

Teresa Segura-Garcia

Manifesto for Equal Opportunities Officer



About me

I am a second-year PhD working on modern Indian history. I have not been in Cambridge during Michaelmas 2011, as I have been doing archival research abroad. However, I will be at Downing throughout 2012, starting from early January.

When in Cambridge, I am active in the MCR and value the friendly environment it provides. I feel the MCR committee can still do some more work to show itself to be as relevant and important to students from minorities as it is.

As the Equal Opportunities officer, I will...

- Work to build a more inclusive community for all Downing graduates who belong to a minority within the MCR – women, black and minority ethnic students, LGBT, students with disabilities and, last but not least, those dealing with mental health issues.
- Represent your views and defend your interests to the rest of the MCR and to the college. I understand how the MCR committee and the college operate and feel confident in my ability to work with them effectively.
- Aim to be your first point of contact if you have any problems or concerns, while promoting better awareness of the support services on offer elsewhere in the college, the university and Cambridge (and direct you to them if I cannot be of help myself).
- Always be there to lend an ear if you need someone to talk to. You can catch me around the hall or the MCR practically every day. You can also email me at any time. I am a good listener and you can rest assured that your confidentiality will be respected.
- Raise awareness in the MCR of the issues faced by minority students. I will campaign to introduce a zero tolerance policy to discrimination and harassment of all kinds, and challenge the use of derogatory language.
- Work with relevant officers in other MCRs (Women's Welfare, LGBT, etc.) to organize joint events and discuss how to better serve all students.

If this sounds good to you, please vote for me on the 1st of December.

I will not be present during hustings and the elections, so if you have any questions or queries about this manifesto, please email me at mts38@cam.ac.uk.