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PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Welcome to our third edition of Inter Alia.

It has been another busy month for UELS this month with 20 events put on across November. We have also seen the start of our Exeter Moot Court Competition as well as our Inaugural Newcomers' Mock Trial.

We were delighted to see our Diversity & Inclusion team host the second annual 'Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession' event, which included 3 different panels and a total of 11 speakers. Our Pro Bono Officers hosted 3 Pro Bono events for Pro Bono Week, this was the first time UELS has marked the week. Our Pro Bono Officers have been particularly busy this month as they have also introduced 5 new Pro Bono projects, more than doubling the number of projects we had available last year. We were overwhelmed with applications, and are so excited to see our members get involved in these fantastic opportunities.

In this publication, we've highlighted a few events to look out for this month, but make sure to be following our social media pages to keep up to date with our weekly events - there are so many exciting opportunities coming up.

- Jess and Lucy




UPCOMING EVENTS

**Non-Commercial
Pathways into Law
1st December**

**Non-Commercial
Ways into Law**

**Tuesday 1st
December**


Join UELS, Chrissie Wolfe and Grainne Staunton to discuss the different routes you can take into law, other than corporate/commercial law!



**Social Mobility
Within the Law with
Nazir Afzal OBE**

**Thursday 3rd
December**

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Nazir Afzal OBE will be joining us as a guest speaker discussing social mobility and his own journey in the legal profession.


**Social Mobility
within the Law
3rd December**

**Lincoln's Inn
Information Event
7th December**

**Lincoln's Inn
Information Talk!**

**Monday 7th
December**

Both Williams will discuss all you need to know about Lincoln's Inn.



Don't miss them!

THE UELS PODCAST



[The UELS Podcast Episode 1](#)

We are really excited to introduce the first episode of our UELS Podcast. The Podcast will focus consist of interviews from our Alumni, who will explain in their own words how they reached the position they are in now, from Exeter.

This episode features Dr Gordon Christian, who describes his journey from Exeter to Senior Counsel Competition at Siemens Energy.

EMPLOYABILITY EVENTS

IN-HOUSE PANEL

Our three panellists offered our members a great insight into the work of in-house legal practice, highlighting some of the key differences between their roles, and private practice (with both Stefania and Gordon touching upon their experiences working at large commercial law firms prior to their move to in-house legal work). Our panellists also touched on their road into in-house legal practice and how our members can do so if their hope is to pursue such a career, with Emma providing some amazing tips to our members on this front, given her experience of entering straight into in-house work, rather than the more typical route of working at a commercial law firm beforehand, and then making the move to in-house. A massive thank you to Stefania, Gordon and Emma for your great insights, top tips and helpful advice.

- Evan John, Employability Officer

THANK YOU TO OUR FANTASTIC SPEAKERS



Stefania Maulucci, ,
Business Control
Manager at JPMorgan



Dr Gordon Christian,
Senior Counsel
Competition at Siemens
Energy



Emma Lilley,
Commercial
Solicitor at MAG,
Founder
@inhousepotter

PARTNER EVENTS

DINNER WITH WHITE & CASE

WHITE & CASE

I found the White and Case virtual dinner to be hugely insightful and really enjoyable. Throughout the duration of the evening, we were given the opportunity to network and converse with a number of the firm's representatives including a partner, trainees, and a member of the graduate recruitment team. This was an invaluable experience, as it allowed me to gain an insight into both the global and diverse nature of the firm, as well as equipping the attendees with tailored advice for the application process, which I hope to utilize in the future. The representatives were enthusiastic, open, and willing to answer any question we had, which further endorsed the friendly community culture of the firm. I was definitely compelled by the event, and it served to further deepen my interest in the commercial sector, I would advise any student to attend these events!

- Mia Perrins

Being a first-year law student, I was incredibly pleased to be able to join the White & Case virtual dinner this year. Dusting off my suit and attempting to do something with my 'lockdown hair', I sat down in front of the computer.

The White & Case team were incredibly approachable and welcoming dissolving any nerves I had prior. After a short introduction, we were separated into breakout rooms and joined by a member of the White & Case team. The informal feel made asking questions incredibly easy and each and every one of the White & Case team were incredibly insightful and forthcoming with advice and guidance. It was a fantastic way to get a real feel for the firm and something I would recommend to any aspiring solicitor who has the opportunity in the future.

