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Order of events

2.00pm
Founding benefactors – Old Hall

2.20pm to 3.00pm
Q&A session with Mr Kofi Annan convened by Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium

3.00pm
Official opening ceremony – the Quad

3.30pm to 5.00pm
Refreshments and opportunity to visit the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and learn about its programmes and other human rights initiatives in Oxford

5.00pm to 6.00pm
Informal programme of music
Ngoni Mugwisi (Mbira player)
& Rihab Azar (Oud player)
Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium

“...I have no doubt that the scholarship and imagination that the Bonavero Institute will stimulate, the exchange of ideas and the outreach to civil society that it has put at the heart of its mission will help realise the ultimate promise of human rights: creating a better world for all humankind.”

Kofi Annan
The Plan

When I became Principal at Mansfield College, I had two secret hopes. I wanted to change the fortunes of Mansfield. It is a college with a great history of dissent and commitment to equality, which was profoundly under-resourced compared to all the other colleges. Yet it magically provided the same educational riches to all its students, most of whom came from non-traditional Oxford backgrounds. Mansfield’s story on widening participation has been groundbreaking, owing so much to a committed set of Fellows and teachers; over 90% of our intake from UK schools this year is from the state sector. However, despite its inspiring ethos, the College has struggled financially for too long, and new revenue streams and better accommodation had to be secured.

I also wanted to do something about leveraging the excellence of Oxford’s legal academics to power-up human rights around the globe. Law has to be at the centre of many of the most pressing issues facing our world – from conflict and wars to environmental degradation and climate change, from technological advances like the internet to human trafficking and violence against women and children. As a practitioner of law, I had often worked with academic lawyers to take the law to new places. I was aching to forge something lasting at Oxford that would sustain human rights into the future, drawing upon Oxford’s unparalleled convening power and connections with lawyers, judges and policymakers from eastern Europe to Africa, from the Middle East to South East Asia. Law is mere rule-making unless we breathe respect for our common humanity into its fabric.

Since Oxford is universally recognised as a foremost seat of learning, the idea of creating a world-leading institute of human rights here – bridging the world of legal practice with that of research and scholarship – grew like a magic beanstalk in my mind. To weld the two ambitions together was the obvious way forward.

The creation of the new building and the Institute of Human Rights was a project of the heart. The incredible generosity of men and women who believed in human rights and equal opportunities brought this plan into being. A small nucleus of people who dream of a better world put their wealth into the core funding. A team of great architects revisited old plans and shaped a building that would combine the needs of students and the new Institute. McKinsey worked without charge on the creation of a business plan. Friends from many quarters joined in effecting introductions, which expanded the web of supporters. Our Bursar, Allan Dodd, our Development Director, Helen Jones, and her team and all our staff worked tirelessly to make this project a reality. And our own alumni shared in this wild ambition and dug deep into their purses to help turn imaginings into substance.

As I was conjuring up the plans for the Institute, I saw a quote from Daniel Burnham, the famous American town planner, advising ‘Make not small plans; they have no magic to stir the blood’. The Hands Building and the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights were big plans for us, but they captured the imagination, making it possible to raise £25 million – not only for the building, but for the creation of an endowment to secure the future of the Institute. The new spaces are now established parts of Mansfield College, beautifully completing the embrace of our lovely Quad. The brilliant new Director of the Institute, former Justice of the South African Constitutional Court, Kate O’Regan, is developing one of the most exciting legal centres in the world.

Burnham was right. New projects should always speak to larger aspirations. Our reach should exceed our grasp and changing the world must be included in all our plans. So, my immense gratitude goes to all who joined in this ambitious endeavour with so many different contributions, not least cheering me on. It has been wonderful. I am leaving Mansfield with a song in my heart. Thank you.

