

Trinity Law Association Newsletter – Easter Term 2021

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Introduction from TLA chair, Andrew Walker QC...

The current pandemic has dominated our lives since the last edition of the TLA Newsletter. The personal and social consequences have affected everyone, and they continue to do so, both in the UK and across the globe. Professionally, the effects have been much more mixed. Many lawyers in the UK report being busier than ever, but others (particularly, as so often, criminal lawyers) have been dealt a heavy blow by the limits placed on the capacity of our courts to conduct trials safely and effectively. The longer-term effects have yet to become clear. In the meantime, the institutions and individuals in the legal profession have once again come together to support those in most financial need. Long may that recognition and marshalling of our collective strength continue.

Against that background, it is unsurprising that many of the pieces penned in this edition focus on the pandemic: its effects on student life and studies, and on the Fellows who have been thrust into finding ways to maintain the academic life of the College. It is uplifting to hear how well all have coped, and I detect plenty of optimism for the future. We wish the whole College community well in their efforts to return to something closer to what alumni will remember of their own time in Cambridge. The fact that at least two academic years will have been heavily disrupted stands as a reminder that it is not only in the memory that our time in College is fleeting.

But it is not all about the pandemic. As you will read, the broader academic work of the College Law Fellows has continued to flourish, and Fellows and alumni alike have again achieved public recognition for their contributions to the law and in other fields. We congratulate them all. As ever, we also thank Jo Miles (e 1999) for her enormous contribution to the TLA, and for collating College news for this Newsletter.

The TLA continues to keep networking activities on hold until we can meet again in person (both lawfully and safely), and until the College allows us to hold events in the real world. In the meantime, as I reported in the Annual Record, we have continued to look for ways to help current students to prepare for careers in law, both online and through personal mentoring. We will be doing the same again next academic year, with student minds during Easter Term now focused exclusively on examinations.

Finally, as our hopes grow for a return to real world events in 2022, we have pencilled in a new date for our postponed Biennial TLA Dinner. Please hold [Saturday, 12 March 2022] in your diaries for a long-awaited trip back to Trinity, when I hope to see many of you once again. We will publish details about both the dinner and events on the day nearer the time.

Until then, I wish you all a safe and healthy 2021.

Andrew Walker QC (1987)

Honours and distinctions for our members

[Professor Dame Sarah Worthington QC \(Hon\) \(e 2011\)](#)

Our very own Sarah Worthington was awarded a Damehood in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2020. She said,

'I feel surprised, delighted and overwhelmed by the honour. It's wonderful to see legal research recognised in this way, especially research in private law. But research endeavours are never solo projects. I've been immensely fortunate to have met and worked with a lot of very warm and clever people who have helped

me in all sorts of ways. Thank you to all of them, as I continue to learn from their example.'

For more, read this [media coverage](#) of Sarah and all the other Cambridge honourees.

2020 and 2021 QCs

A later than usual newsletter this year means we have the pleasure of publicising two rounds of QC appointments. Congratulations to:

David Blundell, Landmark (1994)

Jamie Carpenter, Hailsham (1995)

Aileen McColgan, 11 KBW (1985)

Philip Riches, Twenty Essex (1993)

Jonathan Sampson, Harcourt (1992)

Samuel Townend, Keating (1993)

Trinity lawyers in the New Year Honours 2021

- Daniel Isaac Greenberg (1983) - Companion of the Order of the Bath - Counsel for Domestic Legislation, HoC, For services to Parliament
- Brian John Davidson (1982) - Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George - HM Ambassador, Bangkok Thailand, For services to British Foreign Policy

Obituaries and In Memoriam

Richard Edwards QC (1985), with an obituary in [the Spectator magazine](#), by Toby Young (1988)

The Lord Anthony Paul Lester of Herne Hill QC (1957), with an obituary in [The Guardian](#)

Peter Richard Daws (1968)

David Peter Wynne-Griffiths (1951)

New Title A Fellow in Law – Rory Gregson

We are delighted that, for the first time since one JA Weir (e 1962) received the distinction, the College has elected a new Title A Fellow in Law – a junior research fellowship that permits its recipients to develop their research over four years. Private lawyer Rory Gregson will be joining us from Oxford in October 2021. His thesis is about subrogation to extinguished rights. Benjamin Spagnolo (e 2016) describes Rory’s work as follows:

‘Rory’s work comprehensively recasts the judicial doctrine and normative underpinnings of subrogation to extinguished rights. Where the claimant’s money is used to discharge the defendant’s debt to a third party, the law sometimes gives the claimant new rights against the defendant, which resemble the now-extinguished rights that the third party had against the defendant. This fiendishly complex area of law is frequently encountered in practice but insufficiently understood, and continues to generate controversy in ultimate appellate courts across the common law world.’



