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We are very much looking forward to hosting you for our Global Partners Meeting in London from 22 to 25 March 2013. The workshop itself will be at the London School of Economics and Political Science, while our reception will be hosted at our office and the welcome breakfast will be held at your hotel, the Mercure London Bloomsbury.

This meeting is an opportunity to connect our global partners with each other and with researchers, human rights advocates, and privacy and technology experts from over 20 countries. We hope to provide an opportunity for discussion and debate, that will enrich our global research and advocacy agenda for the next two years.

Attached are documents relating to the workshop, including

I. Workshop overview: what are we trying to accomplish?

II. Travel information

III. Participant list

IV. Agenda and location information

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Gus Hosein, Executive Director

I. WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

The purpose of the three day workshop is as follows:

1. To understand the privacy discourse and identify the challenges faced in advancing the right to privacy across the globe.
2. To consolidate our network and look for opportunities for collaboration and cross-pollination for research and advocacy initiatives.
3. To share experiences about research, dissemination and advocacy strategies that influence policy change.

We envisage this workshop as a launching pad for the work that Privacy International and our global partners will conduct over the next two years under the ambit of the Surveillance and Freedom: Global Understandings and Rights Development (SAFEGUARD) project, funded by the International Development Research Centre. The focus of the SAFEGUARD project is to understand what are the threats, challenges and obstacles to, and opportunities for, the protection of privacy in developing countries.
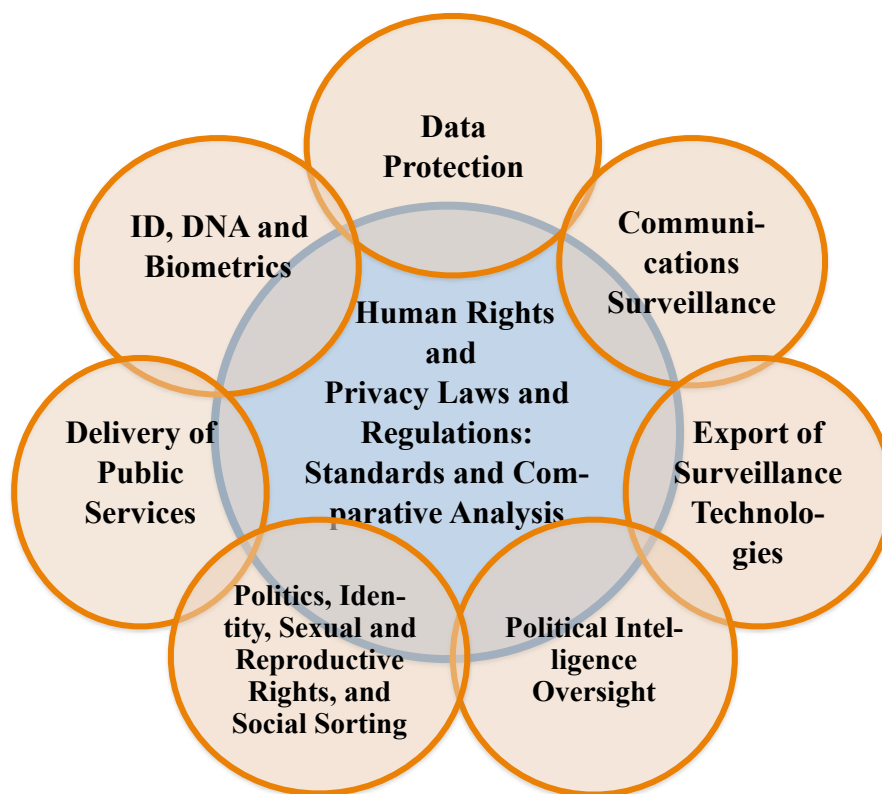
1.1 Background to the SAFEGUARD project

Nowhere are the challenges to, and opportunities for, privacy protections as dynamic and complex as in the developing world. As these countries seek new measures to develop their economies, build social and technological infrastructures, sustain their social systems, and ensure security they need to consider what are the modern policy frameworks they require to ensure a just society. The windows around these policy frameworks are key opportunities for reflection about rights and democratic values, and in the case of this project, the protection of privacy.

