

LSE Library, Lionel Robbins Building

Completion Date: Ongoing

Contract Value: £10m

Client: London School of Economics and Political Science

Starting in 2012 ArchitecturePLB have delivered a range of Projects within the LSE Lionel Robbins Building as part of a programme to update the library and accommodate new collections and activities. Projects have ranged from specialist secure, climate controlled archives and exhibition space to informal, group and silent study spaces.

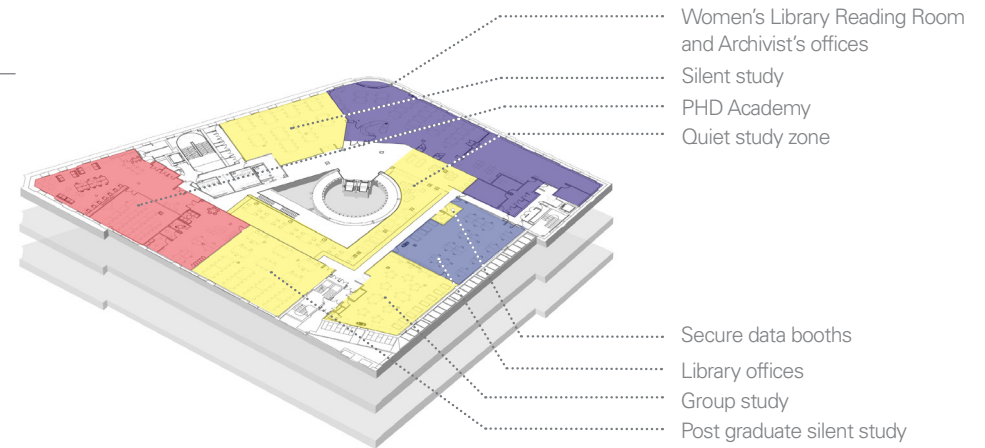
'The Women's Library at LSE' Reading Room provides a high quality, secure environment for Library users to access the oldest and most extensive women's history Archive in Europe.

ArchitecturePLB designed the Reading Room in consultation with the LSE Library team, learning from the latest best practice at institutions such as the National Archives at Kew. The Reading Room design incorporates display cases to allow exhibition of artefacts and interpretative information about the historic collections. The Reading Room is supported by a new secure, climate controlled archive store on the Lower Ground Floor, also designed by ArchitecturePLB.

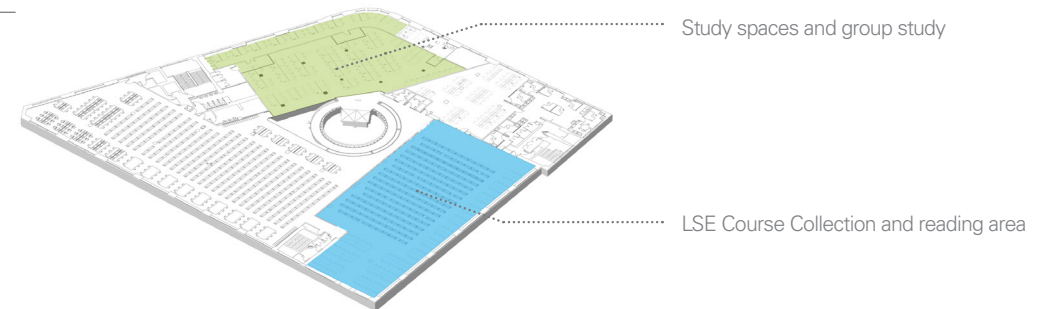
ArchitecturePLB also worked with Library staff on the design of a ground floor publicly accessible exhibition space which gives the library a dynamic showcase for their historic collections. Sophisticated environmental controls and discretely integrated security measures to meet the requirements of the Government Indemnity Scheme mean that the library will be able to borrow and display artefacts from other institutions, giving them the opportunity to curate exciting exhibitions in the future.



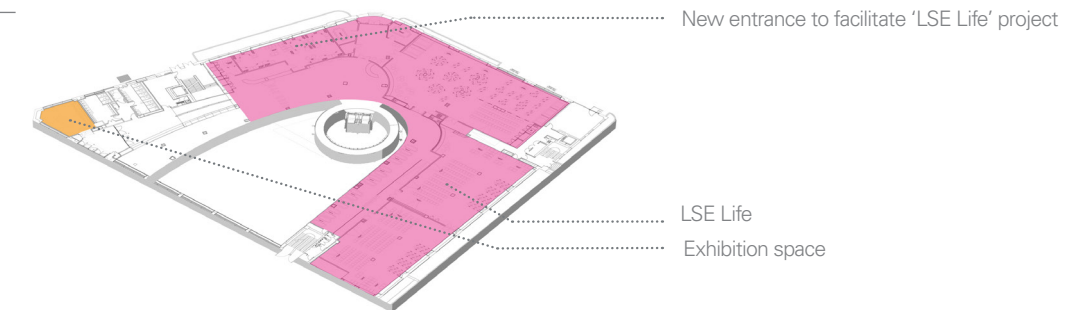
4th floor



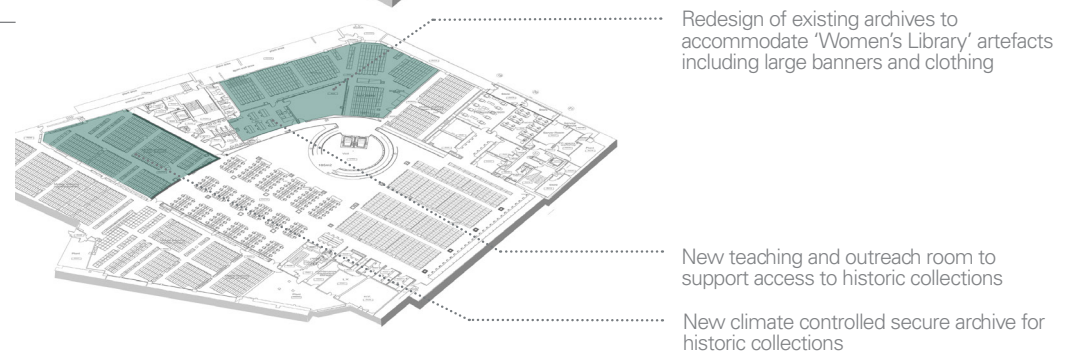
1st floor



Ground floor



Lower ground floor



Also within the LSE Library ArchitecturePLB designed a PhD Academy to provide doctoral students with a specially designed space that includes a common room, a teaching room and central services all in one location for the first time in the School's 120-year history.

As part of the same project ArchitecturePLB designed a series of study spaces extending the library to the 4th Floor of the building. The spaces include silent, informal and group study spaces as well as secure data booths for individual use.

ArchitecturePLB are currently designing a series of flexible spaces at the ground floor of the library to support an innovative new LSE venture, LSE LIFE.

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01/02 Women's Library
03/04 Reading Room
Ground Floor
05 Exhibition space
PhD Academy

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