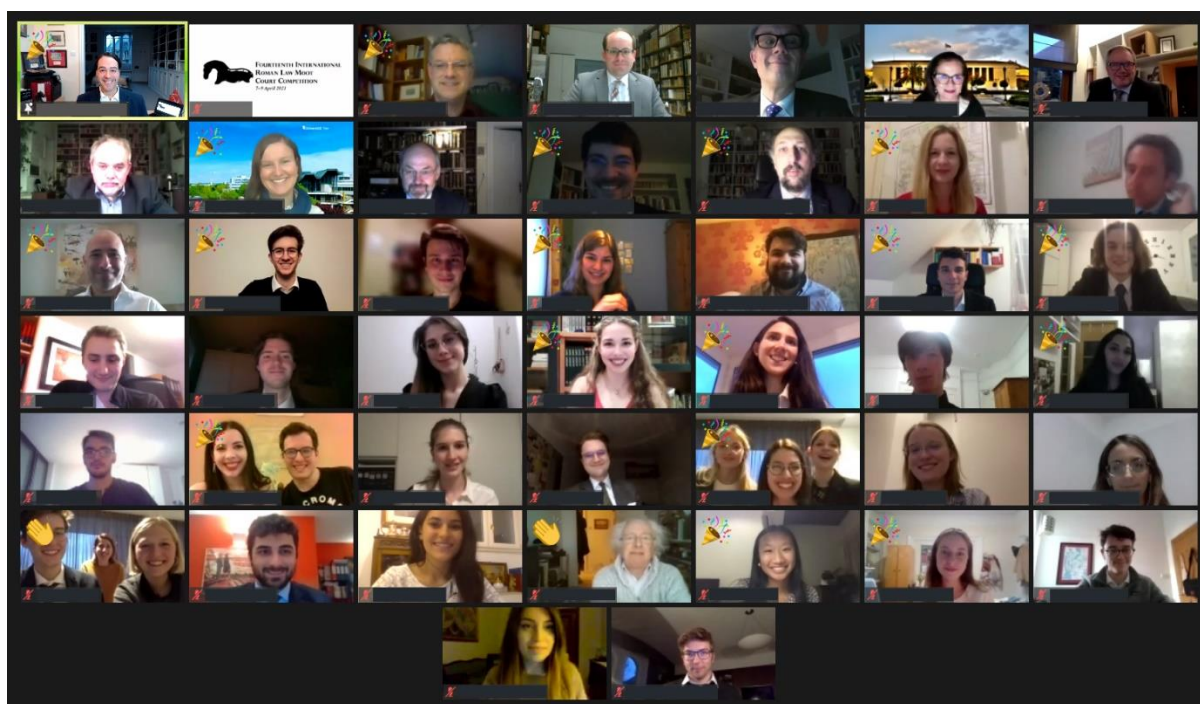
‘Gregson compellingly and systematically demolishes the orthodox justification of subrogation as a means to achieve restitution of unjust enrichment: subrogation and unjust enrichment claims have divergent functions, requirements and legal effects. Instead, it is revealed for the first time that subrogation is, in certain circumstances, grounded in a duty to hold a right for another’s benefit and, in others, in the proper distribution of the burden of a debt. Applying this new understanding, ostensibly contradictory cases are explained and apparently anomalous rules elucidated. Courts and commentators must now confront the implications of this revelation for trusts over traceably acquired assets, doctrines of recoupment and contribution, and the availability of proprietary remedies for unjust enrichment.’

Rory is well-known as a mooter. Here he is receiving an award at the International Roman Law Moot held in Pompeii in 2015 (contrast the online iteration from this year that Benjamin describes in his article below...).

Fellows' news

From a Zoom in Great Court: Benjamin Spagnolo (e 2016)

Those who, like me, binged-watched *Star Trek: Discovery* during lockdown will be familiar with the characteristic gesture of Commander Saru as he settles his ganglia. Despite making it to the last chance saloon ahead of the third stay-at-home order in England, this is how I've felt for the last month or two. Fortunately, however, I have been able to keep the screen-facing bits tidy, since there have been days where I spent upwards of eight hours talking to a camera.



International Roman Law Moot - Ben featured top left!

When we moved online, twelve months ago, Teams and Meet allowed only eight or nine simultaneously visible video streams, Skype had not yet adopted a 'Meet Now' button, and Zoom was something you had to ask people to download. These limited early configurations now seem archaic and further distant in time than they really were. Even if we are not yet all avid users of @mentions, we have all—staff and students—become tolerably adept at working via these and other online platforms.

Experience confirms our good fortune to teach principally in small groups, where these platforms work best: even at less customary hours, on account of spanning time zones, online supervisions came to feel natural very quickly and, though some forms of non-verbal communication are lost, contributions have been as lively and free-flowing as ever. It has been easier for supervisors than for students—but their dedication and resilience in the face of obviously suboptimal conditions has been commendable.

Lectures were arguably easier for students than lecturers, for whom recording content in advance required close reflection on the possibilities and pitfalls of the medium: escaping the 50-minute straitjacket; generating and maintaining student engagement; balancing audio, video, slides and

handouts; experimenting with links and quizzes; wrestling with captioning; etc. Students now informally rate Faculty lecturers according to the speed at which it is most convenient to listen to their lectures—lower scores being more desirable, since they imply weightier content.

Teaching seminars with larger groups—in my case, to Master's students 'in' Stockholm in the spring vacation—posed different challenges: students and academics alike are broadly terrible in larger online groups, and some students will turn their cameras, and themselves, off, if the class is not well designed. In contrast, sessions combining shorter plenary elements, smaller breakout room discussion, and reporting back to the main group have elicited contributions from students who would certainly not have felt comfortable piping up in person.

