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A GUIDE FOR UNDERGRADUATE
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Welcome to Warwick Economics



To all our offer holders. We are delighted to have been able to offer you a place to study Economics at Warwick.

Economics at Warwick is one of the best in the UK, ranked 3rd in the Economics subject tables in the Complete University Guide 2018 and ranked in the top 30 in the QS World University Rankings 2018.

Not only has our teaching been ranked outstanding, we also received an overall satisfaction score of 90% in the National Student Survey 2017.

We hope this magazine will give you a flavour of what it's like to study here. We attract students from all around the world due to our reputation for offering rigorous and exciting training, so you will be part of a very international Department.

Our aim is to ensure that not only will you graduate with a degree from one of the best Economics departments, but that you'll reach your full potential during your time here. We offer a community that challenges and supports you in equal measure, and that fosters your desire to ask questions – of yourself and of the world around you.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your upcoming exams, and look forward to welcoming you in September.

Professor Jeremy Smith
Head of Department

In the news

WARWICK QUESTION TIME 2017 DEBATES GLOBALISATION AND ANTI-GLOBALISATION

On 2 October 2017, Warwick Economics hosted the fifth annual Warwick Question Time event in collaboration with the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS).



[Click here to watch the full video](#)

For the past five years we have held a Warwick Question Time event with the aim to give students as well as staff the opportunity to watch exciting panelists discuss a range of issues.

The event is very similar in format to the popular BBC television show, which forms part of our induction activities for Economics students to start the new academic year in style. It is an excellent opportunity for

students to engage with politicians, policy makers and academics on major issues and questions that concern the world.

Over 1,200 students and guests took their seats to watch last year's panel, which included historian and broadcaster Professor Kate Williams and award winning journalist and broadcaster Samira Ahmed. The panel was also joined by former

MP for Warwick and Leamington, Chris White, Head of Advocacy at Oxfam GM, Katy Chakraborty, Director of CLASS, Dr Faiza Shaheen and Warwick's own Dr Dennis Novy, Associate Professor of Economics. Chairing the event for the first time was Dr Trevor McCrisken, Associate Professor in US Politics and International Studies.

360 Guest Lecture David Goodhart

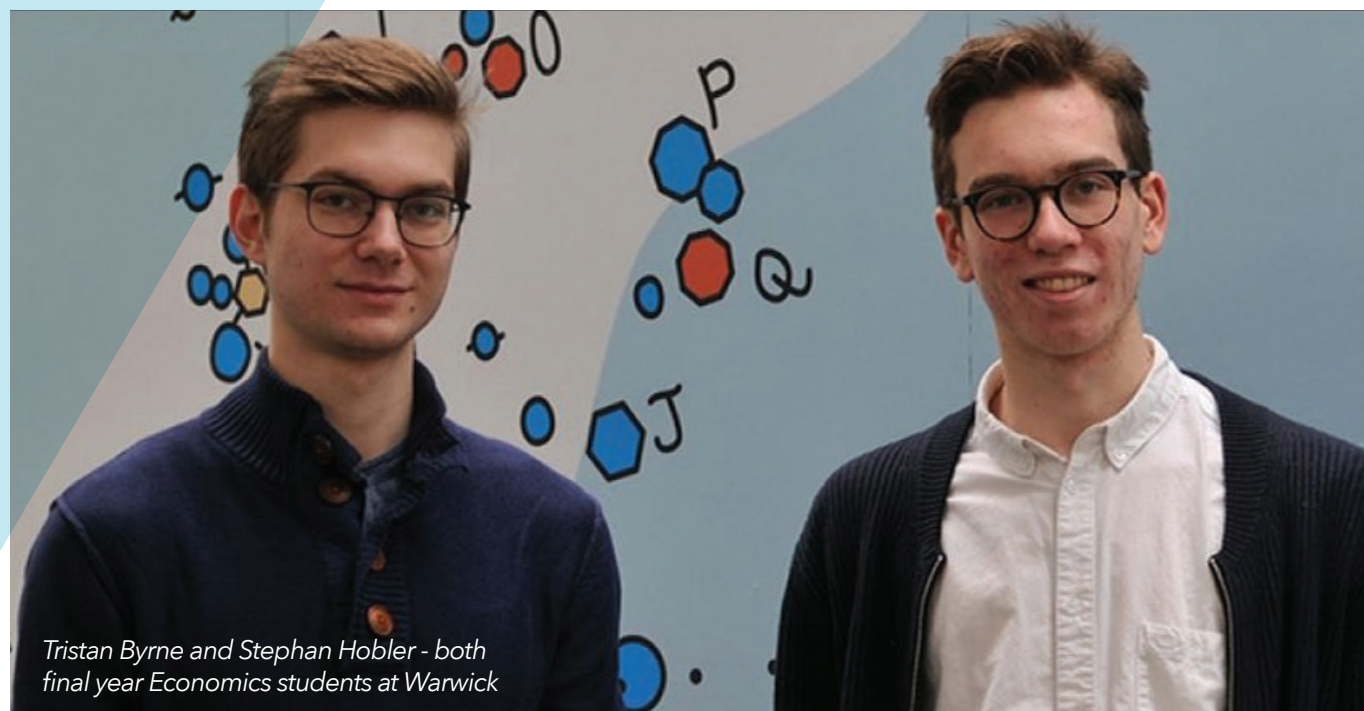
'ANYWHERE AND SOMEWHERE: THE NEW TRIBES SHAPING BRITISH POLITICS'