- Lewis Dean

PARTNER EVENTS

MEDIATION WITH MACFARLANES

I am a first year law student and I attended the 'Mediation Workshop with Macfarlanes', which was well executed. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience!

A day before the workshop, we were given a scenario and had to think about some of the issues that the different parties may want to raise in their dispute. At the session, we acted as a legal adviser to one of the two parties and we attempted (successfully) to mediate a settlement on our client's behalf.

Also, during the session, we were placed in groups where we had to consider the key issues and what our strategy should be when arguing for our clients.

Further, we had to anticipate what might be the counter arguments and if there were anything which we could or could not compromise on, based on our client's instructions.

This workshop with Macfarlanes has provided me with a great understanding and awareness of how mediations are conducted. I look forward to attending more online events like this in the future!

- Raina J. Singh



On the 9th of November, UELS provided an event with Macfarlanes to deliver a mediation workshop. This was a fantastic event where we were given a scenario that two substitute meat companies had a dispute around the termination of a supply agreement. We were split into two groups, each acting as legal advisors for their appointed company. Through acting as legal advisors, we had to mediate with the other company to settle the dispute and reach a shared agreement. This was a really interesting task that provided us with an insight into mediation in practice. During this, we had the opportunity to talk to the Macfarlanes' representatives and we were fascinated by their own mediation experiences. I would like to thank UELS and Macfarlanes for running this event.

- Alex Connington

PRO BONO

PRO BONO WEEK

Monday - Fundraiser for Support Through Court

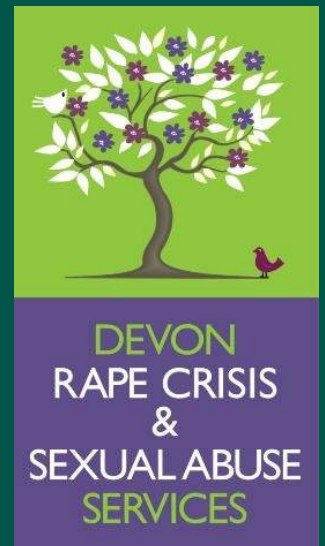
- We had a really fun evening of games and quizzes in aid of Support Through Court and are really grateful to everyone who got involved.
- We have exceeded our fundraising goal and once we have our final figure we will be sharing this with everyone. Thank you to all who donated!

Wednesday - Essential Skills in Pro Bono

- Thank you to our speakers Maria and Alice for their incredible insight into their work.
- We had a really engaging session at the end of the event practicing client interviewing!

Friday - Pro Bono Through the Pandemic and Beyond

- Thank you to our speakers Tia Matt, Jake Pritchard and Chris Moore for discussing the impact of the pandemic on their Pro Bono work.
- We had a really interesting talk all about the struggles and advantages the pandemic has had on Pro Bono.



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PRO BONO

PRO BONO PROJECTS

On Friday 13th November we launched our Pro Bono Projects for this year, this was a highly successful event with over 50 people in attendance. We have had over 160 applications and are currently in the process of recruiting for and starting up the projects. The projects include three fundraising teams for Devon Rape Crisis, Support Through Court and JUSTICE, Pro Bono Commentary Project, Legal Education Project, Aspire and Aspire 2.0. Thank you to everyone who submitted an application, they were all of such a high quality and we look forward to working with lots of you this year.

- Our first project is a fundraising project, which comprises of three teams working with three different charities; Justice, Devon Rape Crisis and Support Through Court. This project will include setting fundraising targets and putting on virtual events to achieve these goals.
- Our second project is the 'Pro Bono Commentary Project' which aims to produce weekly articles on different topics surrounding Pro Bono. This project is a great way to improve upon writing skills whilst also promoting education on issues surrounding Pro Bono to our members.
- Our third project is a 'Legal Education Project' which requires us to work closely with a local school, running workshops with them on topics of law. The aim of this project is to make the law fun and accessible to secondary school aged children.
- Our fourth project is 'Aspire' and includes working with the same local school. This project will run mentoring sessions with students helping them with their studies, applications to university and employability.
- Finally, we are also recruiting a team to produce Assemblies for a local school, as all their assemblies are now done virtually, they have asked if we could record one a month for them to use.

