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Phased refurbishment including specialist archives, reading rooms and exhibition spaces

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Starting in 2012 ArchitecturePLB have delivered a range of Projects 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.

### Women's Library

'The Women's Library @ LSE' Reading Room was designed 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 is supported by a new secure, climate controlled archive store on the Lower Ground Floor and a publicly accessible exhibition space which gives the library a dynamic showcase for their historic collections.

### LSE LIFE

A new academic, personal and professional development centre providing a mix of social, quiet and collaborative areas which reflect new ways of learning and approaching to education. The project was awarded a silver rating under the new SKA for Higher Education environmental assessment scheme – an industry first.

### The Lower Ground Floor

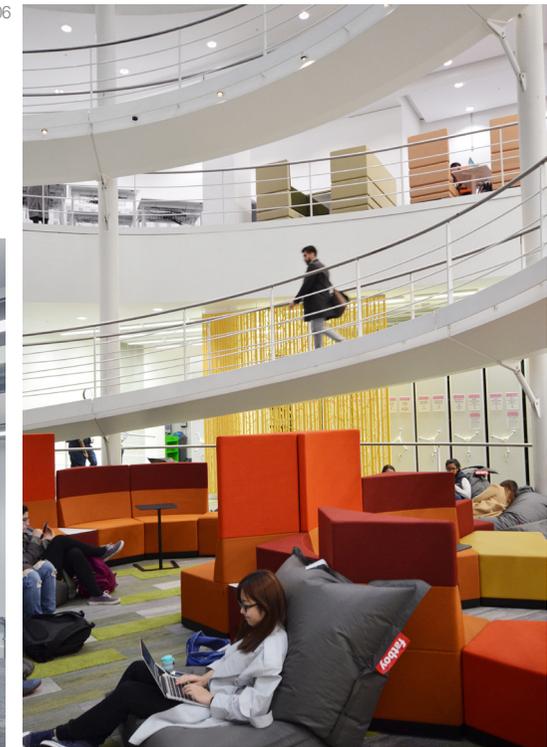
Remodelled to create a more welcoming and flexible working space. The design team worked to 'bring the outside in' and colours were chosen to bring warmth, softness and well-being. Laser cut acoustic panels separate the book stacks from the main study space and flexible modular seating allows for more informal working.

### PhD Academy

Specially designed space for doctoral students 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.

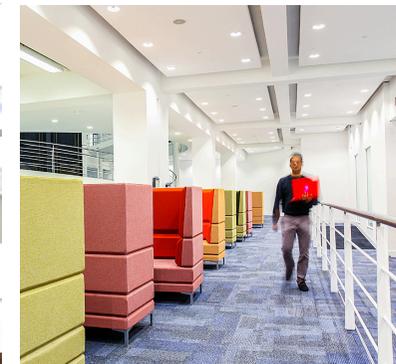


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