

Finance & Democracy Summer School

at the London School of Economics and Political Science

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Can finance be democratized? Why are states so scared of the bond market? Why are private equity firms seemingly everywhere? **Finance is at the heart of the political economy of capitalism**, but studying it can be difficult. The good news: some of the brightest minds in the field are eager to share their expertise. The goal of the program is to provide world-class training and build an intellectual community.

FORMAT



Two Full Days

Intensive instruction and discussion



Fully Funded

Travel and accommodation covered

INSTRUCTORS

Mark Blyth

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TOPICS

- Finance and democracy
- Finance and law
- Finance and wealth
- Finance and technology

- The bond market and the state
- State capitalism
- Finance and the Chinese State
- Money and democracy

Open to: Advanced PhD candidates (late dissertation), postdoctoral fellows, and early career scholars in political science, sociology, history, geography, and economics.

Required: Cover letter, writing sample, and CV.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1, 2026