English, you will need to provide evidence of language ability as tested by the British Council or another registered body. We require the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0, with no less than 7.0 in each of the writing and reading tests.



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## Apply now

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Our admissions team will be pleased to answer any queries you may have, please contact us at:

Email: [cefimsadmin@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cefimsadmin@soas.ac.uk)

Phone: +44 (0) 20 7898 4050



## MSc Finance (Banking)

Convenor: **Dr Maurizio Fiaschetti**

This programme offers the opportunity to gain the expertise needed to enter and successfully compete in the banking sector developing your financial management skills in core banking activities (maturity/risks mismatch management), retirement and financial planning, commercial credit and factoring, and liquidity and risk management.

### Structure:

Students take four of the five core modules and four elective modules.

### Core modules:

- Banking and Capital Markets
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate and Investment Banking
- Portfolio and Fund Management
- Retail Banking and Household Finance

### Elective modules:

- Advanced topics in Valuation
- Bank Financial Management
- Bank Regulation and Resolution of Banking Crises
- Banking Strategy
- Corporate Governance
- Derivatives
- Dissertation
- Econometric Analysis and Applications
- Econometric Principles and Data Analysis
- Financial Econometrics
- Finance in the Global Market
- International Finance
- Introduction to Valuation
- Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets
- Research Methods
- Risk Management: Principles and Applications

Any of the five core modules not previously chosen.

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is suitable for individuals seeking a career in banking, financial institutions or banking regulatory bodies.

## MSc Finance (Economic Policy)

Convenor: **Prof. Pasquale Scaramozzino**

This programme is principally for professionals working on economic policy in government, central banks, other public organisations, international institutions and consultancy. It will increase your understanding of the principles, applications, and context underlying economic policy, focusing on the financial aspects of policy making.

### Structure:

Students take five core modules and three elective modules which may include research methods and a dissertation.

### Core modules:

- Banking and Capital Markets
- International Finance
- Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets
- Microeconomic Principles and Policy
- Public Financial Management: Revenue
- The International Monetary Fund and Economic Policy

### Elective modules:

- Bank Financial Management
- Bank Regulation and Resolution of Banking Crises
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Derivatives
- Econometric Analysis and Applications
- Econometric Principles and Data Analysis
- Finance in the Global Market
- Financial Econometrics
- Modelling Firms and Markets
- Risk Management: Principles and Applications
- Project Appraisal
- Dissertation
- Research Methods

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is suitable for individuals in senior management positions seeking to further their career within governments, central banks, other public organisations, international institutions and consultancy.





## MSc Finance (Financial Sector Management)

Convenor: **Dr Yoshikatsu Shinozawa**

Designed to advance a career in management within banks and other financial firms, this programme enables you to deepen your understanding of the principles, applications, and context underlying decision making in financial sector management.

### Structure

Students take five core modules and three elective modules which may include research methods and a dissertation.

### Core modules:

- Bank Financial Management
- Banking and Capital Markets
- Banking Strategy
- Corporate Finance
- Finance in the Global Market

### Elective modules:

- Advanced Topics in Valuation
- Bank Regulation and Resolution of Banking Crises
- Corporate Governance
- Derivatives
- Econometric Analysis and Applications
- Econometric Principles and Data Analysis
- Financial Econometrics
- International Finance
- The International Monetary Fund and Economic Policy
- Introduction to Valuation
- Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets
- Microeconomic Principles and Policy
- Modelling Firms and Markets
- Risk Management: Principles and Applications,
- Dissertation
- Research Methods.

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is suitable for those seeking to advance their career in senior management within deposit banks, investment banks, fund management, consultancy, central banks and international bodies.

“ I came to study here so I can add more value to the Nigerian banking industry. I currently work for one of the big four and my profession requires you to know what you’re doing, particularly, when meeting with banks and financial institutions.. The bankers and top management want to see that I’m adding value to them, that’s why I came to study and I’m so proud of the degree.”

**Oyindamola Adewumi**  
Financial Sector Management (2016)

Location: Nigeria

## MSc Finance (Quantitative Finance)

Convenor: **Prof. Pasquale Scaramozzino**

This programme has been designed to advance a career in banking, or any financial institution, where a knowledge of statistical (particularly econometric) and quantitative approaches to risk and derivatives is required. It is particularly suitable if you have a first degree in engineering, applied science, applied mathematics, economics, or similar subjects, but is also suitable for others with quantitative skills.