On 8 January 2018 Journalist and Author, David Goodhart, visited Warwick and delivered a guest lecture to 120 students as part of our regular guest series lecture entitled 'Anywheres and Somewheres: The New Tribes Shaping British Politics'.



David's talk focussed on ideas from his latest book *The Road to Somewhere: The New Tribes Shaping British Politics* which became the Sunday Times Top Ten Bestseller in 2017 and was listed for the Orwell Prize 2018. The book has been

described (The Guardian) as a robust and timely investigation into the political and moral values that are sharply dividing Brexit Britain and how a new settlement can be found.



Tristan Byrne and Stephan Hobler - both final year Economics students at Warwick

TWO FINAL YEAR STUDENTS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN 17TH ANNUAL CARROLL ROUND

Research in Applied Economics is a final module in which students undertake take an independent piece of research. Two Research in Applied Economics (RAE) students have been invited to participate in the 17th Annual Carroll Round, the undergraduate international economics conference to be held at Georgetown University, from April 19 to April 22, 2018.

Since 2007, final year Economics students have been remarkably successful in having their papers accepted for presentation at Georgetown University's prestigious Carroll Round (26 acceptances), an annual conference which attracts students from top undergraduate programmes, including the

universities of Chicago, Columbia, Duke, Harvard, MIT, LSE, Oxford, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Stanford, and Yale. Acceptance at the conference demonstrates the quality of work shown by students, and contributes to the existing international profile of Warwick's programmes. Since 2007, 26 of our students have been accepted at the Carroll Round.

Tristan Byrne is conducting a quantitative analysis on 'Gentrification and Displacement' with a focus on London and Stephan will present his paper on 'Disappearing Jobs and Displaced Workers: Does Education Matter?' using U.S. data. Tristan commented on his dissertation paper and being selected to participate in this year's Carroll Round: "I feel incredibly privileged

to be presenting my dissertation to prominent members of the academic community at the Carroll Round conference. I am grateful to all my professors, especially Ali Moghaddasi Kelishomi and Gianna Boero for their encouragement and support in the RAE module."

Stephan Hobler also commented on his selection: "I am absolutely delighted at the opportunity to participate at this year's Carroll Round. It is a uniquely fascinating platform to engage in economic discussion at the highest level and to be able to actively contribute to some of the most pressing issues in economics today. To do this representing Warwick fills me with great pride."

