

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the first issue of 'The Public Sphere: Graduate Journal of Public Policy'!

Imagined by students and faculty of the London School of Economics' Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) this past year, *The Public Sphere* seeks to present a platform for graduate students to actively contribute to global debates on contemporary policy issues, at the very heart of the idea of LSE. This student-driven initiative brings together diverse academic, research and applied work in policy analysis across the streams of Public Administration at LSE: Social Policy, Economic Policy, Management, European Policy and Development Policy.

The journal showcases the academic excellence and diversity across LSE's Institute of Public Affairs, and encourages a free exchange of ideas and arguments from a uniquely international student body. To ensure students have a running forum to publish and discuss their ideas through the year, the Editorial team also present the *Off the Spectrum* policy blog that hosts smart, engaging commentary on current issues. Both the Journal and Blog are targeted to students, alumni, academics and policy makers.

We aim that *The Public Sphere* and *Off the Spectrum* will in time become the place for constant debate for its readers. More information about the Journal and Blog, including details on submission can be found at these links respectively: <http://publicspherejournal.com/journal/> and <http://offthespectrum.org/about/>.

We hope you enjoy this first issue and the many more to come!

The Public Sphere Team