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University of Exeter Law Society

# INTER ALIA



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# PRESIDENTS WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our first edition of Inter Alia!

As we have settled into the new academic year, we wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on September, and what that looked like through the UELS lens.

We were delighted with how engaged you were with our Freshers' Week events, and hope that you enjoyed them as much as we did. This year is definitely a unique one, but we loved hosting our daily Zooms and hope you enjoyed the variety of events we put on.

Our week of introductory events, from our 'Introduction to the Bar' and 'Introduction to Mooting' to our 'Introduction to Law: Steps to Success' events, gave members a great chance to get into the specific areas of the society and our plans for the next year ahead - safe to say the calendar is looking jam-packed already!

- Jess and Lucy



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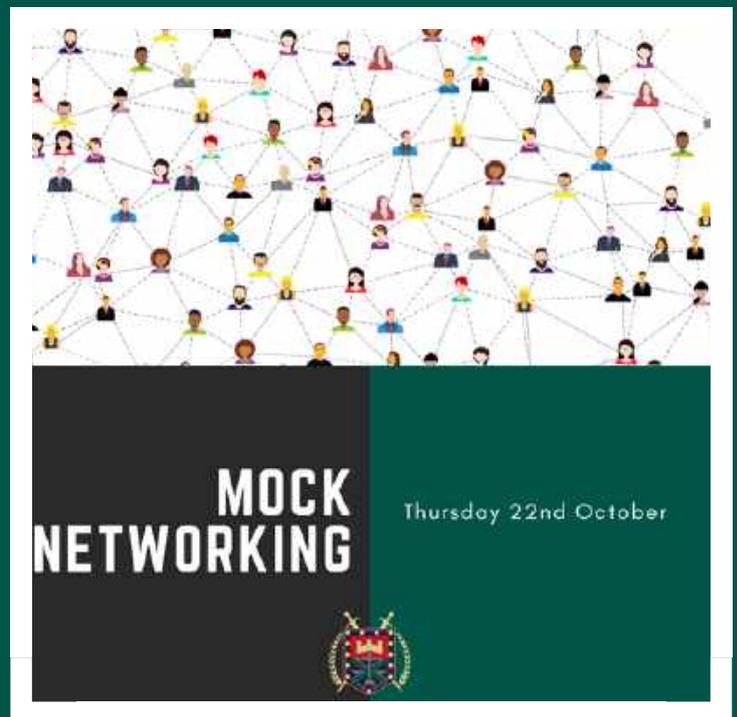


## VIRTUAL CAREERS DINNER

Tuesday 20th  
October

## VIRTUAL MOCK NETWORKING

Thursday 22nd  
October



*Don't miss them!*

# FRESHERS' REVIEWS

## **NETFLIX PARTY**

**During Freshers' Week we ran a variety of events including Kahoot with the Committee, an escape room, yoga with Eloise Skinner and more!**

"I am a non-law student, and the subject I study (biology) is pretty different to law. As a fourth year who is considering doing the GDL conversion course, discovering the size of UELS and the the range of events and activities offered was exactly what I needed. In addition to general skill workshops (that haven't happened yet, but yes, I logged all of them in my calendar app), hearing people talk about their experiences and aspirations this week gave me an insight into the world of law that I could not have gotten from online research alone. The support and professionalism of the Society's Officers is very encouraging, and I definitely do not regret getting the membership. Looking forward to being involved in more events in the future!"

