

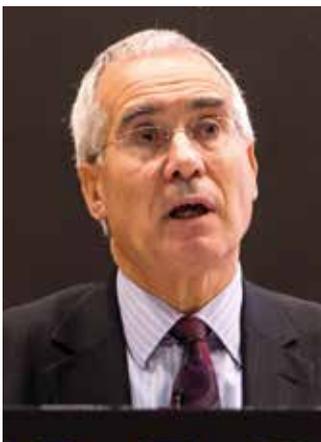


THE LONDON SCHOOL
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LSE Cities

EXECUTIVE MSc IN CITIES

2019 ADMISSION



Speakers and participants at LSE Cities events have included international, national and metropolitan leaders – Joan Clos (Former Director of UN-Habitat), Angela Merkel (Chancellor of Germany), Ada Colau (Mayor of Barcelona), Sheila Dikshit (former Chief Minister of Delhi), Jennifer Musisi (Executive Director of Kampala Capital City Authority), Anthony Williams (Former Mayor of Washington D.C.) and Babatunde Fashola (Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Nigeria); leading architects and planners (Alejandro Aravena, Curator of the 15th International Architecture Exhibition); academics (economist Nicholas Stern) and key city officials (Janette Sadik Khan, former New York City Transport Commissioner).

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WELCOME

Based at LSE Cities, an international research centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Executive MSc in Cities brings together experts from across LSE and its wider global network to train the urban leaders of tomorrow. The programme builds upon the Centre's extensive interdisciplinary urban research programme, social science research methods and wide range of public and private sector advisory activities. It also harnesses LSE Cities' substantial networks of global city policymakers and practitioners established through its Urban Age programme over the last decade.

The New Urban Agenda, adopted by the United Nations in October 2016, confirms the need for strong leadership that can influence and negotiate change in complex urban situations. The Executive MSc in Cities has been tailored to address the key challenges generated by global urbanisation and is designed to equip urban policy-makers, professionals and managers with the skills they need to apply sustainable solutions to real-world urban change. It also draws on the Centre's expertise in co-leading on "Urban governance, capacity and institutional development" – one of ten policy units that helped shape the New Urban Agenda – and writing the cities chapter for the New Climate Economy report.

The 18-month executive, evidence-based programme is aimed at working professionals in the public, private and third sectors who want to rethink the way their organisations are delivering large-scale change in cities. As such, it consists of five intensive teaching weeks, comprised of lectures, workshops and seminars led by LSE's world-leading faculty and high-profile guest speakers with direct governmental, civic and industrial experience of urban change. Through these sessions, participants are exposed to the latest analysis, strategy and delivery tools to address urgent issues of urban inequality, economic development and environmental sustainability.



A transformational programme for urban professionals. 

**Dr Joan Clos, Executive Director
UN-Habitat (2010-17)**

GLOBAL FACULTY

The programme is led by Professor Ricky Burdett, Dr Philipp Rode, Professor Tony Travers and Dr Savvas Verdis, bringing a unique experience of urban governance, design, transport, finance and economic development in global cities with input from LSE faculty and a network of visiting Global Fellows.



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THE PROGRAMME JOURNEY

A unique programme taking you through all stages of the policy and project lifecycle with the leadership skills to help you strategise, engage and deliver.



SESSION 1: THE CHALLENGE

16-20 September 2019

THEMATIC FOCUS

What are the world's major urban challenges? Meet the decision makers who are leading through change and analyse your organisation's position.

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Values. This opening week will help you understand your leadership values and styles. How are you placed to effectively lead change in your city?



SESSION 2: ANALYSIS

9-13 December 2019

THEMATIC FOCUS

The analytic frameworks to help you understand the latest economic, environmental and social trends in cities, including key performance indicators and understanding multicriteria assessments.

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Diagnose. See challenges from a systems-based approach. Move beyond the analysis of urban conditions to their underlying structures, mental models and cultural values that are often resistant to the change you want to deliver.



SESSION 3: STRATEGY

10-14 February 2020

THEMATIC FOCUS

Strategic visions, forecasting and innovation. How are cities positioning themselves for more sustainable futures? How to translate broader conceptual ideas to specific urban contexts?

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Strategise. Design strategies and pathways to action. Build your own theory of change and inspire and campaign for a shared vision amongst conflicting agents.



SESSION 4: DELIVERY

20-24 April 2020

THEMATIC FOCUS

Delivery vehicles, governance structures and financing mechanisms for environmental, social and economic programmes and projects.

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Innovate. Understand how institutions think and create innovation cultures within your organisation.



SESSION 5: TASKFORCE

22-26 June 2020

THEMATIC FOCUS

Participants will act as consultants in one of two city-focused institutions. One organisation will be seeking your collective advice on metropolitan level strategic planning and infrastructure provision. The other will focus on a local master plan for a development area.

LEADERSHIP FOCUS

Collaborate. Engage in a collaborative planning framework that brings people together to achieve the change you want to implement. Facilitate agreement and negotiate.



INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY

Six months

Having consulted for an organisation in Session 5 as part of the taskforce, you will conduct an individual strategic advisory/management project within an organisation of your choice.

COURSES

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GOVERNING CITIES IN AN URBAN AGE

This introductory course, delivered in Session 1, provides an intensive exploration of the global organisation and the performance of cities.

CITIES AND SOCIETY: DESIGN AND SOCIAL COHESION

This course looks at the major drivers of urban inequality and poverty and the key actions that cities are taking through urban design, infrastructure and policy.

CITIES AND THE ECONOMY: URBAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE

This is an applied course looking at how cities position themselves in a competitive global economy and on the role of city government and firms in driving local economic development.

CITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT: URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSITIONS

This course explores critical aspects of environmental sustainability in relation to both urbanisation globally and urban change in individual cities.

URBAN CONSULTATION PROJECT

This is a six-month individual consultation undertaken by a participant in an organisation of their choice.

ELECTIVE COURSES

URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

This is a workshop based course delivered in partnership with an external organisation, providing practical insights on infrastructure development and strategic planning for cities.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MASTER PLANNING

This is an applied group project based on a major regeneration site.



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TEACHING METHODS

The Executive MSc in Cities programme utilises an innovative blend of face-to-face teaching, online learning and coaching to help participants develop the skills they need to become future urban leaders.

CLASSROOM

Sessions 1-4 consist of lectures, seminars, workshops and roundtables, delivered by LSE faculty and high-profile guest speakers. Through these sessions, participants engage with leading academics and professionals to enhance their understanding of urban design, economic development and environmental sustainability.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The LSE Executive Leadership Programme is designed to aid professional development and help our participants solve real-world problems. Integrated into each of the five teaching sessions, the Leadership Programme uses small group work and action learning sets to help participants become more effective leaders in their organisations.

SITE AND ORGANISATION VISITS

During sessions 1-4, participants attend sessions in a variety of local governmental, private and third sector organisations involved with running and developing London. Participants are also given the opportunity to join tours of London's urban development and regeneration areas led by the key actors who have led urban change in the city.

DISTANCE LEARNING

In between teaching sessions, participants are supported in their learning through a series of online challenges delivered through collaborative online teaching tools. In addition to these, the programme directors run regular virtual office hours to discuss assessments, answer questions and offer feedback.



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Maria Vassilakou

Deputy Mayor of Vienna (2010-18)

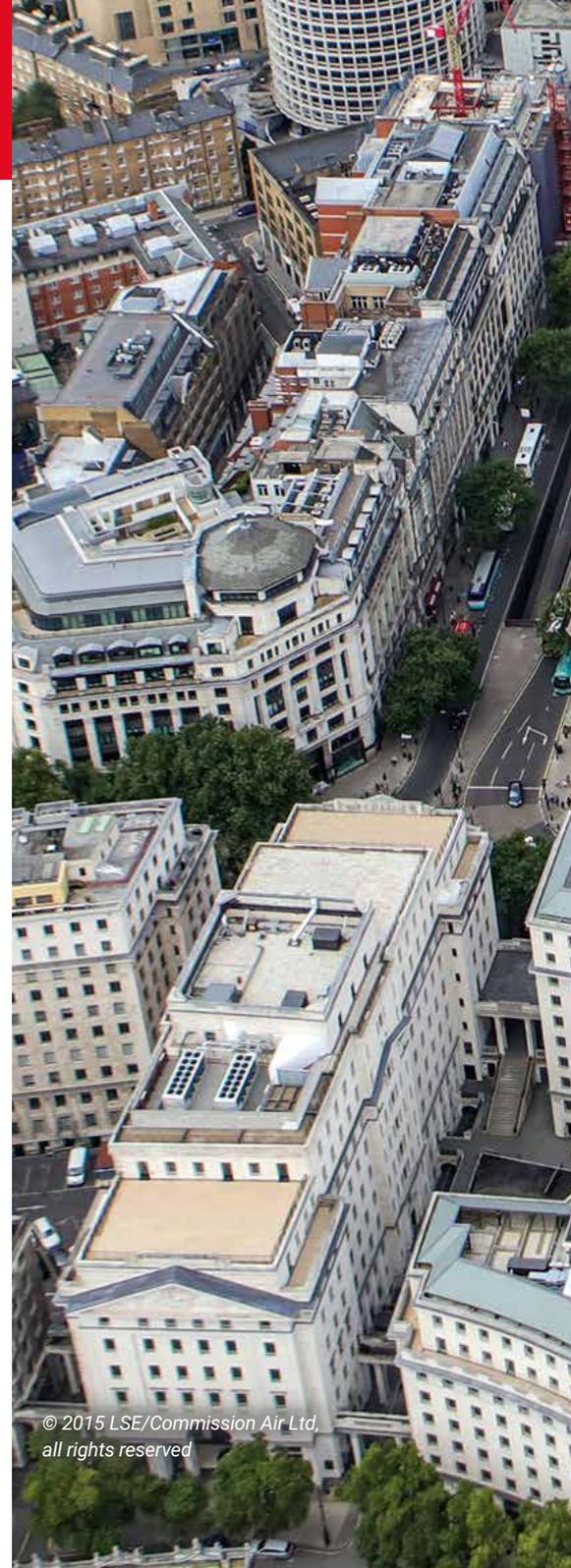
Executive MSc in Cities Participant 2017/18