The vast scope and relevance of the right to privacy in this age of technology gives rise to a myriad of challenges and issues, many of which have relevance across, as well as within, borders. This is particularly the case in the developing world, where South-South collaboration is gaining increasing currency in the development sector, and donor countries continue to contribute to and influence policy in recipient countries, particularly with respect to the adoption of new technologies. Many of the trends in developing countries – communications surveillance, biometrics and DNA databases, and identity cards – mirror those being adopted in the global North. Policy laundering and modelling, such as that witnessed with respect to counter-terrorism policies in the aftermath of 9/11 is taking hold in the context of communications surveillance laws and national ID databases. Such phenomena raise concerns not only as to the spread of practices that threaten to undermine privacy, but also with respect to the stifling of national policy discourses and legislative processes.

1.2. Conceptual framework

This projects sets out to isolate and understand the challenges to privacy in the developing world. In order to ensure that the research developed is sufficiently targeted to influence policy debates, we have identified a set of themes that cover the range of privacy-related issues and that together will give a comprehensive picture of the difficult relationship between privacy and technology. This set of themes has been developed in collaboration with our partners, who have identified those discussions around which there is perfect storm of advancing surveillance policies and technologies, poor legal and technical safeguards, and a scarcity of research and understanding. We have designed our conceptual framework accordingly.

1.3. Research questions

The legal and constitutional landscape: What laws and constitutional provisions exist to protect privacy, how are they implemented and monitored, and where are the legal and policy gaps?

Data protection: What is the state of data protection in partner countries, and what are the local and regional regulatory standards and good practices?

Communications surveillance: What communications surveillance regimes are in place, how are they designed in law and how do they operate in practice?

Adoption of surveillance technologies: Where are governments buying surveillance technologies, and how are they using them? What legal regimes are in place to establish safeguards over the use of advanced surveillance technologies? What is the state of the art in legal protections?

Political intelligence oversight: What is the nature and operation of local intelligence services, what oversight mechanisms are in place, and how can these mechanisms be implemented or enforced?

Politics, Identity, sexual and reproductive health and social sorting: To what the extent do governments misuse personal information to pursue social sorting practices?

Delivery of public services: What is the state of privacy protections in public service delivery, particularly those related to e-health systems and social protection programmes, and how can protections be improved?

ID, DNA and biometrics: What privacy risks are associated with the collection and use of personal information for ID and biometric systems?

1.4. Partners

This project is designed to create a multi-relational network between Privacy International and partner organisations and institutions from 17 countries across three regions

Africa

- Zimbabwe Human Rights Forum, Zimbabwe
- Kenyan Ethical and Legal Issues Network, Kenya
- Media Institute of Southern Africa, Namibia
- Jonction, Senegal
- Centre for Social Sciences Research, University of Cape Town
- African Platform for Social Protection, Kenya

