



# SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Issue No.20 September 2018

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

## Welcome



Prof. Sujoy Mukerji

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very warm welcome to the School of Economics and Finance at Queen Mary University. It has been another exciting year for SEF and there are many great things to come this year.

On the 16th October 2017 John Curtice came to speak to SEF as part of the Annual Guest Lecture speaker series on the topic 'Can we trust the polls?'. Professor Curtice is a regular media commentator on British politics, and head of the team responsible for the analysis of the BBC/ITV/Sky joint general election exit poll. His talk addressed the apparent unreliability of polls in recent times.

In January 2018 we were very pleased to welcome Silvana Tenreiro, Monetary Policy Committee Member of the Bank of England, to deliver the 2018 Peston Lecture entitled "The Fall in Productivity Growth: Causes and Implications". We are already planning our lectures for the 2018/19 academic year, please do come along.

In March this year the QM Trading and Investment Society collaborated with the School for the first time to deliver an excellent alumni event that over 130 alumni and current students attended. It was an excellent opportunity to network and we were delighted to welcome back our graduates and help to reinforce the dynamic community of SEF students, past and present.

In April we jointly organized, with the Central Bank of Malta a conference titled "the euro: views from the Commonwealth". The conference provided an opportunity for scholars, central bankers and policy practitioners from the Commonwealth countries and Europe to express their views and perceptions about the global role of the euro in the post-crisis world economy.

In May we hosted the first leg of this year's Review of Economic Studies Tour. The two-day conference consisted of seminars given by the seven best final-year doctoral students in Economics, from across the world, as selected by editors of the Review of Economic Studies.

In June the School held its annual PhD conference, where 9 of our research students had the opportunity to present their latest research to their peers. Our MRes and PhD programmes are still going strong, and news about recent successful vivas are included inside.

In July the School of Economics and Finance Queen Mary Master's Investment Fund (QUMMIF) presented an evening of awards to congratulate students for their achievements towards the success of the investment fund. We are proud to announce that QUMMIF have now been offered sponsorship from a private company.

On the 25th July the Undergraduate class of 2018 graduated after three years of hard work. A good number of students have already managed to secure graduate jobs and we wish all our graduates the very best of luck with their future careers.

Throughout the year the School has engaged in a number of different outreach and widening participation events in order to establish and maintain our relationships within the local community and schools. SEF believes that participating in such events helps to develop diversity which is both educationally and socially desirable, enriching the educational experience for all students. Highlights this year included the Economics Festival and Festival of Communities which are covered in greater detail inside.

In other news, joining us this year are several new members of academic staff: Dhruva Bhaskar, Sang Yoon (Tim) Lee, Claire S.H. Lim and Yu Zheng. You may read more about them and their research on page 11. We have also had a number of new administration staff join us this year. Michelle Restarick has taken the role of Head of Admin, Fabienne Paul has joined us as Finance Officer and Sarah Riley has taken up the new post of Teaching and Learning Manager. James Kilvington has moved to the role of Postgraduate Taught Programmes Manager, Claire Cooper has joined us as Undergraduate Programmes Manager and Jubeda Shamima Khatun has joined us as Administrative Assistant. A very hearty welcome to all our new colleagues!

I look forward to being able to meet some of you at forthcoming events.

**Professor Sujoy Mukerji**  
Head of School



## Alumni Event 2018

In March 2018 the School of Economics and Finance partnered with the QM Trading & Investment Society to organise a joint alumni event. We were delighted to have 50 alumni and 80 students join us, as well as many SEF lecturers attending the event. The evening event took place on the top floor of the newly built Graduate Centre, with views of Canary Wharf and the City of London as a fitting backdrop. This was an excellent chance for students and alumni to network, in a relaxed environment over music, drinks, and nibbles. Thank you to everyone who came along, we are planning to make this a regular event and, hopefully, grow the community of alumni who will be able to attend.



## UK productivity may beat forecasts, says Bank of England's Silvana Tenreyro

The School of Economics and Finance hosted its annual Peston Lecture on Monday 15th January 2018 this year. This annual lecture series honours the memory of Professor Lord Maurice Peston, who founded the Economics department (now the School of Economics and Finance) at Queen Mary and served as its first Head. In recognition of Lord Peston's own combination of scholarly achievement and public service, the Peston Lectures focus on the interface of economics and public policy.

