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The Court has Tweeted: Communication innovations at the United Kingdom Supreme Court

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Dr Richard Cornes is a comparative public lawyer, Deputy Head of School, and Communications Director, at the School of Law, Essex University, England. Teaching across the public law curriculum at undergraduate and postgraduate level he is currently module leader for the core first year public law course. In 2013 he was elected to a third term on the University's Senate. His research interests focus on comparative judicial studies, and the operation of top courts in particular. Outside of Essex he is also: an Associate Member of Landmark Chambers, London; a regular visiting lecturer on the University of Otago, New Zealand's summer school, and a member of the editorial board of Public Law (for which he also edits the International Survey section).

His seminar, "The Court has tweeted – Communication innovations at the United Kingdom Supreme Court" will cover how the new court has gone about communicating, since opening in 2009, both what its role is in general, as well as what it has done in individual cases. Traditionally the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords simply released judgments as speeches in the House of Lords. The new court though has a modern communications operation which trails in advance the cases to be heard and handed down in the near future, and monitors how cases are being reported once they are released. The court tweets, posts judgment announcements on its own Youtube channel, and can be watched live online courtesy of Sky TV. These innovations, Dr Cornes argues, have led to a much more self-aware, and assertive institution than was perhaps contemplated during the reform debate leading up to its creation.

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