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Stephan Hobler
Research in Applied Economics (RAE) Student

Meet your professors

For undergraduates, we offer an advanced, internationally-focused education in Economics that is both intellectually demanding and professionally relevant. Teaching in the department is strongly research-led, which means you'll be learning from some of the best-known and most original academics in the UK.



What impact do you hope this research will have on society?

In general I want to do research that has relevance for public policy-making. I've already been contacted by many Athena SWAN representatives from other universities who want to use these findings to lobby their own universities to increase the generosity of maternity provisions and in general to look into work-life balance policies.

In my own career I have observed a gender imbalance on the academic side. As soon as women have children, they slow down. They don't have to - they are still equally bright and have good ideas, they just have a little bit less time. I feel like there has to be a cultural change, and my research, because it is rigorous and rooted in actual data, could help to inform evidence-based policy change.

Why did you decide to become an economist?

I'm very interested in the political decision making mechanisms behind economic policies. I consider myself an applied political economist - my background is in both economics and political science.

What has been your most memorable experience during your time in the department?

A student of mine last year did a very political science-orientated topic in his final year thesis - he went to the Carroll Round conference - we worked very closely together and he did a great, great job and went on to Oxford. I met him every week for a year and had a lot of input in his work, and he was very receptive to my comments - that was absolutely great.

SPOTLIGHT ON Professor Vera Troeger

What research projects are you currently involved with?

I'm looking into questions of how work-life balance policies, particularly maternity and parental leave policies, affect the career paths of women.

In the UK, statutory maternity provisions are very low compared to the EU standard, but because this is the case, we find a big variation in occupational and contractual maternity benefits. I can exploit this variation to do my research.

My main project is looking at the higher education sector in the UK where we have a large variation in maternity benefits across universities. We undertook a large-scale survey of all female academics in the country so we have very rich individual level data, which we can use to conduct significant analysis.

We have done the analysis at the aggregate level to understand why maternity leave differs across universities. It's not the case that richer universities have more generous leave policies - it really depends on how research-intensive these universities are, their size, the staff costs, the staff-student ratio, but also the bargaining processes that are going on between the staff and the leadership.

Your academic study

90%

overall Student Satisfaction score in the Department

*National Student Survey 2017



4th out of 76 UK Economics departments

*The Times Good University Guide 2018

3rd in the Economics subject tables

*Complete University Guide 2018



96% of our research is deemed world leading

*Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014



21 Study Abroad opportunities - in Europe, the United States and Australia

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Why Warwick Economics?

We're really proud of our consistently high rankings, but we know that as a top student all of your university choices will be world renowned. So what else can Warwick offer you?

Endless opportunities and options

"I love how broad and varied it can be and I noticed when I was applying to universities just how unique the Economics course at Warwick is. The department offers students a great opportunity to personalise the course; in my case I was able to continue studying History as an optional module after A-Level. I have been able to touch many aspects of Economics and spend time studying other topics which interest me, allowing me to study material I am really passionate about and hone skills I wish to develop."

Neha Shamdas, Third Year Economics

Research in Applied Economics

One of the biggest attractions to studying Economics at Warwick is our third year dissertation project - Research in Applied Economics. This innovative project gives you the chance to apply the basic ideas of economics to the study of a particular question that interests you, as well as the opportunity to conduct your own original research.

Here are some recent project titles:

Primary school completion in India: an education in inequality?

What is the effect of conflict on entrepreneurship in developing countries?