Trinity already conducted some (overseas) admissions interviews by video. While rolling out this format across the board in December 2020 denied candidates the chance to visit the College, it meant that most of them were rather more relaxed, in the comfort of known environments.

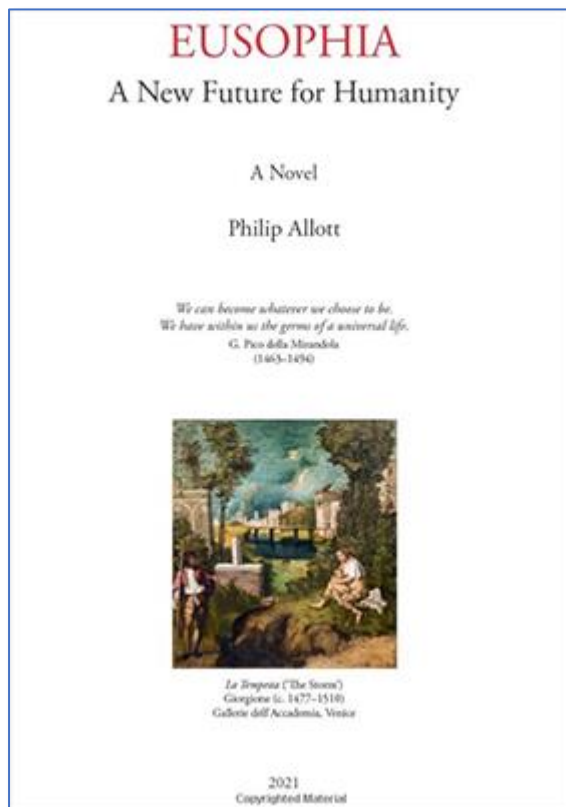
Taster days and summer school sessions have been able to reach a geographically wider cohort, and one that seemed on average more engaged than even this admittedly self-selecting group normally is—secondary school students deprived of contact hours avidly completed pre-reading, relished the chance to speak up in online sessions, and followed up to seek additional materials.

Moots have also worked well online; the skills of appearing by videoconference call are plainly now part of the professional toolkit. Avoiding travel is a convenience for judges and spectators, though the lack of post-moot dinners is regrettable; at larger and longer competitions, like the International Roman Law Moot, it was possible to include parallel dinners with activities to facilitate social and intercultural exchange—again, it was not the same but it proved a very acceptable alternative.

The year has been very hard for some; and it has been different for all of us. However, in terms of teaching and learning, outreach and co-curricular activities, Trinity Law has muddled along pretty well. In common with other professional and personal experiences during the pandemic, some of our online solutions and digital workarounds will doubtless be retained after the crisis abates; others will surely be abandoned as soon as practicable.

The milestone moments—rather than the quotidian—are those where the absence of in-person contact is perhaps felt most keenly. We were fortunate to be able to welcome our first-year students in person in October, and to hold an afternoon tea in the open air under the Wren Library in Michaelmas. Lent Term having been conducted entirely online, we now focus our optimism on a thoroughly unmuted garden party or the like, to mark the end of the academic year.

Eusophia: A New Future for Humanity, by Prof Philip Allott (1955, e 1973)



Professor Philip Allott has published the new book – a novel, *Eusophia: A New Future for Humanity*.

'The book for a human world in chaos and despair. A personal adventure story which is also a philosophical adventure story and a political adventure story. Why do human beings do so much evil? Why is there so much human suffering? The story of a young man who realises that his job in life is to save humanity from itself. Revolutionary of the mind. Metanoiac of the soul. He becomes the public voice of a conspiracy of rich and powerful people who have their own mission to humanise the human world.'

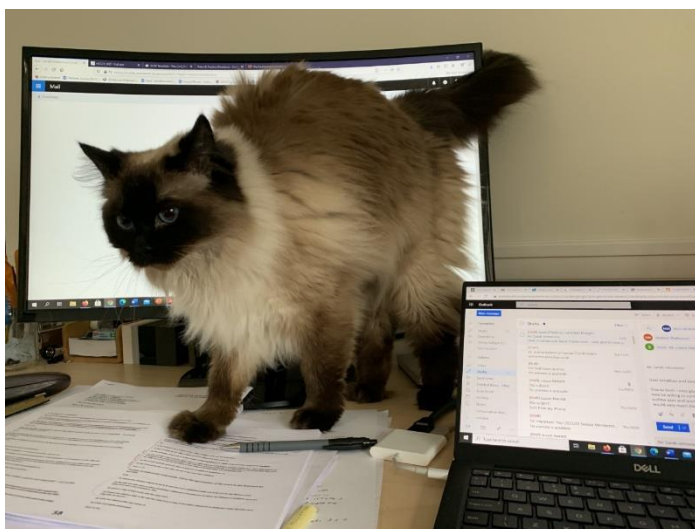
The book is available in [paperback](#) and [Kindle](#) editions from Amazon.

For information about other publications by Professor Allott, please refer to his [Faculty profile](#) and his [Eminent Scholars Archive entry](#).

Notes from sabbatical leave 2020-21 – Louise Merrett (e 2003)

I have spent my sabbatical leave working on several projects. I am writing a second edition of my book on *Private International Law and Employment Contracts* and continue to work on *Chitty on Contracts* and *Benjamin Sale of Goods*.