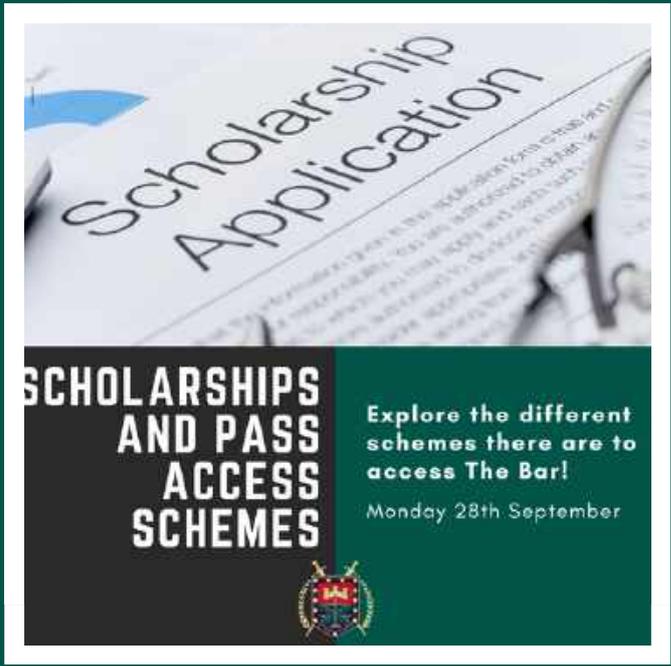
- Anna Maria



The Mindfulness Morning with Eloise Skinner was by far my favourite event of fresher's week! It gave us a chance to experience a free yoga and meditation session, without having to leave my bedroom! Eloise began by talking through her experiences of yoga and how it helps her work-life balance. This is particularly important for students to learn and utilise in their everyday lives. She then moved on to the yoga section, which left me feeling so much more peaceful and relaxed, but also with a sense of productivity for the rest of the day.

Personally, I think the fact it was virtual made the whole experience just that bit better. You can keep your camera off, which felt so much more private and if you make a mistake or fall over (which may or may not have happened!) no one is staring at you! But also, it makes it easier to fit around your schedule; the time you spend travelling is put to better use!

Overall, I just really enjoyed the experience, and I would be so excited if the opportunity came again! I would like to say thank you to Eloise Skinner for leading the session and UELS for organising the event! I thoroughly enjoyed it! - Anna Somerville



Over the course of the last fortnight, the UELS has put on a variety of fantastic events for those joining the law society, as well as its previous members. Having only joined a week ago, I have found these online events to be both beneficial and insightful. Each of the leading members in the society has been incredibly friendly to all the new freshers, allowing us to feel welcomed and comfortable, despite the clear challenges of an online audience.

One of the recent events has been the Scholarships to the Bar and the PASS Access Scheme, which offered a clear explanation of the process required to pursuing a career as a barrister.

I particularly found this to be extremely helpful, as it supplied me with the key information on the different types of scholarships and schemes available to students. Additionally, having had no previous work experience or knowledge regarding work as a barrister, I felt as though the session was brilliant for first year students who may have only begun their legal journey over the last two weeks.

The UELS members also offered their emails to the students who attended, allowing us to contact them with any further enquiries that we had. As a first-year law student, I have really enjoyed all the events they have organised so far and would thoroughly recommend all law students to get involved! - Nia Mathews

# EMPLOYABILITY

It has been a great start to the year with employability events thus far, with many more great events coming up during term one. Starting the year a fantastic event, 'Pathways Outside of the Legal Profession', we welcomed a great panel; Oliver Luke, a future Graduate Analyst at J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., Eddie Cleere, an incoming Analyst at Goldman Sachs, and finally Alex Maton, a Trainee Accountant at Tilney, Smith & Williamson. A huge thank you to our panelists for answering all of our society member's questions!

The second employability event we've run so far was our 'Meet the Campus Ambassadors', welcoming brand ambassadors from firms such as Clyde & Co., Linklaters, BCLP and Taylor Wessing to name a few, as well as ambassadors from other legal organizations such as Legal Cheek, Lexis Nexis and Aspiring Solicitors. Again, thank you to all of the ambassadors who attended the event and answered questions from our members.

With first term being application season for many roles, legal and non-legal, rest assured, we have a huge range of great events to help you through the process of deciding the career path for you, from our Annual Careers Dinner (Virtually!) and application workshops. If you ever have any questions about anything to do with employability or your future career aspirations, I am more than happy to help in any way I can, or put you in contact with some people who may be able to help further – don't hesitate to drop me an email at any time (etj201@exeter.ac.uk)

- Evan John, Employability Officer



I was honoured to sit on the panel for the 'Pathways Outside of the Legal Profession' event. It was warming to see so many enthusiastic students join to hear about the opportunities that extend far beyond just the legal world.

Taking part in this event, I wanted to convey a key message: that students, equipped with the transferrable skills that they have acquired throughout their law degree, can excel in any profession they wish to pursue. Having not known where I wanted to begin my career just a year ago, I wanted to pass on that it is more than okay to feel nervous going into this application season, and I believe students should embrace every opportunity that comes their way.

This year, more than ever, I feel everyone should join as many virtual talks and events that may interest them, and remain open minded. Thank you for all those who attended, and good luck to everyone.

- Oliver Luke, Final Year LLB,  
Future Graduate Analyst at JP Morgan Chase & Co

It was great to hear from all my fellow Exeter campus ambassadors! All these law firms may seem to blur together at first, but once you get to know your campus ambassadors, you'll start to get a unique feel for each firm through their representative.

It was amazing to see quite a few of you attending the event, especially first years who have taken initiative early to start thinking about a career in Commercial Law. I've already got a few students contacting me with questions, and it's brilliant hearing from so many proactive students!

