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Congregation 17 November

Degree by Resolution

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Congregation 18 November

Approval of Resolution approving the conferment of Degree by Diploma

No notice of opposition having been given, the Vice-Chancellor declared approved the resolution concerning the conferment of a Degree by Diploma.

Council of the University

Register of Congregation

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

Jennifer Anne Kain, Medical Sciences Divisional Office
Bridget Sarah Penman, Department of Biology
Rasmus Puggaard-Rode, Faculty of Linguistics,
Philology and Phonetics
Anupama Sen, School of Geography and the
Environment
Joanna Sara Walker, Mathematical Institute

Divisional and Faculty Boards

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

Congregation 24 November

Degree by Resolution

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Congregation 27 November

Elections

CONTESTED ELECTION

- Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Details are in ‘[Elections](#)’ section below.

Congregation 2 December

(1) Voting on changes to the Conduct of Ceremonies in Congregation, and certain other Ceremonies

Explanatory Note

At the meeting held on 24 February 2025, the General Purposes Committee agreed to some changes to the Latin used within ceremonies. These proposals were in turn agreed by Council and Congregation (including some amendments agreed at a meeting of Congregation on 29 April 2025) and they took effect on 1 October. Subsequently, a small number of remaining discrepancies in approach from the approved changes have been identified. The proposed changes have been identified by the University’s Latinists and are now proposed for incorporation into the regulations.

Text of Regulations

In [Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002](#), concerning the Conduct of Ceremonies in Congregation, and certain other Ceremonies, amend as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

‘Incorporation

...

3.26. (1) For a graduate above the Degree of Bachelor of Arts or Master of Engineering or Master of Natural Sciences the form of supplicating shall be: “*Supplicat A. B. e Collegio (or ex Aula or e Societate) C., Magister in Artibus (or Baccalaureus or Doctor in S. Theologia or Doctor in Litteris or Doctor in Scientia, or Baccalaureus or Doctor in Jure or Baccalaureus or Doctor in Medicina or Magister in Chirurgia, or Doctor in Philosophia) in Academia Cantabrigiensi (or Dubliniensi) creatus~~hic~~*

adstans, cui licentia incorporandi per Concilium data est, ut bona vestra cum venia admittatur ad eundem gradum statum dignitatem et privilegia apud Oxonienses, ~~quibus ornatus est~~ quae habet apud suos Cantabrigienses (or Dublinienses).”

(2) For a Bachelor of Arts or Master of Engineering or Master of Natural Sciences the form shall be: “*Supplicat A. B. e Collegio (or ex Aula or e Societate) C., Baccalaureus in Artibus (or Magister in Ingeniaria or in Scientiis Naturalibus) in Academia Cantabrigiensi (or Dubliniensi) creatus~~hic~~ adstans, cui licentia incorporandi per Concilium data est, ut bona vestra cum venia admittatur ad eundem gradum statum et dignitatem apud Oxonienses, ~~quibus ornatus est~~ quae habet apud suos Cantabrigienses (or Dublinienses); necnon ut [duodecim] terminos in eadem Academia completos hic secundum rationem Oxoniensem sibi reputatos habeat.”*

...

4.2. The forms of supplication under regulation 3.11 in Part 3 of these regulations shall be as follows.

(1) Degrees in person

Supplicant venerabili Congregationi Doctorum et Magistrorum regentium hi Studiosi (~~or hae Studiosae~~) qui compleverunt omnia quae per statuta requiruntur (nisi quatenus cum eis dispensatum fuerit); ut haec sufficient, quo admittantur ad gradum enumeratum.’

(2) Voting on Resolutions approving the conferment of Honorary Degrees

(i) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, *honoris causa*, upon **Lady Elish Angiolini**, DBE, lawyer, Lady of the Order of the Thistle, Lord Clerk Register, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, former Lord Advocate of Scotland, former Principal of St Hugh’s, be approved.

(ii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, *honoris causa*, upon **John Kerry**, Honorary KCMG, attorney, politician, diplomat, and former naval officer, former Senator and presidential candidate, former Secretary of State and US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, be approved.