I continue to be actively involved in working out the consequences of Brexit for civil litigation. I have spoken at the Chancery Bar Association Annual Conference as well as giving a seminar to judges. Most recently I have collaborated with a colleague from the



Max Planck Institute on a project exploring the possible impact on choice of law and court agreements. Our paper has been published in the *European Review of Private Law (Incentives for Choice of Law and Forum in Commercial Contracts – Predicting the Impact of Brexit)* and we presented our paper together at a seminar at the Max Planck (unfortunately on Zoom rather than in person).

My work continues to be cited regularly in court. Most recently my article on the enforcement of asymmetric jurisdiction agreements was cited and the approach followed by the Court of Appeal in *Etihad Airways PJSC v Flöther* [2020] EWCA Civ 1707. Henderson LJ at [67] agreeing with the judge at first instance that the essential point was ‘*concisely and convincingly expressed*’ in this article.

I continue to work more generally in the field of private international law including contributing a chapter to a work celebrating Lord Sumption's contribution to private law (‘Forum Conveniens’ in Day and Worthington (general eds), *Challenging Private Law* (2020, Hart)). Hart have also recently agreed to publish *Landmark Cases in Conflict of Laws* in their Landmark cases series, which I am co-editing.

I have also enjoyed spending some of my leave applying some of my academic work in practice. I represented the Public Institution for Social Security of Kuwait in a dispute with various Swiss banks in a four day hearing concerning the enforcement of a jurisdiction agreement. The case is due to be heard in the Court of Appeal for three days in July, hopefully by then in person. I have also been appointed a bencher of Gray's Inn.

I am looking forward to returning to College and teaching (and will not miss my cat's attempts to assist with my research).

Zooming into Japan – Sarah Worthington (e 2011)

Amidst a very busy year of sabbatical activities in 2020-21, Sarah – who has recently ended her term as British Academy Treasurer, but filled the slot as a new [Trustee for the British Museum](#) – joined alumni group, Trinity in Japan earlier this year. Another triumph of pandemic-induced modern technology in action, enabling us to reach out to alumni all over the world!

You can catch up with her conversation with our alumni in Japan (aimed at non-lawyers, but doubtless of interest to lawyers too!) on *Equity, Corporate Governance and the Cambridge Centre for Private Law* on [Youtube](#).

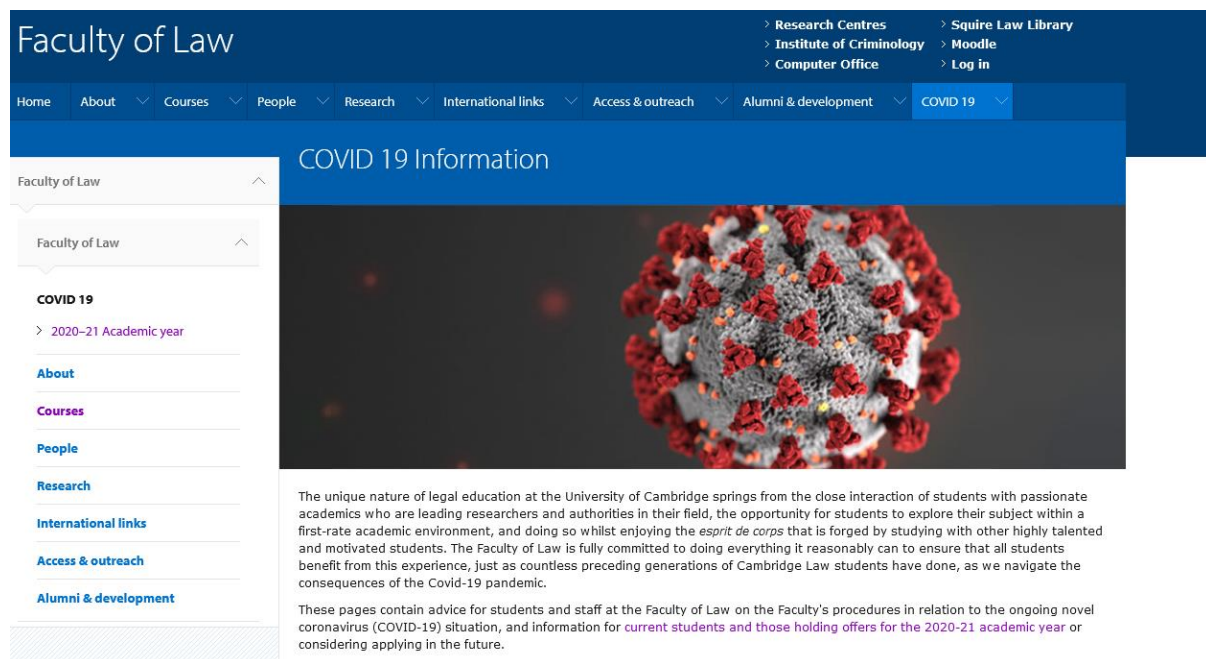


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Dame Sarah Worthington QC (Hon) on Equity, corporate governance and the Cambridge Private Law Centre

Running a global university (and dealing with Brexit on the side) in a global pandemic... and a small revolution in the form of Law examinations... - Catherine Barnard (e 1996) and Jo Miles (e 1999)

Catherine and Jo – in common with other colleagues around the University in leadership positions – found themselves very much in the hot-seat shortly after the end of the Lent Term in 2020 when the first(!) lockdown began...



