BONAVERO INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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MISSION OF THE BONAVERO INSTITUTE

A dedicated institute fostering excellent research and scholarship in human rights law

As part of its mission, the Institute will establish a vibrant community of graduate students, host outstanding scholars of law and other disciplines, and collaborate with practitioners engaged in the most pressing contemporary human rights issues around the world.

“Under its aegis, the new Institute will produce, and deploy in the field, academic research of such calibre that the lives of men, women and children worldwide will be improved.” - Yves Bonavero
STRATEGIC GOALS
OF THE BONAVERO INSTITUTE

1. The Institute will seek to establish a vibrant, collegial, global forum of human rights scholars and practitioners to foster collaboration between scholars and human rights lawyers in practice, including judges. This will include the use of modern information and communications technology, such as Facebook and Twitter.

2. The Institute will foster collaborative, rigorous, multidisciplinary and innovative world-class research on human rights issues and share the fruits of its research in a clear and accessible way with policy-makers, practitioners and the broader public.

3. The Institute will expose students at the University to current issues in human rights. It will also enhance the experience of graduate research students working in the broad field of human rights in the Faculty of Law by providing a collegial working space, access to Institute events and exposure to opportunities enabling them to consider the application of human rights law outside of academia.

4. The Institute will seek to be recognised as a host (and co-host) that organises engaging intellectual events of both global and local importance relating to human rights law, incl. lectures, conversations, discussions, conferences and symposia, both in Oxford and elsewhere.
FOUNDING VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE BONAVERO INSTITUTE

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

• There are many people and organisations working in the field of human rights law both in Oxford and beyond. The Institute will seek to ensure that we work openly and collaboratively with others working in the field of human rights wherever possible.
BONAVERO TEAM

Kate O’Regan, Director
Annelen Micus, Head of Programmes
Zoe Davis-Heaney, Institute Administrator
Oliver Butler, Post-doctoral Research Fellow
Stefan Theil, Post-doctoral Research Fellow
The Bonavero Institute invites academics and researchers engaged in teaching or research within the broad field of human rights at the University of Oxford to become academic affiliates of the Institute.

Academic affiliates will have the opportunity to participate in many of the activities of the Institute and will be encouraged to contribute to its collegial research environment. Affiliations will be renewable after periods of three years.

**Current Academic Affiliates:**

Dapo Akande  
Nick Bamforth  
Hugh Collins  
Cathryn Costello  
Paul Craig  
Timothy Endicott  
Sandy Fredman  
Nazila Ghanea  
Leslie Green  
Barbara Havelkova  
Jonathan Herring  
Laura Hoyano  
Miles Jackson  
Aileen Kavanagh  
Tarunabh Khaitan  
Liora Lazarus  
Theodor Meron  
Jeremias Prassl  
Jacob Rowbottom  
Andrew Shacknove  
Marie Tidball  
Alison Young
• The Research Visitor Programme encourages scholars, judges, practitioners, post-doctoral researchers and policy-makers engaged in the field of human rights law to visit the Bonavero Institute.

• The programme is designed for visitors who plan a period of self-directed research to spend time at the Institute to undertake research.

Current Research Visitors:

Johanna Gusman  Hurst Hannum  Tuomas Mylly  Malcolm Wallis  bob Watt
BONAVERO POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

• Objective: Foster opportunities for inter-generational exchange
• Dedicated workspace in the Helena Kennedy Reading Room for six months for Oxford law students working in human rights law, public law, public international law, the rule of law and/or related fields.
• Opportunity to be part of a growing international community of human rights researchers at the Bonavero Institute, share experiences and add value to both your study and research skills through collaboration and discussion with other visiting colleagues.
• Next call for applications will be out March-April 2018.

Current Research Residents:

Penny Ehrhardt        Sanya Samtani
Yulia loffe            Navya Jannu
The Institute hosts a collaborative seminar series on a range of human rights topics with partners from across the University and a number of international external speakers invited to Oxford.

**Partners include:** The Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict (ELAC), The Oxford Human Rights Hub (OxHRH) and The Fiction and Human Rights Network.