This year's Peston lecture was delivered by Professor Silvana Tenreyro, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England on Monday 15th January 2018. The lecture was titled "The Fall in Productivity Growth: Causes and Implications". Productivity growth has slowed significantly since the financial crisis of 2007-08. The lecture discussed potential causes for this trend and discuss its implications for economic policy as well as prospects for the future.

This news story has been featured in The New York Times, Financial Times, Times, Daily Telegraph, City A.M., Mail Online, Reuters and Yahoo Finance.



## Careers Webinar at Postgraduate Students

In August 2018, SEF careers Team ran a webinar for all postgraduate offer holders. The webinar covered a range of topics such as UK labour market information, application processes, recruitment deadlines, job hunting resources, and advice for international students. The session has been recorded, for anyone who would like to review it at a later stage (please contact us to receive access to the recording). During Welcome Week, the Careers team will run 3 hours of induction sessions for postgraduate students, where they will cover similar content.

## Spring 2018 Workshop in Economic Theory

On Wednesday 6 June 2018 the School hosted the eighth annual Spring Workshop in Economic Theory at QMUL. This event brought together scholars and PhD students from in and around London for an afternoon of short talks and discussion on various topics in economic theory. Topics of Speakers for 2018:

Alireza Tahbaz-Salehi (Northwestern): “Information Aggregation and Efficiency in Heterogenous Markets” joint with Yaarit Even and Xavier Vives.

Massimo Marinacci (Bocconi): “Decision Processes”.

Vasiliki Skreta (UT Austin and UCL): “Mechanism Design with Limited Commitment: An Information Design Approach” joint with Laura Doval.

Yuliy Sannikov (Stanford GSB): “An Algorithm for Stochastic Games with Perfect Monitoring” joint with Dilip Abreu and Benjamin Brooks.

Bruno Strulovici (Northwestern): “Judicial Mechanism Design” joint with Ron Siegel.

Nenad Kos (Bocconi): “Signaling Covertly Acquired Information” joint with Mehmet Ekmekci.

The event was successfully organised by



Anja Prummer.

## The Euro: Voices from the Commonwealth

The Central Bank of Malta and Queen Mary University of London organised a joint conference titled “The Euro: Voices from the Commonwealth”. The conference, on the theme The euro: voices from the Commonwealth introduced a novel dimension in that issues related to the role of the euro in the global financial system had rarely been tackled by academics and policymakers from Commonwealth countries. Furthermore, the UK decision to withdraw from the EU generated additional interest.

The programme was organised by Elise Gourier (Queen Mary University of London) Caruana John (Central Bank of Malta), Tatsuro Senga (Queen Mary University of London) and Roman Sustek (Queen Mary University of London)



## QMUL Economics Festival 2018

The Economics Festival was first launched in 2016 as a part of the 50 year anniversary celebrations for the School of Economics and Finance at Queen Mary.

The Festival is a celebration of the subject designed for teachers and year 12 school groups. The one day event this year included dedicated sessions for teachers and students, including short lectures, interactive activities, competitions and games. It is the ideal opportunity for teachers to rediscover their passion for the subject, while students experience first-hand what it is like to study economics and finance at university.

Thank you to everyone in SEF who participated in making the festival run so smoothly!

## Festival of Communities 2018

The Festival of Communities is a collaboration between Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and over 40 local partner organisations, aiming to build connections across the borough.

The activities showcase the best of health, medical, science, engineering, humanities and social science projects and research from QMUL and local organisations, and are designed for local families to learn something new or try something different, and to provide an opportunity to meet and interact with people they haven't met before.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Festival of Communities this year held on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May 2018.

Our very own undergraduate Senior Tutor, Guglielmo Volpe, had an Economics stand at the Festival and introduced some basic economic principles to the young people of Tower Hamlets through the medium of chocolate!

