

The background of the entire image is a photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, there are tall, golden-brown grasses. To the left, there are bushes with bright yellow autumn leaves. In the center and right, there are trees with bare branches and some with sparse orange and red leaves. On the right side, a bronze statue of a man in a suit is visible, standing and looking to the right. The overall atmosphere is misty and autumnal.

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Annual Highlights

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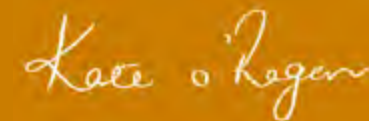
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Welcome

From our Director

The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights is now at the end of its sixth year of operation, which has been another busy and rewarding year.



This year, the cover art of our Annual Highlights report is a photograph taken looking east from the Bonavero Institute's Gilly Leventis Meeting Room towards the Mansfield Quad. It captures Penelope Jencks' acclaimed statue of Eleanor Roosevelt in a sombre and reflective moment in the winter garden.

Eleanor Roosevelt, of course, played a key role in the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, whose adoption by the United Nations General Assembly took place nearly 75 years ago on 10 December 1948. The statue was kindly donated by friends and colleagues of Hillary Clinton and was unveiled by Secretary Clinton on 8 October 2018. The photograph was taken by one of our talented administrators, Bharat Shivan. Bharat also took many of the photographs that appear in the rest of the report. We are very grateful to him for letting us use his wonderful photograph. You can read more about Bharat's photography [here](#).

I would also like to record our gratitude to Jonathan White at [Garlic Agency](#) who has for the sixth time produced a beautiful *Annual Highlights* report. Jon has been closely associated with the work of the Bonavero over the years, producing excellent designs for our moot brochures and other programme materials. As always, it has been a pleasure to work with him.

The [staff](#) of the Bonavero Institute now numbers nineteen: six senior academic faculty members, four administrative staff, and nine post-doctoral researchers. In addition, the broader team includes between three and five graduate assistants who

provide welcome support to our research projects, programmes, and events. In providing an overview of our highlights of the year, I shall cover our three key areas of activity – research, programmes, and public-facing events.

Research

Work on our major research projects continued apace. Early in the year we launched the final publication of the Oak Foundation funded project "[Civil Liability for Human Rights Violations](#)", an online [practitioner handbook](#) covering 19 jurisdictions from across the global north and south (edited by Postdoctoral Fellow Ekaterina Aristova and me). The project explored the ways in which civil liability has been, and can be, used to provide remedies for those who have suffered human rights violations in a wide range of jurisdictions. Ekaterina has now commenced a new major research project,

this time funded by the Leverhulme Foundation, "[Suing Corporations for Climate Change: The Promise and Pitfalls of Tort Law](#)". Our work on the UKRI and AHRC funded [Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre](#) also continued this year. Postdoctoral Fellow Maayan Niezna's own research is investigating the attitudes, in the first place, of law enforcement agents to modern slavery. We also hosted [two major book launches](#) in the field. Marija Jovanovic's monograph *State Responsibility for 'Modern Slavery' in Human Rights Law: A Right not to be Trafficked* (Oxford, 2023) and Virginia Mantouvalou's monograph, *Structural Injustice and Workers' Rights* (Oxford, 2023). We also hosted a research roundtable that explored the implications of the "negative" framework of "modern slavery" for addressing labour exploitation in contrast to a "positive framework" that emphasises how modern work ought to be.

Martin Scheinin's British Academy funded project, "[Addressing the Digital Realm through the Grammar of Human Rights Law](#)" is now ending its third year, and has led to a range of publications both by Martin and by Richard Mackenzie-Gray Scott, the post doctoral fellow attached to the project. Jeremias Adams-Prassl's European Research Council project, [iManage – Rethinking Employment Law for a World of Algorithmic Management](#), has also had a very productive year. The iManage team host a weekly research seminar at the Bonavero Institute every Thursday. In addition, they have produced an array of important publications exploring the possible responses to the use of algorithms by employers. Naomi Lott's research on the child's right to play in international human rights law (which is funded by the Economic and Social Sciences Research Council) also hosted an important conference on the right to play at the Bonavero in June. In addition to these major research projects, staff members continued to publish a wide array of research during the year. Our weekly term-time [Bonavero Perspectives](#) research seminar continues to be a lively forum for the presentation of work-in-progress by staff members, research visitors, and others from further afield. In addition, our student-led Bonavero Graduate Research Forum continued to provide a valuable venue for graduate research students to discuss their [research](#).

Programmes

In the field of programmes, we also had a busy year. We hosted our second [UNESCO Bonavero Massive Open Online Course \(MOOC\)](#) on Freedom of Expression in seven languages from late May to late June 2023. More than 8,000 people registered and participated in the course, which was managed by Christos Kypraios. And in July, we hosted the first [Bonavero GWU Summer School in International Human Rights Law](#). Freya Baetens was the Oxford Director of the programme, who worked with Ralph Steinhardt from GWU, as the GWU Director. In another new venture, we started a second legal aid clinic in partnership with the Centre for Criminology and Turpin and Miller solicitors in Oxford. This clinic is an online clinic providing advice to non-UK national women in British prisons. Our first legal aid clinic, at HMP Huntercombe, also run in partnership with the Centre for Criminology and Turpin and Miller, is now at the end of its successful fourth year. Our global annual moot, the [Monroe E Price Media Law Moot competition](#) continued online this year, with

85 teams competing in the seven regions (Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Central Eastern Europe, Middle East, Northern Europe, and South Asia). The winning team was from the University of the Philippines and the runner-up team was from City, University of London. We are planning for a much anticipated return of the global final rounds of the Moot competition to Oxford in 2023-2024. Finally, our research visitor programme continued at full strength this year. We hosted 17 [research visitors](#) from a wide array of jurisdictions, which enriched our collegial conversations and events.

Public lectures

In June, we hosted our second Annual Lecture, delivered by Professor Cora Chan of Hong Kong University, with the title "[Scholarship in Times of Constitutional Transformation: A View from Hong Kong](#)". In November, 2022, we also hosted leading feminist author, Catharine A MacKinnon, the Elizabeth A Long Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School and the James Barr Ames Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, who spoke at two events, one on Exploring Transgender Politics and the other on [Rape Redefined](#). In October and November, I delivered this year's Hamlyn lectures, under the title "Courts and the Body Politic". The first lecture was delivered at Queen's University, Belfast, the second at the University of Glasgow, and the third at the Bonavero Institute. We again hosted the Eric Barendt Annual Media Law Lecture, which was delivered this year by Robert Spano, former President of the European Court of Human Rights, on "The Concept of Media Pluralism under the European Convention on Human Rights – Substantive Principles and Procedural Safeguards". Most of these lectures, and many other recorded events, are available on our [Watch and Listen page](#).

In addition to their research and teaching, many of our colleagues are engaged in work promoting and fulfilling human rights in different ways. We are very proud of our colleague, Nazila Ghanea, who took up her seven-year mandate as UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief on 1 August 2022. Nazila will be supported by a Bonavero research assistant during her tenure. We are also proud to note that one of our Early Career Fellows, Gehan Gunatilleke, has just been appointed as a Commissioner of the Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission. We wish them, and all our other colleagues, well with their work.



High lights

Finally, I should note that we were delighted this year to be able to host our first in-person Advisory Council meeting since 2019 in Oxford in June. Some of our first [Advisory Council](#) members have now stepped down from the Council. I would like to express our deep appreciation to Dame Linda Dobbs, Baroness Helena Kennedy, and Sir Stephen Sedley who all generously provided their time to guide the Bonavero Institute in its first years. I am delighted to say that six new members were appointed to the Advisory Council by our Management Committee and were able to attend this year's meeting (some in person, and some virtually). They are Adem Abebe, Meghna Abraham, Cora Chan, Gráinne de Burca, Quinn McKew and Angelika Nußberger. We are honoured that these eminent human rights experts have agreed to join the Council and we look forward to working with them in the years ahead.