### Structure:

Students take five core modules, three elective modules which may include a dissertation.

### Core modules:

- Derivatives
- Econometric Principles and Data Analysis
- Econometric Analysis and Applications
- Financial Econometrics
- Modelling Firms and Markets
- Risk Management: Principles and Applications

### Elective modules:

- Banking and Capital Markets
- Bank Regulation and Resolution of Banking Crises
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Finance in the Global Market
- International Finance
- Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets
- Microeconomic Principles and Policy
- The International Monetary Fund and Economic Policy
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is suitable for those seeking to advance their career in senior research and other positions in banking, fund management, consultancy, central banks and international bodies.





## MSc Finance and Financial Law

Convenors: **Dr Richard Alexander and Dr Federico Mucciarelli**

The rapid and wide-ranging changes occurring in financial markets around the world and in the legal and regulatory environment in which they operate has created a demand for people with expertise in both finance and financial law. This MSc takes an integrated approach to these two aspects by including risk management, regulation, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, formation of companies and the bank-client relation, bond issues, and loans. It relates to both national and international finance and will introduce you to how financial and legal principles are applied in practice as well as in theory.

### Structure:

Students take five core modules, and three elective modules which may include research methods and a dissertation.

### Core modules:

- Introduction to Law and to Finance
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Law
- Legal Aspects of International Finance
- Risk Management: Principles and Applications

### Elective modules:

- Bank Financial Management
- Banking and Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Finance in the Global Market
- Law and Regulation of Electronic Finance and Internet Banking
- Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance
- Regulation of International Capital Markets
- Dissertation
- Research Methods

### Who should take this programme?

Individuals seeking a career within a financial institution, a commercial law firm, regulator, government department or indeed in any sector, especially in a management position.

“It was an incredible opportunity to learn economic policies of developing countries while actually applying what I have learned from the programme to my day-to-day work. The knowledge I gained has developed my expertise and also enabled me to contribute to the discussions with my counterparts such as Finance Ministry officials, central bankers, international organisations, and private sector economists.”

**Kazunari Suzuki**  
**MSc Finance (Economic Policy)**

Location: Sri Lanka and Maldives

## MSc International Business Administration

Convenor: **Dr Damian Tobin**

Global businesses and organisations have a growing need for talented professionals with high quality management skills and specialist regional knowledge. The MSc International Business Administration responds to the needs of emerging economies within Asia and Africa. Students will study the interplay between global and local factors that influence management decisions in business.

### Structure:

Students take two core modules, six elective modules which may include research methods and a dissertation. Students must choose at least two elective modules from International Business and two from the Regional Focus module list. Regional Focus modules must be studied in a pair.

### Core modules:

- International Business Strategy
- Managing the Transnational Corporation

### Elective modules

#### International Business

- Banking Strategy
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Finance in the Global Market
- Financial Reporting (International Financial Reporting Standards – IFRS)
- Introduction to Valuation
- Management Accounting
- Management Information in Business
- Risk Management: Principles and Applications
- Dissertation
- Research Methods

#### Regional Focus

- The Economy of China
- Management in China or;
- The Economy of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Management in Sub-Saharan Africa

### Who should take this programme?

This programme will advance your career in strategic management, international banking, financial services, business consultancies, regulatory authorities and international organisations.





## MSc Public Financial Management

Convenor: **Dr Alberto Asquer**

This programme will provide you with skills and knowledge in the field of public finance. It ranges across all applications, whether in budgeting, revenue policy, financial reporting and audit, compliance or where financial matters take a central position in policy, such as in public-private partnerships or fiscal decentralisation.

### Structure:

Students take four core modules, and four elective modules which may include research methods and a dissertation.

### Core modules:

- Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets
- Public Financial Management: Planning and Performance
- Public Financial Management: Revenue
- Financial Reporting (International Financial Reporting Standards – IFRS) or Financial Reporting (International Public Sector Accounting Standards – IPSAS)

### Elective modules:

- Decentralisation and Local Governance
- Management Accounting
- Privatisation and Public-Private Partnerships
- Project Appraisal
- Public Financial Management Audit and Compliance
- Public Policy and Management: Development Assistance
- The International Monetary Fund and Economic Policy
- Dissertation
- Research Methods

### Who should take this programme?

Individuals interested in a career in senior management in central Finance Ministries, or in financial management roles in Ministries, sub-national governments or financial scrutiny functions in Parliaments or Supreme Audit Institutions. It will also be valuable for people working in consultancy and advisory functions, and in international financial institutions.