For next year he has already started planning bigger and better things, be sure to come along! [www.qmul.ac.uk/festival](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/festival)



Guglielmo Volpe at the Economics Festival

## Peer Assisted Study Support scheme in SEF



As every year, the School's Peer Assisted Study Support scheme will be up and running from September 2018. Coordinated by the new PASS organisers, Ammarah Hassan and Saanya Tanveer, the PASS mentors are available to meet with year 1 students who are in need of some help or are just in search of some good friends with whom to share their experience.

PASS is a great way to benefit from the experience of students in higher years that have been in your position and are giving up their own time to make sure that you too can do well while at QM. The broad areas where you can get support are:

- Academic Support: Mentors can provide advice for lectures, assistance on problem sets and how to prepare for mid-terms/final exams
- Social Support: Financial issues, personal issues, opportunities for growth and further advice/counselling are all available. We take personal matters seriously and want the very best for you
- Careers Support: Mentors (with experience in banking and government) can guide you with personal experiences and advice for ensuring that you get the very best advice for your future careers

Check the PASS posters around the School and on the School's TV screens for details about the days and times the mentors are available to meet with you. You will also find the dates and times on the QMPlus UG Info Zone. If you would like more information about the PASS scheme please contact Ammarah ([ammarah.hassan@hss16.qmul.ac.uk](mailto:ammarah.hassan@hss16.qmul.ac.uk)) and/or Saanya ([s.tanveer@hss16.qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.tanveer@hss16.qmul.ac.uk)).

## PG Annual Summer Party @Thames Disco Cruise

To end the academic year, all PG students along with the SEF staff were invited to come along to mark the Summer Party. This year the venue was Thames Disco Cruise, The students danced the night away to the DJ's and enjoyed their drinks while enjoying the floodlit atmosphere of the Thames by night and seeing all the sights of London!



## Marketing Alumni Meet in China



## PG Annual Christmas Party @ Cargo Shoreditch

On 8th December, to end 2017 and celebrate festivities around Christmas, all SEF staff & PG students went to the Christmas Party. The event was hosted at Cargo, a buzzing, atmospheric venue for bands and DJs in disused railway yard with global menu and a garden. Over 100 students attended the party. Our students enjoyed from late evening until past midnight. Many of our teaching assistants, administration staff were also present and it was a very successful evening with good entertainment



### Chinese New Year @ Movie Night

This year we celebrated the Chinese New Year with a cup of Tea and small bites. Following that we watched the Movie "The Wolf of Wall Street".



## UG Programme Student Prize winners 2017-18

Congratulations to the following undergraduate students who received a college prize, an award based on academic excellence:

### **Drapers' Company Prize:**

Adam Patel (BSc Economics)  
Maria Chanentia (BSc Economics and Finance)  
Daniel Yehuda (BSc Economics)

### **Principal's Prize:**

Ella Gilbert (Economics)  
Denitsa Koleva (Economics, Statistics and Mathematics)

### **Congratulations to the following students who received a School Prize:**

#### **Corry Prize (for the best 3rd Year Economics Project)**

Krishnan Sudhir (BSc Economics)

Bernard Corry was a professor in the Department of Economics from 1966 until his retirement in 1996, and passed away in January 2001. He was always a strong advocate of projects, and to mark his many contributions to the Department of Economics, QMUL, and the economics profession in the UK, his colleagues established an annual prize for the best project. The first award of this prize was made in 1997.

#### **Coddington Prize (for improvement in 1st year mathematics and statistics)**

Neha Patel (BSc Economics)

Alan Coddington taught first year quantitative methods in the School and one of his students in 1966, impressed by the skill and humour which he brought to the task, established a prize of £100 in his memory to be awarded to the student showing the greatest improvement during their first year in quantitative modules.

#### **Kieran Dhaliwal Prize (for second year student based on a combination of academic merit and charity work)**

Ammarah Hassan (BSc Economics)

The School of Economics and Finance has set up an annual prize in honour of Kieran Dhaliwal, who was tragically killed in 2014. Kieran was a good student and contributed to society through charity work: in his spare time he used to teach mathematics and economics to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The prize intends to reflect these two characteristics of Kieran's life and is awarded to the second year student who meets the following requirements (1) excellent academic performance in the second year; (2) evidence of contribution to society through some form of charity work.

