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Dear all,

I hope all are settling into the beginning of term!

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all incoming PGR students. I met many of you yesterday (in person, and online) at the induction event. I look forward to getting to know you over the coming months!

There are various things to draw to your attention as we begin the new term:

### 1. PGR Study Group

I will run the PGR study group again this term. This will involve a mixture of reading group sessions, work-in-progress presentations, and trouble-shooting discussions. Please mark your calendars for the following dates / times:

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 11.00-12.00 (S2.09) – Reading group session. We will read and discuss some work by Anna Saunders (UCL) on the role of law and technology in the green transition. Anna will speak at the lunchtime research seminar shortly after the PGR study group meeting. Do come along to both the study group and the lunchtime seminar! I will circulate readings in due course.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 11.00-12.00 (S0.04) – Work in progress session. Calling all 2/3/4-year students! Would you like to present some work in progress to an informal and receptive audience? If so, this is the place for you! I'm looking for two PGRs to volunteer to present some aspect of their work to their peers for this study group session. You will need to speak for about 10 minutes each, this will allow for plenty of time for questions and discussion. If you're interested, please send me an email. This will operate on a first come, first served basis.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 11.00-12.00 (S2.09) – PGR troubleshooting session. This will provide an opportunity to discuss common issues and concerns – from methodology to writer's block, planning for the upgrade, preparing for the viva etc. More details TBC.

### 2. PGR coffee morning / get-together – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

All PGRs are invited to come to a coffee morning / get-together on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 11.00-12.00 (S2.09). This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow PGRs. I'm particularly interested in discussing how we can improve the PGR community experience and better integrate PGRs into the research culture of the Law School. This will be an opportunity to discuss these matters and to gather ideas for future projects and initiatives.

### 3. Women in academia event

Our PGR colleague Fayiza is involved in organising a two-day event that aims to offer a space for women in academia to share strategies and stories of seeking a career in academia. The organisers have identified six key themes – positionality, networking and leadership, publishing, feminist methodology, fieldwork and challenges of under-representation. The organisers hope to encourage greater solidarity and sharing between women from different departments. The event is free to attend, and coffee breaks and lunch are provided. To register [click here](#).

### 4. Doctoral College researcher development programme

Please find attached the full programme of support for PGRs from the Doctoral College's Researcher Development Programme. The programme supports PGRs whatever stage of their research experience and reflects their multiple entry points into a PhD; whether they work part time, have come straight through education or have worked previously, and also if they are new to British Academia. We are fortunate to have a Mental Health professional within our facilitation team which allows us to promote and forefront support for our PGRs wellbeing, and is given equal positioning alongside our sessions on Research Methods and Methodologies, Writing Support, Careers and Productivity. This is a great series of events, please do consider signing up for some of these! For a range of other training opportunities, you should also check out the Doctoral College [Skills Forge](#) portal.

#### **5. The Guild Doctoral Workshop on sustainability – Vienna**

See attached information about an opportunity to participate in an international doctoral workshop on sustainability. Doctoral candidates in law are asked to submit no more than 1 page of A4 containing their name, area of study, year of study, and name of supervisor. The application should also include a short description of up to 200 words of the presentation they intend to give. Up to two doctoral candidates per Law Faculty/Department will normally be chosen, depending on the match between topics and panels. We invite applications by 13 October 2023. Successful candidates will be contacted in late October at the latest. Applications should be [Daniel.matthews@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Daniel.matthews@warwick.ac.uk) in the first instance, before these are sent onto organizers of the event.

#### **6. Looking ahead**

We've got a range of further events planned for PGRs this year, including a PGR Masterclass event with [Dr Kojo Koram](#) (Birkbeck), which will focus on presenting and disseminating your research. The annual PGR conference will take place in February – a good opportunity to present your work in progress, particularly in preparation for the upgrade and/or annual review. The annual PGR workshop will take place in the spring, with panels on publishing, jobs, upgrades, surviving the viva and more. And the Law School Conference in June is always another excellent opportunity to present work and learn about research at WLS.

Best wishes for the new academic year!

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