## MSc Public Policy and Management

Convenor: **Dr Alberto Asquer**

Successful managers, politicians and professionals running public organisations need to have a range of skills and knowledge and a critical awareness of the challenges facing them. These programmes offer both technical education and critical and comparative material about how the public sector and public sector finance is managed across the world.

### Structure:

Students take eight elective modules which may include research methods and a dissertation.

“SOAS offered me a truly unique experience of top class education combined with the opportunity to achieve my full potential – professionally and intellectually. As a working professional, the distance education made it easier for me to juggle between work and study and I thoroughly enjoyed interacting through online portals and virtual sessions with students spread across the globe.

“My studies in Public Management gave me an insight into the functions of the public sectors, the backbone of any economy, which was very useful, and I could relate my studies extensively to my work at the Indian Embassy in London.”

**Stephen Gedion**

Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management

Location: London, UK

### Elective modules:

- Public Policy and Management: Perspectives and Issues
- Decentralisation and Local Governance
- E-Government
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
- Financial Reporting (International Public Sector Accounting Standards – IPSAS)
- Human Resource Management and Development
- The International Monetary Fund and Economic Policy
- Managing Organisational Change
- Privatisation and Public-Private Partnerships
- Project Appraisal
- Project, Programme and Policy Evaluation
- Public Financial Management: Audit and Compliance
- Public Financial Management: Planning and Performance
- Public Financial Management: Revenue
- Public Policy and Management: Development Assistance
- Public Policy and Strategy
- Regulation of Infrastructure and Utilities
- Dissertation
- Research Methods

### Who should take this programme?

This programme will prepare you for a career in senior management in national and sub-national government sectors, international organisations, regional development and aid agencies, and NGOs.



## Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)

### Understanding Public Financial Management: How Is Your Money Spent?

Taught by: **Dr Alberto Asquer**

Duration: **4 weeks**

We are all concerned about where “our” money goes. We all want good roads and schools, thriving industry, and personal and national security, but how can we be sure that public monies are being managed properly, and how can we hold those in charge to account?

This free online course will provide you with the knowledge and tools to understand and evaluate the management of financial resources across the public sector, wherever you are.

By the end of the four-week course, you will be able to:

- understand the basics of public financial management
- read simple public sector financial statements
- explain how governments raise finance through various means
- explain how the budget process works at national and sub-national levels
- understand how auditing is conducted in public sector organisations
- understand how public sector organisations are held accountable to the public.

### Risk Management in the Global Economy

Taught by: **Professor Pasquale Scaramozzino, Dr Hong Bo**

Duration: **4 weeks**

What is risk? Why does it matter, to us and to the financial markets? What are the principles that drive the management of risk? Can we ensure that these principles are implemented wisely?

This free online course will look at risk management in its broadest terms, giving you the opportunity to evaluate the crucial role played by risk in the global economy, both in terms of its opportunities and its potential dangers.

By the end of the four-week course, you'll be able to:

- understand financial markets and the principles of risk management
- understand the main types of risk and evaluate the methods and tools used by firms to manage risks
- examine ideas and methods used in the analysis of portfolios of financial securities, including stocks and bonds
- explain the use of financial derivatives for hedging (reducing risk) and speculation (increasing risk) in financial markets
- evaluate the application of risk methods and risk management tools in the global economy.

[www.soas.ac.uk/moocs](http://www.soas.ac.uk/moocs)

## Individual Professional Awards (IPA)

The IPA programme enables you to study up to three modules from any of the distance learning programmes that we offer, allowing you to focus on one or two subject areas relevant to your profession or interests.

IPA graduates will be awarded a University of London certificate. Once students have completed their IPA they will have the option of upgrading their study to a Masters programme, providing they have achieved a pass mark of 50% or more on modules already taken that are relevant to the subsequent Masters.

An IPA is an ideal solution for those:

- looking to update their professional skills
- specialising in a particular area.

[www.cefims.ac.uk/ipa](http://www.cefims.ac.uk/ipa)





# Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy

The Centre draws on the core strengths across SOAS' portfolio of expertise, including **Law**, **Politics** and **Economics**, while also benefiting from the partnerships we have forged with key organisations in the UK and overseas.