#### **Krystyna Renner Prize (awarded to the outstanding 2nd Year Economics and Politics student)**

Elia Benveniste (BSc Economics and Politics)

This prize was established by Mark Renner in 1994 in memory of his mother, and is awarded to a second year student on the basis of both effort and performance, with first preference being given to students on the Economics and Politics programme.



## PG Programme Student Prize winners 2016-17

School of Economics and Finance offers number of prizes to reward, in each compulsory module, those students who have excelled in coursework, by achieving the highest overall grade for their MSc programmes.

A cash prize is awarded for the highest midterm/coursework mark per compulsory module. If more than one student achieves the same highest mark, the prize money is split between the students.

A cash prize is awarded for the best overall college mark for each MSc Programme.



### **Pearlyn Woon- MSc Wealth Management winner**

"My time at QMUL was very fulfilling. I have benefitted and

learnt a lot from the great teaching staff here comprising of both professors and industry practitioners. Being a course representative also allowed me to better appreciate the continuous commitment of the School towards improving and enhancing students' experiences. At Queen Mary, there are many opportunities and it really pays to be proactive, get involved and find your fit."



### **Rana Ahmed Raafat Abdelrehim- MSc Behavioural Finance winner**

"For me, my Masters experience at QMUL will remain unforgettable.

The best thing for me was how the courses focused on both, the Behavioural Finance and the Mainstream Finance and Econometrics, allowing us to connect all the pieces together and develop a whole picture".

## Prof. Barbara Petrongolo wins the AEJ Best Paper Award



Barbara Petrongolo

Prof. Barbara Petrongolo has won the 2018 Best Paper Award from the American Economic Journal (AEJ) in the category: Macroeconomics. The AEJ is published by the American Economic Association (AEA). Each year the AEA selects the best papers from the previous year in four categories: Applied Economics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and Economic Policy. Prof. Petrongolo's paper, titled "Gender Gaps and the Rise of the Service Economy" and co-authored with L. Rachel Ngai (London School of Economics), investigates the role of the rise in services in the narrowing of gender gaps in hours and wages in recent decades.

Prof. Barbara Petrongolo was appointed managing co-editor of the Economic Journal, joining the Board of Editors in April 2018.

Prof. Barbara Petrongolo also joined the Council of the Royal Economic Society.

Congratulations to Barbara!

## New PG Optional Module: Trading Swaps: A Practitioner's View

The School also offers a set of practical optional elements to enhance your skills and knowledge, improve your employability prospects and assist with your future career plans by providing you with a head start in the world of finance. We are introducing a new module this year "Trading Swaps: A Practitioner's View". The main idea behind this course is to familiarize the participants with Interest Rate Swaps both as a concept and as a quantitative tool. While doing so, we are also going to touch upon the Emerging Markets as an asset class.

This course attempts to explain the role and the importance of the Interest rates swaps in fixed income markets and trading. We are going to discuss various types of Interest Rates Swaps and will go onto analyze some basic concepts of Interest rates. At the end of the course, our aim is to get to know how the swap markets work, economics and pricing of swaps and trading financial derivatives. We believe the case study about a previous emerging market crisis will increase the awareness of the participants about the mechanics of financial markets and various risk management tools. The lecturer is Efe Acaroglu.

He worked for Emerging Markets trading desks of various banks for over 20 years. In 2006, he became Head of Emerging Markets Rates Desk and was heavily involved in hiring and training graduates who went on to become successful traders. In 2015, he decided to leave City to pursue educational and charitable projects.



Efe Acaroglu

## QMSU Education Awards

Well done to the following members of staff recognised in the QM Students' Union Education Awards 2018

### Postgraduate Research Supervisor of the Year Award Winner



**Prof Haroon Mumtaz**

### Postgraduate Teaching Champion Nominee

#### Claudio Vallar- Teaching Assistant

## Teaching prize 2018

The Teaching and Curriculum Development Committee has decided on the 2017-18 teaching prizes for Lecturers and teaching assistants. All prize winners have received outstanding feedback for on their teaching evaluations.

The Lecturer receiving the prize is:



**Francesca Cornaglia**

The TAs receiving the prizes are as follows:



**Alexander Kontoghiorghes**



**Daniele Caliori**



**Lorenzo Neri**



## QUMMIF Awards and Dinner 2017

The School of Economics and Finance Queen Mary Master's Investment Fund (QUMMIF) has proudly presented an exclusive evening of awards to congratulate students for their achievements towards QUMMIF's success.

