Dear Reader,

The Undergraduate Political Review has made some great progress in this last month and we have plenty of great content yet to come.

**Recruitment**
After much interest and numerous interviews the full LSEUPR team for 2016/2017 has been recruited. After the initial appointments of an incoming Editor-in-Chief and several associate editors, several key positions such as secretary and IT manager were made later in the month and will be working with the current team in preparation for next year.

**Blog posts**
We have had some great recent submissions to keep our associate editors busy including pieces as diverse as an [analysis of children living in the Calais jungle](#) to a [critique on presenting Ai Wei Wei merely as a dissident from the Chinese state](#). We are really proud that we can contribute such varied and multi-disciplinary literature to the political debate at LSE.

In the coming weeks readers can expect a review of the recent talk with John McDonnell to supplement the fascinating interview we were able to record, as well as pieces on freedom of information and the recent junior doctors strike.

**Dissertations, tea and cakes**
The UPR recently held a social gathering in the Government department common room for students currently writing a dissertation. We explained our goals and objectives to the room of about 30-40 people, all of whom seemed very interested and keen in contributing their research and hard work to the journal; it certainly bodes well for our future output.

**The UPR Course**
The “Quant for Qual” course continues to power ahead with an ever increasing number of attendees. The students we have lecturing have recently moved on to more complex statistical ideas such as hypothesis testing, selection bias and confounders and are really giving a great statistical foundation for students who may not typically be able to access quantitative research.

Looking ahead
Our Editor-in-Chief Jack Winterton has been working to establish connections with students from universities across the world to establish LSE as the hub for the best undergraduate political research. We hope this will provide a deep and diverse literature from which to draw our blogs and research and that it will encourage a multi-disciplinary reading of politics amongst our readership. Elsewhere we have been looking at expanding the UPR course next year, working hard with our writers to keep a continuous stream of high quality journal and blog pieces coming, and seeking to further develop our connection with the LSE academic community to work towards progressing our mission.

We’d like to thank everyone so much for their support in the UPR project. We are always open and free to discuss how we can continue expanding and moving forward. Please do get in touch!

Many thanks,

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