March Newsletter

March marks the concluding month of the Lent term and the Undergraduate Political Review has been as busy as ever creating great content.

UPR Conference

Work is underway to organise the LSE UPR conference during the summer term of this academic year. The conference will act as a platform for undergraduate students to share their research and connect with the academic community within London. In holding the conference, we also help to spark greater interest among second year students to publish their own work in the future.

Interview with Hilary Benn

Our incoming Editor-in-Chief Joshua Manby recently interviewed Hilary Benn, MP for Leeds and Shadow Foreign Secretary, following his ‘British Government @ LSE’ conversation on Britain and Europe at the LSE on 17 March. The Shadow Foreign secretary discussed Britain’s unstable position in Europe, the EU referendum and the importance of democracy, through looking at why the right to vote shouldn’t be taken for granted.

The UPR Course

Week 10 saw the final Quant for Qual session of the year being held. Through the teaching of quantitative skills, the course introduces the theory and practice of empirical research in the social sciences to the qualitative student body at LSE. Manav Chaudhary (BSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics),
Director of Quant for Qual had this to say about the experience: “Teaching the QfQ course was personally an extremely enjoyable and rewarding experience. We had a great 10 weeks covering topics from the fundamental basics of statistical inference all the way to the cutting edge developments in quasi-experimental design. While I am stepping down from the LSE UPR course, and leaving it in the safe and able hands of Ahnaf Al Rafi and Benjamin Toh.”

**Looking Ahead**

Joshua Manby will be taking over from Jack Winterton as Editor-in-Chief, alongside the new 2016/17 team who have spent the last month gaining experience through shadowing outgoing members. The outgoing members of the LSEUPR team hope to still work closely with the journal as alumni to continues to encourage the publication of high level political research at an undergraduate level at the LSE and around the world.