QUMMIF's awarded prizes to students for the top six investment research and pitch presentation reports conducted during semester A and B.

This year, QUMMIF trained over 192 students under the supervision of Tomasz Mlynowski and the directorship of Dr. Alfonsina Iona.

On 12th July QUMMIF's annual social dinner and drinks event was held on campus at Drapers Bar & Kitchen, Queen Mary University of London.

Prize awards, certificates of attendance and excellence in portfolio management were distributed. Special thanks was given to all Queen Mary Masters Alumni, finance practitioners who were in the research investment judging panel, members of Queen Mary staff and PhD Students.

QUMMIF featured this year in the Financial Times and delighted to announce that QUMMIF has been offered a sponsorship from a private company.





## Undergraduate Class of 2018

Congratulations to all our BSc finalists who graduated on the 25th July 2018! We want to thank you for all your hard work over the past three years and wish you all the very best for the future!

Remember, the Careers team will provide support for up to two years after graduation so if you need any advice on applications, interview skills, CVs or available opportunities, don't hesitate to get in contact with them!



Graduation Ceremony 2018

## New Undergraduate Degrees

In September 2018 the School will receive its first intake of students on the new variations of our undergraduate degrees. For the 6 undergraduate degree programmes that SEF offered last year, they will all now have an additional option to take an integrated foundation year or to take a study abroad year (or indeed both)!

The Integrated Foundation year has primarily been designed with International students in mind and builds up a general background in the subject area whilst developing English language and academic study skills to provide students with the best possible start to their degree programmes.

The Study Abroad year offers an exciting opportunity for students on these programmes to go away to one of QMUL's partner institutions for the whole of their third year of studies.

We hope that these new options and opportunities will open up the School of Economics and Finance to an increasingly diverse and dynamic group of students.



## SEF researchers have developed a novel variable to forecast the growth of US economy

Assistant Professor Renato Faccini and Professor George Skiadopoulos co-authored (also with Eirini Konstantinidi of the University of Manchester, and Sylvia Sarantopoulou-Chiourea at the Independent Authority for Public Revenue in Greece) the paper titled 'A New Predictor of U.S. Real Economic Activity: The S&P 500 Option Implied Risk Aversion' which is forthcoming in the leading journal *Management Science*. The researchers find that the implied relative risk aversion (IRRA) outperforms existing U.S. economic indicators once it is used in conjunction with them.

The paper has attracted the attention of international media (Forbes, Market Watch, Wall Street Journal, Kathimerini (Sunday Edition) ) and investment companies ( Morningstar ).

### For more details, see:

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/media/news/2018/hss/queen-mary-researchers-develop-a-new-way-to-forecast-future-economic-growth-.html>

A full version of the original study can also be found at: [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2968821](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2968821)

## Connection to the industry

In March 2018, Professor George Skiadopoulos gave an in-house presentation to Piraeus Asset Management Mutual Funds SA, on the topic "New approaches to Market timing and Factor investing".



Prof. Renato Faccini



Prof. George Skiadopoulos

## Congratulations also to the following who have successfully completed their PhD

### Carlos Uribe Teran

'Essays on Fiscal Policy and Incomplete Markets'.

Supervisor- Xavier Mateos-Planas

### Silvia Granato

'Gender Inequalities and Scarring Effects in School to Work Transitions'.

Supervisor- Barbara Petrongolo

### Giulia Tagliaferri

'Essays on the Economics of Identity'.

Supervisor- Marco Manacorda

### Andrea Calef

'Essays in International Finance'.

Supervisor- Francis Breedon

### Luca Larcher

'Essays in pension finance'.

Supervisor- Francis Breedon

### Matias Brum

'Empirical Essays on Political Economy and on Economic History of Migration'

Supervisor- Marco Manacorda

### Giovanni Gabriele Vecchio

'Essays in asset pricing'

Supervisors- Marcelo Fernandes / Elise Gourier

**Congratulations to all!**

## PhD Conference 2018

In June 2018 the School held its annual PhD conference, where research students had the opportunity to present their latest research

### Finance and Econometrics

Chair: Mirela Miescu

#### Mina Mirshahi –

How Does Political Uncertainty Affect Index Options?

