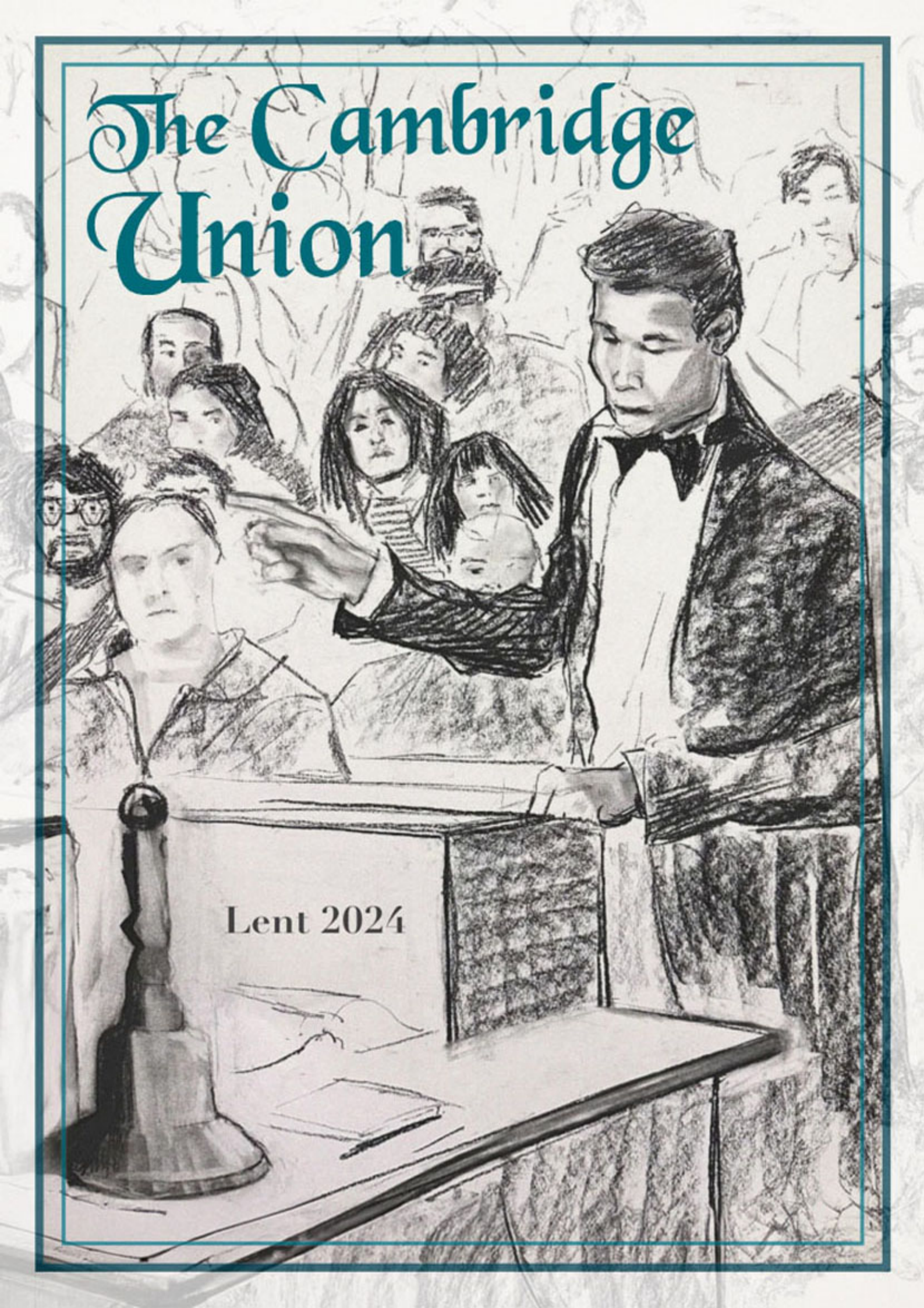


The Cambridge Union

A detailed charcoal-style illustration depicting a formal event. In the foreground, a man with dark hair, wearing a white shirt, a dark bow tie, and a dark tuxedo jacket, stands behind a wooden podium. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing towards the audience. On the podium, there is a large, ornate gavel resting on a stand to the left, and some papers and a pen are visible. The background is filled with a diverse group of people, including men and women of various ages and ethnicities, all looking towards the speaker. The style is sketchy and expressive, with heavy shading and fine lines. The entire scene is framed by a thin teal border.

