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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR & DEPUTY-DIRECTOR





The guiding principle of the Oxford Human Rights Hub (OxHRH) is that human rights are immeasurably strengthened by empowering diverse voices to share best practice and by connecting human rights lawyers and activists across the world. Since its establishment eight years ago, the OxHRH has responded to this need. Using the connective powers of the internet, we have built global networks of scholars and practitioners to share new developments and enhance human rights. We are particularly committed to providing a platform for voices who are often not heard and to ensuring that top quality analyses of human rights law developments across the globe are easily accessible and free online. The events of the past year were unprecedented and affirmed the importance of the work by the OxHRH.

First, the world was gripped by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As governments struggled to pass laws and regulations to protect the spread of this deadly virus, we saw some regimes

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using the pandemic as a ruse to limit the socio-economic, civil and political rights of individuals. Governments' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and the disproportionate impact that this pandemic had on already disadvantaged groups highlighted the importance of human rights and equality law. In particular, it highlighted the importance of a truly intersectional approach to human rights law and practice. In this period of extreme isolation, anxiety and dislocation, we have been working hard at the OxHRH to keep people connected and to shine the spotlight on the acute human rights and equality issues which the pandemic has exposed. In this time where digital connectivity has been so crucial, we feel very fortunate that we have been so well placed to continue to facilitate the flow of human rights analysis and information from so many parts of the world.

Second, during this time, the horrific murder of George Floyd at the hands of police officers reignited global support for the Black Lives Matter Movement, highlighting the intersection between persisting racial domination, oppression and violence and the violation of basic human rights. As an anti-racist organisation, these protests recommitted us to continuously work to be better allies and to provide a platform for marginalised voices in the fight against the exploitation that devalues Black and other oppressed peoples' human rights.

Democratising legal knowledge stands at the heart of the OxHRH's mission. In the last year, we have gone from strength to strength, successfully connecting human rights scholars, lawyers, activists and students globally, and bridging the divide between the Global North and South. The accessibility of human

rights was particularly important at a time when governments across the world had quarantined citizens – making other avenues for human rights

practice and activism less accessible. We were thus glad for the influx of blogs during this time. We have over 17,000 Twitter followers; over 7000 Facebook followers; 22,000 unique website views a month and an international mailing list of over 1000 subscribers. We have published more than 200 posts on highlevel analyses of cutting edge new human rights development from an ever-widening range of countries, including Malawi, Kazakhstan, Romania, Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Nigeria, Zambia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Colombia, Peru, Brazil and Chile, as well as India, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Australia and the US and Canada.

Last year, in response to the fact that the vast majority of people in the Global South access the internet through their mobile phones, we redesigned our website by making it mobile-friendly and easily accessible across contexts with less

bandwidth. Affirming our commitment to making human rights more accessible, we have included detailed transcripts of the podcast interviews. We are actively listening and consulting with our different communities to find strategies to make our content more accessible. We are poised to launch our brand new website, which opens up new vistas for exploration of our rich archive of human rights law analysis dating back to 2012, providing an organic source of comparative human rights law searchable in many different ways and across multiple media sources.

The OxHRH has continued to produce cutting-edge and accessible resources on human rights issues across the globe. Our 24 RightsUp #RightNow podcasts are available across all major podcasting platforms and have attracted over 50,000 listens. This year, we produced several podcasts, including three series. The first series was part of the launch of Prof Sandra Fredman's book, *Comparative Human Rights Law* (OUP, 2018). In the three episodes, Prof Fredman sat in conversation with leading jurists and constitutional law practitioners from the UK, South Africa and India, using her book as a springboard for critical discussion of human rights law and practice. The second and third series followed the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives

Matter Movement. In the second series, we spoke with experts from across the globe and discussed the impact

of COVID-19 on human rights from a range of perspectives. In the third series, we spoke with leading scholars on constitutionalism in the Global South and the need and mode for redressing deeply entrenched discrimination along the axes of race, caste, gender and other identity characteristics and the possibility of decolonising law and higher education.

In our journal, the University of Oxford Human Rights Hub Journal, we addressed a range of human rights issues - from the implications of the Expert Consensus Statement on Zimbabwe's HIV criminalisation law, the need for the inclusion of class as a protected characteristic under the UK Equality Act, 2010 to a special edition on the Indian Supreme Court's landmark Justice KS Puttaswamy v Union of India case.

