

Council and Main Committees

Congregation 10 March

Degree by Resolution

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Council of the University

Register of Congregation

The Vice-Chancellor reports that the following names have been added to the Register of Congregation:

Rosamund Crabtree, People Department

Damaris Olivia Darby, Acute Multidisciplinary Imaging and Interventional Centre

Oliver Henry Hargrave, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Anastasia Ignatieva, Department of Statistics

Pascal Menoret, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Anita Paterson, University Administration and Services

Vanda Pickett, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages

Thomas William Gamlen Rainforth, Department of Statistics

Daniel Rowe, Rothermere American Institute

Anne-Claire Marie-Agnès Salmas, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Emma Sarcol, Research Services

Jean-Luc Schwenninger, School of Archaeology

Agnieszka Swiejkowska, Department of Politics and International Relations

Pan Tome Valencia, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Divisional and Faculty Boards

For changes to regulations for examinations see '[Changes to Examination Regulations](#)' below.

Congregation

Congregation 17 March

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Congregation noon, 19 March

Admission of the Proctors and Assessor

A Congregation meeting will be held at **noon on 19 March** in the Sheldonian Theatre for the purpose of admitting to office **Professor Nicholas Barber**, BCL MA Oxf, fellow of Trinity, and **Dr Grant Tapsell**, MPhil PhD Camb, MA Oxf, fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, as Proctors

for the ensuing year, and **Professor Raphael Hauser**, MSc ETH, PhD Cornell, fellow of Pembroke, as Assessor for the ensuing year.

Congregation 25 March

Voting on Resolutions approving the conferment of Honorary Degrees

(i) That the conferment of the Degree of Civil Law, *honoris causa*, upon **Dame Jacinda Ardern**, GNZM, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, trustee of the Earthshot Prize, recipient of the United Nations Foundation Champion for Global Change Award, be approved.

(ii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Lord Bragg**, CH, broadcaster, author and parliamentarian, former President of the charity Mind, former Chancellor of the University of Leeds, Honorary Fellow of Wadham College, Domus Fellow of St Catherine's College, be approved.

(iii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Clive Myrie**, journalist, presenter, Chancellor of University of the Arts London, recipient of the RTS Television Journalist of the Year Award and 2-time winner of the Network Presenter of the Year Award, be approved.

(iv) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Serhii Plokhii, Mykhailo Hrushevsky** Professor of Ukrainian History, Harvard University, Director of the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, recipient of the Baillie Gifford Prize, be approved.

(v) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Timothy Snyder**, Chair in Modern European History, supported by the Temerty Endowment for Ukrainian Studies, University of Toronto, and Richard C Levin Professor of History, Yale University, Fellow of the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, recipient of Carnegie and Guggenheim Fellowships, be approved.

(vi) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Colm Tóibín**, Irene and Sidney B Silverman Professor of the Humanities, Columbia University, former Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, novelist, short story writer, essayist, journalist, critic, playwright and poet, recipient of the David Cohen Prize for Literature and the Folio Prize, be approved.

(vii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Robert S Langer**, Institute Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Medicine, recipient of the US National Medal of Science, the National Medal of Technology and Innovation and the Kavli Prize in Nanoscience, be approved.

(viii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Erwin Neher**, Emeritus Director of the Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, Professor Emeritus at the University of Göttingen, joint recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, be approved.

¶ If the resolutions are approved, the honorary degrees will be conferred at the Encaenia on 25 June 2025.

Meeting information

Members of Congregation are reminded that any two members may, not later than **noon on 17 March**, give notice in writing to the Registrar that they wish to oppose or amend the resolutions at (i) to (viii) above (see the note on the conduct of business in Congregation below). If no such notice has been given, and unless Council has declared otherwise or the meeting has been adjourned the resolutions shall be declared carried, and the meeting may be cancelled.

Note on procedures in Congregation

Business in Congregation is conducted in accordance with Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/congregation-regulations-2-of-2002>).

A printout of these regulations, or of any statute or other regulations, is available from the Council Secretariat on request. A member of Congregation seeking advice on questions relating to its procedures, other

than elections, should contact Louise Hasler, Council Secretariat, University Offices, Wellington Square (email: congregation.meeting@admin.ox.ac.uk); questions relating to elections should be directed to the Elections Officer, Ms S L S Mulvihill (email: elections.office@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Notices

Consultative Notices

Call for nominations for Honorary Degrees and for Degrees by Diploma

The Committee on Honorary Degrees is seeking honorary degree nominations – nominations can be made by current members of staff and students via an online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/u1kmkyKYmR>.