In closing, I should like once again to thank our dedicated and hard-working administrative team, ably led by Zoe Davis-Heaney, who make all that we do possible. I should also like to thank our generous donors, particularly Anne and Yves Bonavero, who provide us not only with financial support but also with guidance and inspiration.

Kate O'Regan
Oxford, August 2023

Fundamental Principles



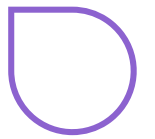
The Institute will pursue its mission based on the following principles.

The Institute approaches human rights in a broad manner, including its various formulations in moral and political theory, social and political practice, and international, regional, and domestic law, as well as the institutional frameworks and conditions conducive to their realisation.

The Institute is committed to building and enhancing human rights expertise in early career scholars, practitioners (including judges, lawyers, governmental and non-governmental organisations, and politicians) and members of civil society, with a particular focus on scholars and practitioners working in understudied regions outside North America and Western Europe.

The Institute is committed to academic freedom and welcomes debates on the foundations, scope, and mechanisms for realising human rights.

Mission Statement

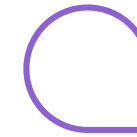


The purpose of the Institute is to -

Engage in and foster research and scholarship in the law of human rights across different academic disciplines in collaboration with scholars, practitioners, and members of civil society from across the world, and, as part of this purpose:

Share knowledge about the law of human rights with the aim of improving the public understanding of human rights and of linking research to practice.

Strategic Goals



Between 2022 and 2026, the Institute will pursue its mission through a focus on the following strategic goals:

A. The Institute will seek to establish a vibrant, collegial, global community of human rights law scholars and practitioners (including judges, lawyers, governmental and non-governmental organisations, and politicians) to foster partnership, collaboration, engagement, and knowledge exchange.

B. The Institute will foster the publication of collaborative, rigorous, multidisciplinary, and innovative world-class research on human rights (including allied norms such as democracy and the rule of law) and disseminate research findings in a clear and accessible way to policy-makers, practitioners, and the broader public.

C. In relation to students, the Institute will:

Introduce students both at the University of Oxford and other universities to current issues in human rights.

Seek to secure external funding to support graduate students to undertake human rights research at the Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford.

Enhance the experience of graduate research students working in the broad field of human rights in the University of Oxford by providing some of them with a collegial working space,

access to Institute events, internships, and exposure to a range of other opportunities.

Provide opportunities to students who wish to develop careers in human rights practice or scholarship.

Promote the teaching of human rights law within the University of Oxford.


D. The Institute will:


Build capacity for early career scholars through its research posts, visitors programme, career guidance, mentoring, and workshops and conferences.


Build capacity for human rights practitioners through partnerships, knowledge exchange, and context-sensitive symposia and training programmes.


Especially direct its capacity-building efforts to practitioners and scholars working in understudied regions outside North America and Western Europe.


E. The Institute will seek to foster public understanding of and engagement with human rights in multiple ways, including through public events, meetings and symposia, Open Online Courses, and (legacy and online) media.


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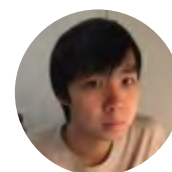
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Advisory Council

The Bonavero Advisory Council provides advice and guidance on the general strategic direction of the Institute. Members are appointed by the Institute's Management Committee, on the recommendation of the Director.

Council members include eminent practitioners, academics, and professionals engaged in the broad field of human rights. Though the council is not a decision-making body, members offer the Institute Director unique perspectives on matters that further improve and shape the Institute's overall mission and development

This year, council members, Institute staff, research visitors, and early career fellows met on the 8th June 2023. This was the first in person meeting since 2019, due to the pandemic.

We said fond farewells and expressed heartfelt thanks to **Helena Kennedy** (Founding Fellow of the Institute), **Stephen Sedley**, and **Linda Dobbs** - all of whom stood down as members of the Advisory Council – and welcomed new members Adem Abebe, Meghna Abraham, Gráinne de Burca, Cora Chan, Quinn McKew, and Angelika Nußberger. We also acknowledge our appreciation of the support of our continuing Advisory Council members, Alejandra Ancheita, Mary Arden, Yves Bonavero, John Dyson, Eric Lewis, Jennifer Robinson, Miriam Saage-Maaß, Anup Surendranath, Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes, and Vincent Warren.

On the day of this year's Advisory Council meeting, Council Members enjoyed a lunch at Mansfield College with members of the Institute (photo opposite).

We very much look forward to meeting again in 2024.



Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, Sir Stephen Sedley, and Dame Linda Dobbs

Our busy research programme has continued to flourish this year. We now have eight research clusters. They are Business and Human Rights, Constitutional Studies, Discrimination and Poverty, Employment and Labour Law, Human Rights Norms and International/Regional Legal Orders, Legal Theory/Jurisprudence, Religion, Speech and Expression, and Technology and Human Rights. We published five Bonavero reports on a range of topics including on the UK government's Illegal Migration Bill (with the Public Law Project, Liberty UK, Amnesty International UK and the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association). Our Research Visitor, Early Career Fellowship, and Graduate Research Residency programmes continued to foster valuable international and intergenerational collegial engagement at the Bonavero.

Bonavero Research



Modern Slavery Policy and Evidence Centre



The Bonavero Institute is part of the Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (the Modern Slavery PEC) along with other UK-based research institutions. The mission of the Modern Slavery PEC is to enhance the understanding of modern slavery and transform the effectiveness of law and policies designed to address it.

Within the Modern Slavery PEC, the focus of the Bonavero Institute's workstrand is human rights as they relate to modern slavery, one of the central cross-cutting themes in the Modern Slavery PEC's work. The team working on modern slavery at the Bonavero Institute understands the relationship between human rights and modern slavery as needing to provide remedies beyond those which compensate victims for human rights abuses.

It recognises the crucial role of a commitment to human rights in informing relevant policies and assessing their impact. Thus, a human rights perspective to modern slavery requires protecting the rights of vulnerable populations to prevent situations that would result in human rights violations, and promoting a rights-based approach to modern slavery.

Our work on modern slavery and human rights emphasises the link between the right not to be a victim of slavery, servitude and forced labour and other rights, especially the right to work and the enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work, the right to an adequate standard of living, the right to freedom of movement, and the right to access to justice.

As part of the Bonavero Institute's PEC workstrand this year, we organized an event comparing the 'modern slavery' framework with that of 'decent work', hosted book launches, and contributed to research and policy briefs, including on the principle of non-punishment under anti-trafficking law, and on workers' rights in the UK.

Strategising seminars: Coercion and Labour Exploitation before Courts

Over the last few years, cases concerning systematic and structural aspects of trafficking, slavery and forced labour, and the factors and policies leading to such forms of exploitation, have come before courts in a range of jurisdictions and at various levels (domestic and regional courts) around the world.

In Hilary Term 2023, we hosted a series of 'strategizing seminars' for University of Oxford students in law and other disciplines. The seminars discussed strategies for the protection and promotion of human rights with a focus on litigation that challenges structures of coercion and exploitation of vulnerable workers. The seminar series hosted academics and practitioners who discussed cases and examples from different jurisdictions – bonded labour in India, migrant labour in Israel and in the UK, and the responses of courts in the Global North to exploitation and forced labour in supply chains in the Global South. The speakers considered the potential of litigation strategies to protect workers and enforce their rights, but also the limitations of such human rights litigation.

Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief



On 1 August 2022, one of our Bonavero team members, Nazila Ghanea, Professor of International Human Rights Law and Director of the MSc in International Human Rights Law, began her seven-year mandate as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

United Nations Special Rapporteurs are appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council. The mandate relating to freedom of religion or belief was first instituted by the Council 37 years ago and is an important one, especially in a world where the freedom to practice one's religion is under threat in many places. As mandate holder, Nazila is required to identify existing and emerging obstacles to the enjoyment of the right to freedom of religion or belief and present recommendation to the Human Rights Council on how to overcome such obstacles.