This year, we had important input into several pressing policy issues. We made a submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, highlighting the increase in incidents of domestic violence against women in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic from four jurisdictions: India, Canada, South Africa and the United Kingdom. We made submissions to the UK House of Commons Women and Equalities Committee and the Joint Committee on Human Rights on the disproportionate impact that COVID-19 had on women in relation to reproductive rights and their role in unpaid care. We are also actively engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals to ensure the proper place of human rights and gender equality. This comes hand in hand with our engagement in cutting edge research, and especially our alliance with the FairWork project on decent

work for gig economy workers in South Africa. Sandy Fredman is a co-investigator on this Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) project, led by Mark Graham from the Oxford Internet Institute, together with colleagues from the Universities of Cape Town, the Western Cape and Manchester. Our work on the right to education is also moving forward. Sandy Fredman is a co-investigator on a large GCRF funded project on developing an evidence-base for regarding early education as a fundamental human right and an integral aspect of the right to education.

In the next academic year, we will be releasing two magazine style documentaries. In partnership with the World Health Organization and UN Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, we are producing the film series *A Right to a Better World*. This series explores the links between human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across different areas of sexual and reproductive health rights. Our second documentary series, *Shaping the Future - Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights* brings together lawyers, academics and civil society activists in conversation to explore the promise and perils in using human rights to achieve sexual and reproductive health rights.

The Oxford Human Rights Hub would not be what it is

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focusing on a series of podcasts interviewing leading human rights adjudicators

and are hard at work on a podcast focusing on forced evictions in South Africa.

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without the active involvement of our many contributors, our student editors, our regional correspondents, our funders, and most of all, our passionate

team. We extend the warmest thank-you to our Managing Editor Gautam Bhatia. A special thanks to the blog editors Natasha Holcroft-Emmess, Nomfundo Ramalekana, Farrah Raza, Aradhana Cherupara Vadekkethil, and Rishika Saghal. Thank you to Dr Kira Allman our Communications Director, Jason Brickhill and Ndjodi Ndeunyema, Research Directors, Suzy Shepherd, Videographer and Emilie McDonnell, Gauri Pillai, Sarah Dobbie, Mónica Arango Olaya, Researchers and Podcast Editor Christy Callaway-Gale who have done so much for the Hub. And lastly, a big thank you to Carli Schoeman and her team at Sidebar Design for all their hard work in making us look so good.

We are also very grateful to Professor Anne Davies, Dean of the Law Faculty, for her support and warmly welcome our new Dean, Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart. Last but certainly not least, we are enormously appreciative of the support of our funders: the Sigrid Rausing Trust, the British Academy, WHO, Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, ESRC Global Challenges Research Fund, Africa-Oxford Initiative and the University of Oxford. Ultimately, our greatest appreciation is to our community of contributors and followers across the globe.

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Director & Deputy-Director

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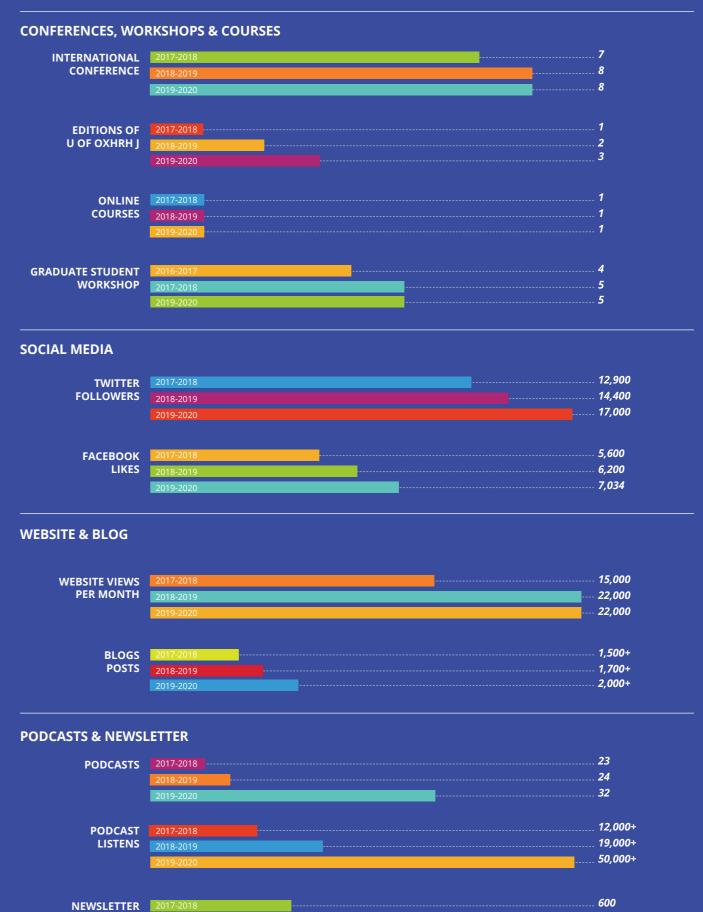
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OUR **MISSION**

The Oxford Human Rights Hub (OxHRH) strives to build a global community to enhance the understanding of human rights law and practice. By harnessing the connective potential of technology, the OxHRH has created a rich and accessible body of research and learning tools for students, teachers, academics, and advocates of human rights law, both in Oxford and beyond.