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MOOTING

Friday the 6th November saw the final of the newcomers moot, judged by Dr Tim Dodsworth, Dr Ben Hudson and Chris William, a partner with Clyde & Co. The judges spent much time deliberating fed back to all candidates how impressed they were with the overall standard of competition. The problem question was designed to challenge and so to have progressed to the final was a great achievement by our mooters. We are happy to share that the competition was ultimately won by Michael Magier, with Robert Brown and Christopher Duffield coming second and third place respectively.

- Alfie and Sneha , Mooting Officers

"Competing in the Newcomers' Moot was a pleasure. Few things compare to the thrill of preparing, presenting and then defending a case. The process is entirely independent and everything comes down to you: your hard work in preparation and your performance on the day. It is challenging but, more importantly, rewarding like nothing else. As with everything that is difficult, there are lessons to be learned and things to improve for the future. Thus, I would wholeheartedly recommend this competition to every so-called 'newcomer', both for the experience itself and the lessons to learned from it."

- Michael Maiger, Necomers Moot Winner



Mooting is one of those weird experiences of Law School – people wearing funny wigs, robes and referring to each other as Lord and Lady isn't just strange, but also quite daunting. When I signed up to the Newcomers' Moot I expected to catastrophically fail, as before uni public speaking was not one of my fortes. But with the handbook to help me I suddenly found myself enjoying it, with a good plan it was actually quite easy and extremely satisfying. Round 2 definitely felt better than the first and by the end of it I was very happy with my responses to the judges. To come second overall, though, really took me by surprise and so I look forward to more.

- Robert Brown , Second runner up

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BAR GROUP

The mini-pupilage talk was a useful session. It mainly covered information on how to get a mini-pupilage, regarding LinkedIn opportunities and other things to boost applications. Having known that connections are vital, I liked how the session has provided up-to-date information and solutions, especially as it is challenging to seek chances via the traditional route at the moment of the pandemic. The session has also taught me to seize the networking opportunities on online platforms, with useful tips on boosting my applications in the future.

- Regina Chung

'Although the prospect of entering the Bar can be daunting, the UELS events make this prospect less daunting and more exciting for me than anything. The mini pupillages event opened my eyes to numerous avenues one can take in order to gain a mini pupillage. Not only did I receive advice on what to include in my CV but also advice on how to make my application stand out from the rest. The sense of support received from committee members was also tremendous.'

- Ellie Cross

This event was helpful and useful because it informed us of the changes made to mini-pupillages as a consequence of Covid-19. It was explained how chancery and commercial chambers have been able to carry out some mini-pupillages virtually, unlike chambers that specialise in family and/or criminal law. Consequently, we were warned that despite being able to apply for a mini-pupillage for family or criminal law it is uncertain whether this would take place.

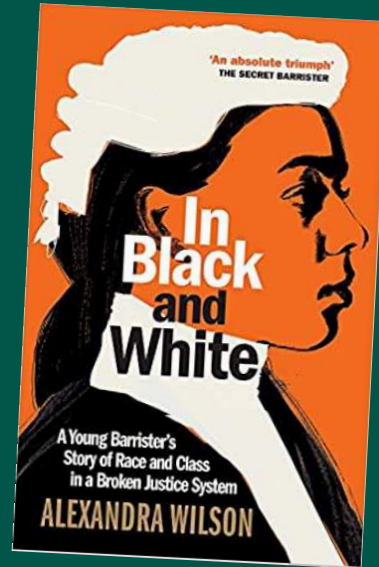
It was also shown how students could boost their degrees in other ways. For example, taking part in pro bono activities and doing legal research qualifications. This made me feel, and hopefully others, less worried about the possibility of being unable to do a mini-pupillage this year.