The UN Human Rights Council has scant resources to provide its Special Rapporteurs, so to assist Nazila with her mandate, the Bonavero Institute has appointed a doctoral student as her research assistant, David Garciandia Igal. In January 2023, Nazila published her [first report](#), which set out her vision of how she plans to carry out her mandate.

She identified three dimensions to her work: **the first** relates to the advancement of freedom of religion under article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and article 18 of the international Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, **the second** to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of religion or belief, and the promotion of equality for all irrespective of religion or belief, which is entrenched in all major international human rights law instruments, and **the third** relates to the abuse of religion or belief as a tool of discrimination, hostility, or violence, which is inimical to international human rights law principles.

The report noted that the key means of advancing the mandate is through communications, thematic reporting, and country visits. We have no doubt the years ahead will be especially busy for Nazila. We are proud of the Bonavero's association with her, and her mandate, and wish her well with her important work.

Bonaverro Perspectives

Perspectives is the Bonaverro's weekly research seminar series. Taking place Thursdays during term-time from 11am to 12 noon in the Gilly Leventis Meeting Room, Perspectives has become the mainstay of intellectual life at the Bonaverro Institute, where the Bonaverro's students, visitors, and affiliates have the opportunity to discuss their work with colleagues from across the Oxford Law Faculty.

In 2022-23, Perspectives continued to build on the successful changes implemented in 2021-22. In particular, getting rid of presentations by the author of the paper, and instead fostering a culture where papers are pre-read before the sessions, has been extremely successful. This has not only saved time for more meaningful commentary, but the depth of the discussions has also continued to increase since the nuances that are frequently lost in an oral presentation are easier to grapple with now.

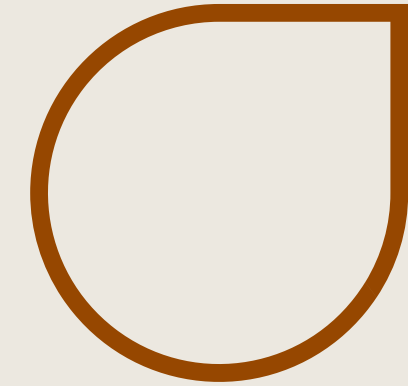
Perspectives is the only weekly discussion group that operates on such a basis in the Oxford Law Faculty, making it unique. Further, we have introduced a convention of allocating authorial slots to good citizens of Perspectives, and only to discuss work-in-progress (rather than published work). As the demand for these slots rose sharply during the year, the fairest way to prioritise was to prefer those who tend to attend regularly.

This change has also ensured that the Institute is evolving into a community of scholars, where most of us know what everyone else is working on, even if it is somewhat left-field to our own research interests. In fact, the most helpful comments for authors often come from those who know very little about the field. The hope is that this culture will help break down some of the intellectual silos that have been built around human rights scholarship.

Finally, we are trying to nurture specific ethical norms about workshop participation. This includes a motivational check for participants to ensure that their questions are meant to help the author rather than to prove their own cleverness. The author is encouraged to treat criticism as service, and aim to maximise feedback during the hour. The chair seeks to ensure that the time spent on defensive authorial responses is limited, with the sole goal being to help author make the paper as good as it can be.

Particularly popular in the 2022-23 academic year were our Soft Skills workshops. In Week 1 of Hilary, for example, **Professor Tarunabh Khaitan** hosted a session on 'Scholarship and Impact', which interrogated the relationship between scholarship and activism. Later on in Hilary Term, Bonaverro Visitor, and Professor of Law at the University of Bristol, **Gavin Phillipson**, provided a valuable Soft Skills session entitled 'Revise and Resubmit' on surviving the publishing process. This was particularly valuable for junior scholars.

Another highlight of Bonaverro Perspectives this year were multiple successful collaborations. In addition to the weekly joint-lunches with the **iManage Project** that follow every session, in 2022-23, Perspectives also held joint sessions, for example with the **Hertie School Centre for Fundamental Rights in Berlin**, and the **Strength and Solidarity Symposium**. We also increased our interaction with Oxford's public law community, most obviously through a fascinating **Roundtable on Democratic Backsliding** in Hilary Term.



Tarun Khaitan with Gavin Phillipson, Michaela Hailbronner, Jan Petrov, Naomi Lott, Maayan Niezna, and Olaitan Olusegun

Research Roundtables

Empire and Constitutionalism Conference

On 7th March 2023, the Bonavero held a fascinating Workshop entitled 'Public Law as Infrastructure of Imperial Governance' in the Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium. The event, organised by **Nicole Stybnarova**, **Nick Barber**, and **Tarun Khaitan**, provided a much-needed interrogation of the complicated relationship between Oxford's curriculum, public law, and Britain's imperial history.

Indeed, many former imperial powers, not least the United Kingdom, appear to have forgotten their imperial histories. Although imperialism provided the foundation for modern society, structuring our legal and social frameworks, lawyers, academics, and policy makers are only slowly beginning to acknowledge this influence. Contemporary constitutional law is often understood and taught without reference to this imperial past.

Participants explored whether this tendency to ignore Britain's imperial history within public law curricula is justifiable, thus asking difficult questions that are often side-lined at Oxford. The conference was particularly successful at bringing together those working on imperial history with those working on public law more conventionally defined, and in doing so bridging the divide between the two disciplines.

An important feature of the Workshop was the contribution of Oxford students to the debate on their own curriculum. In particular, **Mosopefoluwa Sarah Akintunde** (studying Public Law at Oxford, Co-Chair of OX CRAE) spoke eloquently and powerfully on the last panel 'Teaching Constitutional and Public Law' at Oxford. The Bonavero intends this conference to be just the start of a greater engagement of public lawyers with imperialisms both past and present.

Brown Report and Constitutional Reform Conference

On 5th May 2023, the Bonavero hosted an interesting Conference exploring the possibilities for constitutional reform in the UK through a detailed analysis of the recent Brown Commission Report. The report, commissioned by the Labour Party and formally entitled *A New Britain: Renewing our Democracy and Rebuilding our Economy* (2022), contains proposals for far-reaching reform of the United Kingdom's constitution. Should the Labour Party win the next general elections, the Report is likely to frame the political agenda of constitutional reform.

The Report has many key dimensions, including constitutional entrenchment, devolution of further power to non-English nations, intergovernmental relations, social rights, inequality, and poverty. After an introduction from **Jim Gallagher**, one of the key authors of the report, the conference gathered experts to focus on three main themes. These themes were – the Process of Constitutional Change; the Reform of Second Chamber & Electoral System Reform; and finally Ethics, Integrity, & Fourth Branch (Guarantor) Institutions.

One highlight of the Conference was that it involved a broad array of actors with different perspectives, from academics, to judges, to human rights practitioners. It was a particular honour to have Baroness Hale of Richmond host the final panel of the day, and learn from her deep experience and knowledge of the Constitution. Further, several of the Bonavero Research Visitors for Trinity Term, **Michaela Hailbronner**, **Matthew Palmer**, and **Pamela Tate**, were able to provide valuable comparative perspectives from their respective jurisdictions.



Lady Hale, Marcial Boo, Aileen Kavanagh, Murray Hunt, Jacob Rowbottom, and Pamela Tate

Research Visitors

The Research Visitor Programme encourages early-career, mid-career and senior scholars, judges, practitioners, and policy-makers engaged in the field of human rights law (or related fields in public law) to visit the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. We were delighted to welcome 18 Research Visitors from across the world to the Bonavero Institute this year.



Matthew Palmer, Justice, High Court of New Zealand

Trinity Term 2023

I wasn't sure what to expect of visiting at Bonavero, but it has exceeded all reasonable expectations. The facilities are modern and comfortable within the traditional setting of a stately college. The staff and the other inhabitants of the reading room are friendly, welcoming, and go out of their way to help you settle in. The other visitors are interesting and engaging. The seminars are stimulating and collegial. In short, a perfect academic environment in which to recharge the intellectual batteries. All located in beautiful Oxford where the only thing to interfere with relaxation is the dire risk of having too many lunches, dinners, seminars, and lectures. Thank you so much Bonavero.

