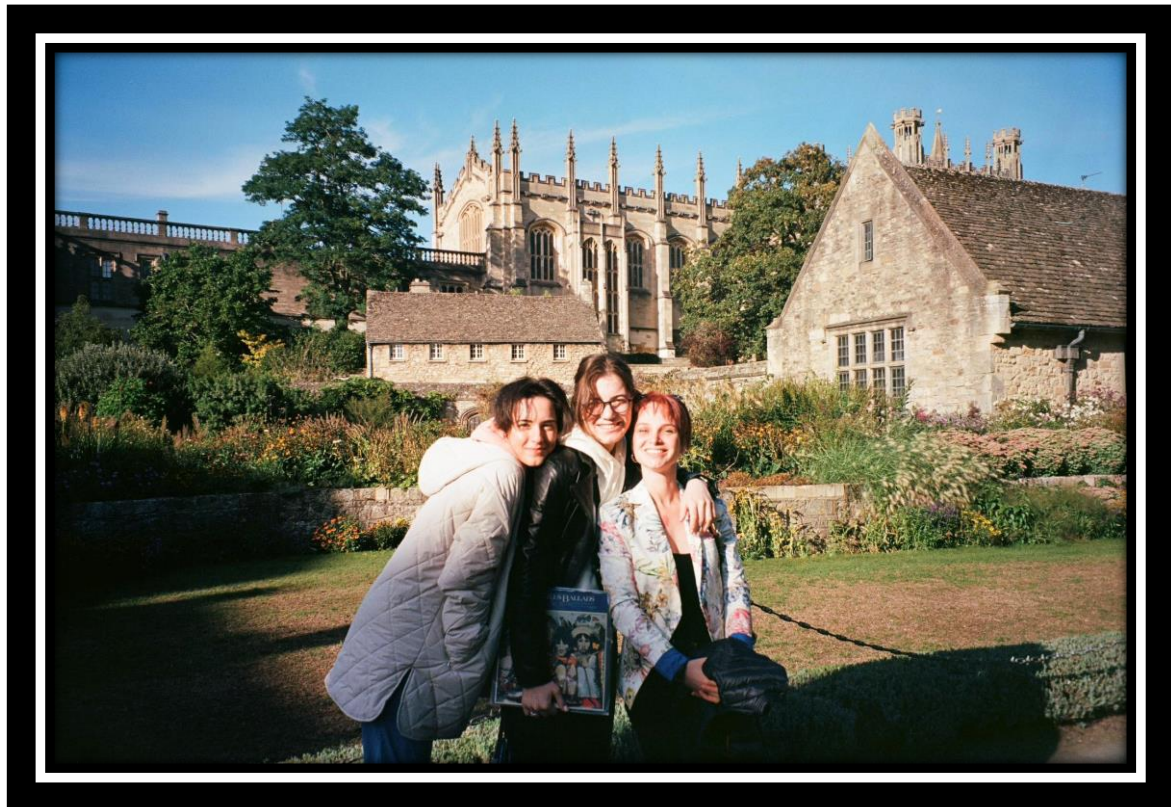




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Winning Team CEEMC 2021 (Online) Combined Universities from Tbilisi



A Remarkable Journey: Celebrating CEEMC Success in the UK

Our journey to the United Kingdom, as winners of the CEEMC 2021 (held online), brought us countless unforgettable experiences. As proud representatives of Georgia, we were awarded a trip to the UK as a prize for being CEEMC winners. This report aims to vividly portray our positive experiences and cherished memories as we explored the remarkable cities of Cambridge and London, engaged with prestigious college representatives, and had the honor of visiting the Honorable Society of Inner Temple.

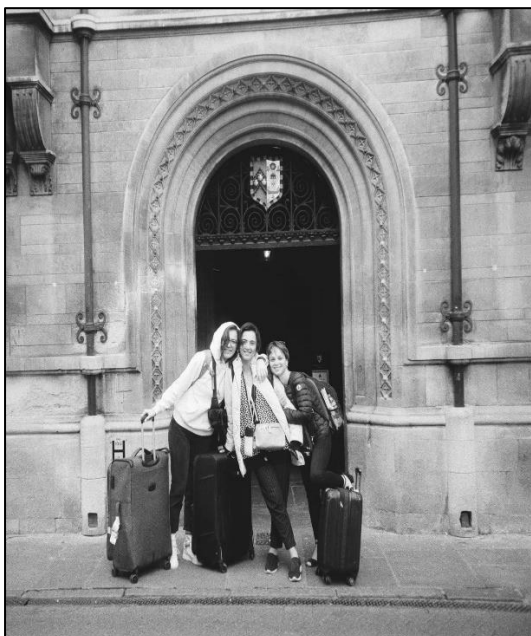
Embracing Academic Excellence and Tradition

Our first stop in the UK was the renowned city of Cambridge. Stepping foot into this historic academic heaven filled us with awe and inspiration. The ancient colleges, rich with centuries-old traditions, provided an immersive experience that sparked our intellectual curiosity. Engaging with esteemed representatives from prestigious colleges, we delved into spirited discussions, exchanged ideas, and gained valuable insights into their academic and cultural

legacies. These interactions motivated us to strive for academic excellence and pursue our own aspirations.