The OxHRH transcends traditional boundaries in order to open up new spaces for exchange and learning. Our flagship activity is the daily blog, which continues to attract high-quality legal analysis of the latest human rights issues. It is a democratic space that publishes blogs, peer-reviewed journal articles, podcasts and videos from established academics and lawyers as well as featuring new voices and perspectives from students and early career researchers.

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UNIVERISTY OF OXFORD HUMAN RIGHTS HUB JOURNAL

This is the third anniversary of the University of Oxford Human Rights Hub Journal (U of OxHRH J). In the past year, we have published fifteen peer-reviewed, open access articles exploring the latest developments and greatest intellectual challenges of human rights. The U of OxHRH J articles explored the human rights implications of the criminalisation of HIV transmission in Zimbabwe, the inclusion of class as a protected characteristic under the UK Equality Act 2010, and in a special issue on the landmark Indian Supreme Court decision, *Justice KS Puttaswamy v Union* of India, a wide range of scholars explored the implications of this judgement to issues ranging from bicameralism, proportionality and constitutional review, access to sexual and reproductive health rights as well as the patriarchal marital rape exemption still operable under Indian law. We remain deeply committed to ensuring the U of OxHRH J is a space for scholars from the Global North and South.

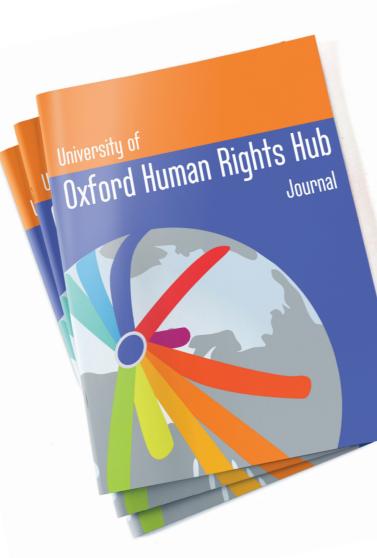
IN 2020 WE HAVE PUBLISHED:

- Alex Benn, *The Big Gap in Discrimination Law: Class and the Equality Act, 2010'*
- Annabel Raw, Michaela Clayton, Tinashe Mundawawara and Lizwe Jamela 'Using Science for Justice: The Implications of the Expert Consensus Statement on Zimbabwe's HIV Criminalisation Law'
- Shreya Atrey and Gautam Bhatia, 'New Beginnings: Indian Rights Jurisprudence after Puttaswamy'
- Vrinda Bhandari and Karan Lahiri, The Surveillance State, Privacy and Criminal Investigation in India: Possible Futures in a Post Puttaswamy World'
- Cora Chan, 'The Judicial Role in the Surveillance State'
- Aparna Chandra, 'Proportionality in India: A Bridge to Nowhere?'
- Paul Craig, 'Proportionality and Constitutional Review'
- Malavika Prasad and Gaurav Mukherjee, 'Reinvigorating Bicameralism in India'
- Anthony Mughan, 'Comparative Bicameralism: A Survey of Global Approaches'
- Suhrith Parthasarathy, 'An Equal Rights Freedom of Religion: A Reading of the Supreme Court's Judgement in Sabrimala'
- Lucy Vickers, 'A Common Denominator: The Role of the Anti-Exclusion Principle in Freedom of Religion Cases'
- Severyna Magill, 'The Right to Privacy and Access to Abortion in a Post-Puttaswamy World'
- Mara Malagodi, 'Intersectional Inequalities and Reproductive Rights: An India Nepal Comparison'

- Agnidipto Tarafder and Adrija Ghosh, The Unconstitutionality of the Marital Rape Exemption in India'
- Bryan Dennis Gabito Tiojanco, 'Should the Indian Supreme Court Scrap the Marital Rape Exemption?'

In 2020, the Equality Act 2010 (UK) celebrates its ten-year anniversary. In *Taking Stock: Ten Years of the Equality Act*, we invited submissions that take stock of the successes and failures of the Act and look toward the next ten years and beyond for the right to equality. In the first article of this special issue, Alex Benn argues that the Equality Act should be amended to include class as a protected characteristic.

We also accept general articles on human rights, and we publish on a rolling basis.







COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES: **OXHRH BLOG**

The OxHRH Blog continues to be our flagship initiative. We published over 200 blogs last year from a range of jurisdictions and contributors ranging from graduate students to UN Special Rapporteurs. We take pride in the blogs enduring commitment to be an egalitarian space and to cover both well-known and overlooked global human rights developments.