When considering possible honorands, the Honorary Degrees Committee will focus on individuals:

- of high academic distinction in the fields of research and scholarship of specific interest to the University of Oxford;
- distinguished in the visual, literary, musical, and performing arts or in sports;
- distinguished in business and industry;
- who have played a distinguished role in public life, for example in contributing to progress and change in society;
- who have made a significant contribution to the activities of the University of Oxford – such individuals would normally also fall into one of the categories above.

Within those categories, the Honorary Degrees Committee will aim to produce a balanced list, which takes account of the global dimension that characterises this University's activities.

When a degree is conferred upon a royal personage or upon the head of a foreign state it will be conferred by diploma.

The Honorary Degrees Committee has adopted a target that half of the final list of names proposed for the conferment

of honorary degrees be women and/or from minoritised groups. Nominators are therefore encouraged to propose individuals of conspicuous distinction with particular reference to diversity.

Honorary degrees will not be conferred on anyone who holds, or who has retired from, a resident teaching, research or administrative post within the University or in any college or other society, except in exceptional circumstances such as distinguished service outside the terms of his or her paid service. In these circumstances, a proposal for an honorary MA may be put forward.

While informal soundings within the University will often be desirable, every effort should be made to ensure that publicity is not at any stage given to any specific proposal for the conferral of an honorary degree. All nominations will be considered in strict confidence by the committee.

Further information is available at <https://governance.web.ox.ac.uk/committee-on-honorary-degrees>. Lists of previous recipients for the last 10 years are available at www.ox.ac.uk/news-and-events/The-University-Year/Encaenia.

While nominations may be submitted throughout the year, the deadline for nominations for Encaenia 2025 is **10 April 2025**. Nominations are kept under consideration by the committee for 3 years (the year of nomination, plus 2 years) so only need to be resubmitted if there has been a significant change in the case for the nomination.

General Notices

Gazette publication arrangements

The remaining *Gazettes* of Hilary term will be published on 20 and 27 March. The 27 March issue will be limited to Council and Congregation business and changes to Examination Regulations.

The first *Gazette* of Trinity term will be published on 24 April and will include the termly lecture supplement. The deadline for submissions for the lecture supplement, and any other time-sensitive items for publication, will be brought forward to **11 April** because of Easter office closures.

Vice-Chancellor's Awards

The shortlist for the Vice-Chancellor's Awards 2025 was announced on 10 March. There were 160 award entries across the 11 categories this year, including 1,300 individuals.

Winners will be announced on 15 May, and all staff will be invited to the Awards Showcase on 13 May. More information: <https://hr.admin.ox.ac.uk/vice-chancellors-awards>.

Appointments

Social Sciences

REAPPOINTMENTS

Thom Wetzer, Associate Professor of Law and Finance, Faculty of Law, and fellow of Linacre; from 1 January 2025 until retirement

Electoral Boards

Composition of an Electoral Board

The composition of the electoral board to the post below, proceedings to fill which are currently in progress, is as follows (appointing person/body given in brackets):

KADOORIE PROFESSORSHIP OF TRAUMA
REHABILITATION

Dr Sir Michael Jacobs, chair (Vice-Chancellor)

Dr Lydia Matthews (ex)

Professor Nigel Emptage (Lincoln)

Professor Rebecca Kearney (Council)

Professor Katie Sheehan (Council)

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg (Medical Sciences
Division)

Professor Jonathan Rees (Medical Sciences Division)

Professor Matthew Costa (Medical Sciences Division)

Professor Stavros Petrou (Medical Sciences Division)

Lectures

Other Groups

Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth

STUDY DAY

Professor Matthew Campbell, York, will lead a study day 10am–3.30pm on 15 March at St Michael at the North Gate Church. Tickets and more information:

www.ocsg.uk.net/event/from-yeats-to-heaney-faith-heresies-in-irish-poetry.

Subject: 'From Yeats to Heaney –faith & heresies in Irish poetry'

Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Changes to Examination Regulations

For the complete text of each regulation listed below and a listing of all changes to regulations for this year to date, please see <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations-0>.

Social Sciences Division

GRAND UNION DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

- (a) clarification of Research in Practice
- (b) confirmation and submission deadlines

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Obituaries

Exeter

Sir John Ashworth, 3 March 2025; 1938; Honorary Fellow 1983. Aged 86.

Merton

Professor Béla Novák, 22 February 2025; 1956; Professorial Fellow 2007–25; Professor of Integrative Systems Biology at the Department of Biochemistry 2007–25. Aged 68.