This cross-disciplinary approach to teaching and learning combines an understanding of key concepts, theories, and debates surrounding international affairs, contemporary diplomatic practice, global corporations and climate energy policy.

By harnessing the distinctive regional expertise and international relationships of SOAS, CISD programmes look beyond the traditional Western-centric approach.



# Programme overview

## Programme duration



Students can expect to graduate within a 2-year time period.

## Module length



Each study session is 16 weeks long. Students may take one module per study session.

## Time commitment



We recommend dedicating 10-12 hours each week.

## Assessments



Each module requires you to complete five e-tivities worth 30% in total and one 4000 – 5000 word essay worth 70%. The e-tivities are designed to provide an active, peer to peer learning environment.

## 100% online

**100%**

All of our materials and assessments are online in our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), giving you access 24/7, wherever you may be.

## Collaboration



Throughout the programme you will have on-going support from your Associate Tutor and our fellow students in the online forums; you can even find students in your area using our ZeeMap.

## International study tour



Our students have the option to join their cohort CISD online students for a week long study tour to New York and Washington DC or Geneva. The study tour includes briefings at international organisations, such as the UN, giving students the opportunity to interact with speakers with questions and gain an understanding of first-hand experiences of the practices of international organisations.

*\* an 'E-tivity' is a framework for online, active and interactive learning following a format which states clearly to the students its 'Purpose'; the 'Task' at hand; the contribution or 'Response' type; and the 'Outcome' (Salmon, G. (2002) E-tivities: The Key to Active Online Learning, New York and London: Routledge Falmer.)*

## Fees

**MSc**     £10,000

## Entry requirements

Each application is assessed on its individual merits and entry requirements may be modified in light of relevant professional experience and where the applicant can demonstrate a sustained practical interest in the international field.

## Masters

2:1 UK degree or international equivalent (in a relevant subject). Applicants with professional experience will be considered.

## English Language Competency

You will be required to have a high level of English language ability in reading and writing, and in study skills. If your first degree was not taught in English, you will need to provide evidence of language ability as tested by the British Council or another registered body. We require the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0, with no less than 7.0 in each of the writing and reading tests.

## Key dates

	Study Session 1 2016/17	Study Session 2 2016/17	Study Session 1 2017/18	Study Session 2 2017/18
Application deadline	30 Sep 2016	31 Mar 2017	30 Sept 2017	31 Mar 2018
Start of Study Session	18 Oct 2016	18 Apr 2017	17 Oct 2017	17 Apr 2017
End of Study Session	10 Feb 2017	11 Aug 2017	9 Feb 2018	10 Aug 2017

You will require internet access to participate in our programmes.

## Apply now

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## MA Global Diplomacy

Convenor: **Dr J. Simon Rofe**

Established in 2013 and based on 20 years of experience within the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy (CISD), this programme allows you to deepen your understanding of international affairs and contemporary diplomatic practice. The programme brings together cutting-edge research in delivering an engaging and stimulating student experience in a dynamic field of study.

You will acquire the knowledge, understanding, and skills necessary to proceed to careers in a range of professional contexts where diplomacy is relevant. Equally, the programme provides the learning opportunities to enable you to acquire the interdisciplinary knowledge to undertake further advanced studies and research in the area of global diplomacy.

This programme has its foundations in an established heritage of high-quality teaching and research within SOAS' CISD, and has now provided the foundation for other Online Learning programmes such as Global Diplomacy: South Asia.

### Structure:

Students take four modules comprising one core and three elective modules (30 credits each) and complete a dissertation (60 credits).

### Core modules:

- The Art of Negotiation
- Dissertation

### Elective modules:\*

- America and the World: US Foreign Policy
- Diplomatic Systems
- Global Diplomacy: Global Citizenship and Advocacy
- Global Energy and Climate Policy
- Global International Organisation: United Nations in the World
- Global Public Policy
- International Economics
- International History and International Relations
- International Security
- Muslim Minorities in a Global Context
- Sport and Diplomacy
- Strategic Studies

### Who should take this programme?

The degree prepares students for any role where an understanding of diplomacy is relevant including roles such as those within a Foreign Service or other government department, international civil service (such as the United Nations or European Union), international NGOs (working in fields such as development, humanitarian assistance and conflict resolution), as well as multinational corporations and international business, law and media.