**Next event:** ‘The Role of Judges in a Constitutional Democracy’ with Malcolm Wallis, Judge of the South African Supreme Court of Appeal.

**November 28th, 5.30pm**
BONAVERO
ADJUDICATING RIGHTS SERIES

• In convening a series of judicial conversations, the Institute hopes to initiate robust and open discussions about one of the most important questions for constitutional and human rights lawyers everywhere.

• The series seeks to deepen understanding of variations in the role of the judiciary across the world, bringing fresh perspectives to debates on the separation of powers.

Next event:
With Judge András Sajó (former judge of the European Court of Human Rights)

February 28th, 5.30pm

Judge Joan Donoghue (ICJ)  Judge Theodor Meron (ICTY)
BONAVERO STUDENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

• The Institute provides access to a number of internship opportunities, offered by a wealth of organisations within the UK and across the world.
• These include senior appellate courts, world-leading NGOs, and research institutions, giving students the chance to explore a variety of professional options.
• The majority of internships run across a 10 week period during the Oxford Long Vacation.
• Fellowships are open to students pursuing a research or taught post graduate course at the Law Faculty, Oxford, or to those who have graduated within the previous twelve months.
• The next call for applications will be out April-May 2018.
• Partners have included:
  ➢ Reprieve
  ➢ The Public Law Project
  ➢ British Institute of International and Comparative Law
  ➢ Women’s Legal Centre in Capetown [with OPBP]
  ➢ IDIA (Increasing Diversity by Increasing Access) in Bangalore [with OPBP]
NON-CREDIT COURSE IN DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

• Objective: introduce students to strategic analysis relating to human rights and to promote academic scholarship in the field of human rights informed by current practical human rights problems.

• Each seminar is led by a leading lawyer or human rights policy practitioner.

• Seminars involve presentations on specific strategic responses to human rights problems that have been implemented, as well as small group sessions to discuss and develop other strategic responses.

• 32 students in the Faculty of Law and the Blavatnik School of Government attend.

• Six seminars in Michaelmas Term 2017 and Hilary Term 2018 on:
  • Litigating the right to education
  • Refugee children in the UK
  • Death penalty and lethal injection
  • Business and Human Rights: Tort liability of corporations
  • Domestic violence against women
  • Climate Change and Environmental litigation
BONAVERO RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMME ON THE USE OF FORCE

In collaboration with

• Provides students with training on research and analysis on use of force legislation and jurisprudence, including an introduction to international standards on the use of force; and guidance on research methods and report writing.

• Each student is expected to prepare a case study on one jurisdiction.

• Long-term objective: database containing the laws, jurisprudence, and other relevant legal materials that relate to the use of force by law enforcement officials in a wide range of countries. It is hoped that the database will play a significant role in identifying and publishing domestic standards to enable oversight by civil society, as well as by national and international human rights agencies, including treaty bodies.
BONAVERO EXPRESSION, POLITICAL RIGHTS, PRIVACY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (EPPIT) IDEAS GRADUATE RESEARCH GROUP

- Meeting of DPhil students and researchers interested in freedom of expression, political rights, privacy, and information technology
- Held twice a term; **next meeting: 24 January 2018.**
- Forum to discuss research questions or a proposal for a collaborative activity to seek comments, advice, recommendations or agreement for a future event
- **Collaborative opportunity** to generate DPhil-led speaker events, roundtable discussions, work-in-progress seminars, and collaboration on publications including blog posts, policy documents and articles
- EPPIT WebLearn forum for members: posts with abstracts and agendas for meetings, events and reading recommendations

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PRICE MEDIA LAW
MOOT COURT PROGRAMME

- Established in 2008 by the Programme in Comparative Media Law & Policy, at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, now hosted by the Bonavero Institute.

- **Objective:** foster an interest in international law governing freedom of expression issues as well as in the role of the media, and information and communication technologies in societies around the world.

- Tool for raising the profile of freedom of expression by bringing informed and effective debate and discussion on significant issues of information flows and technology to many parts of the world.

- With **regional rounds** in Africa, Asia-Pacific, South Asia, North East Europe, South East Europe and the Middle East

- **International Rounds** at Oxford: 9-13 April 2018
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