

# Welcome to Land Economy

Hello new recruits – I'm Katie, a third year Land Economist, and shall be your subject rep for your first year at Pembroke; an official point of contact for the course within college.

First off, you have chosen well - not only is Land Economy the best course, but more importantly, its department is just a suicidal dash across Trumpington Street away from college.

Myself, Arvind, Matthew and Linda welcome you with landec love to the smallest and most varied course on offer at Cambridge – you'd better get used to explaining what Land Economy is! Within a few weeks it will become much more apparent exactly what the next 3 years will be like, but for now, here are a few things you may wish to know.



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**Lectures, Supervisions & Workload:** First year will entail 8 hours of lectures per week (2 hours per paper) and approximately 4 (hour-long) supervisions per fortnight (1 hour per paper). Work will be set by your supervisors, often to be handed in a few days prior to the supervision, and may involve an essay/ reading/ exercises. Land Ec is a really small course, so you will get to know most students in your year. You'll also quickly get to know the people who will be teaching you, making the whole experience much more relaxed.

**Preparation:** I'm sure you will have been sent a short reading list – if you have time, then by all means have a look at some of the material, but it really isn't essential.

**Books** – Pembroke library and the faculty library (Mill Lane) should have most things covered, but the university library (UL) is there if not. There are some books you may wish to buy for convenience – I imagine the Pembroke second years (Matthew/Linda) will be selling the ones you need. We can all give you an idea of which books are particularly good.

**Top tips:** attend lectures (there aren't many!), keep to deadlines and remember that the other 50 people in your year will be starting from the same place of not knowing a thing about Land Economy work or exams. Student of this course come having done a wide variety of A-Levels/ IB subjects, so Part 1a is designed to bring everyone to a common level. The work you submit early on won't be judged over-critically – the course exists to take students from where they start off at, to a much higher level of understanding and ability. Your first term/year especially should be about meeting new people, settling in to life at Pembroke, and enjoying living in a new city. You will definitely not be held back from doing any of this by work – there is more than at other universities for sure, but it isn't the crazy workload you may be led to believe.

Any questions at all (however ridiculous they may seem), just shout via [krb39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:krb39@cam.ac.uk), or add me on facebook (Katie Blackburn). In the first week you arrive I will be organising a subject lunch, and hopefully we can group together the Pembroke landecs to grab a sandwich and discuss any queries you have. One final point - all of us will also be welcoming a new Director of Studies to Pembroke - Dr Maria Abreu – who will be in charge of our academic life at Pembroke - we shall all be meeting her for the first time during Fresher's Week.

**Welcome** to the Pembroke Land Ec happy family! We can't wait to meet you 😊