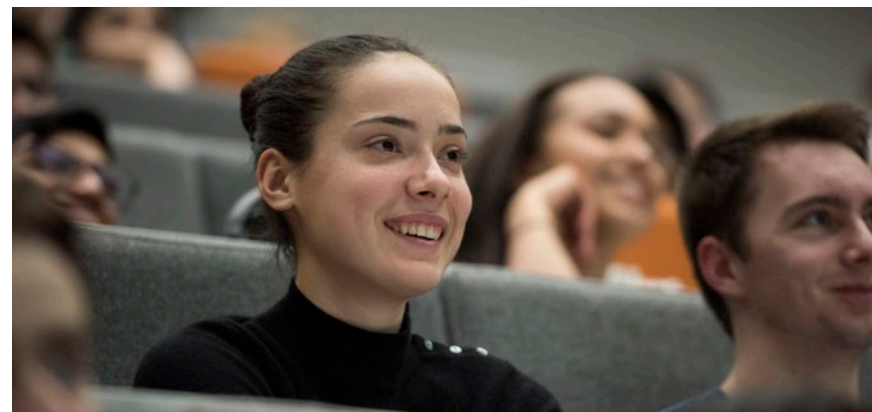
An Investigation into Black Market and Official Exchange Rates in Developing Countries

The Inheritance of Immobility: A study on Intergenerational Occupational Mobility in the United Kingdom

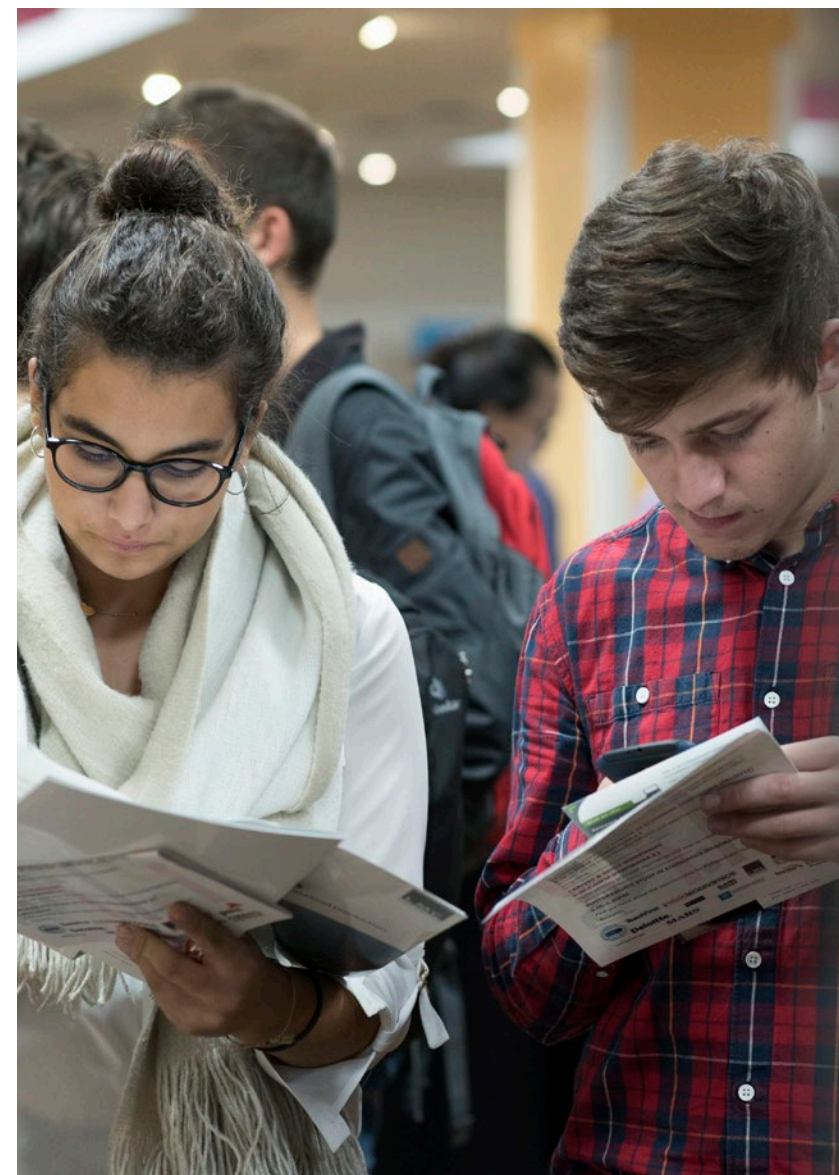
Banking Stability: A Comparison between Islamic and Conventional Banks