Baroness Helena Kennedy QC
About the Hands Building

The Hands Building is a continuation of a phased master plan that has already seen the delivery of the East Range kitchen and café, the refurbishment of the Chapel, and the landscaping of the Quad. Incorporating the newly established Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, the Hands Building forms a western edge to the existing College buildings. It takes a sensitive approach to the site both in form (by stepping back to give space to the Principal’s Lodgings, by maximising the landscaped area in front), and through the use of stone and thinly framed windows, taking cues from the existing range of Champney’s buildings.

By combining 73 additional student study-bedrooms and accommodation for the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, the building enables dynamic occupancy and encourages engagement between students, Institute staff and visitors. The design allows for this engagement while maintaining the required privacy of each group, through separate entrances and carefully arranged offices. It has been possible, by setting the building into the ground, to create a generous series of spaces, internally and externally, providing six floors of accommodation when only three or four originally seemed possible. This efficient use of space has been vital, particularly given that the plot was one of the last remaining sites within the College.

The Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium, which spans the two lower floors, can be accessed either from within the Institute or from the new Abunahl Terrace at ground-floor level, and allows for a wide range of events – from presentations and lectures to student film nights. The upper level opens directly to the landscaped terraces, providing abundant natural light and ventilation. By utilising this natural strategy for lighting and cooling throughout, along with the careful choice of materials, the building has been able to achieve a maximum score on Oxford City Council’s Natural Resource Impact Assessment, making it one of the ‘greenest’ buildings of its kind in Oxford.

A fundamental concern in the design process was the careful consideration of landscape. By setting the building back and stepping the plan, the amount of space available for open areas and new planting was maximised. The landscaping has been designed to connect the building to the rest of the College, both physically and visually, while creating a series of individually characterised spaces through careful contours and grading. A promenade route extends from the Quad, leading visitors and students directly to the entrance doors. This axis allows views to the new sunken terrace, which echoes that in front of the East Range, and in return provides a perspective back to the Quad and main College buildings. In addition, a ramp winds down through the planted beds and new trees, with an intermediate landing and integrated bench seating looking back across the gardens.

The entire project was completed on schedule and within budget – an achievement made possible through the strong relationship between the College and all members of the design and project team. The use of prefabricated elements such as the cross-laminated-timber structural panels and bathroom pods, together with the employment of a Building Information Model (BIM) that was shared across the design and construction teams, improved the coordination between structures and services as well as reducing the overall construction time. This model was fully embraced by the main contractor, Beard, which engaged with the design of the building fully and earlier than traditional techniques permit.

The high level of communication and coordination has been a key element in the success of the project, ensuring that each part of the long-term master plan works together to create a cohesive environment for learning, collaboration and living.

Stuart Cade of MICA Architects

“We were delighted to see the completion of the Hands Building at Mansfield College in time for the start of Michaelmas Term 2017 and the new academic year. The build has been the product of a rewarding collaboration between many parties, and has provided extensive and much-needed accommodation for the College and the University.”
We are thrilled to have been able to participate in the development of the Hands Building. The building serves as an anchor for the College’s transformation, enabling more students to live on-site, enhancing Mansfield’s reputation globally and setting the College on a more stable financial footing. Within Mansfield, Oxford’s new Bonavero Institute of Human Rights will work to further the protection of basic human rights – central to what Mansfield’s founders stood for. Mansfield will stand proud as it continues to develop as a significant hub of intellectual life and learning at Oxford.

Guy Hands PPE 1978, Julia Hands MBE
A Warm Welcome to the Bonavero Institute

Thank you for making time to join us on this important occasion.

The establishment of the Bonavero Institute and the Hands Building would not have happened without the generosity of our many benefactors, notably the Bonavero family, Sir Joseph Hotung, the Leventis family, the Abunahl family, the Garfield Weston Foundation and of course Guy and Julia Hands – as well as many others.

The Bonavero Institute would also never have been realised without the extraordinary drive and vision of Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, the Principal of Mansfield College, and the support of the Fellows of Mansfield and the Faculty of Law at the University of Oxford. We are grateful to them all for their contributions and commitment to building a new Institute dedicated to human rights in our uncertain world.