LSE EXPERIENCE

LSE offers a unique opportunity to study the social sciences at a university with a worldwide academic reputation, while enjoying the cultural, social and recreational facilities of one of the world's capital cities. Situated in the heart of central London, the School is located in one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, being very much a part of the "real world".

LSE Cities is an unrivalled centre for postgraduate study in the areas of city design, urban and regional planning, urbanisation and development, and the economic, social, political and policy aspects of contemporary urban life. LSE researchers bring together a range of disciplinary expertise to link the urban social sciences with the design and governance of cities, urban infrastructure, environment and development, with a unique concentration of urban specialists in different subject areas – Development Studies, Economics, Geography and Environment, Government, Social Policy, and Sociology. In 2017, LSE won the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Further and Higher Education 2016-18, awarded for LSE Cities' work on "training, research and policy formulation for cities of the future and a new generation of urban leaders around the world."

At an institution offering cutting-edge intellectual resources in a wide range of subjects from economics and finance, to sociology and philosophy, participants will benefit from a broader approach to learning. Our internationally renowned faculty are research leaders in their fields, and bring years of industry experience and academic expertise to the classroom. Participants will draw on the interdisciplinary knowledge and research at LSE, to explore urbanisation in geo-political and socio-economic contexts.



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This programme brings together participants who are both professionally and geographically diverse, each of whom brings their own perspective. Sitting in the room, I feel I am able to draw from a wealth of experience and knowledge from different professions and from across the world. ”

Hastings Chikoko
Regional Director for Africa, C40
Johannesburg, South Africa
Executive MSc in Cities Participant 2016/17

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BENEFITS TO YOUR ORGANISATION

As an executive participant, your development on the programme will bring many valuable benefits to your organisation.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Studying whilst working, you can immediately apply your newly gained knowledge, skills and strategies in your workplace, contributing to new and improved efficiency and effectiveness in your team. You will be able to demonstrate enhanced communication, negotiation and influencing skills and confidence with your contextual understanding of the problems facing urban environments. Supporting a student from your organisation offers instant return on investment.

DEVELOPING TALENT

Being a sponsored executive student signals a strong interest in the development of the staff within your organisation. Such a commitment to nurturing talent will increase motivation, loyalty and in turn strengthen the leadership of your organisation.

CONSULTING FOR YOUR COMPANY

Through the choice of two final courses, the programme will be tailored to your organisation's specific business needs. This will be further developed during the six month consultancy project in which you will be expected to analyse specific challenges facing your business. With lectures and workshops led by world renowned faculty and a network –of global urban thinkers, their leadership, knowledge and expertise flow directly into your organisation.

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

You will have access to high-profile urban leaders and researchers, and associated events which will offer your organisation the opportunity to tap into diverse new resources and knowledge. Your classmates will offer exposure to a wide range of professional and regional perspectives which will build your employer's global mobility. You will gain access to our global alumni network and retain this access for life, enabling your organisation to benefit from a senior leadership network.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION

Our team will be very happy to discuss sponsorship options with you and/or your employer, ensuring that the programme is best suited to your organisation's objectives; and to your professional development needs and experience.

NEXT STEPS

We welcome applications from working professionals based in any location around the world who are committed to leading large-scale change in cities. Our minimum requirements are below.

- Typically, a minimum of ten years of professional experience in an urban related public/private/third sector, or professionals with a similar level of experience who wish to move into the urban sector.
- A good first degree: UK 2:1 or higher, OR equivalent professional qualification.
- Higher level English language: If you are not a national of a UKVI-approved English-speaking country, you can meet the LSE's language requirements in a number of ways. These include achieving the required grade in a recognised English language test or completing a course of study in a UKVI-approved English speaking country. Please consult the LSE website for details.
- Two references: two professional references, OR one professional reference and one academic reference.
- Personal statement: include your interest and suitability for the programme, career achievements and ambitions, what you hope to get out of the programme and what you believe you can bring to the class.
- CV or résumé.

If you would like to find out if this programme is right for you, we offer personal consultations for prospective applicants.

Please email your CV or résumé to us at exec.lsecities@lse.ac.uk and a member of the programme team will get in touch.

All enquiries should be made to:

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All applications are made through LSE's Graduate Admissions Office. It is recommended to apply early to avoid disappointment:

lse.ac.uk/study/graduate



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