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PRESENT POSITION

August 2022 - Present **Senior Lecturer, School of Law, Queen Mary, University of London**
Teaching Law and Religion, Public Law, Jurisprudence & Legal Theory, and Animal Rights Law.
Fellow of the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (IHSS).
Co-Director of the IHSS Forum on Decentering the Human.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2019 – August 2022 **Strategic Lecturer in Law, Queen Mary, University of London.**
Teaching Jurisprudence & Legal Theory; Co-convenor in 2021/2022 of Jurisprudence & Legal Theory; Fellow of the IHSS.
The Strategic Lectureship was a permanent position which entailed a teaching discount of up to 75% and a reduced administrative load for the first 3 years.

September 2018 – August 2019 **Lecturer in Law, University of Birmingham**
Teaching Public Law, Comparative Public Law, Human Rights and Criminal Justice, Legal Theory, and Law in Action (Public Law stream).

2017– 2018 **LLM Graduate Workshop Supervisor, Law Faculty, University of Cambridge**
Teaching religious freedom workshops in the Civil Liberties and Human Rights course.

July – August 2017 and 2018 **Lecturer in Human Rights Law, Pembroke-King’s Programme, Cambridge**

2016 – 2017 **College Supervisor in EU Law, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge**

July – August 2016 **Lecturer at the Pembroke-King’s Programme, Cambridge**
Teaching Tort law and Criminal Law and supervising a thesis in Constitutional and Administrative Law.

2012 – 2013 **Visiting Lecturer in Public Law, University of Birmingham**

EDUCATION

October 2015 – September 2018 (viva on 31/10/18) **PhD in Law (AHRC DTP Scholar), University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, Fitzwilliam College, Passed without Corrections.**
Thesis Title: ‘A General Legal Right to Conscientious Exemption: Beyond Religious Privilege’.
Supervisors: David Feldman QC; TRS Allan (advisor).
Examiners: Prof Robert Wintemute; Dr Sophie Turenne.

2011 – 2012 **Master of Jurisprudence (master’s degree by research; full scholarship), Durham University, Passed without Corrections.**
Thesis Title: ‘Making Sense of the Disagreements about the Nature of Law: The Puzzles of Normativity and Human Autonomy’ (45,000 words). Supervisors: Deryck Beyleveld (primary); Gavin Phillipson.

2007 – 2010 **LLB Degree in Law, University of Birmingham, 1st Class.**

PUBLIC POLICY

- Member of the Board of Trustees of Humanist UK.
- Academic member of the UK Religion or Belief Forum (FORB Forum).
- Member of the Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

June – July 2023	Visiting Researcher, Environmental Studies Department, New York University.
January – June 2022	Visiting Research Fellow, Bonavero Institute for Human Rights, University of Oxford.
September 2016	Visiting Research Fellow, The Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights, Yale Law School.

GRANTS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Secured a Fulbright Fellowship and an IHSS Distinguished Fellowship to enable Professor Robin Wilson to visit Queen Mary, University of London.
- BRIDGE Seed Fund (£8,000) for ‘Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Can the Law Enforce Mere Civility?’
- Modern Law Review Seminar Series funding (£1,750) for the conference ‘Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Can the Law Enforce Mere Civility?’
- £2,500 from CRASSH + £2,600 from the Centre for Public Law and the Morrell Centre for Toleration for the conference ‘Toleration and Religious Freedom in the Early Modern and Contemporary World’.
- Fitzwilliam College Senior Scholarship (£300).
- Santander Scholarship (£500).
- Graduate Tutors' Fund, Fitzwilliam College (£800).
- Cambridge AHRC Partnership (DTP) Scholarship (PhD fees + £14,057 stipend per year for 3 years).
- Dickson Poon (Postgraduate) Scholarship (PhD fees + £20,000 stipend per year for 3 years) (declined).
- University College Employability Scholarship (£250) by University College, Durham and a research grant (£625) by Durham Law School to fund an internship at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law.
- Full scholarship (full fees and stipend - total value £11,000 from Durham Law School for MJur studies).
- Sir Henry Barber Scholarship (£100) by Birmingham Law School for being one of the four students to graduate with a 1st class degree in the academic year 2009/2010.
- St. Phillips Chambers Prize (£1,000) by Birmingham Law School for obtaining one of the three highest exam averages in the academic year 2008/2009.

RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2016	Research Assistant, British Academy Project on human rights promises in the manifestos of UK political parties
April – July 2013	Consultant, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law Project on judicial independence in Commonwealth countries
February – September 2012	Research Assistant, UK Commission on a Bill of Rights Produced reports on decentralised human rights regimes around the world and on incorporation mechanisms of the ECHR in European domestic legal systems

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- Regular Peer Reviewer: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Modern Law Review, Industrial Law Journal, Oxford Journal of Law and Religion, Journal of Medical Ethics, Medical Law International, Religions.
- At Queen Mary, University of London: Co-Director of the Forum for Decentering the Human; Course Co-Convenor for Jurisprudence and Legal Theory; Course Convenor of Animal Rights Law; Academic Lead for Scholarships & Bursaries; Member of the Research Ethics Committee; Athena Swan Implementation Committee Member; Climate Action Group Member; Personal Tutor.
- University of Birmingham: Personal tutor; Member of the Extenuating Circumstances Panel; Staff-Student Liaison Contact.
- Convenor of the Modern Law Review workshop ‘Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Discrimination: Can the Law Enforce Mere Civility?’ (April 2019) (obtained £9,750 total funding).
- Co-Convenor of the conference ‘Toleration and Religious Freedom in the Early Modern and Contemporary World: An Interdisciplinary Conversation’ (March 2019) (obtained £5,100 total funding).
- Chair (2016/2017) and then Co-Chair of the Cambridge Pro Bono Project (2017/2018).
- Convenor of the Conscience Conference: Exempting Conscientious Beliefs in UK Law (June 2017) (obtained £1,400 funding).
- Co-convenor of the Cambridge Doctoral Workshop in Legal Theory 2016.
- Editor (2015/2017) and then Managing Editor of the Cambridge International Law Journal (2016/2017).
- Chair of the Birmingham Free Legal Advice Group (2014-2015).

PUBLICATION LIST

Monograph

- ‘A General Right to Conscientious Exemption: Beyond Religious Privilege’ (Cambridge University Press, 2020).
 - Book symposium (2022) in the [Keele Law Review](#) – Contributions from Prof Kent Greenawalt, Prof Robin Fretwell Wilson, Prof Richard Moon, Prof Yossi Nehushtan, and Dr Stella Coyle.
 - Reviewed by Mr Guy Baldwin in the *Cambridge Law Journal* [2022] 81(2), 430-433.
 - Reviewed by Dr Lucy M Davis in the *Medical Law Review* by [2021] 29(3), 587–592.
 - Reviewed by Prof Yossi Nehushtan in the *Modern Law Review* [2022] 85(4) 1097-1102.
 - Forthcoming book review in the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* by Prof Eugenio Velasco Ibarra.
- ‘Animals and the Constitution: Towards Sentience-Based Constitutionalism’ (with Dr Raffael Fasel). Under contract with Oxford University Press.

Edited Volumes

- ‘From Toleration to Religious Freedom: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives’ (co-edited with Marietta Van Der Tol, Carys Brown and Emily Kempson) (Peter Lang Publishing, June 2021).
 - Reviewed by Prof Benjamin Kaplan in [2022] *Journal of Church and State* 329–331.
- ‘Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State’ (sole editor) (Hart Publishing, June 2019).
 - Reviewed by Dr Stephen Smith in [2020] *Medical Law Review* 625.

Special Journal Issue

- ‘Conflicts between Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: Should “Mere Civility” Suffice?’ (sole guest editor) [2020] (2) *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*.