That uncertainty is generated in part because the post-war commitments to fostering peace, human rights, the rule of law and international institutions today are under threat from many quarters. The establishment of an institute dedicated to human rights research at the University of Oxford is thus both timely and auspicious, for it reminds us that our world is made and shaped by human beings and the founders of this Institute have acted to support and strengthen the commitment to human rights, peace and the rule of law. Their committed action should inspire us all.

As you see, the Bonavero Institute is housed in a beautiful new building in Mansfield College. Being located in Mansfield provides us with a home in one of the most inclusive and open spaces in Oxford. The Bonavero Institute’s link with the Faculty of Law, one of the world’s highest ranked law faculties, also provides great advantages to the Bonavero Institute. It enables the Institute to collaborate with the outstanding legal scholars in the Faculty, many of whom are leaders in human rights and public law research.

The Bonavero Institute seeks to bring those engaged in human rights research and human rights practice together to establish a creative conversation that will foster the promotion and protection of human rights for the next century. We shall support world-class research in the field of human rights law and promote public engagement in, and understanding of, human rights. Over the next few pages, you will learn about the programmes, projects and research that we have begun in our first year of operation, as well as about our growing community.

We hope that you will take time this afternoon to explore the Bonavero Institute and learn more about our work and plans.

With warm good wishes,

Kate O’Regan, Director

Spaces in the Bonavero Institute

Key spaces in the Bonavero Institute include the Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium, the Gilly Leventis Meeting Room and the Helena Kennedy Reading Room. The Sir Joseph Hotung Auditorium is a beautiful lecture theatre, which we share with Mansfield College. The Gilly Leventis Meeting Room is a venue for collaborative seminars, internal meetings and some teaching. It has the capacity for two-way broadcasting and webinars. It looks out over the Mansfield College Quad, which makes a very attractive backdrop to our events. The Helena Kennedy Reading Room provides a light, quiet and warm space to work. It is used by our Research Visitors, Resident Research Students and other graduate students.
Governance and Team of the Bonavero Institute

The Bonavero Institute is managed on a daily basis by its Director, but its work is overseen by a Management Committee that meets termly and reports to the Law Board, in the Faculty of Law. The Management Committee includes four members of the Faculty of Law, the Principal of Mansfield and a Fellow of Mansfield, as well as a representative of the Social Sciences Division.

The Bonavero Institute has also established an Advisory Council whose members are leading human rights scholars and practitioners from many parts of the world, including senior judges from the UK and human rights lawyers from Colombia, Germany, India, Mexico, South Africa, and the United States.

The inaugural Director of the Bonavero is Professor Kate O’Regan, former judge of the South African Constitutional Court from 1994 to 2009. The Head of Programmes is Dr Annelen Micus, a German-trained lawyer who has worked for human rights organisations in both Berlin and Bogota, Colombia. The Institute Administrator is Zoe Davis-Heaney, an experienced administrator who has worked on a number of human rights law programmes at the University of Oxford before joining the Bonavero team. The Bonavero Institute also has three Post-doctoral Research Fellows at present: Stefan Theil, Oliver Butler (in partnership with Wadham College) and Michael Molavi (with the generous support of the Legal Education Foundation).

Bonavero Community

In Oxford

The Bonavero Institute seeks to build a vibrant, global community to foster collaboration between scholars and human rights lawyers both within Oxford and beyond. Within Oxford:

- We have reached out to identify scholars to become Academic Affiliates, whose human rights research the Bonavero Institute can support and who, in turn, will work with us on our programmes and research. More than 20 members of the Faculty of Law are Academic Affiliates and we plan to extend this programme to scholars in other disciplines in the coming year.
- We have also built strong links with other institutions in Oxford working in the broad field of human rights, including: the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict; the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy; the Oxford Human Rights Hub; the Institute of Criminology; and the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.
- We serve as a host for research groups and networks within the University. At present, we have three networks based at the Bonavero Institute: the Fiction and Human Rights Network, the Children’s Rights Network, and the Business and Human Rights Network.
- We have established a graduate student residents’ programme within the Bonavero Institute, as well as inviting graduate research students to use our hot-desk facilities in the Helena Kennedy Reading Room.