Latin America

- Dejusticia, Columbia
- Asociacion por los Derechos Civiles, Argentina
- Autonomous University of Mexico State, Mexico
- Centro de Tecnologia y Sociedad, Universidad San Andres, Argentina, in collaboration with the Centro de Tecnologica da Escola de Direito da Fundacao Getulio Vargas, Brasil
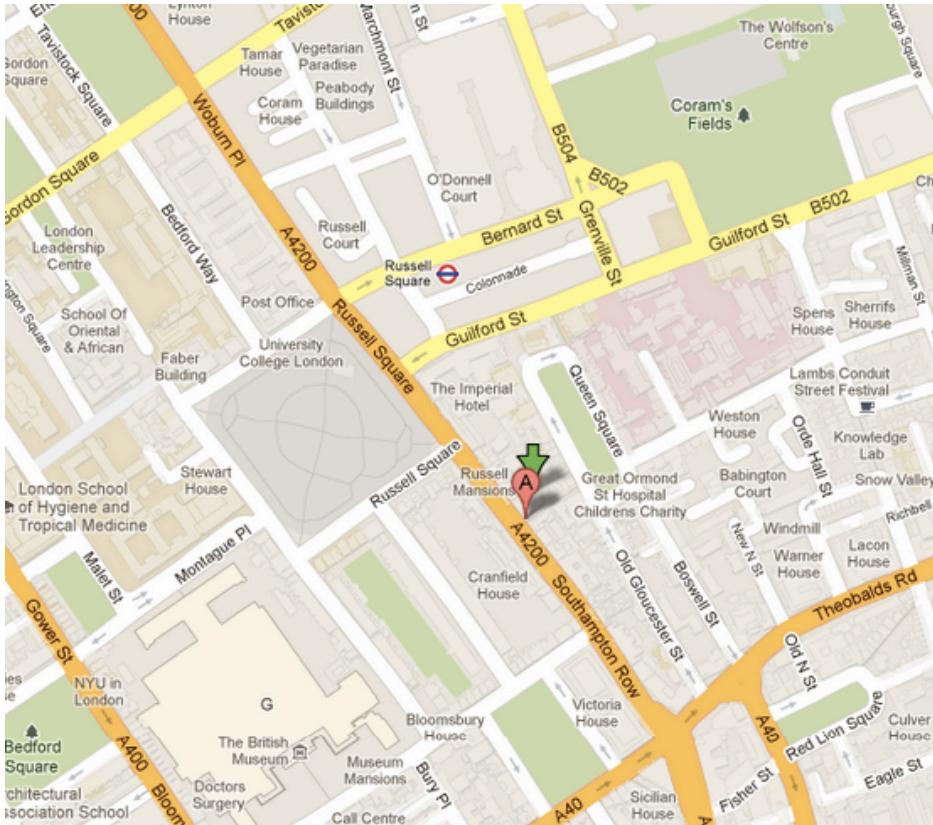- Instituto NUPEF, Brazil
- Derechos Digitales, Chile

Asia

- VOICE, Bangladesh
- University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Centre for Internet and Society, India
- Thai Netizen Network, Thailand
- Thai Media Policy Center, Thailand
- Bytes For All, Pakistan
- Centre for Cyber Law Studies, Indonesia
- Foundation for Media Alternatives, Philippines

II. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Accommodation

Unless you have made other arrangements, you will be staying at the Hotel Mercure Bloomsbury, 130-134 Southampton Row, London WC1B 5AF (Ph: +44 20 7833 3691).

The hotel is very central, not too far from Trafalgar Square (15 min walk), the Thames (10 min walk), Westminster (20 min), Big Ben (20 min), Buckingham Palace (40 min), and the world famous PI offices (10 min). Importantly, it is a 10 minute walk to the LSE where we will be meeting on Saturday and Sunday.

The hotel has free wifi and will provide you with breakfast each morning. However, on Saturday 23 March please **do not** attend the hotel breakfast as we have made a special arrangement with the hotel for them to provide you with your breakfast as part of the Welcome Breakfast that begins at 10:00am in the hotel restaurant.

Reimbursement

We will process reimbursements on the Friday and Saturday for:
- visa costs; and
- transport to and from airports and hotel (please see below for most economical forms of transportation).

This will be done in the form of a cash transaction. **Please ensure you bring all receipts with you.**

If you paid for your own flight, please provide us with your bank details so that we can reimburse you via bank transfer.