(iii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, *honoris causa*, upon **Dinah Rose**, KC, President of Magdalen, be approved.

(iv) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Irene Tracey**, CBE, FRS, FMedSci, Vice-Chancellor of the University, be approved.

(v) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Sir John Curtice**, Professor of Politics at the University of Strathclyde, Senior Fellow at the National Centre for Social Research, former President of the British Polling Council, Fellow of the British Academy, the Royal

Society of Edinburgh, and the Royal Society of Arts, Honorary Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and the Market Research Society, be approved.

(vi) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Christina Lamb**, OBE, journalist and author, chief foreign correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, 7-time recipient of Foreign Correspondent of the Year, as well as the European Prix Bayeux-Calvados for war correspondents and Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Society of Editors and Women in Journalism, honorary fellow of University College, be approved.

(vii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, upon **Dr Dominic Sandbrook**, historian, writer and broadcaster, co-host of ‘The Rest is History’, former Visiting Professor at King’s College London, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, be approved.

(viii) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, upon **Professor Jonathan Haidt**, Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership at the New York University Stern School of Business, New York Times bestselling author, member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, co-founder of Ethical Systems and the Heterodox Academy, be approved.

(ix) That the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, upon **Isabella Tree**, author, writer and conservationist, recipient of a CIEEM Medal, the Royal Geographical Society’s Ness Award and co-recipient of the Zoological Society of London’s Silver Medal, be approved.

By longstanding tradition, the new Chancellor of the University is invited to propose candidates for honorary degrees at a special ceremony to mark the start of their Chancellorship (including an honorary DCL for the current Vice-Chancellor and for the current head of the Chancellor’s college).

If the resolutions are approved, the degrees, proposed by the Chancellor to mark the commencement of his period of office, will be conferred at a special ceremony on Tuesday, 24 February 2026, or at a future Encaenia.

Meeting information

Members of Congregation are reminded that any 2 members may, not later than **noon on 24 November**, give notice in writing to the Registrar that they wish to oppose or amend the changes to Congregation regulations or resolutions 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 resolution 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 the 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.

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.

Nominations received by the first deadline (12 December 2025) will be shared with the relevant divisional board and its views will be passed on to the committee. Nominations received by the second deadline (23 February 2026) will be shared with the committee but without the benefit of divisional input.

Nominations received after the second deadline will need to be considered in the next cycle. 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 Michaelmas term will be published on 27 November and 4 and 11 December.

The first *Gazette* of Hilary term will be published on 15 January. The usual deadlines will apply.

Staff Communications Forum for new starters

Have you joined the University in the past year? The Internal Communications team is inviting colleagues to join a small forum to discuss how new staff find and use University-wide information – what works well, what's unclear and how central staff communications could better support them. The forum will meet online this December. Sign up by **noon on 1 December**: <https://forms.office.com/e/VYmjGtEh20>.

Graduate Awards and Prizes

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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):

PROFESSORSHIP OF OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg (Vice-Chancellor)
 Dr Nick Leimu Brown (*ex officio*)
 Professor Mina Fazel (Linacre)
 Professor Masud Hussain, Nuffield Department of
 Clinical Neurosciences (Council)
 Professor Gill Livingston, UCL * (Council)
 Professor Helen McShane (Medical Sciences Division)
 Professor Belinda Lennox (Medical Sciences Division)
 Professor John O'Brien, Cambridge * (Medical Sciences
 Division)
 Clare Mackay (Medical Sciences Division)
 Karl Marlowe (Oxford Health Foundation NHS Trust)

* external electors

Musical and other Events

Botanic Garden and Arboretum

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair will take place 10am–6pm on Saturday 6 December and 10am–4pm on Sunday 7 December. More information: www.obga.ox.ac.uk/event/christmas-fair-2025.

Exhibitions

St John's

LAUDIAN VESTMENTS

Medieval textiles will be displayed 2–5pm on 29 November in the Garden Quad Reception Room. More information: www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/discover/about-college/history/laudian-vestments.