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

- ‘A Liberal Defence of No-Platforming’ [2023] *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (forthcoming).
- ‘Religion as Liberal Politics’ [2023] *Journal of Law and Religion* (forthcoming).
- ‘Religion, Diversity, and Conscientious Exemptions: Reply to Contributors’ [2022] *Keele Law Review* 68-83.
- ‘The Rule of Law for All Sentient Animals’ [2022] (1) *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence* 1-30.
 - Identified by Maneesha Deckha as one of the best works of recent scholarship relating to equality law in Maneesha Deckha, *Excluding Animals: A Rule of Law Violation*, [JOTWELL](#) (June 1, 2023).
- ‘Protecting Solitary Beliefs against Indirect Discrimination’ [2020] *Industrial Law Journal* 196–225.
- Editorial of ‘Conflicts between Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: Should “Mere Civility” Suffice?’ [2020] *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* 229–237.
- ‘Conscientious Exemptions: From Toleration to Neutrality; From Neutrality to Respect’ [2017] *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* 6(2), 268-292.
- ‘A Conscience-Based Human Right to be “Doctor Death”’ [2016] *Public Law* 613, 613-630.
- ‘The BMA’s Guidance on Conscientious Objection May be Contrary to Human Rights Law’ [2017] *Journal of Medical Ethics* 43(4), 260-263 (special JME issue ‘Conscientious Objections’).
- ‘SAS v France: Fidelity to Law and Conscience’ [2015] (1) *European Human Rights Law Review*, 78-86.

Journal Articles under Review

- ‘The Liberal Model of Conscientious Exemptions: A Restatement’ (under review by several American Law Reviews).

Book Chapters

- 'Is Liberal Neutrality Possible?' (forthcoming chapter in Laborde, Tebbe, Schwartzman (eds.), *Discrimination by/against Religion* (OUP forthcoming)).
- 'The Ministerial Exception without Religion' (forthcoming chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Discrimination*).
- 'Introduction' in 'From Toleration to Religious Freedom: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives' (co-editor) (Peter Lang Publishing, June 2021).
- 'Introduction' in J. Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, June 2019).
- 'Who Should Give Effect to Conscientious Exemptions? The Case for Institutional Synergy' in J. Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, June 2019).
- 'Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State' in J. Adenitire (ed.), *Religious Beliefs and Conscientious Exemptions in a Liberal State* (Hart Publishing, June 2019).

Case Comments

- 'Ideological Neutrality in the Workplace' [2018] *Modern Law Review* 81(2), 337–360 (co-authored with Zoe Adams).
- 'Has the ECHR Recognised a Legal Right to Glance at a Smile?' [2015] *Law Quarterly Review* 131 (Jan), 43-48.

Review Essays

- Review essay of A. Cochrane, *Sentientist Politics* (OUP 2018) [2019] *Jurisprudence* 10(3), 588-596.
- 'The Irrelevance of Religion' [2017] *Jurisprudence* 8(2), 405-414.
- 'Between Institutional and Moral Discourse: On Alexy's Legal Philosophy' [2013] *Jurisprudence* 4(2), 358-364.

Book Reviews and Reports

- Book review of H. Bhuiyan and D. Jensen (eds.), *Law and Religion in the Liberal State* (Hart 2020) [2022] *Public Law* 168-171.
- Book review of T. Poole, *Reason of State* (CUP 2015) [2016] *Cambridge Law Journal* 75(3), 620-623.
- (Contributed to legal analysis of Commonwealth jurisdictions) J. van Zyl Smit 'The Appointment, Tenure and Removal of Judges under Commonwealth Principles: A Compendium and Analysis of Best Practice' (Report of Research Undertaken by Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law) (July 2015) (**Cited by the Indian Supreme Court in *Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Ass'n v. Union of India* (2016) 4 SCC 1, at n 531**).
- Book review of R. Masterman and I. Leigh (eds.), *The United Kingdom's Statutory Bill of Rights* (UOP/British Academy 2013) [2014] *Public Law* 591, 591-595.
- Book review of K. Möller, *The Global Model of Constitutional Rights* (OUP 2012) [2014] *Human Rights Law Review* 14(1), 159-164.
- (Co-author) 'Deestoori Ambassadors and Guides Manual' (Training manual for public engagement in the drafting of a new constitution for Libya) [2012] (Project by the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law; used by Lawyers For Justice in Libya; Printed by White & Case LLP).
- 'Judicial Independence in Europe: The Swedish, Italian and German Perspectives' (20,000 words research note) [2012] UCL Constitution Unit, *The Politics of Judicial Independence* project website (**Translated into Bulgarian and available at <http://www.sadebnopravo.bg/biblioteka/2016/6/17/->**).

Legal Blogging (selection)

- '[Wrestling with Religion in Law](#)' Balkanization Blog (28 July 2022).