Transportation to the hotel

Below we have recommended three options for transport from Heathrow, in order of costs. The first option is not only the cheapest, it is the most efficient, and will deliver you right around the corner from your hotel. If, however, you feel it's necessary you can use either option 2 or 3; please remember however that **we will only reimburse up to £60.00 in transportation expenses.**
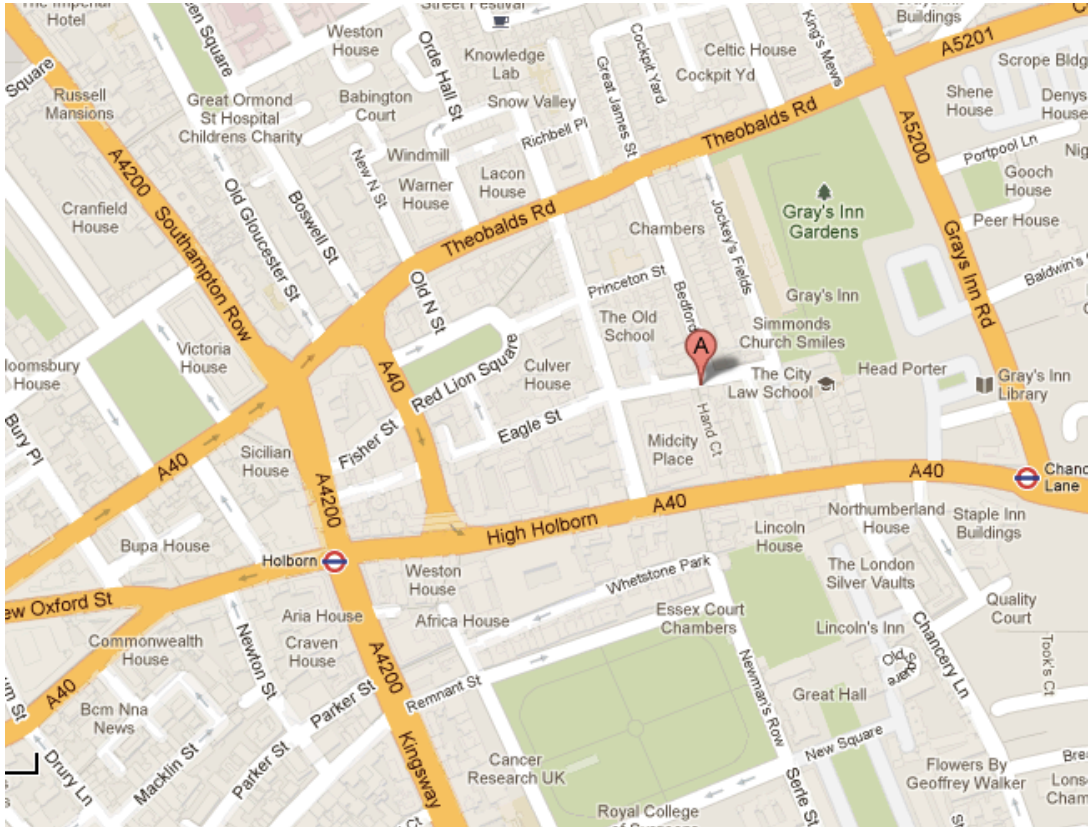
We recommend three options for transport from Heathrow, in order of costs:
1. Tube from Heathrow. Take Picadilly Line (blue line) from Heathrow to Russell Square, and then the hotel is a 5 minute walk away. Time: 55 minutes on tube (but ten minute walking to and from stations). Cost: £5.30 each way (without Oyster card).
2. Heathrow Express. Every fifteen minutes from Heathrow to Paddington station. Cost £37 round trip to Paddington, and is 15 minutes each way. From Paddington take Bakerloo line (brown line) south to Oxford Circus station, and change onto the Eastbound Central line (red line) to Holborn (this should take you about twenty minutes in total), and then walk to hotel (5 minutes walk). Cost: £37 for Heathrow Express (return), £4.30 Tube each way (without Oyster card).
3. Taxi from Heathrow. Very expensive. Do not take a black taxi -- though iconic, they are expensive from the airport (£70+ each way). You can arrange a pickup with http://justairports.com/ but they will be about £40 each way so are beyond the costs we can afford. Cost: £80+ return.

If you're travelling on Eurostar, take the Picadilly line from Kings Cross/St Pancras station to Russell Square (1 stop), and walk to the hotel (5 minutes).

For tube information please see http://www.tfl.gov.uk/ but note that you won't have 'Oyster' cards so fares will be higher for paper tickets. You can get an Oyster for £5 (partly refundable) but unless you plan on taking buses/tubes much, it's probably not worth the hassle.

Transportation to the PI Offices at 46 Bedford Row, WC1R 4LR

The PI offices are only a ten minute walk from your hotel. Walk south (i.e. turn left coming out of your hotel) on 'Southampton Row' and then turn left at 'Theobald's Road' (first major street/intersection), and then turn right on 'Bedford Row'. We are at the bottom of the street.

There is no rush to get to our reception on the Friday, so we recommend you go to the hotel first and drop off your bags. Party starts at 6pm, food will arrive around 7.30pm.

Be careful of the traffic -- it may be on the 'wrong' side of the road for some of you. Also note that 'Southampton Row' is a particularly London-like street: it changes name a few times![1]

Notes on Safety and Emergencies

London is a relatively safe city, particularly in the centre. Always watch your bags, however: do not leave them unattended because either the police will

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[1] If you turn right outside of your hotel, it will be called 'Russell Square' and then 'Woburn Place'. If you turn left, it will be called 'Southampton Row' and then 'Kingsway'. Confusing, eh?

become concerned or thieves will profit. Contacting the police involves dialing on any phone 999. We **strongly** recommend that everyone take out travel insurance.

Contact us in case of emergency on
- Gus: 07970 462 041
- Carly: 07788286389
- Eric: 07986 860013
- PI office: 0207 242 2836

If dialling from foreign mobile phones or abroad, add +44 and remove the '0' at the start of each number above.

III. PARTICIPANTS

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IV. AGENDA

Please note that there will be no internet connection at the LSE. When at the PI offices we will ensure that there is a wireless connection available.

Your hotel room will include free wifi and breakfast. We will cover all food costs for Saturday and Sunday.

Dress for all events, including dinners, will be casual. Please let us know if you have any specific food requests or needs.

Friday, 22 March: Reception

Meet with Privacy International staff members and advisors, and workshop participants from more than 20 countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Europe and Central Asia. Food and drinks will be provided.

Time: 6:00pm
Location: 2nd Floor, 46 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4LR
Contact: 0207 242 2836
Getting there: Our office is a short walk 10 minute from your hotel. See **Map 1** below for directions.

Saturday, 23 March: Day 1 (Objectives and Reviewing the Landscape)

10:00am - Welcome Breakfast: Setting The Scene

Location: Mercure London Bloomsbury restaurant

   - Welcome and introduction
   - Overview of PI's work in developing countries
   - Participant introductions
   - Setting the agenda

12:30pm - Session 1: Reviewing The Landscape

Location: Old Building, Room 3.21, London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE
Getting there: We will all walk down to the LSE after the Welcome Break fast. See **Map 2** below for directions.

- Mapping privacy in constitutions
- Masterclass 1: communications surveillance laws around the world
- Break-out groups on assigned topics, and reporting back

2:30pm - Afternoon tea

- Privacy quiz
- Masterclass 2: SIM card registration
- Building a network: how can PI facilitate your work?
- Masterclass 3: Oversight of intelligence agencies

6:00pm - Drinks

7:00pm - Dinner

Location: Tohbang, 164 Clerkenwell Road
                        http://www.tohbang.com/sub_eng/main.php

Getting there: We will all walk together after drinks. If, however, you wish
                        to return to your hotel after the meeting and meet us at
                        dinner, please see **Map 3** for directions.

March 24: Day 2 -- Research Topics and Strategies

Location: Old Building, Room 3.21, London School of Economics
and   Political Science, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE
Getting there: See **Map 2** below for directions.

