



**SCHOOL OF
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STATEMENT REGARDING ONGOING PROTESTS AT SENATE HOUSE

You may be aware that a small group of campaigners has called for a boycott of events at Senate House in support of outsourced workers. The University believes this call is illogical. The suggestion that these workers are exploited is simply wrong. None are precarious workers, many have worked on our premises for many years and, since 2012, all receive at least the London Living Wage.

We support the principle of in-sourcing services and are following a methodical programme to do so. Front of house, portering, post room, and AV services will be brought in-house by the end of May. We will review the other out-sourced services as the contracts come up for renewal and expect this review to be completed by 2020 at the latest.

Unfortunately we believe the rhetoric of a small group of campaigners is politically motivated and bogus. There is no picket line and of the events which have been relocated, most have been to premises which are serviced by contract workers on weaker employment conditions than those at Senate House.

Sadly, our academic staff and event organisers have been subjected to intimidatory attacks and harassment by the campaigners, often from anonymous social media accounts. We hope that your attendance at our events and support for the event organisers will send a strong message that this behaviour will not be tolerated. Additional details on the University's commitment to a fair workplace can be found [here](#), and the Vice Chancellor's latest statement can be found [here](#).

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