- Bella Tattford

BAME AT THE BAR



With The Essex Barrister,
Alexandra Wilson and
Representatives from
Bridging the Bar



On the 9th November we hosted an event with our Diversity and Inclusion team regarding access to the Bar which we were lucky enough to be joined by Alexandra Wilson, the Essex Barrister and author who had received recent media attention for being mistaken as the defendant multiple times in court as well as Blessing Park and Srishti Suresh, two barristers from Bridging the Bar, an organisation which aims to increase diversity at the Bar through initiatives such as mini-pupillage schemes.

The event ran incredibly and the speakers, responding to questions, gave excellent insight into being BAME women at the Bar with their respective journeys, perspectives and advice. With a strong attendance which included some lecturers at the Law School, as well as a special giveaway of one of Alexandra's books at the end it wasn't an event to be missed and is the type of event we hope to run again in the future!

- Nathaniel Guerreiro, Bar Officer

On November 9th, the Diversity & Inclusion team were thrilled to collaborate with the Bar subcommittee to host 'BAME at The Bar', an event that featured an appearance by author and lawyer, Alexandra Wilson (The Essex Barrister), and Blessing and Srishti from Bridging the Bar, an organization that aims to bridge the racial discrepancies at the Bar. The evening offered exceptional and relatable insights by our guest speakers (as well as endorsements of crying in the loo) and a giveaway of Alexandra Wilson's bestselling book 'In Black & White' to one lucky attendee.

- Rawan Alsamawi, BAME Officer

NEWCOMERS' MOCK TRIAL

The newcomers mock trial run by the UELS was a fantastic experience. With everything being online (and having never done a mock trial before) I was not too sure about what to expect, however, I found it to be a really fun and challenging way to explore the law. The problem question was on the very relevant topic of coronavirus. It took me a lot longer than I expected to prepare for the mock trial, but found myself loving the experience of researching and applying the law. Even though it was online, the mock trial itself was professionally run and simulated a real court experience as much as possible, which I loved! The rush of making statements and cross-examining witnesses was enthralling. I would highly recommend trying out a mock trial if you have not done so already, very worth the time and effort. Thank you for everyone involved in making the mock trial such a rewarding and fun experience.

- Christopher Duffield, Mock Trial Winner

This inaugural competition involved a student and community member, and an altercation over wearing a mask while inside a local shop grocery shopping. It took the events of the last few months and turned them into a practical problem that challenged the defence and prosecution, and witnesses alike.

I participated in several rounds of the trial as a witness – switching between both a prosecution and defence witness. From the perspective of someone sitting in witness stand, the level of advocacy was impressive. Participants creatively navigated the set of facts to argue their points with some interesting lines of questioning used throughout.

Well done to this year's winners and congratulations to everyone involved including the Bar Officers for organising this new competition!

-Toby Whitfield, Mock Trial Witness

We hosted 24 members for our Newcomer's Mock Trial on the 14th November and it was a huge success! Our aim with the newcomer's style was to make sure all our members who are interested in competing in the Mock Trial later in the year will have a strong foundation to do so. We saw some really impressive advocacy especially from our three winners and we look forward to our Mock Trial next term to see what more our members have to offer.

- Jade Lee, Bar Officer

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

This term, we have hosted over 17 Diversity & Inclusion events, including socials, employability, welfare, and speaker events, with plans to host just as many (if not more) next term.

We have hosted a diverse range of events with speakers of all sorts of backgrounds and career paths, boasting events with the likes of individuals such as Alexandra Wilson, Nazir Afzal OBE, Yasmin Sheikh and Umar Kankiye. Notable events this term include our Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion panel, Why You're Not Too Dumb For Law School (a panel discussing mental health, imposter syndrome and burnout culture within the legal field), BAME at the Bar with Alexandra Wilson and Bridging the Bar, our Implicit Bias Training and Discussing Disabilities Within the Legal Profession, among others.

We believe that our events have offered opportunities for our members to engage with a diverse set of perspectives within the legal field, as well as representation for our members from all sorts of backgrounds. Our primary objective with our events was to drive in the sentiment that no matter your race, gender, sexuality, disability, religion, or ethnicity, there are opportunities and representation for you within the legal field, an objective we feel that we are well on our way to achieving in the next few years.

