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Key Contributors to the Programme and Their Research Interests

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- Health, development, gender, social inequalities, social exclusion.
- Social representations, the media, and development.

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Dr Jared Pizzi
- Social representations, the psychology of place, crime and community, participation, community development, primary health care in the community, mental health, identity.

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Dr Robin Stockley
- Social psychology, crime and community, safety, gender, social exclusion, social capital, public health and health promotion, stigma, cultural change, social change, social exclusion.

Dr Lucy Garcia
- Organisational theory and culture, communication and knowledge management in organisations.
- Reframing and organisational change.
- New organisational forms, complexity theory and research methods.

Dr Bradley Tranks
- Cognitive psychology, social psychology, reasoning, cognition and culture, communication and pragmatics, social influence and social change, social representations, the media, social influence, social change.

Dr Andy Wells
- Cognitive science, history of computation, computational research methods, philosophy of psychology, evolutionary psychology.

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The London School of Economics and Political Science is the world’s leading research and teaching institution in the social sciences. LSE has almost 6,500 students, 54% undergraduates and 46% postgraduates, from the UK and more than 140 countries worldwide. The diverse and cosmopolitan student population ensures a dynamic environment in which to study.

LSE’s academic strength has been consistently recognised by UK government and independent assessments. Teaching and research quality is monitored to ensure a high standard is maintained throughout subject areas. In the most recent government administered Research Assessment Exercise of UK universities, LSE was ranked as one of the top two research universities in the UK.

About the Institute of Social Psychology
The Institute is a key international centre for the study of a number of issues in contemporary social psychology. First founded in 1964, the Institute is the largest concentration of social psychologists in Europe with 11 members of staff reflecting a range of international backgrounds and experience and some 150 students pursuing specialist Masters programmes and PhD research projects.

Teaching is research-led and among the current wide range of interests are health, collective action, community development, social inequalities, social change, social representations, the media, organisational psychology, cultural psychology, discourse and communication, resistance to change, risk communication, public opinion, racism and multiculturalism, economic psychology, sexuality, gender and social identities.

In keeping with LSE’s character, the Institute has a lively, stimulating and cosmopolitan atmosphere which benefits all those who study in it. The Institute’s international outlook is reflected in the number of academic visitors from other countries and in the research and collaborative networks stretching from across Europe, South to North America to Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.

The Institute has an excellent facilities for research purposes with technicians to provide expert advice and assistance over a broad range of areas. The Institute has close links with the Department of Sociology at LSE and also LSE’s interdisciplinary institutes and research centres, the Development Studies Institute, LSE Health, the Management Institute and the Methodology Institute, LSE-IABS, and with the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation. It has strong international links at postgraduate level and in joint research within Europe (both East and West – supported by TEMPS) and other EC programmes and with institutions in both North and South America and Africa.

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To be considered for a place you should normally have a good honours degree in one of the social sciences. Relevant professional experience would also be desirable, though not essential.

The MSc explores the role of community participation and small-scale collective action in public health and health promotion. It pays particular attention to the psycho-social processes underlying the impact of collective action on health, and explores the mechanisms whereby social development approaches have the potential to lead not only to improved health, but also to transformational social action.

The Starting point of the programme is that efforts to promote health and well-being and to reduce disease need to combine what are often called top-down and bottom-up approaches. Whilst the primary focus of the programme will be the bottom-up dimension, emphasis will continually be laid on the inter-dependence of these two levels of action and analysis.

The programme will draw on sub-disciplines of community psychology, critical health psychology and social psychology. Where appropriate, attention will also be given to the overlap between these areas of psychology and the areas of anthropology, sociology, political science, development studies and social policy.

Central themes include:
- strategies for mobilising grassroots communities to participate in health-related community and social development activities;
- strategies for facilitating the success of such activities;
- the role of alliances and partnerships in supporting community-level action;
- the social psychology of participation;
- factors shaping the likelihood that participation will have any positive impact individual and community health and well-being;
- psycho-social determinants of health-related behaviour;
- the psycho-social and community-level processes that mediate between health policies and intervention on the one hand and the health-related experience and behaviour of individuals on the other;
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- Health, Community and Development Representations, Institutions and Health and Population in Developing and Transitional Societies (H)
- Anthropology of Civil Society, the State and Development (H)
- Modern Social Psychology (H)

Optional courses
- Biomedical, Psychological and Social Aspects of Genomics (H)
- Social Influence, Group Processes and Social Psychology (H)
- Public Opinion and Political Representation (H)
- Science, Social Influence and Public Understanding of Biotechnology (H)
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