*\*Subject to availability*

## MA Global Diplomacy (South Asia)

Convenor: **Dr J. Simon Rofe**

The Global Diplomacy programme will allow you to deepen your understanding of international affairs and contemporary diplomatic practice with regional focus on South Asia and Afghanistan and delivers a Diplomatic Academy Expert level curriculum.

Successful students will be able to reflect critically on information received and extract key elements from complex information. They will be able to develop and support critical argument and policy recommendations, and present written materials clearly and effectively. They will also be able to identify research issues, and work creatively, flexibly and co-operatively with others.

### Structure:

Students take four modules comprising two core and two elective modules (30 credits each) and complete a dissertation (60 credits). Of the taught modules, one core module and one elective module must be from the South Asia list, while one core module and one elective module must be from the Diplomacy list.

### Core modules:

- Economy, Politics and Society in South Asia
- Art of Negotiation
- Dissertation

This programme is delivered by the CISD and the SOAS South Asia Institute (SSAI), in association with the FCO's Diplomatic Academy, using a combination of multi-disciplinary teaching, cutting-edge research and public discussion of diplomacy and international politics in a globalised world.

### Elective modules:\*

South Asia:

- Diplomacy in a South Asian Context
- Governance and Political Economy of South Asia
- South Asian Development in the 21st Century
- The Political Economy of India
- India's Foreign and Security Policy
- Contemporary India: State, Society and Politics
- Afghanistan: Strategic and Geopolitical Perspectives
- Pakistan: Security, State and Religion
- Political Islam in South Asia

Diplomacy:

- Diplomatic Systems
- Global Diplomacy: Global Citizenship and Advocacy
- Global Public Policy
- Global Media
- International Organisations: UN in the World
- International Relations and International History
- International Security
- Strategic Studies

### Who should take this programme?

The degree equips students with specialist knowledge in South Asia for roles such as those within a Foreign Service or other government department, international civil service (such as the United Nations or European Union), international NGOs (working in fields such as development, humanitarian assistance and conflict resolution), as well as multinational corporations and international media.

*\*Subject to availability*





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The reason that I started the MA Global Diplomacy was because as a mid-career professional, who has been in the Foreign Service for 20 years, I was really interested in getting a solid conceptual, theoretical basis to the work that I do.

The course has given me the opportunity to think about the broad range of issues that affect international relations today and the wider sets of issues that you need to consider when you're working in the foreign policy area.

I think that the course is probably interesting for anybody, not necessarily someone who is working directly in foreign policy but anybody who is interested in understanding how the world works and the particular issues that face the international community at the moment.”

**Damien Cole**  
**MA Global Diplomacy (2016)**  
**Ambassador of Ireland to Egypt, Cairo**

Location: Cairo, Egypt



## MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy

Convenors: **Dr Harald Heubaum**

The MSc Global Energy and Climate Policy is the online version of the successful campus degree of the same name. It provides students with a detailed understanding of the transformative change in energy systems now under way around the world and equips them with the knowledge and skills needed to play a part in it. It treats energy and climate change policy as inextricably linked, taking an integrated approach to the study of the two fields. Case studies are drawn from around the world, accounting for different conditions in developed, newly-industrialised and developing country contexts.

The MSc's focus is on policy and policymaking in the energy and climate space as the key to enabling change and creating the requisite legal and regulatory environment within which the low-carbon energy system of the future can develop and grow. It introduces students to the key energy sources, their economic and technical bases and how they are regulated. It further analyses energy and climate governance at the international level, and discusses the geopolitics of energy.

### Structure:

Students will study four modules, comprising two core and two elective modules (30 credits each). You will also be required to complete a dissertation (60 credits).

### Core modules:

- Global Energy and Climate Policy
- Global Public Policy
- Dissertation

### Elective modules:\*

- The Art of Negotiation
- America and the World: US Foreign Policy
- Diplomatic Systems
- Global Diplomacy: Global Citizenship and Advocacy
- Global International Organisation: United Nations in the World
- International Economics
- International History and International Relations
- International Security
- Muslim Minorities in a Global Context
- Sport and Diplomacy
- Strategic Studies

### Who should take this programme?

This degree is suitable for individuals wishing to take their next step in a multitude of careers in public, private and non-profit contexts, including public administration and government departments, the diplomatic service and international organisations, energy companies, strategic policy and risk advisory consultancies, government relations and public affairs, policy advocacy, think tanks and academia.