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 Board

ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT, FHS (I)
ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT, FHS (II)
introduction of Climate Leadership option paper

Elections

Contested election 27 November

The nomination period for the election below closed at 4pm on 30 October. The election on 27 November will be held electronically. An email with further instructions will be sent to eligible voters on Wednesday,

12 November, using the email addresses provided in the electronic register of Congregation. The voting period will close at **4pm on 27 November**. More information: <https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/elections>.

Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

- 1 person elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, to serve from the start of HT 2026 until the start of MT 2026 [*vice* Dr S Paoli]

The following nominations have been received:

Dr Chiara Cappellaro, MPhil DPhil Oxf, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Dr Michele Bianconi, Wolfson
Professor Martin Maiden, Trinity
Professor Sandra Paoli, Balliol
Professor Elinor Payne, St Hilda's
Professor Sam Wolfe, St Catherine's

Professor Gillian C Ramchand, BSc MIT, MA PhD
Stanford, Magdalen, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Professor Daniel Altshuler, Jesus
Dr Kerstin Hoge, St Hilda's
Professor Matt Husband, St Hugh's
Professor Colin Phillips, Somerville

Candidate statement:

As a senior academic with 30 years of institutional experience at research universities (10 years in Oxford and 20 years at the UiT The Arctic University of Norway), and as a senior post holder in syntax and semantics, I believe I have the skills (and responsibility) to contribute to the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics at this level. I care deeply about teaching at the both the undergraduate and graduate level, and I also care about protecting and nurturing a thriving research environment in Linguistics at the highest level of international excellence.

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Obituaries

Trinity

John Richard Abbott, 8 June 2025; 1965. Aged 92.
John Stowell Allan, 3 September 2025; 1955. Aged 90.
Charles Richard Baillie, 27 August 2025; 1962. Aged 87.
Nicholas Raymond Bomford, 21 June 2025; 1957. Aged 86.
David Courtney Boyle, 20 June 2025; 1977. Aged 67.
Christopher Martin Cannon, 2024; 1981. Aged 61.

Sir Anthony Brian Cleaver, 13 July 2025; 1958, Honorary Fellow 1989. Aged 87.
Andrew John Corran, 27 October 2024; 1957. Aged 87.
The Very Revd Hugh Geoffrey Dickinson, 30 July 2025; 1949. Aged 95.
The Revd Gerald Fitzgerald, 16 October 2024; 1950. Aged 98.

(Charles William) Martyn Grose, 10 August 2025; 1952. Aged 91.
 Robert William Vincent Holland, 10 August 2025; 1961. Aged 82.
 John Kenneth Holroyde, 2 October 2025; 1971. Aged 71.
 Dr David Treharne Dillon Hughes, 18 June 2025; 1949. Aged 93.
 Robert Hunt-Grubbe, 15 August 2025; Sir Thomas Pope Fellow 2001. Aged 87.
 Anthony John Newsome, 17 March 2025; 1967. Aged 76.

Andrew James Redpath, 16 April 2025; 1958. Aged 86.
 Dr Wolfgang Dankmar Rencken, 20 September 2025; 1988. Aged 60.
 The Rt Revd Dr Anthony John Russell, 9 July 2025; 1967, Honorary Fellow 2011. Aged 82.
 Nicholas Theobald Sibley, 23 September 2025; 1958. Aged 87.
 Michael Gavin Lynam Thomas, 21 August 2025; 1957. Aged 89.
 (William) John Uzielli, 27 June 2025; 1957. Aged 88.

Advertisements

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Deadline

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Miscellaneous

Advertisers are asked to note that the remaining *Gazettes* of Michaelmas term will be published on 27 November and 4 and 11 December. Publication for Hilary term will begin on 15 January. The usual deadline will continue to apply (see above).

Discover the martial art of Aikido – a non-aggressive Japanese martial art focused on self-defence, discipline and respect. We offer classes for adults and children (ages 4–11), suitable for all fitness levels and experience. Learn locks, pins and flowing

throws in a fun, supportive setting. Build confidence and join a vibrant community. Book a free trial today! Call 07594 059938 or email info@aikidooxford.co.uk.

