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Cambridge Law Programme 2026

SUBJECTS AND FACILITATORS

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Subjects Taught

Over the two weeks, the programme covers the following subjects through lectures, seminars and workshops:

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| 1. Foundations of International Criminal Justice | 11. Mooting Workshop |
| 2. Public International Law | 12. Debating Workshop |
| 3. Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice | 13. Alternative Dispute Resolution |
| 4. Legal Drafting for Practice | 14. Introduction to Investor-State Dispute |
| 5. Legal Drafting and the Use of AI | 15. International Commercial Law |
| 6. English Criminal Justice System, Structure & Procedure | 16. Government, Policy & Institutional Design |
| 7. Indian Criminal Justice System, Constitutional Frame | 17. Youth Leadership and Social Intelligence |
| 8. Comparative Workshop: UK vs India Case Studies | 18. Career Counselling: UK & Qualifying Pathways (Bar and Solicitor route) |
| 9. Comparative Constitutional Law | 19. Oxbridge Scholarship Opportunities |
| 10. Court Room Advocacy | |

Note: Sessions and facilitators are correct at the time of issue and may be subject to minor changes.



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Meet the Facilitators



The Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland KC, KBE

Teaching: Comparative Constitutional Law · Court Room Advocacy

Sir Robert Buckland is a British barrister and former senior government minister who served as Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice from 2019 to 2021, and as Secretary of State for Wales in 2022. Called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1991, he practised criminal law for nearly two decades and sat as a part-time judge (Recorder) in the Crown Court, and was appointed King's Counsel in 2014. He was previously Solicitor General for England and Wales and Member of Parliament for South Swindon.



Christine Carpenter

Teaching: Foundations of International Criminal Justice · Public International Law · Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice · Legal Drafting for Practice · Legal Drafting and the Use of AI

Christine Carpenter is an international lawyer and a Gates Scholar and PhD candidate in International Relations and Politics at the University of Cambridge. Her research examines the challenges that new and emerging technologies pose to international legal systems and the impact of global digital inequality on international justice. Before returning to academia she practised at a global law firm, focusing on international arbitration, public international law and foreign sovereign litigation, alongside a pro bono practice in international human rights and international criminal law. She serves on the International Law Association's Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Technology.



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Facilitators



Baiju Thittala Varkey

Teaching: English Criminal Justice System · Indian Criminal Justice System · Comparative Workshop: UK vs India Case Studies

Baiju Thittala Varkey is a dual-qualified lawyer, admitted as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and as an Advocate of the State Bar Council of Kerala, India. He practises as a criminal defence solicitor in Cambridge, advising on serious criminal matters as well as cross-border issues affecting non-resident Indians. Originally from Kerala, he has also served as a Cambridge City Councillor and as Mayor of Cambridge, the first person of colour to hold the office.



Yusuf Solley

Teaching: Fraud, Bribery & Corruption · Serious Crime

Yusuf Solley is an English judge and barrister who has practised in all aspects of fraud, bribery and corruption, and serious crime.



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Facilitators



Israr Khan

Teaching: Mooting Workshop · Alternative Dispute Resolution · Introduction to Investor-State Dispute · Career Counselling (UK Qualifying Pathways)

Israr Khan is a doctoral (DPhil) researcher in Socio-Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, where his research focuses on investor-state disputes in China's Belt and Road Initiative. He was called to the Bar of England and Wales and holds a degree in Scottish and English Law from the University of Aberdeen. A member of Regent's Park College, he has served as President of the Oxford Union.



Rafiullah Kakar

Teaching: Youth Leadership and Social Intelligence · Government, Policy & Institutional Design · Oxbridge Scholarship Opportunities

Rafiullah Kakar is a public policy and international development expert and a 2013 Rhodes Scholar. He holds two master's degrees from the University of Oxford: in Public Policy (Blavatnik School of Government) and in Global Governance and Diplomacy. He is also a Gates Scholar at the University of Cambridge, where he is pursuing his PhD.



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Flourish Erhijakpor

Teaching: Debating Workshop · Debating Final Competition

Flourish Erhijakpor leads the debating strand of the programme, delivering the debating workshops and adjudicating the final competition. Flourish studied for an MPhil in Development Studies at the University of Cambridge and is pursuing further study at the University of Oxford.



Aneisa Babkir

Teaching: International Commercial Law

Aneisa Babkir studied International Relations, with a focus on justice, ethics and human rights, alongside a minor in International Business, and undertook part of her studies at the University of Oxford. She is also a Gates Scholar and is currently pursuing her PhD at the University of Cambridge.