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Monika Plozza, PhD Fellow and Research Associate, University of Lucerne (Switzerland)

Michaelmas Term 2022

It was a true privilege and an honour for me to spend one term as a Recognised PhD student at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights in Oxford. The Institute's commitment to human rights research, advocacy, and education is truly inspiring.

During my time at Bonavero, I had the good fortune to be part of a vibrant academic community that provided a stimulating environment for my research. I attended the seminar on "International Human Rights Law: Theory, Practice, and Critique" and took part in other events, including the "Graduate Research Forum". These opportunities allowed me to exchange ideas with fellow graduate students from diverse backgrounds and proved invaluable in terms of my learning and development.

My stay at Bonavero also allowed me to elevate my PhD research, entitled "From Rights to Obligations – Operationalising the Human Right to Science", to a new level. The Institute's distinctive approach to human rights research and scholarship provided me with a unique perspective on my research topic, which I believe will be crucial to the successful completion of my dissertation.

I am deeply grateful to the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights for the opportunity to have been part of such an exceptional community. I will always remember my time in Oxford with great fondness.

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Research Visitors



Miguel Rodríguez Blanco, University of Alcalá (Spain)

Michaelmas Term 2022

Between October and December 2022 I had the privilege to be a visiting researcher at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in my academic life. At the Bonavero, there is a privileged environment, exquisite treatment, and a very enriching working atmosphere.

The opportunity to share points of view in seminars and meetings with other experts in human rights who work on very different subjects allowed me to open my mind, to see new points of view, and to think about future lines of research on the challenges of human rights in today's societies.

My field of study is law and religion, a very transversal field that touches on issues related to various human rights and in which the right to equality and non-discrimination plays a fundamental role, especially for the protection of minorities. The background of the researchers at the Bonavero Institute has provided me with ideas, bibliographical references, contacts and, above all, enthusiasm and motivation to continue with the work of research in issues related to the dignity of the person.

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Gavin Phillipson, Professor of Law, University of Bristol Law School

(Michaelmas Term 2022 - Trinity Term 2023)

I wanted a good visiting position for my year's research leave from Bristol University as they can be a bit of a disappointment; I've visited Law Schools where you're largely left to get on with it. I wanted to be a full member of a rich academic community, with real opportunities to join in. Bonavero has a wonderful programme of events in multiple fields and a flourishing research visitor programme enriching its strong community of Oxford academics, DPhil students, and post-docs. There's a world-class community of legal scholars in the wider University; plus they put you forward for a visiting Fellowship at Mansfield College, where the Institute is based.

The Bonavero is in an attractive new building - you get your own desk and locker in the spacious Reading Room, which is bang opposite the kitchen (great coffee machine!), with a bathroom next door. The admin team is friendly and very efficient, the wifi's good and the hybrid facilities actually work! You can organise your own events too, with great admin support. I put together my own event in May!

A highlight is the weekly Bonavero Perspectives series; authors pre-circulate their draft paper, so the whole hour is devoted to insightful questions and comments - in my own session I took down 2 pages worth. There's been a wonderful range of lectures, discussion-groups, and seminars going on all year. I was invited to contribute to several: on plans for a British Bill of Rights, whether Strasbourg is 'walking back rights', and the Brown Commission's Report on constitutional reform in the UK. Mixing with the rich array of scholars visiting from around the world has been a boon: it's been fantastic to talk to Michaela Hailbronner about political process theory, James Weinstein about First Amendment v European approaches to regulating extreme speech, Satyajit Sarna about libel reform and SLAPPs and Pamela Tate about possibilities for horizontal effect under a possible new Australian Human Rights Act. Add to this some wonderful dinners in beautiful Oxford Colleges, a little co-teaching on Oxford's famous BCL, and it's been the best visiting position I've held.

[Read profile](#)

Bonavero Programmes



Our Bonavero programmes continued to grow this year. With UNESCO, we co-hosted a second Massive Open Online Course on Freedom of Expression for judicial actors, established a second legal aid clinic in partnership with Turpin and Miller and the Centre for Criminology, addressing the legal needs of non-UK national female prisoners, and hosted our first Bonavero GWU Summer School on International Human Rights Law in July 2023.

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

On International Standards on Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists

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Between 29 May and 14 July 2023, the Bonavero Institute and the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#) delivered our second [Massive Open Online Course \(MOOC\)](#) on the international and regional standards relating to freedom of expression, including press freedom, access to public information, safety of journalists, and challenges created by the digital world.

Our new MOOC built on the successful [Bonavero-UNESCO MOOC on freedom of expression](#) which we hosted in English in 2021, but this time the course was offered in the six official languages of the United Nations, i.e. in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, as well as in Portuguese. The course was delivered via EdX and comprised a series of five weekly modules, each including written participant material, webinars convened by leading academics and short videos featuring prominent guest speakers offering their insights and experiences, and comprehension quizzes.

The five modules covered (1) the general principles and scope of freedom of expression; (2) the limitations of the right; (3) the legal protection of the right to access to information; (4) the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, and; (5) the contemporary digital challenges to freedom of expression and information, including those that arise through state and private regulation online.

The course was free and open to judicial actors (e.g. judicial branches, public ministries, public defenders, electoral courts, human rights ombudsmen, judicial law clerks) from all justice systems, as well as to journalists, academics, and other professionals across the world. An impressive 8,585 people from all world regions participated in the course.

The course, which was led by [Dr Christos Kypraios](#) with the invaluable support of [Mr Zaki Rehman](#), [Ms Lamiya Khudoyarova](#), [Mr Julius Ma](#), [Mr Josep Maria Tirapu](#) and the entire Bonavero team, is now archived and freely accessible in [English here](#), and is also accessible in the six other languages.

[Freedom of expression](#) and the [digital challenges for human rights](#) are among the main areas of research at the Institute; therefore, we are grateful to UNESCO for partnering with us again in running this important course which enhances global capacity amongst judicial actors in the fields of freedom of expression and media freedom, and we look forward to strengthening our collaborative partnership in the years to come.



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Bonaverro Institute Student Fellowships

The aim of the Bonaverro Institute Student Summer Fellowship programme is to provide opportunities for students to apply their knowledge of human rights law to obtain a valuable platform to develop careers in this field.

Students have the opportunity to work with a range of organisations working in the broad field of human rights law, including the rule of law. These include senior appellate courts, world-leading NGOs, and research institutions. The Student Fellowship Programme gives our students a chance to explore their professional options in a variety of placements, for which they receive a stipend, both within the UK and abroad. This programme is generously supported by **Eric Lewis**, **Lisbet Rausing**, **Peter Baldwin**, and **Yves and Anne Bonaverro**. In 2022, to the generosity of our donors, 16 students were placed at our partner organisations.

The list of the 2022 year's student summer fellows, and their placements is shown opposite:

Stuart Coleman	Justice
Charlotte Daintith	Reprieve
Olivia Shaw	Public Law Project
Mahima Balaji	Namibian Supreme Court
Louise McCormack	British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Titiksha Mohanty	REDRESS
Gianna Seglias	European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, Berlin
Amy Hemsworth	Turpin & Miller (HMP Huntercombe project)
Valencia Scott	Turpin & Miller (HMP Huntercombe project)
Richard Wagenländer	AIRE Centre
Jessica Sutton	Dejusticia, Colombia
Kimberly Rimber	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (Oxford Pro Bono Publico internship) Works
Dana McGibbon	Business and Human Rights Research Centre
Paviter Juss	Reprieve
Surbhi Karwa	Social and Economic Rights Institute, Johannesburg
Emma Rowland	Bonaverro Strathclyde-Bingham Centre Research Project on Making Legislative Bills of Rights in the Uk

Here are some of the things students said about their experiences in their reports:

Mahima Balaji Namibian Supreme Court

"I had the privilege of working as a Samuel Pisar Travelling Fellow at the Supreme Court of Namibia from October to December 2022. In my time in Namibia, I had a wonderful opportunity to gain a distinguished insight into Namibian legal culture, and its growing jurisprudence. There are some aspects from my time with the Namibian Supreme Court that are impossible to put down on my resume. First and foremost, the staff of the Supreme Court were incredibly warm and welcoming. I also interacted with the Chief Justice and other judges of the Supreme Court on various things, including Namibian legal culture and its unique history, which added significantly to my exposure. In summary, I cannot recommend the program enough. I am deeply grateful to the Bonaverro Institute, OPBP, and the Namibian Judiciary for this opportunity. I hope to see many more students take up the fellowship for years to come with the support of the Bonaverro Institute."