The screenshot shows the Faculty of Law website's COVID-19 information page. The header includes the Faculty of Law logo and navigation links for Research Centres, Institute of Criminology, Computer Office, Squire Law Library, Moodle, and Log in. The main navigation bar lists Home, About, Courses, People, Research, International links, Access & outreach, Alumni & development, and COVID 19. The page title is "COVID 19 Information". A large image of a coronavirus particle is displayed. Below the image, there is a paragraph of text: "The unique nature of legal education at the University of Cambridge springs from the close interaction of students with passionate academics who are leading researchers and authorities in their field, the opportunity for students to explore their subject within a first-rate academic environment, and doing so whilst enjoying the *esprit de corps* that is forged by studying with other highly talented and motivated students. The Faculty of Law is fully committed to doing everything it reasonably can to ensure that all students benefit from this experience, just as countless preceding generations of Cambridge Law students have done, as we navigate the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic." Below this paragraph, there is a smaller paragraph: "These pages contain advice for students and staff at the Faculty of Law on the Faculty's procedures in relation to the ongoing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and information for [current students](#) and [those holding offers for the 2020-21 academic year](#) or considering applying in the future."

Their already fairly onerous jobs (Catherine as Senior Tutor and *ex officio* member of Council and countless other committees at College and University level; Jo as Director of the LLM in the Faculty and *ex officio* member of Faculty Board) turned insane once they had to help work out how on earth to run teaching and student support for undergrad and postgrad students at a time when those students – and academic and support staff – suddenly all found themselves under immense personal as well as professional pressure.

Catherine had the bigger challenge to face, leading the College's educational response to COVID. As Catherine is still Senior Tutor (but looking forward to a very well-deserved break on sabbatical in 2021-22!) Jo is writing this article – and she can't begin to describe everything that Catherine will have done in the last year! But before leaving the College side of things, a hat-tip is also definitely required to law student Ludvig Brekke (2018). Newly-elected TCSU President in February 2020,



TCSU President Ludvig alongside the "Senior Tudor", welcoming new students in October 2020

Ludvig had his entire term of office derailed by the pandemic, as he had to tear up his plans and become a key student-contact and representative to help inform the College's response. You can read more about Ludvig's year below.

As for the Faculty – two working groups sprang into action in March 2020. The first to work out, at very short notice, how on earth to get our existing students through their summer exams now that they were all scattered to the four corners of that same Earth, some of them due to graduate and so very much in need of a proper degree result. The second to work out, at slightly less short but nevertheless demanding notice, how on earth to deliver the start (and how much more...??) of the 2020-21 academic year.

Jo was grateful to be excused service on the first (just consulted on LLM-specific matters) but that – and an unusually light examining-load – just freed her to crack on with some blue-sky thinking for the second, which then met frequently – via Zoom/Teams, of course... – over most of the summer. (She held on to the thought

that she'd be handing over the reins to her successor at the end of her two-year term in October 2020...).

And as well as planning the next year's teaching, Jo had to spend the summer wrangling the deep worries of the 360 LLM offer-holders, again from all over the world, many of them anxious that they just wouldn't be able to travel to Cambridge at all, and help deal with the extraordinarily difficult circumstances that many of that year's LLM cohort were facing...

Reflecting on the issue of exams... Funnily enough, Jo had spent much of the 2019-20 academic year chairing another committee on diversifying modes of summative assessment for the LLM, most of which was concerned with getting away from the traditional, three-hour, closed book, handwritten exam format with which all readers of this newsletter will be familiar... So that group's report, which Jo had presented to a university-wide workshop right at the end of the Lent Term, provided a convenient blue-print for the first Faculty COVID-19 working-group, who were spared at least *some* of the background thinking... But they had a mountain to climb in terms of implementing some of those ideas at frighteningly short notice.

And so it was that students from across the Faculty were confronted with at-home, online, word-limited, open book exams that spanned a 24-hour period that enabled students from Auckland to Vancouver to take their exam during the same time-slot during their own waking hours. Students could devote as much or as little time to the exercise as they wished – predictably, despite Faculty

encouragement to spend nothing much beyond the conventional three-hours, most spent rather longer...

Only graduating students (Part IIs and LLMs) were classed in summer 2020, but even they were not ranked and no prizes were awarded, in recognition of the fact that, with the best will in the world, students would not be on a level playing-field, given widely varying home circumstances and domestic responsibilities. First and second year Tripos students faced slightly shorter exams than usual (required to answer three rather than four questions – providing a valuable bit of breathing space for examiners as well as candidates), but were neither ranked nor classed. Students whose circumstances were very difficult in the summer were given the option to take their exams in September – which of course required fresh examiners and fresh examination papers to be set...

The Faculty decided back in September 2020 to deploy the same exam format for this summer – we couldn't possibly predict what the circumstances would be, come May/June 2021. But we wanted the students to know – right from the start of the year – exactly what they'd be aiming for. Given that many students can't get back to Cambridge this term, it's just as well... As for next year...??