Enhancing your education - The Personal Development Module

This skills module will help you address areas for development identified by employers and our students. There's a focus on developing academic skills, employability and to broaden your education in Economics. With compulsory elements such as the Economics Briefings Project, and optional elements such as IT training courses and careers events, you can develop the skills relevant to you.



Your academic support



ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR OUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Throughout the year the Department of Economics provides academic and pastoral support to each student.

This support comes in a variety of ways, aimed at targeting different aspects of your academic studies, including support with module content and preparation for assessments. These range from Maths drop in sessions, advice and feedback hours, revision sessions and library support amongst other support activities. Each member of the academic team in the Department offers advice and feedback hours, and there is always someone on hand to help!

"In the department of Economics we have a team of staff engaged in providing academic and pastoral support to our students. I direct this team and I enjoy the additional student contact, helping students with their problems and talking to them in general. Students come and see us about various matters; it could be problems such as how to manage their time or sometimes they present with more severe problems which require high level support. We offer daily drop-in hours for students to visit academic staff during term time. We are here to ensure a better student experience for everyone."

Dr Christian Soegaard
Director of Academic and Pastoral Support



A TRULY SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

"Lectures are very engaging and staff at the economics department are supportive in terms of academic assistance. Throughout my time at Warwick I appreciated the additional pastoral support I received on top of my studies".

Udeme Umoh
Third Year Economics

Your career

Our students go on to successful careers in many different fields, not just finance and banking. Our graduates typically progress to successful UK and international careers in the private and public sectors, or continue on to postgraduate study.

Recent graduates have taken up roles as accountants, economists, investment bankers, analysts, lecturers and teachers, and work for some of the biggest employers in the world including Bloomberg, Deloitte,

Bank of England, JP Morgan, UK Civil Service and Aston Martin to name just a few. Your degree will equip you with key skills, transferable to a wide array of professions. Your degree can open doors to careers and postgraduate options you may never have thought about before. Find out much more on our [careers webpages](#).

"My time at Warwick has made me want to continue to use Economics in the workplace and I am looking to go into Economic Consulting in either the Government Economic

Service or the private sector after I finish studying. The department really encourages you to think ahead and the guest lectures are great ways to picture what you could be doing. My final year at Warwick also made me want to continue to study Economics for one more year due to the in-depth research and work you do in your third year which has been enjoyable as you can apply all the skills you learnt from first and second year. I am currently looking into studying a master's in economics."

Daniel Lewis
Third Year Economics

WARWICK IS THE 3RD MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY IN THE GRADUATE MARKET IN 2018 (HIGH FLIERS)



94% OF OUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN 2016 WERE IN EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIVING THEIR DEGREES



STEPHANIE REDDING
SENIOR CAREERS CONSULTANT FOR ECONOMICS

What is your role at the University and what do you most enjoy?

I work as a Senior Careers Consultant in Student Careers & Skills and am also the link Careers Consultant for the Department of Economics.

The aspect of my work that I most enjoy is working in collaboration with students to help them make decisions about their career thinking. On several days each week students from Economics can

book 1:1 appointments and these take place in the Social Sciences Building where the Economics Department staff are also based. For those of you reading this who haven't experienced a careers guidance appointment before, this is an opportunity to explore ideas with a qualified careers professional who can help you to clarify your thoughts, ideas, knowledge, experiences and options.

