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The SOAS School of Law will be hosting its first Annual Inception Lecture at the start of the 2011/2012 academic session. This is an annual public lecture to be delivered at the beginning of each academic session by a notable alumnus or alumna of the SOAS School of Law, addressing a topical subject of general public interest which relates to the role of law in society in a broad sense. The inception lecture is intended to serve as an inspiration for our students, contribute to public debate and enhance our academic environment. The lecture is open to all new and returning students, academics, practitioners and the general public.

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The first Annual Inception Lecture will be delivered by the Rt Hon. David Lammy, MP, on 5th October 2011, followed by a reception as follows:

Topic: Direct Action: A Necessary Prescription for Democracy?

Venue: Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre, SOAS, Russell Square WC1H 0XG (nearest tube Russell Square).

Time: 6:00 pm

Chair: Professor Nirmala Rao OBE (SOAS Acting Director)

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RT HON. DAVID LAMMY, MP

David Lammy graduated from the SOAS School of Law in 1993 with an LLB (Hons) degree, and went on to be the first black Briton to attend Harvard Law School. He was elected to Parliament in 2000, as the MP for Tottenham, the most ethnically diverse constituency in Europe. He held a number of Ministerial posts in the Labour government, including Minister for Culture and Minister for Higher Education.

ABSTRACT:

DIRECT ACTION: A NECESSARY PRESCRIPTION FOR DEMOCRACY?

In this lecture, David Lammy will draw on the history of direct action and civil disobedience, from Gandhi's non-violent resistance to British rule in India to the campaign against South African apartheid. He will compare the student protests of 1968 and the Arab Spring with the protest movement currently taking root in university campuses and community groups across the country. David will seek to answer the fundamental question of whether direct action is necessary for democracy to be born and renewed.