Advertisements

Email: gazette@admin.ox.ac.uk

Web: <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/classified-advertising-gazette>

Deadline

Advertisements are to be received by noon on Wednesday of the week before publication (ie eight days before publication). Advertisements must be submitted online. Advertisements must be submitted and paid for online, using a credit card or debit card, through a secure website. For details, see <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/classified-advertising-gazette>.

You are advised to view our full Terms and Conditions of acceptance of advertisements. Submission of an advertisement implies acceptance of our terms and conditions, which may be found at <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/terms-and-conditions-acceptance-advertisements>, and may also be obtained on application to gazette@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Miscellaneous

Advertisers are asked to note that the remainin *Gazette* of Hilary term to include advertisements will be published on 20 March. The 27 March *Gazette* is restricted to Council and Congregation business and changes to Examination Regulations. Publication for Trinity term will begin on 24 April. The deadline for submissions for that issue will be brought forward to **11 April** because of Easter office closures.

St Giles' Parish Rooms for hire. Ideally located close to the city centre at 10 Woodstock Rd OX2 6HT. There is a main hall and a meeting room that can be hired together or separately, and full kitchen facilities. For enquiries regarding availability and to arrange a site visit, contact the Benefice Manager at manager@stgilestmargarets.org.

Research participants sought

We are looking for people aged 18–70 who have been recently diagnosed with depression, but not currently taking antidepressants, to take part in our research study on how depression affects brain metabolism. The study involves a

single 3-hour session at the John Radcliffe Hospital including a brain scan using magnetic resonance imaging/spectroscopy (MRI/MRS), body measurements (blood sample) and cognitive tasks. Participants will be reimbursed £50. Find out more, email: antoine.cherix@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

TB045 – a BCG challenge study in healthy adults to evaluate the efficacy of a new TB vaccine. If you are 18–55 years old, in good health, and know that you have had a BCG vaccine before or know that you have never had the BCG vaccine before, you may be eligible to participate. The study involves a maximum of 14 visits over a period of around up to 6 months. Participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel up to £1,465. For more information please use the following link: www.jenner.ac.uk/volunteer/recruiting-trials/tb045.

TB046 – a study to help develop TB vaccines. If you are aged 18–65, in good health, with or without type 2 diabetes, and have previously received the BCG vaccine, you may be eligible to participate. The study involves up to 10 visits over a period of around 6 months. Participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel up to £1,095. For more information please use the following link: www.jenner.ac.uk/volunteer/recruiting-trials/tb046.

COVCHIM02 – COVID-19 Challenge Study. If you are 18–40 years old you may be eligible to participate. The study involves 4 visits and a 17 day stay in a quarantine unit over a period of around 6 months. You will be given the virus that causes COVID-19 in order to better understand it. Participants will be reimbursed approximately £4,935 for their time and travel. For more information please use the following link: www.jenner.ac.uk/volunteer/recruiting-trials/cov-chim02.

Help improve the understanding of immune responses to vaccination. If you are 18 to 45 years old, in good health and live in the Thames Valley area, then you may be eligible to take part. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit our website: www.ovg.ox.ac.uk/studies/legacy02 where you can access the Participant Information Sheet and register your interest in joining the study.

Groups and societies

Oxford University Newcomers' Club welcomes the partners of graduate students, of academics and researchers, and of University staff, as well as others with a connection to the collegiate University such as visiting scholars. Our Membership Guidelines are on our website: www.newcomers.ox.ac.uk. We are run by volunteers and supported by the University. We provide information about the local community and many opportunities to share experiences as well as to take part in organised events and activities in and around Oxford. We meet at the University Club (11 Mansfield Road) every Wednesday morning from 10.30am–noon during 0th to 9th week, and informally during the vacations.

Antiques wanted and for sale

Greenway Antiques of Witney are a well-established family business. We hand-pick items suitable for the town house or country cottage. We seek to purchase quality antiques such as furniture, fire guards, grates and fireplace-related items. We also buy silver, pictures, china, objets d'art and garden statuary. Please telephone us for a discreet service on 01993 705026 or 07831585014 or email contact@greenwayantiques.co.uk.

Services offered

Oxford's affordable packing and shipping experts. Specialising in safely packing and shipping fine art and antiques, computers, instruments, delicate lab equipment, rowing gear, books, clothing, and various household goods, we offer custom packing and global delivery by road, sea, or air. Trust us to handle your items with care. Visit Pack & Send, 3 Botley Rd, Oxford, OX2 0AA. Tel: 01865 260610 or email oxford@packsend.co.uk.