Charlotte Daintith Reprieve

"One of the core lessons I learned during my time at Reprieve was the importance of creativity in effective advocacy. Whilst my traditional legal and criminological background led me to believe that the court of law is the main mechanism for justice, my placement at Reprieve highlighted the many novel routes to advocate for one's clients. During a meeting with Maya Foa, the Executive Director of Reprieve, it became apparent that Reprieve seeks to operate beyond the traditional legal courts, considering the court of public opinion as equally important ... Reprieve offers a huge amount of support to its fellows and I felt I was treated as a respected colleague during my time there. Over the course of 8 weeks, I was regularly given opportunities to learn and develop, across teams and within my own. It was truly a privilege to work with the inspiring people at Reprieve and offer support in their courageous pursuit of holding governments to account for the abuse of human rights."

Stuart Coleman JUSTICE

"The JUSTICE Fellowship is an invaluable opportunity to take the research and writing skills developed through academic study and to play a real part in developing pro-human rights policy at Westminster and across the U.K. within a political climate where the rule of law and civil liberties are increasingly under threat. ... [A]t JUSTICE, Summer Fellows are given considerable responsibility. As well as being trusted with important work, you will be given considerable free rein to develop your own arguments in producing written policy proposals. Furthermore, it was amazing to have your input and ideas valued during team meetings and when talking to permanent staff ... But beyond my traineeship, JUSTICE was the ideal introduction to the work of policy lawyers, which I am now seriously considering as a long-term career. This, more than anything else, speaks to the overwhelmingly positive experience that I had during my Summer Fellowship at JUSTICE."

Amy Hemsworth Turpin and Miller

"Perhaps the most significant way in which the support of the Bonaverro Institute has been crucial for the firm's work is the facilitation of the fortnightly immigration legal aid clinic conducted at HMP Huntercombe, a foreign national-only prison in Nuffield. My time at Turpin Miller was extremely beneficial to me, as it not only gave me crucial practical experience of working in a solicitor's firm, but also affirmed how important it is to me that I work in the right kind of firm – in short, that I do something to use my qualifications and education for good, in order to help others rather than simply to make a living for myself. I would thoroughly recommend the experience of the Bonaverro Fellowship at Turpin Miller to anyone interested in criminology and criminal justice, immigration law and policy, or human rights practice. I learned a lot about these fields, about the day-to-day reality of legal practice, and about my own interests and goals for my future career."

Strength and Solidarity Symposium



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The Symposium on Strength and Solidarity for Human Rights is now at the end of its third year of operation. The Symposium gathers established human rights leaders from around the world together for conversations about the ways that language, power, governance, identity, and leadership shape human rights organisations and movements, and to discuss the ways in which solidarity can be built between organisations.

Each Symposium involves approximately 15 participants and 5 moderators. The Symposium is led by **Professor Christopher Stone** of the Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford and **Akwe Amosu**, who previously served as Chief Integration officer at the Open Society Foundations, and who has had a long career in journalism, advocacy, and philanthropy. The Bonavero Institute contributes to the Symposium by developing curricular materials and hosting and supporting gatherings both of symposium participants, and symposium moderators. **Kate O'Regan** and **Christopher Stone** mentor the Bonavero Post-doctoral research fellow, **Dr Daniella Lock**.

For the first years of its operation, most of the Symposium gatherings were online, but this year we have been able to move to in-person

gatherings. The Bonavero Institute hosted a meeting of the Symposium moderators in November 2022, during which time a Bonavero Perspectives seminar on the concept of solidarity was debated. It was rewarding to see the interaction between the Symposium moderators and the Bonavero research community. During the year as well, participants engaged with the newest case study written by Dr Daniella Lock, based on the anti-corruption movement in Guatemala. The Symposium's new podcast series, Series Four, presented by Akwe Amosu, has continued throughout the year. For those interested in issues in contemporary human rights debates, the Symposium podcast is a must-listen. Many of those interviewed in the podcast series have been participants in the Symposium over the years.



Selected podcasts

Episode 35

The death in March 2023 of legendary US disability rights activist Judy Heumann provoked an outpouring of grief but also heartfelt celebration of a leader whose personal qualities, strategic instincts, and sheer grit helped secure victories that profoundly improved peoples' lives...

Episode 34

The election in 2010 of Hungary's Prime Minister Victor Orban and his Fidesz party triggered a lurch to the right and authoritarian rule. It brought legal restriction, bureaucratic harassment, and public vilification to the country's civil society and human rights community. Official hostility made it difficult for NGOs to survive and made individual rights workers' lives hell...

Episode 31

How should we describe the state of the global struggle for women's rights? It is surely impossible to make a single overarching assessment- even as battles are won on one front, major challenges remain - or emerge - on another. Yet if it is hard to generalize about progress, we can at least note that conditions are scarcely favourable...

Episode 27

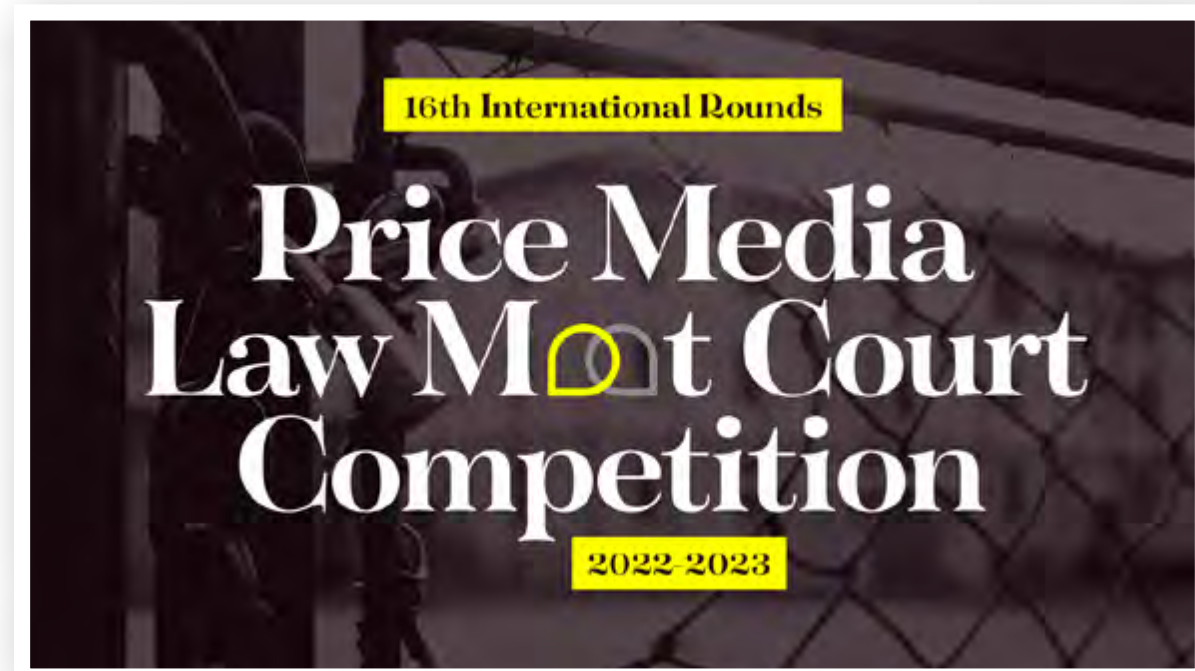
Palestinian activist Issa Amro grew up studious and apolitical - until his university was permanently shuttered in 2003 by the Israeli military in response to the second intifada. The campaign he and others launched to get it reopened was successful...