If you haven't already, please check out my social media and sign up to A&O's mailing lists here: [https://linktr.ee/ash\\_tsui](https://linktr.ee/ash_tsui)  
Hope to hear from you soon!



Allen and Overy  
Ash Tsui



Herbert Smith Freehills  
Chloe Kunz

As Campus Ambassador for Herbert Smith Freehills, I was excited to attend my first ever event with UELS and present a friendly face that students can now feel comfortable approaching questions to. I hope that I can utilise this year as Campus Ambassador to demonstrate why students should choose HSF, whether this is running the dedicated Instagram for HSF Exeter (@hsfgraduates\_exe), or attending events such as "Meet the Ambassadors".

# COMMERCIAL LAW BOOTCAMP



On 1st September, I was fortunate to be chosen by UELS to attend the Commercial Law Bootcamp organised by commercial expert Jake Schogger. Firstly, thank you UELS and Jake Schogger for organising this partnership. It is great that the society has been so active (even before term starts!) in finding opportunities and supporting members despite COVID.

The day consisted of a range of workshops such as: application; a session on understanding the commercial world and a really unique session to using LinkedIn. I am going to highlight a few tips which I hadn't come across before attending the Bootcamp and discuss the LinkedIn session - as this advice really helped to de-mystify the platform.

A tip that really stood out to me was the need to 'process' your research. Often, it can feel like an overwhelming task to research firms, their clients and situate this within industry context. In addition, students are presented with a plethora of information from career events and websites which can amplify the feeling that you need to be an industry expert before applying. However, the emphasis on 'processing' your research provided a helpful tool to relate the information to your application – for example, what does this deal tell me about the firm and why is that important to me?

Secondly, I felt the tip about fully understanding your reasons for not pursuing a different career, such as banking or the bar, is another useful tool for self-reflection. Thank you to Hannah Salton, a previous Graduate Recruitment Manager at Allen & Overy, for these two practical tips.

The session on how to effectively use LinkedIn was particularly striking. The network can often seem like an online CV, but instead Ali emphasised the need to create and build relationships with individuals. Instead, the session encouraged us to view it as an opportunity to meet and help like-minded people. I felt the emphasis of sharing of ideas and offering guidance to other students was a great tip.

Overall, thank you, Jake Schogger for providing this opportunity to learn from the teams insights.

- Miranda Bruce, Final Year LLB

# UELS MOOTING

We are glad that our Introduction to Mooting presentation was successful. It was lovely to see quite a lot of new students and/or returning students on the call. This year being different to previous years in many ways, we are happy and excited for the upcoming workshops and competitions we have planned. Definitely we are looking forward to seeing many of our members, be it law students or non-law students having a go at mooting!

As I said, mooting may seem nerve wrecking or daunting at first, but definitely rewarding in the end!

For this year, we have organised two workshops before the internal mooting competitions, first one, being the Court Etiquette workshop led by David Tyzack QC on 1st October 2020 and the Research and Skeletons workshop on 7th October 2020.

As you may already know, the applications are already opened for the Newcomer's Moot, looking forward to seeing many of you, virtually of course!

We are also opening applications in the beginning of October, for the Collaborative Mooting Competition with the University of Sheffield as well as the Annual Exeter Moot Court Competition at the end of October.

Definitely quite a few mooting opportunities for you to grab!

So, what are you waiting for, start signing up and I hope to see many of you mooting this year!

- Sneha Ramkelawon , Mooting Officer 2020/2021

## Newcomers Moot Sign-Up



**INTRO TO MOOTING**

with Guest Speaker,  
**David Tyzack**

Thursday 24th September  
- 5:50-7pm  
Live streamed to our FB  
page!



# INTRO TO BAR

After two successful sessions on an 'Intro to the Bar' and 'Scholarships for the Bar Training Course', Jade and I will be hosting our third Bar workshop on 'What is the Bar Training Course' this coming Monday on the 5th October! In this session we will aim to set out and explain everything regarding the BTC, one of the essential stages in qualifying to be a Barrister. We will be going through where you can study it at the different schools, how to apply to it and most importantly, getting into what it actually entails and what you'll be doing during your time studying it. So, if you are an aspiring Barrister or are still new to the legal career pathways and are checking everything out to see what might be best suited to you, come along next Monday where we will demystify it as best we can!