During our time in Cambridge, we had the distinct privilege of engaging with esteemed representatives from University of Cambridge, such as Dr. Jennifer Davies, Prof. Catherine Barnard, and Dr. Jonathan Morgan. Their willingness to share their knowledge and expertise in various legal disciplines left a lasting impression on us. These spirited discussions, where we exchanged ideas and gained valuable insights into their academic and cultural legacies, motivated us to strive for academic excellence and pursue our own aspirations.



Moreover, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Rumiana Yotova, who played a pivotal role in arranging the accommodation at Caius College. Her efforts ensured that we had a comfortable and enriching stay, allowing us to fully immerse ourselves in the captivating atmosphere of the university town. Her support and hospitality made our experience in Cambridge all the more memorable, and we are deeply appreciative of her assistance.

Amidst our academic endeavors, we also had the chance to experience one of Cambridge's most cherished traditions – punting on the River Cam. Gliding along the serene waters, guided by the skilled punter, we were enchanted by the picturesque views of the historic college buildings lining the riverbanks. It was a moment of leisure and camaraderie, providing us with a unique perspective of Cambridge's beauty and an opportunity to create cherished memories together. Punting proved to be a delightful interlude, offering a welcome balance to our intense academic engagements.



A Tapestry of Culture and History

Continuing our journey, we ventured into the vibrant metropolis of London. Of course, London never fails to impress, but there was a poignant atmosphere in the city during our visit, as it coincided with the period of mourning following the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Our visit coincided with the solemn occasion of the Queen's funeral, and we had the opportunity to pay our respects to the revered monarch who had left an indelible mark on the nation and the world.

As we walked through the streets of London, we were deeply moved by the outpouring of grief and the overwhelming display of unity and reverence from the British people. Along the procession route, we witnessed countless messages and floral tributes left by individuals from all walks of life. These heartfelt expressions of gratitude and sorrow reflected the profound impact that Queen Elizabeth II had on British people. It was a humbling experience to be present during this historic event and witness the nation coming together to honor their beloved Queen.



During our time in London, one of the most enriching highlights was our visit to the Honorable Society of Inner Temple, a prestigious institution steeped in legal history and tradition. We were incredibly fortunate to have Jennie Collis and Greg Dorey kindly arrange this exceptional journey for us, especially during a time of exceptional difficulty as the city mourned the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Despite the somber atmosphere that pervaded the city during the mourning days, Jennie Collis and Greg Dorey displayed unwavering dedication and generosity in ensuring that our visit to the Inner Temple was meaningful and insightful. Their commitment to providing us with a glimpse into the legal world's grandeur and significance during such a momentous period demonstrated their utmost professionalism and kindness.

As we engaged with legal professionals, explored the beautiful buildings, and experienced the barrister's chamber at Blackstone Chambers, we were deeply touched by the warmth and hospitality extended to us. In the chamber, we were warmly welcomed by Kieron Beale QC, who generously shared his time and insights with open hands. Witnessing the dedication and professionalism of the legal practitioners at work was both inspiring and enlightening, leaving a lasting impression on us.

CEEMC Triumph and Celebrations

As winners of the CEEMC, our trip to the UK served as a celebratory chapter in our journey. The experience of being recognized for our legal prowess and dedication was truly humbling. The trip allowed us to forge lasting friendships with participants from different countries, fostering cultural understanding and building global connections. We reveled in the joy of our shared success, celebrating the culmination of our hard work and the countless hours dedicated to legal research, argumentation, and teamwork.



One of the most remarkable aspects of the CEEMC was the exceptional caliber of the judges. The judges were not only highly accomplished professionals but also genuinely motivated to mentor and teach us. Their dedication to helping us improve our mooted skills and providing valuable advice was inspiring. Interacting with such esteemed personalities and receiving their feedback during the competition was an invaluable experience that left a lasting impact on us. Their guidance and encouragement further reinforced our passion for the legal field and inspired us to continuously strive for excellence in our legal careers.

Lasting Impressions and Fond Memories

Our time in the UK left an indelible mark on our lives, with memories that will be cherished for years to come. The blend of intellectual stimulation in Cambridge, the multicultural tapestry of London, and the honor of visiting the Honorable Society of Inner Temple created a transformative experience. Beyond the competition and the prestigious institutions, we also had the privilege of immersing ourselves in the unique British culture, exploring historic landmarks, and savoring the local cuisine. These experiences broadened our horizons and nurtured a deeper appreciation for the UK's rich heritage.

We cannot express enough how honored and proud we were to be the first-ever CEEMC winners from Georgia. This historic achievement holds tremendous significance for us, as it highlights the growing prowess and talent of Georgian legal professionals. Winning this competition not only showcased our dedication and hard work but also solidified Georgia's place on the global stage of legal excellence. We are grateful for the opportunity to have made our mark and to have paved the way for future generations of Georgian legal minds to thrive in international competitions.

Our trip to the United Kingdom, following our victory in the CEEMC , was an extraordinary adventure. Although the competition itself was not held in the UK, the prize of this journey allowed us to celebrate our success while embracing the intellectual legacy of Cambridge, immersing ourselves in the vibrant tapestry of London, and paying tribute to the legal tradition at the Honorable Society of Inner Temple. This report captures the essence of our experiences, demonstrating the creativity, academic structure, and positive outlook that shaped our remarkable journey.

We would also like to sincerely thank Steve Terrett for having arranged this unforgettable experience for us.

We highly recommend that you already start looking for colleagues (who will soon become great friends, if they aren't already) and form a team to join the next CEEMC, wherever it may be held!

