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Dear Emmanuel PBS freshers,

I write to (re)introduce myself as your Director of Studies in Psychological and Behavioural Sciences. I will be responsible for organising and guiding your teaching during your time here. We will meet soon after your arrival to discuss the structure of the course, and the teaching that you will receive.

There is much background information available on the PBS Tripos website, <http://www.pbs.tripos.cam.ac.uk/current>.

More detail is provided in the Part I Handbook, which the PBS teaching administrator will email to you when the updated version is available. The handbook contains an introduction to the PBS course, including the papers that are available, general information on typical supervision and assessment procedures, and the facilities and resources that are available to you within the Department of Psychology. We can discuss all this when we meet in October.

When you receive the handbook, have a read through and decide which papers you would like to study in the forthcoming academic year. The handbook provides details of the papers offered for Part IA (the Cambridge terminology for first year). The two core papers, PBS 1: Introduction to Psychology and PBS 2: Psychological Enquiry and Methods, are compulsory. There is then a choice of two further optional papers from a broad range, as detailed in the handbook.

Please email the PBS teaching administrator (teaching@psychol.cam.ac.uk) with your preferred choices by the deadline that they will inform you about. Please also cc me (jss30@cam.ac.uk) on the email, so I can also keep track.

I look forward to meeting you again when you come up to Cambridge, and to working with you during your time at Emma. Until then, enjoy the rest of the summer!

With best wishes,

Prof Jon Simons