*\*A range of additional modules specific to Global Energy and Climate Policy adapted from and added to current campus modules are in development. These include: Global Environmental Law and Governance, Green Finance and Investment, Energy Policy in the Asia-Pacific, and Energy Diplomacy and Geopolitics, subject to final administrative approval.*

*\*Subject to availability*

## MA Muslim Minorities in a Global Context

Convenor: **Dr Sarah Stewart**

Recent political shifts in Muslim majority countries have put Muslim minorities in the spotlight and impacted upon their relationship with their host societies.

This new programme gives you an opportunity to consider Muslim minority communities comparatively, within both western and non-western contexts. You will explore key themes such as ethnicity, gender, and the varieties of religious interpretations and practices that have resulted in issues and challenges arising uniquely within different Muslim minority communities. The programme is highly interdisciplinary and offers a flexible combination of module choices including for example, law, history, international relations, and diplomacy as well as an Introduction to Islam.

You will acquire skills necessary to work in a wide range of professions that require an understanding of inter-cultural relations and policymaking at both local and national levels. You will also gain the expertise to evaluate materials from different sources such as the media, government reports and legal documents as well as academic research.

### Structure:

Students take four modules (comprising one core and three elective) over two years and write a dissertation.

### Core modules:

- Muslim Minorities in a Global Context
- Dissertation

### Elective modules:\*

- Introduction to Islam
- Muslim Minorities and the State: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
- Islamic Law in a Global Context
- Religions and Development
- Global Public Policy
- International Security
- Strategic Studies
- Political Islam in South Asia
- Contemporary India, State, Society and Politics.

### Who should take this programme?

This programme is designed for students wishing to gain an in-depth understanding of the challenges faced by Muslim minority communities and their host societies as well as the debates surrounding the place of religious minorities in secular societies. It is an ideal programme to balance alongside employment in journalism, education, research and doctoral studies, social work and development, government and the armed forces.

*\*Subject to availability*





## Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

### Global Diplomacy: Diplomacy in the Modern World

Taught by: **Dr J. Simon Rofe**

Duration: **5 weeks**

This course brings together cutting edge research in the broad fields of Diplomatic and International Studies to explore diplomacy in the modern world, evaluate diplomatic success and failures and diplomacy in action.

After completing the 'Global Diplomacy' MOOC, learners will have:

- the ability to demonstrate a critical understanding of the nature and development of global diplomacy, drawing on a variety of relevant contributing disciplines in the broad field of International Studies.
- an understanding of changes in diplomatic practices and procedures and the relationship of those changes to contemporary politics.
- a sound grounding in both theoretical and empirical approaches to debates in diplomacy, so that students have been exposed to the skills needed to analyse global diplomacy.
- knowledge of issues in global diplomacy in historical and contemporary contexts.

### Understanding Research Methods

Taught by: **Dr J. Simon Rofe, Dr Yenn Lee**

Duration: **4 weeks**

This MOOC is about demystifying research and research methods. It will outline the fundamentals of doing research, aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at the postgraduate level. It places the student experience at the centre of our endeavours by engaging learners in a range of robust and challenging discussions and exercises befitting SOAS University of London's status as a research-intensive university and its rich research heritage.

The course will appeal individuals who require an understanding of research approaches and skills, and importantly an ability to deploy them in your studies or in your professional lives. In particular, this course will aid individuals who have to conduct research as part of their postgraduate studies but do not perhaps have access to research methods courses, or for those who would like additional support for self-improvement. No prior knowledge or experience in research is required to take this course and as such, the course is suitable for all.

## Coming soon...

### Global Diplomacy: The United Nations in the World

Taught by: **Dr Dan Plesch, Dr Ashley Cox**

Duration: **6 weeks**

The Global Diplomacy: The United Nations in the World MOOC will offer a well-researched and broad-ranging primer to the United Nations system, providing students with an introduction to the complex UN family and its history, and a series of 'snapshots' of key UN functions.

Through the exploration of these important UN themes, learners will develop important analysis, communication, and policy-based skills.

### Global Energy and Climate Policy

Taught by: **Dr Harald Heubaum**

Duration: **6 weeks**

As energy markets go truly global, domestic energy policies are becoming more and more entangled with wider issues of international governance. In this MOOC students will explore the changing role of fossil fuels, nuclear power, renewables, climate and energy governance, energy security, as well as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and its implications for both international and domestic action. Students will gain a theoretical and practical understanding of how energy and climate change policies are designed, shaped, advocated and implemented.

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