TGM Cars: airport transfer/chauffeur service. If you are looking for a reliable and experienced transfer service I would be happy to discuss your needs. Last year I handled 328 airport transfers successfully and I have over 20 years' experience. Account customers welcome and all major credit cards accepted. Comfortable and reliable Heathrow service. Contact Tim Middleton. Tel: 07751 808763 or email: timothy.middleton2@btopenworld.com.

Houses to let

Riverside OX1: 3-bedroom house for rent. Short- or long-term available. Tranquil garden with direct river access for swimming/boating. Friendly neighbours/excellent location for transport/shops/pubs. £625+bills p/w. Contact: Corvusandcanvas@gmail.com or 07516 572532.

2-bedroom terraced house to let: fully furnished, quiet cul-de-sac, Old Marston. Owned by Oxford professor, available during Easter (Apr), summer (Jun–Sep) and Christmas (Dec). 2 double bedrooms, 1 ensuite, refurbished shower-rooms, downstairs WC. Modern kitchen, generous living/dining area, fast internet. Garden/patio with seating. All bedding, towels, bills included. 10-min cycle to Parks Rd, use of bicycles, 2 parking spaces. £750 pw. For brochure/availability contact Sarah: 07754 782758 redroofrental@gmail.com.

2-bedroom family house in Summertown for 3–5 months (May–Sept inclusive). Fully furnished, Wi-Fi, all mod cons. Patio, south facing garden. Off-street parking. Email: jsherbrooke@hotmail.com.

Summertown house to rent: summer 2025. Lovely, very well-maintained 4-double bedroom, 2-bathroom family home in one of Summertown's most desirable streets. Fully furnished. Downstairs WC. Hi-speed Wi-Fi. Spacious living with kitchen leading on to pretty rear garden. Off-street parking. 2-min walk to Summertown shops and restaurants; short bus hop to city centre. Ideally placed for both railway stations. Available: 1 Jun–31 Aug 2025. Email: davidbelton@mac.com.

Accommodation offered

Delightful accommodation. 2 fully furnished rooms let as 1 unit & 1 study bedroom, 1 spacious living/bedroom, exclusive use of fully equipped kitchen, shower room/wc. To let from 1 Apr. In owner's home. Suit non-smoking, graduate/research student or couple or similar (references required). Rent: £800 pcm plus bills; less for single occupancy. Grandpont (off Abingdon Rd OX1). Carfax 5–8 minutes, personal viewing essential. Email: popher@btinternet.com.

Accommodation sought

Family of 4 looking for a short-term rental in east Oxford from Apr to Jul. We need a home suitable for 2 adults and 2 children (3 and 7), ideally within commuting distance of St Mary & St John Primary School, Meadow Lane. Please get in touch if you have a suitable property available. Contact: rosa.bonifacii@biology.ac.uk.

Holiday lets

Holidays in Majorca, the place in the sun? Nosso Oasis is a property consisting of a 2 ha. finca with organic vineyards in the heartland of the island, surrounded by stunning countryside and rustic trails by the UNESCO heritage range of mountains, Tramuntana. The property is 5 mins' drive to Campanet, an authentic small village with restaurants and some shops; 20min drive to the quietest eastern beaches and 30 min drive to glamorous Palma. Your oasis is made of autochthonous marine rock and powered by solar panels. It is open-plan with an ensuite bathroom, kitchenette, private garden, a forest, and a small spa-pool overlooking the vineyards. Ideal for couples. Daily organic wine provided for your magical sunsets by the grapes. I am a former Oxford scholar, and I welcome you to our oasis. A personalised experience may be arranged. Check photos and videos in Instagram: [@nosso_oasis](https://www.instagram.com/nosso_oasis). Bookings: miguel.sanjoaquin@wolfson-oxford.com.

Holiday cottage on National Trust estate. Situated within the historic parkland estate of Croft Castle in Herefordshire, between Leominster and Ludlow. A perfect base for the Hay Festival. Recently renovated to a high standard by the Croft family who still own it. Just 2.5 hours from Oxford. More information: www.holidaycottages.co.uk/cottage/oc-30432-nash-lodge.

Beautiful East Devon thatched cottage. 16th century, grade II listed, 4 bedrooms, secluded garden. Available to let on a private basis for holidays/retreats throughout the year. Situated in peaceful village close to Jurassic Coast, Seaton (3 miles), Lyme Regis (5 miles) and Axminster, on the South Western Railway mainline (2 miles). Week from £600; w/end or 3/4-night midweek break from £330. For more details contact Rosie: talkworks@phonecoop.coop or tel 01608 643967.

