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Dear all,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good (and productive) summer break.

As the new term gets underway, I want to draw your attention to various PGR events and initiatives taking place this term

### 1. Induction and welcome events

- For incoming students, there is a **PGR Induction on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, 2-4.30pm in person in room S2.09**. Whilst we encourage everyone to attend in person, if you cannot make the meeting please join online: [PGR Induction Tuesday 1st October 2024 Teams link](#). Please note that this session is for new students only.
- All are welcome to the **PGR Coffee Morning for on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10-11am in S2.09**. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow PGRs and to meet members of the department involved in administering the PGR programme. There will be tea, coffee and cake. Please do come along to meet our incoming students and reconnect with friends and colleagues after the summer break.
- The Doctoral College is running a series of events for incoming students. Check out [this](#) website, for more information. There are social events, a welcome walk and other activities, some in-person, some online.

### 2. PGR administrative team

A quick update on personnel:

- PGR Administrator: Rachael Bidgood
- Director of PGR: Daniel Matthews
- Deputy Director of PGR: Amanda Wilson
- PGR mentor: Ali Struthers
- PG well-being tutor: Helen Toner

### 3. Where to publish seminar

James Harrison has organised a 'Where to publish?' seminar, which will take place on **1st October in S0.10**. There will be lunch 12.30-1pm and then Seminar 1-2pm. Please email Sandra Phillips ([Sandra.Phillips@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Sandra.Phillips@warwick.ac.uk)) if you want to attend, so lunch bookings can be made. The event will be hybrid, so also let Sandra know if you would like to attend online.

James will chair a panel of Victor, Vanessa and Jackie, our law librarian. We will focus on core academic publications and discuss a range of issues including:

- The pros and cons of different types of publication (book, book chapter, article etc.),
- Factors in making a decision about the right journal or book publisher for your article/book, and
- How different journals and book publishers decide whether to accept a submitted piece.

As part of the discussion, Jackie will talk about journal rankings and publishing open access.

This will be of particular interest to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD students who are developing their academic profiles. I strongly encourage any PGR thinking about applying for academic jobs this year (or next) to attend.

#### 4. Opportunities from the Doctoral College

Please see attached to this email an outline of the **Doctoral College's researcher development programme** for this term. This programme offers a comprehensive series of workshops on PhD fundamentals, from writing skills, to job applications, methodologies to presentational skills. There are events relevant to all PGRs, at all stages of their research. Please do make the most of these opportunities.

In addition, the DC have the following opportunities that might be of interest to some of you:

- [A one-year post working in the Doctoral College to help improve the PGR experience. Closing date: 5th September](#)
- Would you like to showcase your research to Warwick's PGR community? Want to engage with researchers from outside your academic department? Then join the Doctoral College's Research Poster Display. [Express your interest by 26th September](#)
- Would you like to share your experiences of PhD life at Warwick? You could be a guest writer on the [PhD Life Blog](#). Email us at [doctoralcollege@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@warwick.ac.uk), if you are [interested](#).
- The Autumn [Researcher Development Programme begins 30th September with 100+ workshops to support PGRs through to December 5. The RDO website is updated with all the new information.](#)

#### 5. WLS PGR Masterclasses and research seminars

We will continue our PGR Masterclass series this year. More details to follow soon!

And please do make sure you support the weekly research seminar series. These are great opportunities to meet colleagues within the faculty and learn about contemporary developments in legal studies. You also get a free lunch! Research seminars will take place on Wednesdays. Look out for the details when they're circulated.

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead!

Best wishes,

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