- Nathaniel Guerreiro, Bar Officer



Over the past two weeks, myself and Nathan have hosted two workshops looking at what the bar is and some scholarships for the BTC. Having these events virtually was definitely something to get our heads around but both events have so far been very successful! We are lucky enough to be able to take our members through powerpoint via screen sharing on Zoom as well as taking any questions our members have throughout. We look forward to continuing this next week with our 'What is the BTC' event on the 5/10!

- Jade Lee, Bar Officer

# UELS PRO BONO

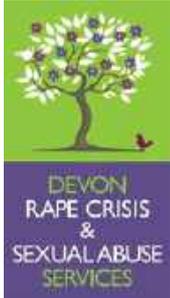
This year we want to ensure Pro Bono opportunities are increased whilst making sure all our projects are accessible! We have an event titled "Pro Bono in Exeter and Beyond" on Friday 16th October at 7pm. This event will highlight the greater importance of Pro Bono and how you can get involved beyond just here in Exeter. We have lots of projects planned for this year that can run virtually and eventually in person if restrictions allow, so keep an eye on our social media for the announcement of them!

- Lauren Hunt Pro Bono Officer

A FEW WEEKS AGO WE GAVE YOU OPTIONS OF DIFFERENT CHARITIES THAT YOU COULD VOTE TO RAISE MONEY FOR...



**47% OF YOU VOTED FOR:**



DEVON RAPE CRISIS AND SEXUAL ABUSE SERVICES

**SECOND PLACE IS:**



JUSTICE

UELS PRO BONO

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER  
LAW SOCIETY

## Pro Bono in Exeter and Beyond

Friday 16th October



# DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY

Early this summer, we asked our BAME members to fill out a survey to assess how UELS performed on matters pertaining to racial diversity and inclusion, and the results are as follows;

- 42.9% of the 28 respondents said that they do not feel supported by UELS;
- 71.4% said that they do not feel represented by UELS; and
- 64.3% said that they do not feel that UELS has done enough to address the lack of diversity and inclusion in light of past incidents.

Here at UELS, we'd like to take a moment to apologize for our lack of competence regarding creating an inclusive and welcoming society for everyone. Our pledge for the academic year of 2020/21 is to take our responsibility to welcome and include individuals of all races and ethnicities gravely and seriously, and we would like our members to constantly and vehemently hold us accountable whenever it is apparent that we aren't upholding our promises.

We urge you to direct any feedback, ideas, or views you'd like to share to our BAME Officer, Rawan Alsamawi ([raa221@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:raa221@exeter.ac.uk))

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DIRECTORY

As part of our commitment to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for our BAME and International students at UELS, the Diversity and Inclusion team have collaborated with several international and cultural societies on campus to compile a list of useful local businesses and establishments to cater for our members of varying ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, to help make Exeter feel like your home away from home.

This month, we would like to thank The Islamic Society for helping us create an accessible list of businesses and resources for our Muslim members.

If you would like to contribute something for this cause or any ideas as per societies we should collaborate with, please get in touch with our BAME Officer, Rawan Alsamawi ([raa221@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:raa221@exeter.ac.uk))



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DIRECTORY

## **EXETER MOSQUE**

- Place of Worship
- 13 York Road, Exeter, EX4 6PG
- The Islamic Centre in Exeter was established in 1978 through the efforts of local Muslim businessmen and students from the University of Exeter. Since its formation it has grown considerably both in its physical size and activities. Their primary purpose of providing a consecrated place of worship has been retained in the forefront, and in 1999 plans were approved for a purpose-built Mosque. In addition to providing a place for prayer and worship, Exeter Mosque also offers advice, guidance, classes, events with guest speakers and a chance for Muslim students to develop their Islamic knowledge. It is the main hub for Muslim students in Exeter and the space the brothers regularly use for their weekly halaqas and Mosque dinners from time to time.

## **MUSLIM PRAYER ROOMS**

- Place of Worship
- Old Library, Streatham Campus/Holnicote Building, St Luke's Campus
- On the Streatham Campus, the prayer rooms are located in walking distance from the Forum building, in the Old Library. Prayer and wudhu facilities are available, and it is a place where you can socialize and meet other Muslim students. On the St Luke's Campus, they are located behind Cross Keys. These have been newly refurbished and slightly expanded.

## **MESOPOTAMIA**

- Halal Grocers/Butchers
- 35 Sidwell St, Exeter, EX4 6NS
- Mesopotamia is a grocery shop that sells popular foods from across the world in one place. It also has a bakery, halal butchers, fishmonger and fresh fruit and vegetables. Mesopotamia Food Bazar is open seven days a week from 8am to 11pm.