The examining was just one corner of our pandemic-planning work... Planning for delivery of teaching for the 2020-21 academic year threw up loads of its own challenges and dilemmas, and Benjamin Spagnolo (e 2016) recounts some of the lecturer/supervisor experience of this year in his article above.

As for Catherine's activities, even more astonishing is the fact that, as Deputy Director of the ESRC's [UK in a Changing Europe](#) programme, she was – ***throughout this same period*** – also having to deal with Brexit and the looming end of the transition period, always heavily in demand by various media outlets.

We've never fully understood how Catherine does even a small proportion of everything she does, even in normal times. But as you can see from [her UKCE archive](#) and [twitter feed](#), the stream of commentary hasn't let up over the past year!!!

Professor Catherine Barnard

Deputy Director at UK in a Changing Europe

Catherine Barnard is a Professor in European Union Law and Employment Law at the University of Cambridge. Her project looks at the lived experience of working as an EU migrant in the UK, in the run up to Brexit and beyond.



If there isn't a Marvel Comics superhero yet that reflects Catherine's activities, there should be. What a superstar!

Students' reflections on being a law student during a global pandemic

Reflections from Ludvig Brekke (2018) on Law in a Time of Corona (with the customary apology to Gabriel García Marquez...)

I've realised this past year that the best thing about being a law student is the prerogative to have a lot to do. While many of my friends at home in Norway would suffer through days and weeks of lockdown lethargy, I always knew that the law books had my back; they were there, on that shelf, waiting for me. What a blessing.

I jest, of course. We law students have encountered the same feelings of ennui and lethargy as everyone else. While these are godsend in comparison with the more damaging aspects of the pandemic, it has still been a challenge to see our brief time at university disappear in a puff of restrictions and lockdowns. We enjoy our course, but we came to university for more than just the well-stocked libraries and dashing supervisors. Losing out on Bops; evenings in each other's rooms; formals; trips to the pub; lazy, warm days in a punt on the Cam, has been difficult.

For many of us, time at Trinity has been the exception rather than the rule this past year, with most of it spent at home. I went home to Oslo in March of last year, which felt a lot like regressing to that pre-university existence of home cooked meals, languid afternoons and lack of personal space – the vital difference, of course, being that socialising and activities outside of the home were not allowed. In essence, I was 14 again, and grounded. This was in many ways a luxury, especially for parents who perhaps had thought they would never have the opportunity to cosset their overgrown children again.



Easter term in Oslo was an interesting experience. My mother and grandmother insisted we watch 'Sex Education' together, which I think I will have to bring up in my first session of therapy in a few years' time. The weather was Scandinavian for the duration of term, which meant running with crampons was the only viable form of exercise available. Being a Norwegian studying English law is already confusing enough, but being a Norwegian studying English law in Norway – during a pandemic – made for a term where motivation was in short supply. I distinctly remember a tort revision supervision clashing with our 17th of May celebrations [to commemorate Norway's 1814 constitution and attempts to free itself from Denmark and/or Sweden! (ed.)] – discussing *Rylands v Fletcher* while in national dress unleashed its own identity crisis. Escalating TCSU duties and uncertain exam arrangements made for a distinctly

unpleasant period, but it was followed by a lush Norwegian summer, which included a short trip to Finland – a country so strange that it would make more sense if it were populated by Moomins.

Being allowed back to Cambridge in Michaelmas was wonderful. Things were different, naturally, but everyone in College was determined to make the most of a difficult situation. We put on events, played sports, had some in-person teaching – all while following restrictions. It is incredible how much easier it is to motivate yourself for work when you are in residence as well. Lent, while spent at home, had its bright moments, with some wonderful weeks of snow and cross-country skiing – and parents now working abroad, which meant I could feign independence. Now back in Cambridge for Easter and free from TCSU duties, I am looking forward to giving the course and my friends the attention they deserve.

Reflections from Alessandro Angelico (2018) on forced, albeit not quite solitary confinement in Trinity...

The change was as sudden as it was unexpected. One evening, I was celebrating the end of term at the Law Society Gala, the following one I was saying goodbye to friends in a surreal Hall, the next one I was one of a handful of students left in College.

Initially, the empty College and streets represented a nice novelty, bringing some tranquillity from the usual hubbub of Easter-vacation Cambridge, packed with students relishing the last remnants of freedom before revision and tourists enjoying the start of the warm season. In any case, we thought, the crisis would be over by the end of the holidays, and we would all be enjoying garden parties and May Balls once exams are over.

As the length and seriousness of the health situation became increasingly manifest, the overall morale of the few students left started to deteriorate. When it became clear that our friends would not return for Easter term and that the end-of-year celebrations would be cancelled, we all felt robbed of something. I had worked hard all year with my fellow students, enduring frigid bike rides to the boat house in dark winter mornings and rainy walks back to College late for a supervision. And now, the promise of indulging in all the beautiful things Cambridge has to offer without the stress of exams was unceremoniously shattered in front of us.



Alessandro and set-mate Tiffany - the only two law students left in College!