My work with Economics students also includes:

- ▶ Suggesting approaches to secure internships/work experience
- ▶ Fine tuning improvements to applications, job search strategies
- ▶ Providing specialist guidance on specific economics and finance related career areas.
- ▶ Bespoke mock interviews and provision of feedback in a safe environment to develop interview skills and confidence

- ▶ Providing strengths profile debrief meetings, particularly for students who are applying for employers using strengths based recruitment

What is your best bit of advice to give offer holders who will be reading this?

As a guidance professional I provide impartial advice. I'm also a strong advocate of playing to your strengths, so my advice to offer holders would be to ask yourself whether your choice of University will enable you to play to your individual strengths.

You are more likely to be successful doing a degree programme which energises and interests you.

If one particular university feels like the right place for you, this is another strong indicator that you are making a good decision - there is a place for intuition when making important decisions!



Your student experience

On top of an advanced education in Economics, we offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to enrich your student experience, including a guest lecture series, student conferences and social events. Our students also run their own high-profile events such as the Warwick Economics Summit and the Warwick International Development Summit.

"One of the first things I noticed in Freshers' week was the number of Department-run events on my timetable. It felt like the department really ensures that we socialise not only with each other but with the staff too."

Hazel Gould Fleming
Second Year Economics



SOCIAL EVENTS

We encourage our students to socialise throughout the year and arrange events such as evening socials, sport events and dinners. There are various ways for students to collaborate out of study time including over 200 societies on campus, the Students' Union, Sports and much more.

360 GUEST LECTURE SERIES

Our [guest lecture series](#) provides an excellent opportunity for you to engage with policy makers, practitioners and decision makers. This academic year, we have welcomed speakers including David Goodhart, Margaret Gilmore, Vinay Gupta, Andy Haldane and Angus Armstrong.

WARWICK ECONOMICS SUMMIT

The Warwick Economics Summit is an entirely student-run international forum serving as a platform for discussion amongst talented students and some of the world's most influential personalities. The Summit's focus extends beyond the field of economics, encompassing

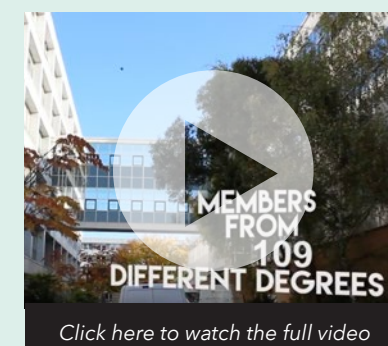
the broader social sciences, including development, politics and international relations.

The recent 2018 Summit attracted over 550 delegates from 4 continents and over 36 universities, including UCLA, Oxford, Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México and Bocconi University. Speakers for the 2018 edition included Tawakkol Karman (Nobel Peace Prize Laureate), Prof. John B. Taylor (Professor of Economics at Stanford University) Laurence Tubiana (French Ambassador for International Climate Negotiations, Paris 2015), as well as Lord Mervyn King (Former Governor of the Bank of England). The Summit weekend includes vibrant social opportunities, such as the glamorous Summit Ball on the Saturday night, providing a fantastic setting for delegates to unwind and socialise. For more information on the Economics Summit, visit the [website](#) and watch this [video](#)!

WARWICK ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The largest academic society on Warwick's campus, the Warwick Economics Society organises frequent and high quality events year-round to provide its members with real world insights and valuable support.

The Society offers members a platform to meet, socialise and build their network through hosting a wide range of popular social events every term. Throughout the year, unique talks, debates and discussions enhance the academic experience of its members, attracting world renowned speakers. The department aims to further support the Economics Society in its delivery of guest lecture speakers and events in the future. For more information, visit the Warwick Economics Society [website](#) and watch this [video](#)!



Remember

If you have received decisions from all your UCAS choices by 31 March, then you must decide on your Firm and Insurance choices by 2 May 2018.

If, however, you receive all of your decisions by 3 May, then you will need to select your Firm and Insurance choices by 7 June 2018.



For these and other key dates, please see the [UCAS website](#).



If you have any queries about studying at the University of Warwick, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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