#### Tien Chuong Nguyen –

Temporary aggregation in TVP-VAR models

#### Guido Bonatti –

Recovering MIDAS Weights with Polynomial Parameter Profiling

#### Fulvia Marotta –

Inference on unevenly spaced time series

### Applied Micro & Micro Theory

Chair: Marco Ovidi

#### Elisa Facchetti –

Exposure to crime and pupils outcomes: Evidence from London

#### Luca Zamboni –

Persuasion and Confirmation Bias

#### Daniele Caliarì –

Inference of welfare from choice observations: a necessary informational property

### Macroeconomics and Econometrics

Chair: Edoardo Palombo

#### Iacopo Varotto –

Time varying competition and Business cycle

#### Chuanping Sun –

Regularising factor zoo using OWL

# New Staff Profile

## Academic Staff:



**Tim Lee** joins QMUL as Reader from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, U.S.A., and B.A. from Seoul National University in Korea. Prior to joining Queen

Mary, Tim was an Assistant Professor at Toulouse School of Economics, France from 2016 to 2018, and University of Mannheim, Germany from 2011 to 2016. Although primarily a macroeconomist, he combines data and methods from labour and public economics to study the dynamics of inequality, and how it is related to the education, occupations and industries. His work has been published in the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *Economic Journal*, and the *Journal of Monetary Economics*.



**Yu Zheng** joins QMUL as a Lecturer in Economics from the City University of Hong Kong, where she is an Assistant Professor (on leave). Her research areas

are macroeconomics, development and labor economics. Her current research focuses on the economic development in China, in particular the cause and consequences of income inequality and policies of poverty reduction. More generally, she does theoretical and empirical work on economic growth, paying special attention to the aggregate implications of micro-level risks. She received her Ph.D. in economics from Washington University in St. Louis and was a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence.

## Welcome to our new staff members!



**Claire S.H. Lim** joins QMUL as Professor from the University of Pennsylvania. Her primary interest lies in empirical research in political economy. Her research

investigates how characteristics of political environments and the design of government institutions interact with the behaviour of public officials, the conduct of regulated industries, and social welfare. She has conducted such investigations in three contexts: the behaviour of judges in U.S. state courts, regulation of the U.S. energy industry, and government subsidies and pricing in the U.S. health care system. She was on the faculty of the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University and the Department of Economics at Cornell University. She was also a CSDP fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University and a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution.

### Office Hours

Academic staff including module organisers, academic advisers and teaching assistants will hold office hours every week during term, we encourage students to make the most of these!

You can always find up-to-date office hours on the School website by clicking on staff profiles: <http://www.econ.qmul.ac.uk/people/>, or on the QM Plus page for the relevant module.

### Student Surveys and feedback

Thank you to everyone who participated in student surveys and questionnaires during the last academic year. Your feedback is invaluable in going forward as a School and as a part of our continual efforts to improve student experience and satisfaction.

But remember, you don't need to wait until survey season to express your views! Please feel free to raise any feedback you have either with your

## Admin Staff:



**James Kilvington** is the new Postgraduate Taught Programmes Manager, prior to this he was the UG Programme

Manager in SEF, and has a plethora of administration experience gained within QMUL and beyond.

Please supply image 51

**Claire Cooper** joins as the new UG programme Manager. "I'm delighted to join Queen Mary University of London as the

Undergraduate Programmes Manager in the School of Economics and Finance. I was previously working at King's College London for seven years in a similar role – although I had a short break between jobs to cycle the length of the UK! I am looking after assessments, timetabling, module registration and quality assurance, and am enjoying getting to know staff and students in the School".

Student Support contact or with your class reps throughout the academic year (you can find a list of your class reps on QM Plus or on the notice boards by the admin office).