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*Dear World,
The people who arrive in this city
change Cambridge.
The ideas that leave this city
change the world.*

*Yours,
Cambridge*



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SPEAKERS

SPEAKERS OFFICER MESSAGE

In Lent 2024, we have a term card for everyone in Cambridge - scientists, singers, politicians, activists and writers. Free speech can come in many forms, and I think this selection of speakers exemplifies that excellently! Members will be able to hear from speakers on a truly international scale, with speakers from many different corners of the world. The union as a platform is being used to not only share exciting stories but to bring awareness to important issues facing people today.

I feel it's important to extend my thanks to everyone I've worked with this term to deliver such a great term card. I've been supported excellently by Nick, but also everyone else on standing and subcommittees too. My subcommittee were fantastic, and I feel privileged to have met you all. I feel like we achieved more not only as a subcommittee but as a committed and passionate group of friends, with the team's dedication evident in the excellent speakers we managed to secure. I've made some amazing friends within the Union too who have always helped me out and have been there to help me out whenever I have needed them. My family too have supported me, particularly when I've had to randomly disappear to join a host of calls over the Winter Vacation.

To Sal Widdicombe, who was Speakers Officer in Lent '23, I extend the warmest of thanks. First meeting him in the Orator in Michaelmas in 2022, he inspired me and has aided me every step of the way. Before my first subcommittee meeting, he called me, even though he was 7 hours ahead on his year abroad and ran through everything I needed to know and how to secure excellent speakers. To Sal, thank you.

When I first went to the Union, I was still in secondary school and heard from Michelle Bachelet who spoke on her role as President of Chile, her role in the UN as well as being detained under Pinochet. I then truly realised how important the medium of the Union was, with inspiring people coming from around the world to share their stories. I'd like to thank the head of our Debate Society at the time, Mr Han, for taking us to that event.

The Union is a wonderful place, and our term card reflects all the great people who work as a part of it. This term we hope to deliver more to you as members and ensure everyone can get the most of their memberships. Thank you and I'm excited to see you all at our Speakers Events!

Alessio D'Angelo | Jesus
Speakers Officer, Lent Term 2024



SABRINA PASTERSKI

American Theoretical Physicist

Sabrina is a high energy theoretical physicist and advocate for women in STEM. Throughout her adolescent years in Chicago, she was fascinated by aerospace engineering, building and flying her own single-engine plane as a teenager, before switching to physics during her undergraduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She earned her PhD from Harvard University, where her early work resulted in the discovery of the "spin memory effect," which may be used to detect or verify the net effects of gravitational waves. She went on to a PCTS Postdoctoral Fellow at Princeton University before joining the faculty of the Perimeter Institute. As the founder and principal investigator of Perimeter's Celestial Holography Initiative, she is leading a team of amplitudes, mathematical physics, and quantum gravity researchers to jointly tackle this problem of encoding our universe as a hologram, and serves as a deputy director of the newly formed Simons Collaboration on Celestial Holography.

Wednesday 24th of January, 6pm



OLEKSANDRA MATVIICHUK

Nobel Prize Winning Lawyer

Named one of the Top 25 Most Influential Women in the World by the Financial Times, Oleksandra Matviichuk is a renowned Ukrainian human rights lawyer leading the Center for Civil Liberties in Kyiv. In 2022, Oleksandra and her team were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize - the first Ukrainian citizens ever to receive any Nobel Prize. The Center for Civil Liberties has been defending human rights since 2007. Their work has included documenting cases of unlawful imprisonment in the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics and war crimes against civilian populations perpetrated by Russian soldiers in the occupied areas of Ukraine. Ms Matviichuk will deliver a lecture on human rights at the Cambridge Union at 5:30 pm on February 2, 2024. Marking the third anniversary of the full-scale invasion and the tenth anniversary of the annexation of Crimea, Ms Matviichuk will speak on Ukraine and the defence of human rights in the 21st century. The lecture will be open to everyone and will be followed by a Q&A session. This event was organised by Cambridge Ukrainian Studies and Centre for Geopolitics, with the support of the Cambridge Union and Cambridge University Ukrainian Society.

Friday 2nd of February, 5pm



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