Yet, for all its anguish, the forced confinement at Trinity and the restricted spectrum of activities I could do was the reason why I started to appreciate life's little pleasures. The weather was glorious as I began to explore by bike exquisite Cambridgeshire villages, which busy students often ignore. Running along the Cam became a cherished moment, witnessing a natural life that never stopped during the pandemic and inhaling the scent of a regenerating spring. Once rules were relaxed, picnics in the Fellows' Garden and dinghy rides on the river brought a lot of sweetness to me and my friends still in College. Actual sweetness was also the result of tea and cake in the Bowling Green hosted by Dr Benjamin Spagnolo (e 2016), who was so kind to invite my set-mate and me, the last two Trinity law students left in residence, for little chats to distract from exams preparation.

Now that I am working in an office all day, I am longing for those simple afternoons, where lying on the grass of the Fellows' Garden reading a novel and drinking iced tea felt such an extraordinary moment.

Time, the pace of vaccinations and the re-opening of the country are removing the bitterness I felt at the time for the cancelled festivities and graduation. What remain in my memory are nostalgia for the gentleness of those simple moments and for the sweetness of my Cambridge years more in general as well as the realisation that happiness can be found even in the most challenging times, if one takes the time to appreciate what one's got rather than what one's lost.

Reflections from Jason Han (2017) on a final year finished from Singapore...



I think a series of pictures will nicely illustrate the new climate and circumstances I now find myself in. I've chosen a series of pictures from fortnightly hikes in Singapore's tropical rainforests, which is dotted with many large, mature and evergreen trees.

For me, these trees are a defining visual cue that I am in Singapore – they are remarkably different from the trees I used to find in Cambridge, and yet they fondly remind me of English springs and summers, and long walks along Seven Sisters or the Lake District.



I've also thrown in a picture of a monitor lizard I encountered during a hike in a mangrove trail. Their saliva most famously contains venom used to kill small prey – no deep symbolic meaning here!



I don't think the strangeness of last year will sink in until I am able to return to Cambridge and reconcile my memories of how the place was

with how it is now. Not when it was a bit of a ghost town, where I sauntered through Sidgwick and lay on King's Back Lawn thinking about three short yet long years (a Fellow had come out to tell me to get off, before I told him it might be my last time in a long time and he gave me a sympathetic nod).

Recent graduands' and alumni news

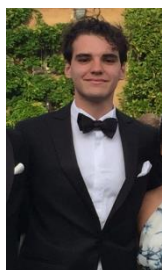
The 2020 graduating cohort

We're sure that all TLA members will have huge sympathy for the 2020 graduands, who took their finals under wholly unfamiliar conditions and were deprived of any sort of graduation ceremony last year, limited to a Zoom celebration instead. They got the paperwork they need to get their next job/course place/scholarship etc etc, but haven't yet been able to celebrate in person 😞

We shall be ensuring that we do give all of them an opportunity to come back to College at the earliest opportunity. But in the meantime: hearty congratulations to them from the Law Fellows! And here's news of most of them:



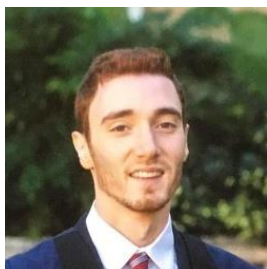
Afia Addai: I'm currently studying for the LPC and hope to qualify as a solicitor in the UK.



Alessandro Angelico: I am writing from the lovely and rainy Luxembourg, where I started a five-month traineeship at the Court of Justice of the EU. I am basically interning as a judicial clerk, working in the chambers of Judge Tamara Perisin. In September, I will start the LPC in London having signed a training contract with US law firm Covington & Burling. [See Alessandro's article below about his time at the CJEU.]



Marika Cash: After the somewhat strange end to my time at Trinity, I moved to Leiden to commence my Advanced LLM in European and International Human Rights Law. This was perhaps a risky decision, considering the global pandemic, the fast-approaching end of the Brexit transition period, and my very limited grasp of Dutch. Nevertheless, I have absolutely loved my time at Leiden so far! I am eternally grateful for the generous support of the Hollond Fund Travelling Studentship, and of my university professors, past and present. [See Marika's article below about her time in Leiden.]



Jason Doukakis: Having started the LLM Commercial Legal Practice Course (LLM CLP) programme at BPP Law School barely days after the final Cambridge exams, I will join Clifford Chance LLP as a Trainee Solicitor in August 2021.



Jason Han: I'm currently at BCG doing research/ consulting in FinTech. I'm always on the lookout for new weird and wonderful things to work on, so let's see where the winds of change blow! [See Jason's article above for reflections on the weird last summer this cohort had...]



Kamilla Marianayagam: I'm currently doing the LPC and will be starting my training contract with Allen & Overy in August.



Ellis Napier: I've done an accelerated LPC and started training at Slaughter and May earlier this year (so far remotely!), with a first seat in Corporate.



Hazel Ng: I started my LPC at the University of Law in January 2021 and will begin my training contract in September 2021 with Linklaters.



Erica San: Since graduating from Trinity, I've been completing an LLM with a specialism in Human Rights Law at UCL and interning at the Haringey Migrant Support Centre. I start an internship at JUSTICE in May, after which I hope to do the LPC at the University of Law and eventually (!) qualify as a solicitor.



Maaz Shahzad: After finishing my LPC this summer, I will be starting my Training Contract at White & Case's London office in August.



Agnes So: I am doing an LLM with subject specialism in criminology and criminal justice, and hope to pursue a career at the bar in Hong Kong.



