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Dear all

A very warm welcome to the new academic year! Whether you are new this year, or returning; I really hope you have a productive and enjoyable year ahead.

The purpose of this email is to share some updates, events (including a morning tea for all staff and PGRs on 15th October) and opportunities ahead of the beginning of Term.

PGR Team Personnel

I will continue in my role as Director of Postgraduate Research. Dr Joy Malala will also be continuing as Deputy Director of PGR, and Rachael Bidgood as Programmes Co-ordinator.

I am delighted to welcome to the PGR Team Dr [Marina Veličković](#) as the new PGR Mentor, taking over from Professor Ali Struthers. On behalf of the PGR Team and Community, I would like to thank Ali for all she has done in her role as PGR Mentor over the years.

Events: PGR Induction and Meet and Greet

First Year PGR Induction

All new first year PGRs, and any incoming visiting PhD students, should attend the PGR Induction next Monday 5th October: 10:30am-1:00pm in Room S0.02. For those yet to arrive on campus, there is a dedicated Teams link which has been shared with you so you can still attend. For everyone else, we look forward to welcoming you in person.

The programme can be found here: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/student-hub/welcome/pgr/first-weeks/>

Many thanks to Rachael Bidgood for coordinating the speakers and bookings for this event.

All PGRs and Staff 'Meet and Greet'

On Thursday 15th October, all PGRs (new and returning) and staff are invited to join us for morning tea from 10:30am-11:30am in Room S0.02.

This is an informal occasion, providing the opportunity for all PGRs (new and returning)

and staff to mingle, network, and get to know each other a little better. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

PGR Training and Development Opportunities

Quite a number of emails have been circulated regarding various training and event opportunities so I won't repeat the content of those here, but please check the [Events at Warwick Law School | University of Warwick](#) page and the links below for opportunities and activities that may be of interest. (Please note: some of the following will have registration deadlines).

- [Transferable Skills for PGRs](#)
- [Book Publishing in the Social Sciences](#)
- [Introduction to UK Parliament](#)
- Fieldwork Coffee Mornings (see PGR Calendar)
- [Confessions of an Early Career Researcher | The British Academy](#)

All best wishes for the Term ahead,
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