## **COMIDA**

- Halal Takeaways
- Ground Floor of Devonshire House
- Comida is a central meeting point for Streatham Campus. Serving freshly prepared Mexican street food, made-to-order burritos, tortilla wraps, fresh coffee and cakes. Majority of chicken wraps are halal.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month, a month which celebrates the achievements and significant contributions that people of African and Caribbean descent have made to UK's history and culture. As well as a month of celebration, it is also a month of reflection of how far African diaspora have come in terms of overcoming racism and discrimination and how we still need to progress massively as a society to truly achieve 'diversity and inclusion'.

The Black Lives Matter movement's renaissance earlier this summer spawned significant discourse on the absolute necessity of causing an immediate shift in how we treat Black people within society, and the reiteration of the fundamental concept; we cannot continue to exploit Black people's economic, historical, artistic, academic, and cultural contributions while simultaneously refusing to respect their dignity and human rights.

The legal field is notorious for its lack of diversity, specifically the lack of Black lawyers, which firms and chambers attempt to conceal by grouping all ethnic minorities as a singular group. However, UELS has committed itself to being one of the driving forces behind creating positive change and equality within the legal field. As one of the largest law societies on campus, we have chosen to commit ourselves to providing ample careers and academic opportunities for all of our members, as well as creating a safe and inclusive space on campus, regardless of race. We aspire to create a culture of community among our members, a culture that will not tolerate racism or discrimination in any form.



# UELS COMMITTEE 2020-2021

**Presidents:** Jessica Phillips and Lucy Cole

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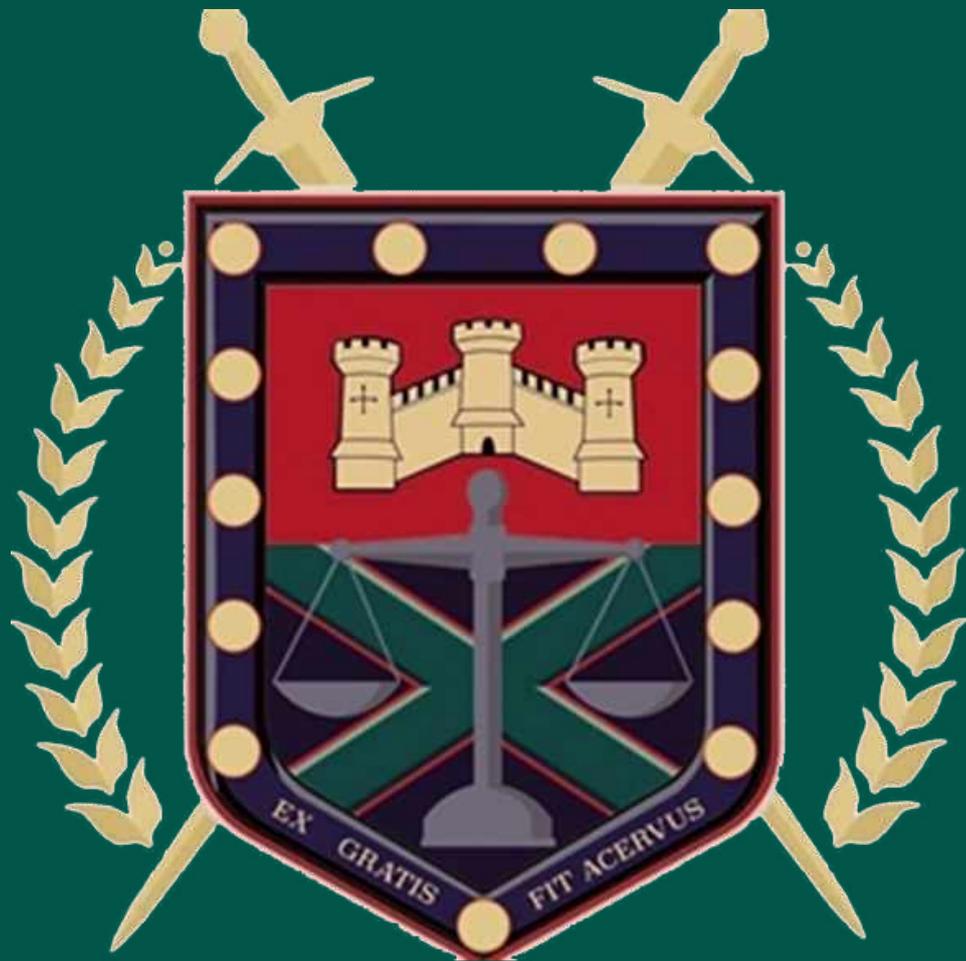


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