- [‘Liberalism, Political Theory, and the Impossibility of Hunter-Henin’s Third Way’](#) (UCL Faculty of Laws’ website).
- [‘A Legal Right to Break the Law’](#) IHSS website (19 January 2021).
- [‘Exiting the EU Constitutionally’](#) UK Constitutional Law Blog (9 Nov 2016). Presented as a public lecture at Middlesex School of Law on 5 December 2016.
- [‘The Executive Cannot Abrogate Fundamental Rights without Specific Parliamentary Mandate – The Implications of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights for Triggering Art 50’](#) UK Constitutional Law Blog (21st July 2016). **Cited by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution in ‘The Invoking of Article 50’ 4th Report of Session 2016-17.**
- [‘Nurses cannot be Good Catholics’](#) Journal of Medical Ethics Blog (31 March 2016).

Podcasts

- Knowing Animals: [The Rule of Law for Animals with Dr John Adenitire](#) (20 September 2021).
- Our Hen House: [If the Law took Animals Seriously, ft. Dr John Adenitire](#) (21 August 2021).
- New Sentientist Conversations: [From Devout Pentecostalist Sunday School Teacher to Sentientist Academic and Author](#)

CONFERENCE PAPERS (selection)

- ‘Against Religious Freedom’ (University of Virginia, Law and Religion Roundtable, 22-23 June 2023).
- Response to ‘Animal Rights Law’ (NYU Environmental Studies Programme, 20 April 2023).
- ‘A Liberal Defence of No-Platforming’ (UCL Public Law Discussion Group, 27 February 2023).
- Response to ‘Animal Law in Ireland: A Conversation with John Stuart Mill’ (Irish Jurisprudence Society, 23 November 2022).
- ‘Roger Williams and the Origins of Religious Freedom’ (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, School of Law, 21 June 2022).
- ‘Wrestling with Religion in Law’ (University of Texas at Austin, 15 June 2022).
- ‘Balancing Conscience and Sexual Orientation Discrimination’ (Nuffield College, Oxford, 13-14 June 2022).
- ‘The Ministerial Exception without Religion’ (NUI Galway School of Law, 7 June 2022).
- Public Lecture on the Politics of Sex and Gender Equality in Diverse Societies at Oriel College, Oxford (28 April 2022).
- ‘The Rule of Law for All Sentient Animals’ (European Animal Rights Law Conference 2021, Westminster College, Cambridge, 18 September 2021).
- ‘Protecting Solitary Beliefs from Indirect Discrimination Law’ (Invited Plenary Lecture at the Industrial Law Society Annual conference, Keble College, Oxford, 10 September 2021).
- ‘Constitutional Rights for all Animals’ (Invited paper presented at the QMUL Early Career Researchers’ Workshop – 19 February 2021).
- Panellist at ‘Religion, Populism, and the Crisis of Secularism’ (IHSS Webinar, 10 February 2021).
- Invited panellist to the Royal Irish Academy conference ‘How Should a Liberal Democracy React to Conscientious Objection Claims?’ (11 February 2021).
- Invited panellist at book symposium on M. Hunter-Henin, *Why Religious Freedom Matters For Democracy: Comparative Reflections from Britain and France for a Democratic “Vivre Ensemble”* (Hart 2020) (QMUL, 18 December 2020).
- ‘Religious Freedom and Gay Rights: Not a Zero-Sum Game’ (Invited paper at the Inclusive Midwest Initiative, Chicago – 22 August 2019).
- ‘The Culture War between Freedom of Conscience and the Right to Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: the Futility of Toleration’ (Invited paper at the Morrell Centre Workshop ‘A Tolerant Society?’ 20-21 September 2018).

- Research seminar on Chapter 1 of R. Dworkin, *Religion without God* (HUP 2013) (Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy Monthly Seminar, 24 November 2017).
- ‘The Irrelevance of Religion’ (Research seminar at Yale Law School, 20 September 2016).
- ‘Nehushtan’s Unsuccessful Attack on the Liberal Model of Conscientious Exemptions’ (Invited panellist member on book symposium, Law and Religion Scholars Network annual conference, Cardiff, 5 May 2016).
- ‘Three Institutional Schemes for Dealing with Conscientious Objectors to Celebrating Same-Sex Marriages’ (Cambridge Law Faculty, PhD Seminar Series, 1 December 2015).
- ‘The Instrumental Principles of the Rule of Law in Contemporary Pluralistic Societies’ (Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference, Jurisprudence section, Nottingham 2014).