Research participants sought

Volunteers needed for optimising home blood pressure monitoring to identify people at risk of nocturnal hypertension [R96990/RE001]. We are looking for people aged 60 years and over who live in Oxfordshire to take part in a home blood pressure monitoring study. You would need to check your blood pressure at home for 2 weeks with the help of a smartphone app. For more information: www.phc.ox.ac.uk/research/groups-and-centres/DLTC/studies/bp-tempo, bp-tempo@phc.ox.ac.uk or 01865 617934.

Would you be interested in a study to help understand how the brain works? Healthy male volunteers aged 30–50 needed for a research study at the University of Oxford! Volunteers will be compensated £235–£355 for their time. Find out more: https://psychiatryoxford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_56130ThD5Lud3VA.

If you are healthy, without a history of a mental health disorder (like depression), fluent English-speaking, not pregnant, and aged 18 to 40 years, we invite you to take part in a study to investigate the effects of a single dose of citalopram on the brain's response to faces using the 7T MRI scanner. Interested? Please contact amygdala.study@psych.ox.ac.uk for further information without obligation, or visit: https://psychiatryoxford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXgX38QVPv12dZc.

Amblyopia (also known as 'lazy eye') is the most common cause of vision loss in children. It is commonly treated using Occlusion Therapy (also known as 'patching'). We are investigating how Occlusion Therapy changes signals in the brain to understand how the treatment works. We hope that these findings will lead to better treatment for Amblyopia in the future. We are looking for 5–8-year-old children with Amblyopia AND 5–8-year-old children with normal vision to participate in our research. Taking part involves coming to Headington, Oxford for 2 MRI scans and some eye tests. More information: koalastudy@ndcn.ox.ac.uk or <https://tinyurl.com/4fu8kvyb>.

Aged 18–30 years and live in Oxfordshire? Join an exciting study testing the accuracy of the latest wearable sensors that track sleep, activity and heart rate. You will wear 4 activity trackers, a heart rate monitor and a small video camera for 3 days, and complete 1 at-home sleep study. You will be compensated for your effort. To find out more, please visit www.bdi.ox.ac.uk/research/wearables-group/the-oxsleep-study or contact oxsleep@ndph.ox.ac.uk.

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 Rd) every Wednesday morning 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.

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Visit England 5 star accredited self-catering accommodation in the heart of the city. A much-loved award-winning, immaculately maintained, 1-bedroom apartment in the historic Castle Quarter. An enviable quiet, central location ideal for academic professional lets from 4 days to 5 months. Modern, luxurious & fully equipped with linen changed weekly. We manage all duties ourselves to ensure that superior quality is maintained. Web: www.pmcdomus.co.uk; email: pat@pmcdomus.co.uk; tel: 07525 970346.

Holiday lets

Holiday cottage on National Trust estate. Situated within the historic parkland estate of Croft Castle, in Herefordshire. Located in between Leominster and Ludlow, and a perfect base for the Hay Festival. Recently renovated to a high standard by the Croft family who still own it. Just 2.5 hrs 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 (2 miles) on the South Western Railway mainline. Week from £650; w/end or 3/4-night midweek break from £350. For more details contact Rosie: talkworks@phonecoop.coop or tel 01608 643967.

Notifications of Prizes, Grants and Funding

Please refer to the website, or contact the email address shown, for further details of the awards below.

Students of the University should refer to the Student Funding website for advice on fees and funding at www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding.

Oxford Martin School

Oxford Martin School; collaborative research programme with OpenAI; to advance interdisciplinary research and education; £1 million over 2–3 year project; theme: 'Exploring the impact of generative AI'; 5pm, 19 January; www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/about/funding

Peterhouse, Cambridge: Graduate Studentships

Peterhouse, Cambridge; Graduate Studentships 2026; maintenance and fees available subject to status; 5pm, 5 January; www.pet.cam.ac.uk/peterhouse-postgraduate-studentships