### QMplus

QMplus is the centralised Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for QMUL and provides a rich set of tools to support blended learning. The School actively uses QMplus to provide information to students and you are strongly advised to use QMplus as a primary source of up-to-date information. Information about all modules offered by the School can be found on the individual module pages on QMplus. The general shared Info page contains all the relevant information about the School of Economics and Finance, including rules and regulations, timetables, induction programme, and so on. You can log in to QMplus at the following link: [qmplus.qmul.ac.uk](http://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk)

# SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

## Careers

**The School of Economics and Finance have two dedicated Careers Consultants –Serena Spoendlin and Siobhan Swindells, and an Employer Engagement & Internships Coordinator. Both Serena and Siobhan have over 20 years’ experience between them in a combination of RBS, Bloomberg and RSA so they use this Corporate experience to help students secure work in the Banking and Financial Services sector.**

The careers team are looking forward to working with all new and continuing students to help build career management skills and knowledge along with helping to secure valuable work experience. They do this through one-to-one careers guidance sessions, bespoke career workshops and securing work experience opportunities through employer fairs and events, Alumni panels and internships. Please come to these events and workshops but also apply for the work experience opportunities. Before applying for roles, book in to see Serena or Siobhan for some dedicated individual support – they can help you to tailor your applications and boost your chances of securing graduate level work.

### Careers Appointments

The careers team are available each week for individual student appointments (we have 24 x 20 minute appointments each week) to help with any career related issues – such as career choice, job search strategies, networking and maximizing your online presence, and of course, helping to tailor a CV and cover letter for a specific job. You can book an appointment by calling 020 7882 8533 or visiting reception in WG3 in the Queen’s building.

### Jobtestprep - Psychometric Test Help for SEF students!

- Are you looking to apply for Internships and Graduate Schemes?
- Did you know that the testing stage is the most crucial?
- So, if you master the tests, you will have a real advantage

Good News - it’s only about practice!

Therefore, the School of Economics & Finance has purchased licences for jobtestprep

To get your free code and start practicing, e-mail the following to [jobtestprepid@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:jobtestprepid@qmul.ac.uk) :

- Your name
- Year of study
- Your student number

We will aim to get back to you with your code within 2-3 working days.

For those of you keen to get into Investment Banking, please note that applications will open before the Autumn term even begins and many of the banks will fill the positions on a rolling basis. So if you want to get your application seen, make sure to keep checking the company websites!

### Looking for Work Experience Opportunities?

The Careers & Enterprise team at Queen Mary offer a range of useful work experience opportunities. Please check out this website and take advantage of the opportunities

<http://www.careers.qmul.ac.uk/students/workexperience/qmul-model-extra-opportunities/>

### Looking for Job Opportunities?

We also wanted to remind you that Queen Mary, in collaboration with University of London, liaises with a range of employers to source exciting graduate roles, part-time jobs and internships for you. In order to find an up to date list, make sure you visit our jobs website <https://qmul.targetconnect.net/leap/jobs.html>.

### Resources for International Students

If you are an International student and looking for jobs abroad, you may find GradLink a helpful resource. GradLink offers an online careers service for international students and graduates studying across the UK.

You will find specialist websites and portals for the following regions:

UK ([www.gradlinkuk.com](http://www.gradlinkuk.com))

China ([www.gradlinkuk.com/china.php](http://www.gradlinkuk.com/china.php))

India ([www.gradlinkuk.com/india.php](http://www.gradlinkuk.com/india.php))

Malaysia ([www.gradlinkmalaysia.com](http://www.gradlinkmalaysia.com))

Africa ([www.gradlinkafrica.com](http://www.gradlinkafrica.com))

Bangladesh ([www.gradlinkbangladesh.com](http://www.gradlinkbangladesh.com))

### We value your feedback

We need your feedback to ensure we are providing the best possible service to our students. Your thoughts on what sessions and events were especially useful and what we could do better in invaluable. Please contact either [s.swindells@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.swindells@qmul.ac.uk) or [s.spoendlin@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:s.spoendlin@qmul.ac.uk) to share your views.

### Student Support

As students of the School of Economics and Finance, you have dedicated student support staff who can help you with any query you may have. If we’re unable to answer your question directly we can certainly direct you to someone with the expertise to assist. Some key areas of responsibility of our roles are general pastoral care, engagement/attendance monitoring and extenuating circumstances submissions but please feel free to approach us for any matter that might arise during your studies.



Serena Spoendlin



Siobhan Swindells