Price Moot Court Competition 2022-23

Established by the Programme in Comparative Media Law & Policy at the University of Oxford in 2008, the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition has been part of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights since 1 August 2017. It aims to foster and cultivate interest in freedom of expression issues and the role of the media and information technologies in societies around the world.

This year saw the 16th Edition of the Monroe Price Moot Court Competition take place across the globe, with a total of 85 teams registering their participation across 7 regions (Africa, Central Eastern Europe, Asia Pacific, South Asia, Northern Europe, Americas, Middle East). Teams participated with enthusiasm in both the International and Regional Rounds, with some rounds taking place in person and some, including the International Rounds, virtually.

Once again, we received tremendous support from our regional coordinators and judges around the world - without them the Competition could not take place. A total of 29 teams qualified for the International Rounds of the Moot. We had hoped to welcome teams, coaches, and judges from around the world to Oxford, but this was not possible. However, the online competition was fiercely fought and of an outstanding standard, in the end the team from the **University of the Philippines** won through, with **City, University of London** as runners up. Best oralist in the Finals was jointly awarded to **Caitlin Farrell, City, University of London** and **Bryan Santamaria, University of the Philippines**.



"...more astounding is the proportion of mooters who vigorously engage in the difficult issues related to the optimal balance in their countries and in changing times between free speech and the legitimacy of other social needs like curbing hate speech and speech inciting violence."

Jon Blake, Friend of the Moot and Founder of the Spirit of the Competition Award

Summer School in International Human Rights Law



In summer 2023, for the first time, the Bonavero Institute partnered with the George Washington University School of Law (Washington DC) to present a Summer School in International Human Rights Law. This was not the first time the Summer School has been offered. It has a long history having first been presented in the 1990s, by the Department for Continuing Education in Oxford. The Summer School has an array of alumni, many of whom have gone to have distinguished careers in the field of human rights law.

Responsibility for running the Summer School was transferred from the Department of Continuing Education to the Bonavero Institute in 2021-2022, but this is the first year the Summer School has run since the pandemic. The co-directors of the 2023 Summer School were the Bonavero Head of Programmes, [Professor Freya Baetens](#), and [Professor Ralph Steinhardt](#) from GWU. Professor Steinhardt has been a leader of the Summer School since its inception, although sadly 2023 will be his last year as co-Director as he retires later this summer. Expert administrative support was provided by **Laura Thomlinson** and **Hyunjin Kim**.

The 26-day residential summer school offered participants the opportunity to follow an intensive programme of university-level study in international human rights law in Oxford. The programme included an introductory course in the fundamentals of international

human rights law, an advanced course in human rights lawyering and six electives addressing important contemporary issues in the field – Climate Justice; Gender, Sexuality and International Human Rights Law; Human Rights and the Digital Realm; Human Rights in the Marketplace; International Human Rights Law and Refugees; and War, Peace and Human Rights. Each student could choose one elective.

Courses were taught by an internationally recognised and distinguished faculty combining both academic and practical experience. Tutors included [Başak Çalı](#), Professor of International Law and Director of the Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School, Berlin; [Joshua Castellino](#), Executive Director of Minority Rights Group International; [Elvira Dominguez-Redondo](#), Professor of Law at Kingston University, London; [Helen Duffy](#), Professor of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights at Leiden

University, the Netherlands; [David Kinley](#), Professor of Human Rights Law at Sydney University, Australia; [Stuart Maslen](#), Honorary Professor at the University of Pretoria, South Africa; [Stephen Meili](#), Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Minnesota; [Charles Ngweni](#), Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Pretoria, South Africa; [Daragh Murray](#), Senior Lecturer at Queen Mary University of London.

This year, **48 students enrolled in the course**. They came from sixteen different countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Philippines, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, the UK, and the United States. The course is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Summer School a success: faculty members and administrators in the Faculty of Law in Oxford and at George Washington, staff at New College, our superb corps of tutors, and the students themselves. We hope that the Summer School will continue to deepen understanding of and engagement with international human rights law in the years ahead.

We hosted more than 33 public events during the course of the year. Events included conferences, roundtables, public lectures, book launches, and our hosted network discussion groups.

Bonavero Events

Exploring Transgender Politics and Rape Redefined

Catharine A. MacKinnon in conversation with Kate O'Regan

On the 28th and 29th of November 2022, the Bonavero Institute hosted two landmark events with Professor Catherine A. MacKinnon in the Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium. Professor MacKinnon is the Elizabeth A. Long Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, and the James Barr Ames Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School since 2009.

The first event was titled 'Exploring Transgender Politics: A Conversation with Catherine MacKinnon'. Professor MacKinnon first offered an original critique of current 'feminist' analyses of transgender advocacy, and a series of observations on the light that today's transgender movements shed on gender hierarchy. This was then followed by a vibrant conversation with Mischa Schuman, Professor Sandra Fredman, and Dr Finn Mackay.

The event was extremely well attended, and the audience were treated to a fascinating and enlightening discussion. We are particularly grateful to Professor Ruth Chang, who worked so hard to organise the event. Many thanks are also due to the Philosophy, Law, & Politics Colloquium, the Feminist Jurisprudence Discussion Group, and the Jurisprudence Discussion Group for all of their work on this thrilling and ground-breaking event.

The second event, entitled 'Rape Redefined: Catherine A. MacKinnon in Conversation with Kate O'Regan', and chaired by Professor Ruth Chang, was similarly successful. Professor MacKinnon began the talk by arguing that consent is an intrinsically unequal concept and should be eliminated from the law of sexual assault. To redefine rape as the crime of inequality that it is, the prohibited act should centre instead on a concept of force that, beyond physical force, incorporates multiple inequalities of power.

Professor Kate O'Regan then provided some constructive feedback to Professor MacKinnon's feedback, leading to a stimulating discussion. Both of Professor MacKinnon's talks were riveting, enlightening, and empowering, and the students not only learnt a great deal but left with a lot to digest and think about. We are very grateful to all involved.



Courts and the Body Politic

The Hamlyn Lectures are a series of public lectures that have been delivered annually in the United Kingdom since 1949. They are delivered under the auspices of the Hamlyn Trust which was created by Miss Emma Hamlyn in 1948 in memory of her father, William Bussell Hamlyn, who was a solicitor in Torquay.

According to Miss Hamlyn's will, the object of the Lectures is to further knowledge and understanding of law. The Hamlyn Lectures are ordinarily published by Cambridge University Press each year. Previous Hamlyn lecturers have included judges and scholars from many parts of the English-speaking world. Former Oxford professors who have delivered the lectures include **Tony Honoré** (1982), **Paul Craig** (2014), **Roy Goode** (1997), and **Andrew Burrows** (2017). In 2023, Professor Kate O'Regan delivered the Hamlyn Lectures. As is customary, the lectures were delivered in three different cities. The first in Belfast, the second in Glasgow, and the third in Oxford.

The title of the 2022 lecture series was Courts and the Body Politic. A key argument in the Lectures was that courts are

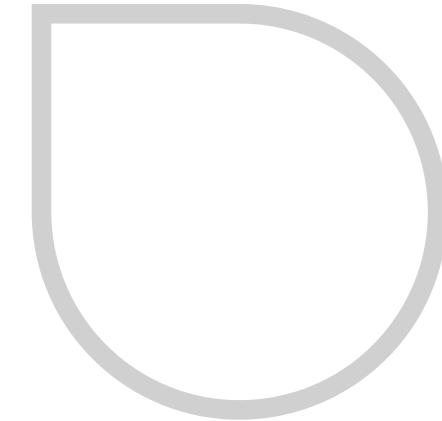
performing a very different role in the body politic of many societies in the early 21st century to the role they performed previously, yet it is not possible to understand how well courts are playing their role at a high level of abstraction. Attention needs to be paid to the detail of each constitutional system.