- Rawan Alsamawi, BAME Officer

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Yonks Asian Foods

- 3 Summerland St, Exeter EX1 2AT
- Located near Unit 1 and The Barn Student Housing! Sells pretty much everything you need (Lee Kum Kee sauces, CJ microwavable rice, Chinese cabbages, beansprouts, snacks like Boy Bawang, alcoholic beverages like soju, etc.)!! They also carry a handful of instant ramen brands but not Indomie.

BHL Oriental Food Store

- King William St, Exeter EX4 6PD
- My personal favourite for instant ramen as they stock up. They usually carry Lee Kum Kee and Kikkoman soy sauces, gochujang (Korean red pepper paste), a bunch of ingredients from Korean brands, frozen instant meatballs and dumplings and kimchi. When I can't find what I need in 168, I'll pay Yonks a visit or vice versa. This store even sells woks and steamers! They also sell frozen hotpot ingredients, fresh vegetables like 168 does, pre-fried tofu, all kinds of noodles/egg noodles, rice - they carry so many different kinds of rice, beverages, rice paper wrappers, and lots of other ingredients.

Red Panda

- 29 Gandy St, Exeter EX4 3LS
- A restaurant serving loads of different kinds of Asian dishes (not specific to Indonesian food) like pork buns, kimchi, rice-dishes, chilli oil in jars, etc.!! I've never been here myself but I know a lot of Indonesian students who love dining in Red Panda. Visit their Instagram for more information (@redpandaexeter).

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The UELS's celebration of diversity and inclusion event was an amazing opportunity that highlighted the progress the legal profession has made. The event featured several speakers from a range of backgrounds including two of Exeter's own academics. Dr. Nasu's thoughts and experiences dealing with discrimination in an academic setting was highly thought-provoking and made me personally aware of how far academic institutions still have to go to create an inclusive environment. Alice Needell and Tom Moran both offered their thoughts on 'Imposter syndrome' and how it still constantly affects them to this day which gave me a sense of comfort in that others in the industry can still feel that way. Umar Kankiya's story of his career is the perfect example to show how far we in the legal profession still have to go to make it a more diverse and inclusive place and how we must all become allies to stand up and fight for equality.

- Jack Knight

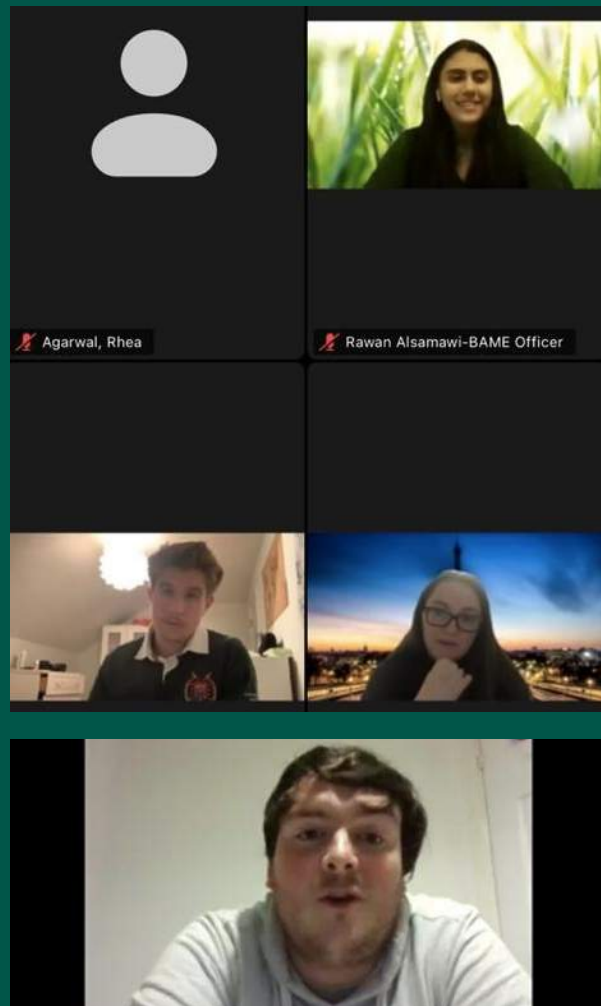
One of the highlights of this semester was 'Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion', an event which was a labour of love by the entire Diversity & Inclusion team. The event hosted 11 speakers (almost triple the amount of speakers at last year's version of the event) from all sorts of different backgrounds and legal careers, who offered brilliant insights and witty anecdotes about having a career in law while also not fitting the 'straight, white, male, and private school educated' stereotype that plagues the legal industry.