Beyond Oxford

- We have a Research Visitor programme, which draws human rights scholars and practitioners engaged in independent writing projects to the Bonavero Institute for up to a year.
- We have built a network of human rights organisations and research centres with whom to work on human rights-related programmes and research, including: Reprieve UK, Liberty, Justice, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) in Berlin, the Women’s Legal Centre in Cape Town, the Centre for the Death Penalty in Delhi, among others.
- We are establishing a regular emerging scholar workshop in partnership with Melbourne Law School and the National University of Singapore. The first workshop was held in April at OP Jindal Global Law School in Delhi. The aim of this workshop series is to enable young scholars in the global South, particularly Asia, to participate in an intensive workshop on human rights, public law and international law questions with leading scholars from across the globe.
Bonavero Events

Our first academic year, 2017/18, has seen us host or co-host many events in a range of different formats. Lectures have included the Oxford Global Annual Lecture delivered in October 2017 by the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Ms Fatou Bensouda, and Mansfield College’s Annual Hands Lecture, delivered by Lord Heseltine on the subject of the Role of Government in Creating Prosperity in a Globalised World.

Conferences have included a forum on Strategic Litigation, co-hosted with Oxfam and the Oxford Human Rights Hub, and the Faculty of Law’s inaugural Disability Law and Policy Conference. We have also organised several round-table colloquiums, including one held in partnership with the Department of Politics and International Relations on Access to Justice, and a symposium in partnership with Professor Hugh Collins, the Vinerian Professor of English Law, on Business and Human Rights. In addition, we have held a panel event on Abortion in Northern Ireland, where the panel included the head of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, as well as a leading human rights barrister in cases recently heard by the UK Supreme Court concerning abortion in Northern Ireland, and the Director of the Royal College of Midwives.

We have also screened films concerning contemporary human rights issues, followed by panel discussions with the film director or producer, such as the award-winning South African film Inxeba – The Wound, A Cambodian Spring, No Place for a Rebel, and It Stays With You: Use of Force by UN Peacekeepers in Haiti.

During the course of the year, we have held more than 20 collaborative seminars with a range of other organisations, including: the Oxford Human Rights Hub; the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict; the Public International Law discussion group; and the Oxford Transitional Justice Research network. We have invited a wide range of speakers, including: Anthony Dworkin from the European Council on Foreign Relations; Anup Surendranath from the National Law University, Delhi; Chak Sopheap, Executive Director of the Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR); Corey Stoughton, the Advocacy Director of Liberty; and Shaheed Fatima QC, lead author of a recent report on Protecting Children in Armed Conflict.

In convening a series of judicial conversations, the Institute hopes to deepen understanding of the role of the judiciary in different jurisdictions, bringing fresh perspectives to debates on the separation of powers. Speakers in our Adjudicating Rights Series this year have included: the Chief Justice of Ghana, Georgina Wood; Judge Joan Donoghue of the International Court of Justice; and Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals and former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

With Professor Timothy Garton Ash, the Bonavero Institute hosts a regular free speech discussion group that includes scholars from the Reuters Institute as well as the Oxford Internet Institute. Through our Expression, Political Rights, Privacy and Information Technology (EPPIT) Ideas Graduate Research Group, we offer DPhil students and researchers in this field a forum to discuss research questions or a proposal for a collaborative activity to seek comments, advice, recommendations or agreement for a future event.
Bonavero Programmes

The Bonavero Institute seeks to enrich the human rights experience of Oxford students, and to assist them to develop careers in the broad field of human rights. Several programmes have been developed to pursue this goal: a Human Rights Strategy Non-credit Course for law students and students at the Blavatnik School of Government (in partnership with Oxfam and Oxford Human Rights Hub), and a human rights research training programme on the Use of Force, in partnership with the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria.