The Lectures noted that, in many parts of the world, courts play an important role in holding the executive to account and in protecting rights. The first lecture addressed the question of the changing role of courts; the second considered the relationship between courts and the executive; and the third the role courts play in protecting human rights. The Lectures are available to view on the [Bonavero website](#).



Annual Lecture

Scholarship in times of constitutional transformation: A view from Hong Kong



In this lecture, Cora Chan examined, through the lens of Hong Kong, the unique challenges facing constitutional law scholars in authoritarian or liberal backsliding contexts, as well as the distinct contributions they can make.

The lecture had four parts. Part I outlined the authoritarian turn in Hong Kong's legal order. Chan argued that developments in 2020-2021, including Beijing's introduction of a national security law for Hong Kong, had transformed Hong Kong's legal order from a liberal order into a "dual state" (Fraenkel, 1941) – an authoritarian order in which the prerogative domain can intervene to suspend or change legal rules any time.

Part II examined the challenges that such transformation has created for scholars working on sensitive topics, including the lack of fair warning on what would attract criminal liability, the erosion of mechanisms for defending academic freedom, and the intersectional challenges arising from both authoritarian sources of censorship and the pressures of marketisation.

Part III explored what scholars can and should do given the constraints. Chan argued that whilst speaking out has become a relatively high-risk activity in Hong Kong, publishing in English-language academic venues and classroom teaching are still relatively low-risk. Chan identified five

types of work that scholars based in the territory are particularly well-placed to conduct. They are: 1) chronicling the constitutional changes that are taking place; 2) theorisation of the constitutional changes; 3) data collection from people in the territory; 4) analysis of public law judgments; and 5) teaching of public law. Such works "will not only make valuable contributions to scholarship, but also help to preserve the traditions and create the resources for slowing down the authoritarian transition and for preparing society to capitalise on the opportunity for full liberalisation should it arise."

Part IV explored whether it is appropriate for scholars to conduct research with the motivation to advance liberal constitutionalism, which appears to be a form of "scholactivist" behaviour. It evaluated the applicability of Tarunabh Khaitan's instrumental reasons against scholactivism – including that scholactivists are at greater risk of producing hasty scholarship – to authoritarian environments and highlights three points. Chan emphasised that it is particularly important for scholars in such

environments to adhere to academic integrity for reasons of both principle and prudence. But she noted that the risk of scholactivism leading to hasty scholarship is lower in authoritarian contexts, where any liberal change that scholactivists strive for are likely to be long-term.

Finally, citing Adrienne Stone, she argued that a scholactivist motivation may give scholars a sense of perseverance, a perseverance that may be especially needed in an authoritarian context, given the political challenges of being a public law scholar therein. Chan concluded her lecture by noting that despite the gloomy forecast for academic freedom in Hong Kong, her vision for the role of scholars in the territory, and in other jurisdictions undergoing constitutional transformation, remains unchanged: "as long as there is room for us to teach and write, we can – perhaps even more importantly than in times of stability – continue to serve as reservoirs of memory, custodians of reason, and engines for constitutional reimagination."



Book launches

One of the key initiatives undertaken by the Bonavero Institute is hosting a wide range of book launches centred around human rights, constitutional law, and public law more generally.

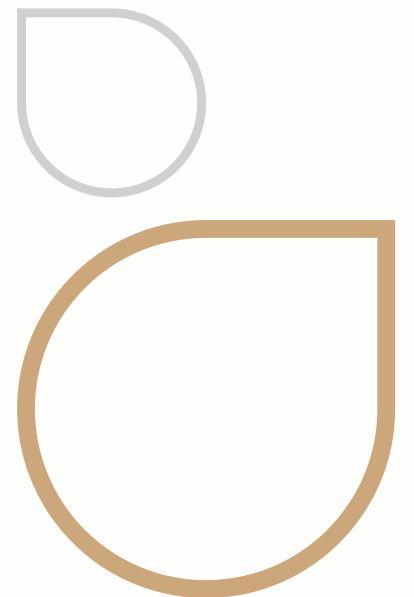
The Bonavero Institute's book launches offer a space for authors to showcase their work and engage with a diverse audience comprising scholars, practitioners, students, and activists. By providing a platform for authors to present their research, the Institute facilitates the dissemination of knowledge and fosters intellectual exchange. These events allow attendees to explore new ideas, challenge established perspectives, and expand their understanding of contemporary human rights issues, such as modern slavery, the responsibility of the state of the conduct of non-state actors, and the right to play under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Furthermore, book launches at the Institute facilitate meaningful discussions and debates on crucial issues surrounding human rights. By bringing together authors and experts, these events encourage critical analysis and the exploration of innovative solutions to contemporary human rights challenges. The diverse perspectives shared during the book launches enrich the academic community and contribute to the development of robust human rights scholarship.

Bonavero book launches also provide an opportunity for networking and collaboration among individuals working in the field of human rights. Attendees can connect with like-minded professionals, exchange ideas, and potentially form partnerships for future research or advocacy projects. The Institute acts as a catalyst, bringing together individuals from various disciplines and backgrounds, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, and facilitating the creation of a vibrant human rights community.

Moreover, the book launches organised by the Institute help bridge the gap between academia and practice. By hosting authors who have conducted research with real-world impact, the Institute highlights the relevance and applicability of human rights and constitutional law in contemporary society. This approach encourages the translation of scholarly ideas into practical policies and legal frameworks that promote and protect human rights globally.

In summary, the Bonavero Institute's book launches play a crucial role in fostering intellectual exchange, encouraging critical analysis, facilitating networking and collaboration, and bridging the gap between academia and practice. These events contribute to the growth of human rights scholarship, inspire innovative thinking, and ultimately aim to promote a world where human rights are respected, protected, and upheld.



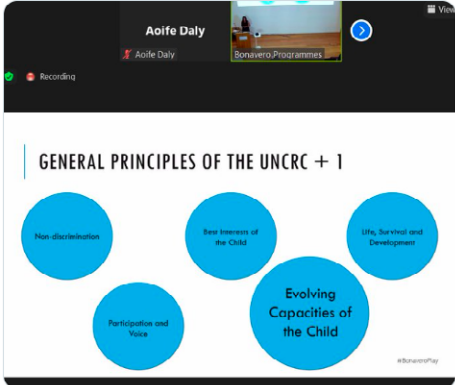
Social Media

Neli Frost @NeliFrost · Jul 31
So excited and humbled to be joining these two amazing institutions very soon as a research fellow 🥳 @BonaverolHR



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Aoife Daly @aoifedalylaw · Jun 14
At the #BonaveroPlay Symposium- Naomi outlining the crucial link between #righttoplay +other CRC rights such as the best interests principle +right to a healthy environment- children need spaces to play in nature! 🌳🌳🌳🌳🌳 @BonaverolHR @OxfordLawFac @UNChildRights1



Dr Naomi Lott @naomiruthr · Jun 13
Just one day to go until the #BonaveroPlay Symposium. Final programme is in the images, and the link for registering is here: law.ox.ac.uk/content/cvnt/ ... @BonaverolHR @OxfordLawFac @UNChildRights1 #righttoplay

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Jacob Öberg @Jacobbe/9601492 · Jun 15
Do not miss this timely and excellent @publclawproject and @BonaverolHR report on the constitutional implications of the Illegal Migration Bill by Inter alia @DaniellaLock and @LeeGTMarsons. Must read report. li/t @StevePeers @ColinYeat @AdamWagner1 law.ox.ac.uk/content/news/b...