- Rawan Alsamawi, BAME Officer

WHY YOU'RE NOT TOO DUMB FOR LAW SCHOOL

I enjoyed attending the event and was pleased with the amount of coverage this event had with regards to mental health and well-being. I like the new direction that the Law Society is taking with welfare, diversity and inclusion, and that's evident based on the variety of the events that the society has introduced this term. This event felt very relatable, as not only did we get to listen to first-hand experience from the panellists about their experience within Law, but also the various well-being strategies incorporated onto their daily lives, considering the demanding nature of the course and industry. Huge congratulations to Rawan the QUEEN for organising this amazing event!

- Idris Din



It was remarkable to be able to see how people at the same institutions have all battled their own problems, and come out on top. University can be a difficult place and often overwhelming. The event really motivated and empowered me to keep doing what I'm doing and that things will slowly gel together. It was reassuring when all the guests pointed to all the support services the university offers. The event really put to rest my imposter syndrome.

- Avaram Arta

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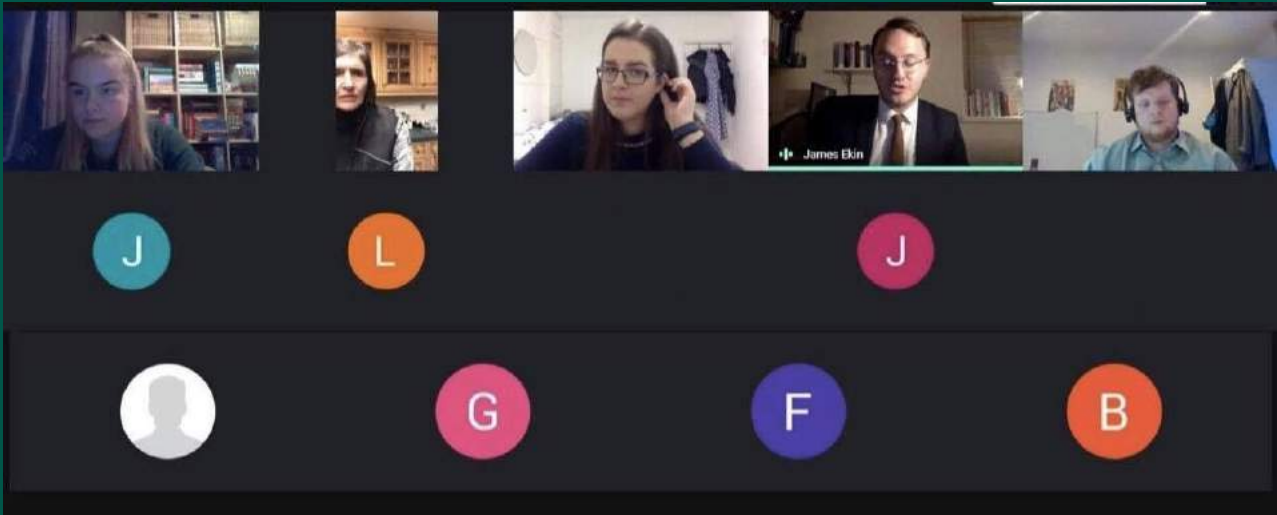
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DISABILITIES IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Speaking at Tuesday's event (24th Nov) to the Law Society at Exeter was an awe-inspiring experience. Both to participate and share my experiences of accessibility, disability and inclusion at the Bar. The panel was varied, with people from many different backgrounds; those with hidden, and physical disabilities across all aspects of the legal journey, undergrads, postgrad (like myself) practitioners, paralegals and academics alike. I was thrilled to have been asked, with Exeter being my alma mater, and I look forward to keeping an eye on the other events in this year's calendar that UELS are putting on despite the pandemic.

- James Ekin



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