The Bonavero Student Fellowship programme generously funded by Mr Eric Lewis has founded a series of internships for Oxford students at partner organisations, to give participants exposure to working in human rights’ institutions. We have worked in partnership with Oxford Pro Bono Publico (a student-run legal research programme conducting legal research for organisations engaged in strategic litigation or policy-making). Internships have been established at Liberty, Reprieve UK, the Public Law Project, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, Turpin & Miller LLP in Oxford, the Women’s Legal Centre in Cape Town, the Namibian Supreme Court, the Centre on the Death Penalty in Delhi and the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR) in Berlin. The Institute also administers the Samuel Pisar Travelling Fellowship through the support of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin, which provides funds to enable a graduate research student working in the broad field of human rights to travel to conduct research abroad.

Bonavero Research

The Bonavero Institute seeks to foster world-class research into contemporary human rights issues. In developing its research programmes, it will seek to promote collaboration and exchange between human rights practitioners and scholars.

At present, four key areas have been identified for research:

- The manner in which illiberal democracies across the globe are threatening key institutions that underpin democratic processes: civil society, the media, the judiciary and other independent constitutional institutions, electoral commissions and universities.
- The implications for human rights of the internet, in particular, in relation to freedom of expression and the right to privacy.
- Access to justice and strategic litigation, in particular the manner in which collective redress may be used to promote access to justice and as a technique of strategic litigation.
- Business and human rights.

We also seek to promote the work of our partners, including our academic affiliates and research visitors, by hosting book launches and colloquiums at the Institute. This year we have held launches for the following books: Parliament’s Secret War by Hayley Hooper and Veronika Fikfak, Human Trafficking and Slavery Reconsidered by Vladislava Stoyanova, Humans as a Service by Jeremias Prassl and The Obligation to Extradite or Prosecute by Kriangsak Kittichaisaree.

Mooting

The Bonavero Institute seeks to promote mooting as a way of introducing students to human rights law. We have recently taken responsibility for the annual Price Media Law Moot Court Competition. The Price Moot was established in 2008 in Oxford in the Programme for Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP) to foster an interest in media law and freedom of expression. The Programme is named in honour of Professor Monroe E. Price, the founder of PCMLP at the University of Oxford’s Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. In April 2018, the moot included eight regional rounds in Afghanistan, the Asia-Pacific (Beijing), North-East Europe (Kyiv), South-East Europe (Zagreb), Middle East (Beirut), Americas (New York), Africa (Johannesburg) and South Asia (Delhi).

For the first time, the bench for the Final comprised entirely of judges and former judges from a range of global jurisdictions.

The Bonavero Institute has also taken steps to ensure that Oxford students participate in the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition. In 2018, Lawyers Against Borders organised an inaugural Human Rights Moot at the Bonavero Institute to determine the team that will represent the University of Oxford at this year’s Mandela moot final round in Geneva. We also support further mooting opportunities, such as the Herbert Smith Freehills Oxford Disability Mooting Championship.
“Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.” — Universal Declaration of Human Rights

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF THE ONAVERO INSTITUTE

- The Bonavero Institute will support all fundamental human rights as they have been, or should be, protected in law, for example, those rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- The Bonavero Institute acknowledges and welcomes debates about the content, foundation, and best forms of protection for human rights and supports vigorous and diverse scholarly discussion of all these issues.

- The Bonavero Institute recognises that there are many people and organisations working in the field of human rights law both in Oxford and beyond, and the Bonavero Institute will seek to ensure that it works openly and collaboratively with others working in the field of human rights wherever possible.
The Project Team

Main contractor – Beard
Beard is a leading regional construction company with offices in Swindon, Oxford, Guildford and Bristol. Established in 1892 and still a family business, Beard designs, builds, restores and refurbishes buildings throughout the South of England working on a range of projects, including complex proposals, up to a value of £16 million. Beard has recently completed the stunning Nazrin Shah building for Worcester College and, among other projects, is currently working on the conversion of a manor house into a luxury boutique hotel in Somerset.