10:00am - Recap of day one

- Masterclass 4 - The UN Universal Periodic Review
- Open-space - research and policy priorities

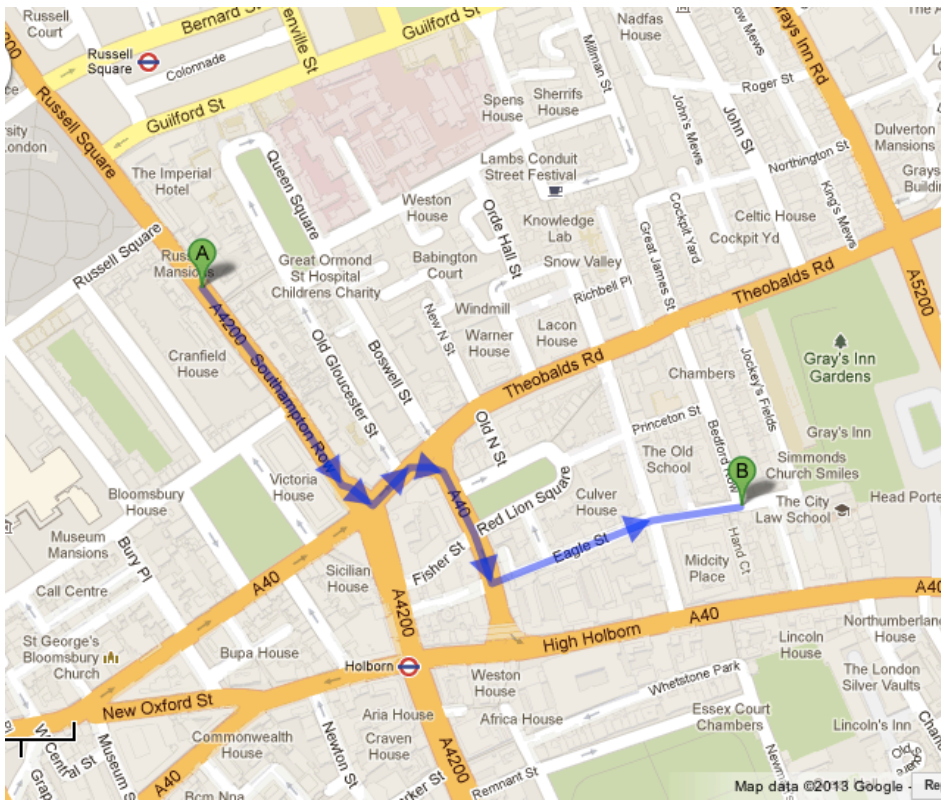**1:00pm - Lunch**

Location: Ship Tavern, Holborn

2:30pm - Reconvene

- Open space - research, dissemination and communication strategies
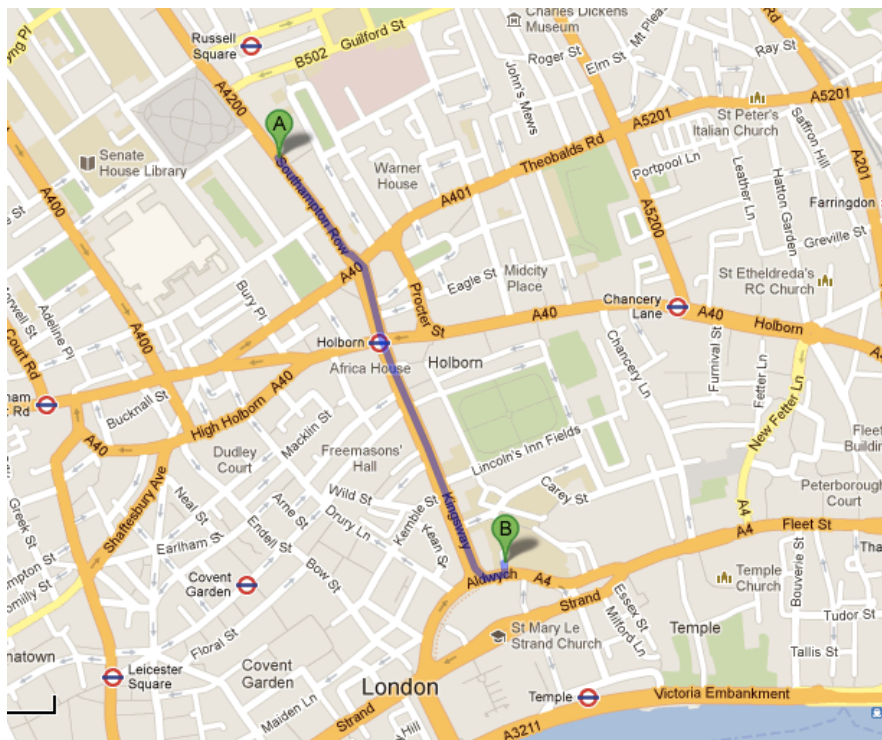- Wrapping up and going forward

