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**SAGE AWARD RESEARCH PROJECT OF THE YEAR TO  
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA RESEARCHERS**

*Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington DC (October 24, 2008)* — Researchers exploring the tipping points of climate change have won the 2008 Times Higher Education Award for Research Project of the year, sponsored by SAGE.

***Climate system tipping elements***, led by Timothy Lenton, University of East Anglia, encompasses the findings of a global project involving researchers from the University of Oxford and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. The authors identified a short-list of nine potential tipping elements, where a small change in the environment can have large long-term consequences on human and ecological systems.

“Projects like this stand as testament to the outstanding contribution that UK researchers make to the global economy,” said Ziyad Marar, Deputy Managing Director and Publishing Director, SAGE, speaking at the Times Higher Awards ceremony last night in London.

“Such trail-blazing work, which has already made a significant impact on how the public and policy advisors understand and approach climate change, shows how vibrant the higher education sector in the UK is, and justly deserves the recognition it has received tonight. As the world’s leading independent academic publisher we’re proud to champion the best in research, and to support researchers at every stage of their career through our diverse publishing programme.”

The judges also granted the London School of Economics a Highly-Commended for their project, “Hunting Facts”, which looked at what factors cause facts to lose their integrity as they travel, through misinterpretation or transmission as gossip. A full list of all Times Higher Award winners and categories can be found at [here](#).

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The Times Higher Awards aim to raise awareness and reward the contribution that British universities make to the economic and cultural health of Britain.

More than 130 UK higher education institutions submitted over 500 entries to the THE Awards in 2008 – across 20 categories ranging from Outstanding International University of the Year to Research Project of the Year.

More than 50 entries were submitted to the Research Project of the Year category. Shortlisted entries included projects from the London School of Economics, London South Bank University and Wimbledon School of Art, Queen Mary, University of London, University of Leicester, University of Strathclyde and the University of East Anglia.

The awards were attended by some 1300 guests from across the Higher Education sector. Guest speakers at the event included David Lammy, MP, and renowned entertainer Tony Hawks.

The findings of the Research Project of the Year, ***Tipping elements in the Earth’s climate system*** were published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (see <http://www.pnas.org/content/105/6/1786.full.pdf>).

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