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Dear all,

I hope the term is going well. A few things to update you on.

1. PGR study group – 29th November 11.00-12.00, S2.09

The next PGR study group will meet on 29 November. We will have work-in-progress presentations from Dorothy and Rohini. Please come and support the presenters!

2. Opportunities for PGRs to present your work

At the PGR SSLC last week, PGR Reps were keen to make sure the PGR community is clear about the existing opportunities that exist about where and when PGRs can present their research. Here are some key spaces to flag:

- PGR Conference – the next PGR conference will take place in February 2024. Details TBC. This is a great opportunity to present your work in a collegiate and supportive environment. Presentations are usually 15 mins. You can use the conference to test out new / emerging ideas; present a small part of a chapter; present an early draft or work-in-progress; or present something more fully developed towards the end of your project. If you're just starting out with your project, the conference is a great way to present whatever you've done so far, to get some feedback and have a discussion with your colleagues and peers about your work.
- Law School Conference – Every year the Law School has a conference in June/July. This is a chance for staff in the Law School to present their work and to discuss matters arising in terms of research challenges / culture / directions. PhD students are welcome to present at the conference. The conference is usually arranged into pre-organised panels. When the call for interest is circulated in the new year, get in touch with the conference organisers and/or your supervisor if you want to arrange and/or participate in a panel.
- The next PGR Masterclass (with Dr Kojo Koram) will be focused on presenting and disseminating research. More details will be released in due course, but I anticipate that there will be possibilities, within this workshop setting, to get feedback on your presentational skills.

3. Research check-in meetings: starting next term

At the SSLC we continued to discuss the best way to offer support and improve the research environment for PGRs. The PGR Reps have suggested that one way of addressing this will be to have regular PGR Research Check-in meetings. These will be informal get-togethers where PGRs can discuss research plans for the coming weeks, reflect on any challenges, and assess progress to date. These meetings will also provide an opportunity to discuss issues like presenting, publishing and vivas etc. The proposal is that these Research Check-in sessions will take the place of the PGR study group. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. And they will (largely be student-led). Next term, these will run on the following days:

- Wednesday 17th January (week 2, term 2) 11.00-12.00
- Wednesday 31st January (week 4, term 2) 11.00-12.00
- Wednesday 28th February (week 8, term 2) 11.00-12.00
- Wednesday 13 March (week 10, term 2) 11.00-12.00

More details will be released in due course. Please come along to these meetings!

4. Post-Doctoral opportunities

Two post-doc opportunities to bring to your attention:

- ESRC IAA Postdoctoral Impact Fellowship – **As part of its activities, the Warwick ESRC IAA is funding up to six postdoctoral fellowships to support students at the conclusion of their PhD to explore how their**

research could be applied to the needs and challenges of organisations across different sectors, and to develop plans and programmes of activity to put this into practice.

Examples of fundable activities fellows might undertake could include (but are not restricted to):

- The creation of resources to engage specific stakeholders with research and/or to improve their capacity to effectively utilise research
- Collaborative activities for or with key stakeholders such as workshops, training programmes, or behaviour-change interventions
- Knowledge exchange events with non-academic stakeholders
- Activities to inform policy or to engage policymakers with research findings
- Activities to improve or strengthen research-user engagement
- Proof of concept and commercialisation activities

For further information about this scheme – including award details and eligibility criteria - please visit the [webpage](#). Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Social Sciences Impact Team to discuss their proposals. Email us on ESRCImpactAccount@warwick.ac.uk with any questions. **Please note that this opportunity is going to be launched more formally in January, including information webinars for prospective applicants and their supervisors.** We wanted to give supervisors additional notice this side of Christmas to help inform any career planning discussions you may be having with your supervisees in the run up to the conclusion of their studies. The deadline for applications for the 2024/25 cohort (September 2024 start) is 22 March 2024.

- Mélanie Dulong de Rosnay and Francesca Musiani are hiring a postdoc to work on digital commons and internet commons at CNRS Center for Internet and Society in Paris. The job offer is pasted below and available on CNRS portal: <https://emploi.cnrs.fr/Offres/CDD/UPR2000-MELDUL0-003/Default.aspx?lang=EN>
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Closing date for application is Monday 27 November at 11am CET Paris time.

5. PGR writing retreat – Wolverhampton University

The WMLDN Writing Retreat: Winter 2023 is now open for registration. Check out the schedule in the attached flyer, and feel free to share the invitation with your doctoral students and colleagues. To register, click [here](#) (there are 20 spaces available).

Best wishes,

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