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Virginia Mantouvalou @vmantouvalou · Jun 13
Last month the @BonaverolHR at the University of Oxford hosted a discussion of my new book with an outstanding panel.

Modern Slavery PEC @SlaveryPEC · Jun 13
NEW BLOG: "For work against modern slavery to be effective, it has to address the root causes of exploitation and the structures that enable it", writes @M_Niezna from @BonaverolHR, reviewing the new book by @vmantouvalou. modernslaverypec.org/latest/from-is-...


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Riccardo VECELLIO SEGATE @rvecellio_s · Mar 10
Unforgettable experience for me at @magdalenoxford and @BonaverolHR where I presented a paper on encoding safety rules into smart collaborative robots under EU law! Thanks @JeremiasPrassl @Sangh_Rakshita & all others who attended and made this possible! Hope to be back one day :)



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Ekaterina Aristova @EkatAristova · Oct 5, 2022
It is hard to hold the excitement in - something cool is coming out soon. Final edits are in progress :) @BonaverolHR



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Monika Plozza @monikaplozza · Jan 24
My year abroad has come to an end. My last research stay took me to the @OxfordLawFac, where I had the wonderful opportunity to learn a lot about critical approaches to human rights law @BonaverolHR.

I am truly thankful for this immensely valuable and enlightening experience!



Daniella Lock @DaniellaLock · Jan 10
New report published by @BonaverolHR, @BinghamCentre and @UniStrathclyde assessing the IHRL obligations relevant to making bills of rights. Congratulations to @emma_rowland and others for such a helpful report. Important lessons for gov institutions like the @MoJGovUK

Bonavero Institute of Human Rights @BonaverolHR · Jan 9
We have published our latest Bonavero Report No. 1/2023. The Report analyses the International human rights law obligations relevant to the making of Bills of Rights. law.ox.ac.uk/content/news/b... @OxfordLawFac @BinghamCentre @UniStrathclyde

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Gavin Phillipson @Prof_Phillipson · Jun 7
An honour to be here at the Bonavero for Cora Chan to deliver the Institute's Annual Lecture. Utterly absorbing.



Sangh Rakshita @Sangh_Rakshita · Apr 3
Excited to share that team iManage @BonaverolHR @OxfordLawFac, presented a lightning talk at #MozFest2023 on a blueprint for regulating algorithmic management. @JeremiasPrassl @HalefomAbraham @trilybrid Talk: bit.ly/3m4olNI Paper: bit.ly/3GTy6X

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How to regulate algorithmic management: a blueprint

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Aileen Kavanagh @AileenFKavanagh · May 6
A real honour to be on a panel @BonaverolHR @OxfordLawFac chaired by Lady Hale yesterday, getting an insider's perspective on constitutional guardians from Marcial Boo, currently Chief Exec @EHRc, formerly CEO @ipsaUK & Director of Strategy @NAOorguk. Short 📺



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Rangita de Silva @RangitadeSilva · Jun 2
Pleased to be in Oxford during Trinity term 2024 @BonaverolHR to work with UN SR @NazilaGhanes Prof. of Intern. Human Rights Law Oxford & @SandraWachter5 Prof. of Law & Technology. Freedom of religion includes the right to a plural & inclusive interpretation of religious culture.

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Media Defence March 20
Coming soon: UNESCO and the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights are launching a new version of a global multilingual Massive Open Online Course #MOOC for judicial actors on the international and regional standards on #freedomofexpression and the safety of journalists. Enroll here: https://edg.edx.org/_/course/v1...about

International Standards on Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists
Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) for Judicial Actors | May 29 - June 30, 2023

Are you a judge, prosecutor, lawyer, a representative of a judicial training institute, or a legal actor? Do you want to learn more about freedom of expression, its legal frameworks, access to information, the safety of journalists, and challenges to free speech in the digital age?

Then join over 25,000 judicial actors trained on these issues, by enrolling in this new multilingual Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The 5 module course will be led by experts on human rights and freedom of expression, including: Huma Khaliq, UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression and Opinion; Justice Stella I. Amekum, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights; Judge Ricardo Pérez Maquique, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Judge Dorian Pavli, European Court of Human Rights

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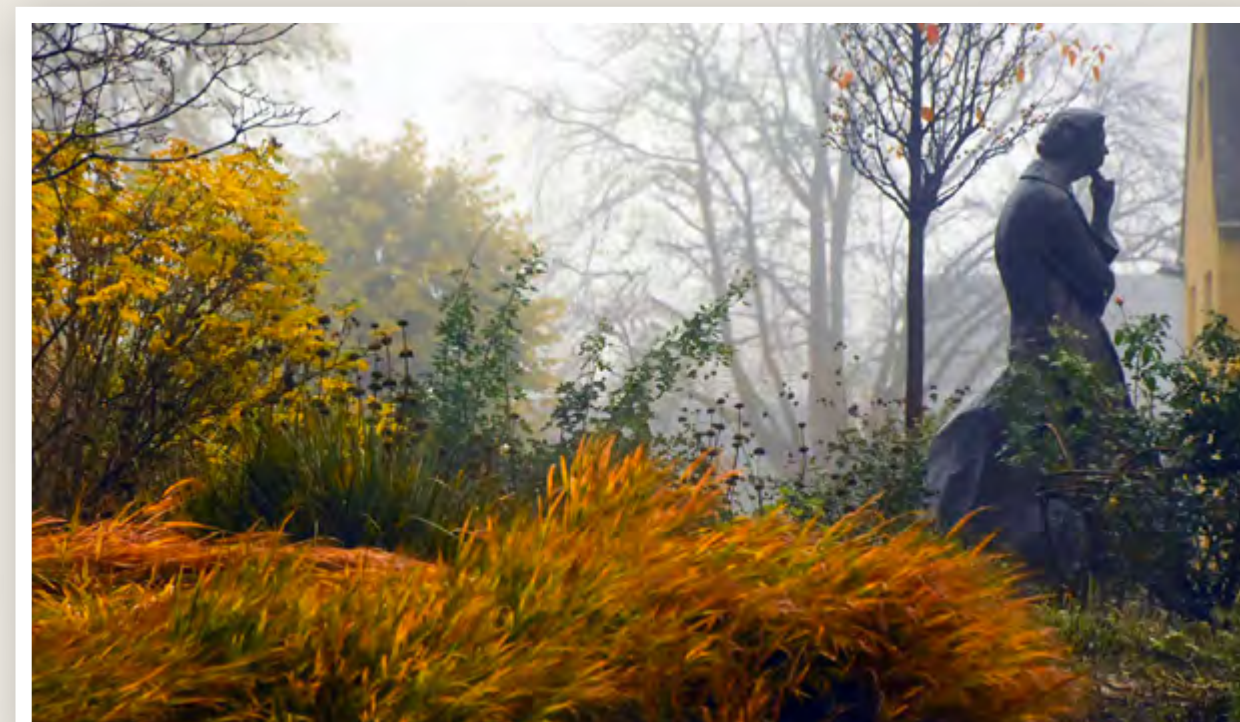
Bharat Shivan

Meet Bharat, an art photographer with a captivating vision and a profound love for storytelling through imagery. Drawing inspiration from around the world, Bharat yearns to capture the essence of humanity and nature in his work by highlighting the beauty in mundanity. Each frame holds a unique narrative, inviting viewers to explore emotions and stories within the images.

With an innate sense of timing and an eye for detail, Bharat creates evocative compositions to resonate with audiences on a deep level. He is dedicated to pushing boundaries and experimenting with different styles, continuing to shape his evolving visual journey.

As Bharat ventures further into the realm of art photography, his passion for capturing the beauty and wonder of the world remains the driving force behind his work. Through art, he endeavours to inspire others to appreciate life's moments and the intricate stories that unfold all around us.

View more of Bharat's photography on his [Instagram account](#).





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“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin?
In small places, close to home – so close and so small
that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world...
...Unless these rights have meaning there, they
have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted
citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall
look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