Architect – MICA Architects
MICA, founded by the partners of award-winning Rick Mather Architects, is a 50-strong practice of architects, conservation architects, landscape designers and master-planners. Based in Camden Town, London, they have recently opened a small office in Oxford. The team works across many sectors, with particular expertise in higher education. Working at a range of scales, they have gained a reputation for delivering high-quality, innovative projects. An analytical approach is applied at all levels, from strategic master-plans and landscape planning to individual buildings, interiors and furniture. MICA is known for making the most out of complex sites, with solutions that appear simple in their elegance – as demonstrated in their work for Mansfield College.

Services engineer – Elementa Consulting
Elementa Consulting, a member of Integral Group (North America), provides a full range of sustainable design and diverse consultancy services for projects in the UK, Europe and Middle East. Their services include mechanical, electrical and public health (MEP) systems, fire and lighting design, master-plan support, resilience consultancy, strategic sustainability, wellness consultancy and advanced energy modelling. Elementa operates in all sectors of the built environment including commercial, education, healthcare, mixed use, science and technology, hotels and leisure and retail.

Structural engineer – Eckersley O’Callaghan
Eckersley O’Callaghan is an award-winning structural and facade engineering design practice with offices in London and overseas. Since forming in 2004, they have established an international reputation for a creative and considered approach to engineering structures and facades. Their work ranges from many highly innovative glass structures for Apple, through modern timber, concrete and steel constructions, to sensitive adaptations of historic buildings. They have a long-established relationship with the University of Oxford has included several projects for Mansfield College as well as for Keble, St Anthony’s, St Peter’s and Queen’s colleges, among others for University departments.

Quantity surveyor – Ridge & Partners LLP
Ridge was founded by Harold John Ridge as a surveying practice in Oxford in 1946 and now provides a full range of professional, multi-discipline property and construction consultancy services for all market sectors, across the UK and around the world. Their cost managers are integral to the design process, engaging with design teams and supply chains to shape design choices and enhance efficiency. They provide independent, impartial and trusted specialist advice.

Project manager – Bidwells
Bidwells, one of the UK’s leading property consultancies, was established in 1839. Over 80% of their work is now concentrated in the ‘golden triangle’ of Oxford, Cambridge and London – including sector-leading work in the science and technology, and education sectors. They are a comprehensive building consultancy services include project management, planning, architecture and environmental impact assessment, and surveying. Their clients are diverse, ranging from owner-occupiers, developers and investors to landowners. Their projects are equally varied, from award-winning new facilities designed by signature architects, to overseeing renovations of ancient buildings, and refurbishments of commercial space on science parks.

Landscaping consultant – Caroline Edwards
Caroline Edwards Garden Planning and Planting designs, builds and plants gardens and outside spaces. The audience is the focus of every project. Caroline has created, enhanced and rejuvenated gardens of every size and shape, from the Midlands to the South West of England. Caroline also teaches horticulture, and is convinced about the healing power of nature.
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With special thanks to the many alumni and friends of Mansfield who have supported the project and to those who wish to remain anonymous.

“In 1990, my wife Anne and I founded the A B Charitable Trust, whose mission is to defend and promote the cause of human dignity, prioritising unpopular causes.

Clearly, the advancement of human rights had to be part and parcel of this project – though we could hardly have anticipated that human rights per se would become an unpopular cause in some quarters of Western democracies.

We are therefore delighted to support the timely creation of a world-class Institute of Human Rights and cannot think of a better home for it than the internationally-renowned Law Faculty at the University of Oxford. Under the Faculty’s aegis, the new Institute will produce academic research of such a calibre that the lives of men, women and children worldwide will be improved.

Anne and I are particularly pleased that our family, many of whom have benefitted from an Oxford education for which they are thankful, wholeheartedly support lending the family’s name to this endeavour.”

Mr Yves Bonavero, lead donor to the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights