Dear all

Hope you are all well, and welcome to the new academic year!

We are writing to let you know about the first session of our tri-annual writing group for socio-legal PGRs. The writing group was piloted last year, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive; thank you to all of you who attended! We will continue the writing group this year, but with some exciting modifications to future sessions for you to look forward to! For the first session however, we will maintain our usual format; if you have not attended before, the details are below.

The aim of this writing group is to provide a space for PGRs to write in a supportive and friendly environment and to build the SLSA PGR community. We are not providing this space to give feedback or guidance on writing; instead, we are simply aiming to foster a safe and supportive space for PGRs to write together. While many Universities run writing groups locally, many PGRs are in departments where there is little to no socio-legal community and may feel isolated within their own departments. This writing group will allow PGRs from related disciplines to come together, support each other, and share ideas. We will be hosting the writing group online in the interest of inclusivity.

The session will be structured in the Shut Up And Write (SUAW) format, starting with brief introductions, followed by 4 sessions (25-minute writing blocks, with 5-minute breaks), and ending with a short period for reflections at the end. The writing group will run from **9:00am-12:00 pm UK time on 18th October 2024**. Please do feel free to suggest other timings for future sessions; our aim is to fit in as wide a range of needsas possible!

Attendance will be on a first-come-first-serve basis from sign-ups via this Google registration form. Link here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4E57jkzWVnhe7L_Um51B4TNiYupGpVI0R6rZBHL8Sjqiayw/viewform>

We will be capping the attendance at 25 people. This is in order to facilitate discussion and ensure that we all get an opportunity to get to know each other. The form will close on the 11th of October and the Teams link will be sent out 5 days before. A reminder email will be sent the day before.

As always, any feedback or input is welcomed and appreciated.

Many thanks

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