Maddy Southey: Since graduating I have been working full-time in the Visa department of the University of Law, and I have recently qualified as a Helpline volunteer for the charity IPSEA, providing legal advice and support to parents of children and young people with SEND (special educational needs and disability). I have also been awarded an Exhibition scholarship from Inner Temple to start the Bar Practice Course in September this year.

From our foreign correspondent: Marika Cash (2016) in Leiden



Having graduated (via Zoom) from Trinity in summer 2020, I moved to the city of Leiden in the Netherlands at the end of August 2020, to commence my Advanced LLM in European and International Human Rights Law. Human rights law had been one of my favourite courses during my undergraduate degree, and I was excited for the opportunity to pursue my interest further, notably to move beyond a Eurocentric perspective and learn more about other regional human rights systems.

Indeed, the content of the course has been incredibly varied; while the first semester started with the foundational modules of European Human Rights Law and International Human Rights Law, we quickly moved onto smaller, more narrowly focused modules. These included Discrimination Law, Children's Rights, and Making Human Rights Work. Compared to my time at Cambridge, there has been far more emphasis on group work, with many assessments consisting of joint papers and presentations; notably, one course titled *Privatissimum* entailed four weeks of 'sprint research', with each week consisting of a novel group and research topic. It was also interesting to adapt to new modes of assessment, from writing case-notes through to oral exams; in short, I don't think I have ever been assessed so frequently and in so many different styles!

While the middle of a global pandemic is not an easy time to start a new life abroad, the COVID restrictions in the Netherlands were initially quite relaxed, which allowed me to meet my fellow classmates in person, both inside and outside the classroom. The metaphor used throughout the course has been that of a caravan in the desert; that students will gradually join from abroad if and when their circumstances permit. Thus, the number of students present in Leiden has gradually grown from around 15 to a nearly full house of around 30 students. As in Cambridge, my classmates hail from all corners of the world, from Brazil and the US through to Malaysia and Japan, Kenya and Zimbabwe. However, it was a somewhat new experience to be

studying alongside students who were many years my senior, and who had already acquired significant experience in legal practice or academia. The diversity of students undoubtedly enriched our group discussions, and we quickly became a close-knit group, united by our shared interest in human rights.

The initial absence of restrictions also allowed me to explore the Netherlands. Leiden is a small but beautiful city, and is in many ways similar to Cambridge: the numerous waterways and bridges, the rich history, the market stalls, and the crazy cyclists! Before lockdown fully set in, I also managed to visit the nearby cities of The Hague, Amsterdam



and Rotterdam. Even after lockdown, I was able to continue exploring parts of the Netherlands by bike, particularly as Leiden is surrounded by many beautiful lakes and beaches. Another highlight was also ice skating on the frozen canals in February; something that had not been possible for the last eight years!

Though it has at times been a challenging year with many uncertainties, I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to study at Leiden; I have discovered several new academic interests, and met so many inspiring people. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the Hollond Fund and of the Trinity Law Fellows; once again, thank you.

[A great news story that began with the TLA mentoring scheme: John Kwan \(2009\)](#)

John Kwan, who studied law at Trinity, writes:

10BE5, a legal tech company I co-founded, recently completed a funding round, covered by [Artificial Lawyer](#), MergerMarket and Bloomberg Law. 10BE5 builds software products that automate selected drafting and diligence tasks in capital markets transactions and periodic reporting. One of 10BE5's advisers is Mark Soundy, another Trinity alumnus (1983). Mark mentored me when I was at Trinity pursuant to the TLA mentoring scheme and we have (evidently!) continued to keep in touch.

The launch of the *Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics, and Art*

June 20th will see the launch of *The Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics, and Art*, an academic student journal founded in and run from Trinity. The Journal is intended to provide a new inter-disciplinary forum for discussion on the interaction of law, politics and the art that stirs and expresses those



fields: for instance, the political and legal controversy of the Elgin Marbles, propaganda, the toppling of statues as a political message, the architecture of law courts, IP Law, and the role of art in a time of crisis.

14 Trinity students, including the Founder and Editor-in-Chief, feature among the 80+ editors and administrative staff involved in the Journal. Notable contributors include Lord Sumption, Lady Arden, Sir Nicholas Penny and the front cover's illustrator, Sir Quentin Blake (see image). Running at over 300 pages, with 110 articles and dozens of artworks, the Journal's first edition will be quite the beast, but, it is hoped, a beautiful and insightful one too.

This project owes its existence to Trinity, not just because of the generous and instrumental funding provided by the Donoghue & Stevenson Fund, but also the exceptional Trinity students who joined Sami Kardos-

Nyheim when he founded the Journal: David Edwardes-Ker (2019), Tiffany Chow (2018), Michael Nguyen-Kim (2018), Owain Cooke (2019), Elizabeth Huang (2016), Louisa Stuart-Smith (2018), Lucia Cafoor-Camps (2018), Joe Court (2017), Thomas Hood (2017), Ashna Ahmad (2019), Samuel Rubinstein (2019), Helena Heaton (2018), and Uma-Johanna Shah (2019).

300 of the Journal's 2,000 copies will be distributed in College on 20 June. To have a print copy sent to your home address for free, email Sami (ask66@cam.ac.uk). The [online edition](#) will be freely available to all. Students: check your pidge and email!