6:00pm - Dinner

Location   Wahaca, Charlotte St, http://www.wahaca.co.uk/
Getting there: We will all walk together straight from the LSE. See **Map 4**
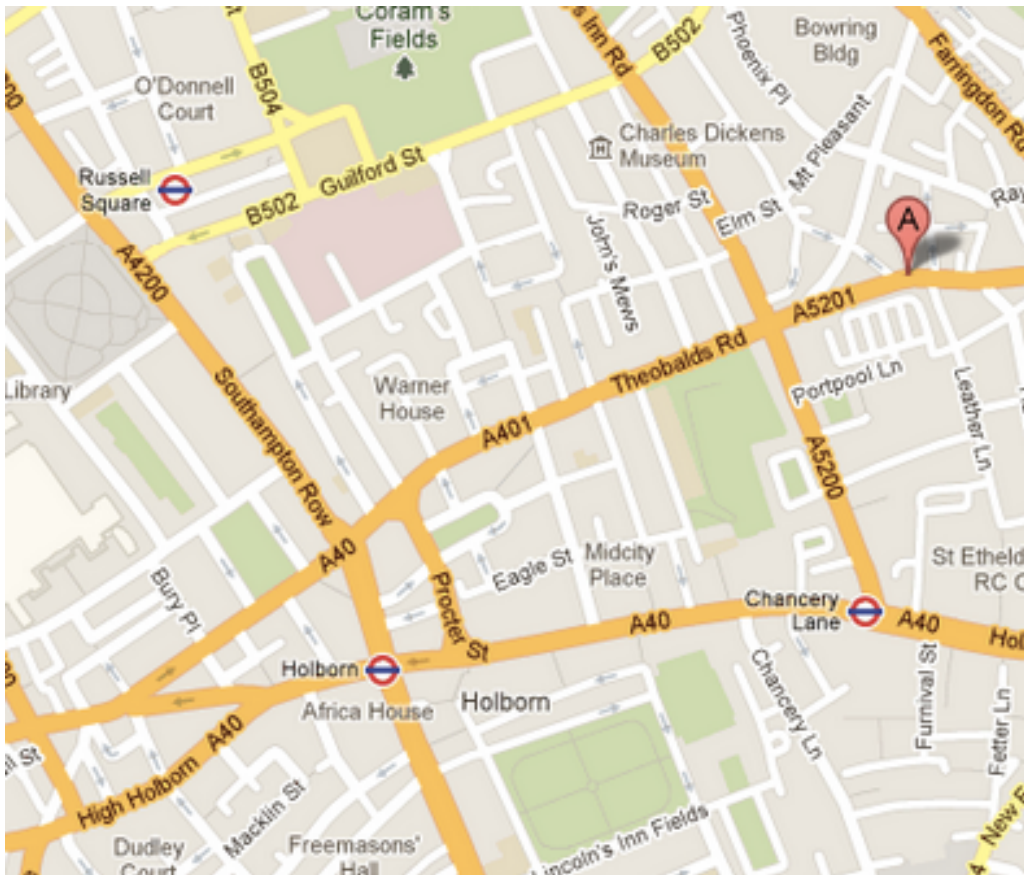   below for directions.

MAP 1 - PI OFFICES

MAP 2 - LSE

MAP 3 - TOHBANG

MAP 4 - WAHACA