The blog has covered the most pressing issues of the past year. We have featured pieces on the human rights implications of the COVID-19 restrictions from across the globe. We also covered several blogs on the Black Lives Matter Movement; anti-black police brutality; cutting edge climate change litigation in Brazil and Ireland; the rights of many people in the gig economy; the use of 'fake news' legislation to curb freedom of speech in Brazil; the impact of China's national security legislation on freedom of speech and protest in Hong Kong; landmark development in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights recognising a claim of discriminatory torture of an LGBTQI person while in police custody; and the historical criminalisation of FGM in Sudan.

The staggering comparative richness of the OxHRH blog is truly an inspiration on both the power of technology in connecting human rights around the world and in the dedication of authors to use legal discourse to advocate for human rights for all people.

The range of human rights issues covered, and the farreaching impact of our posts reflect the strength of the OxHRH Blog. Managing Editor, Gautam Bhatia, and a small team of blog editors carefully vet all blogs and ensure a high standard of academic rigour. In aspiring to global inclusivity, the OxHRH Blog benefits greatly from the contribution of its Regional Correspondents, who volunteer to promote the blog in jurisdictions whose experiences of human rights law may be lesser known to readers, perhaps due to a lack of coverage in global news or linguistic barriers.

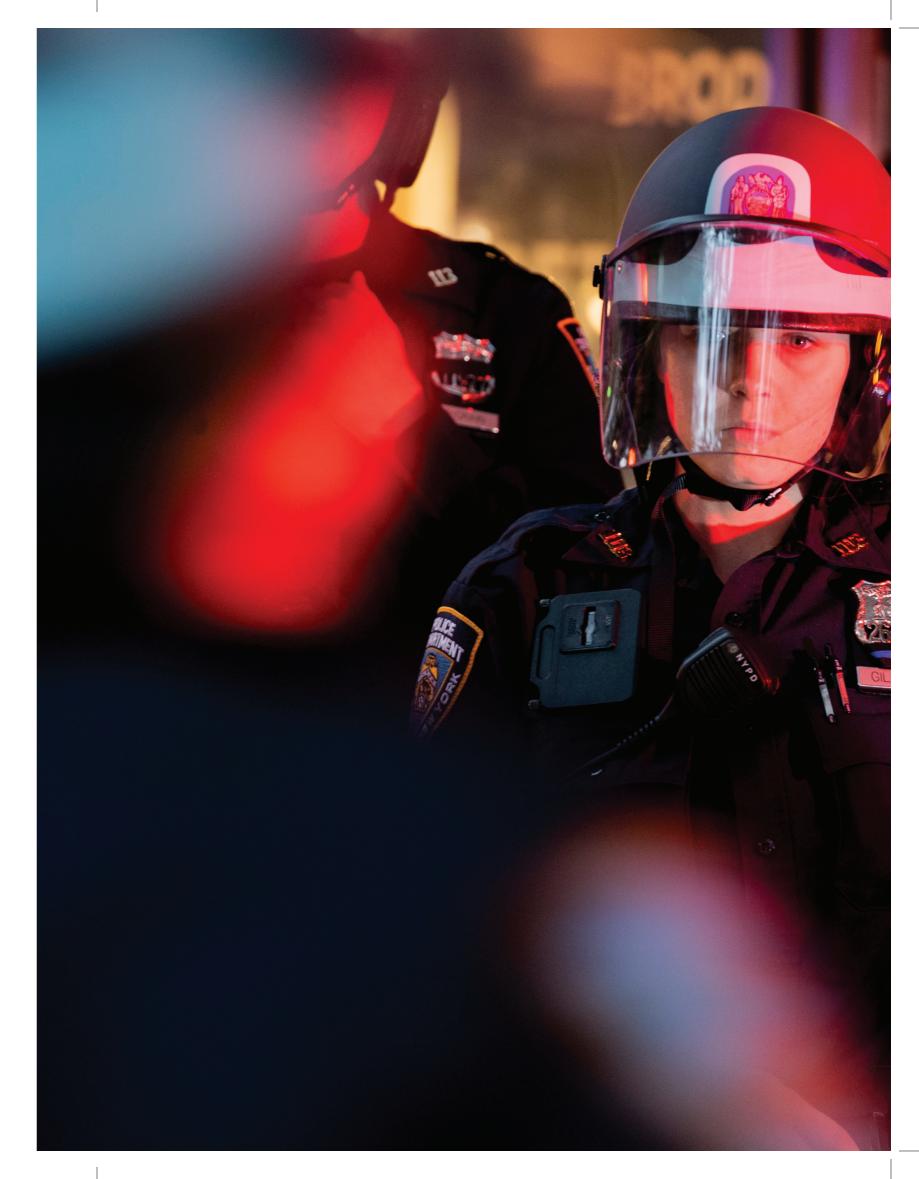


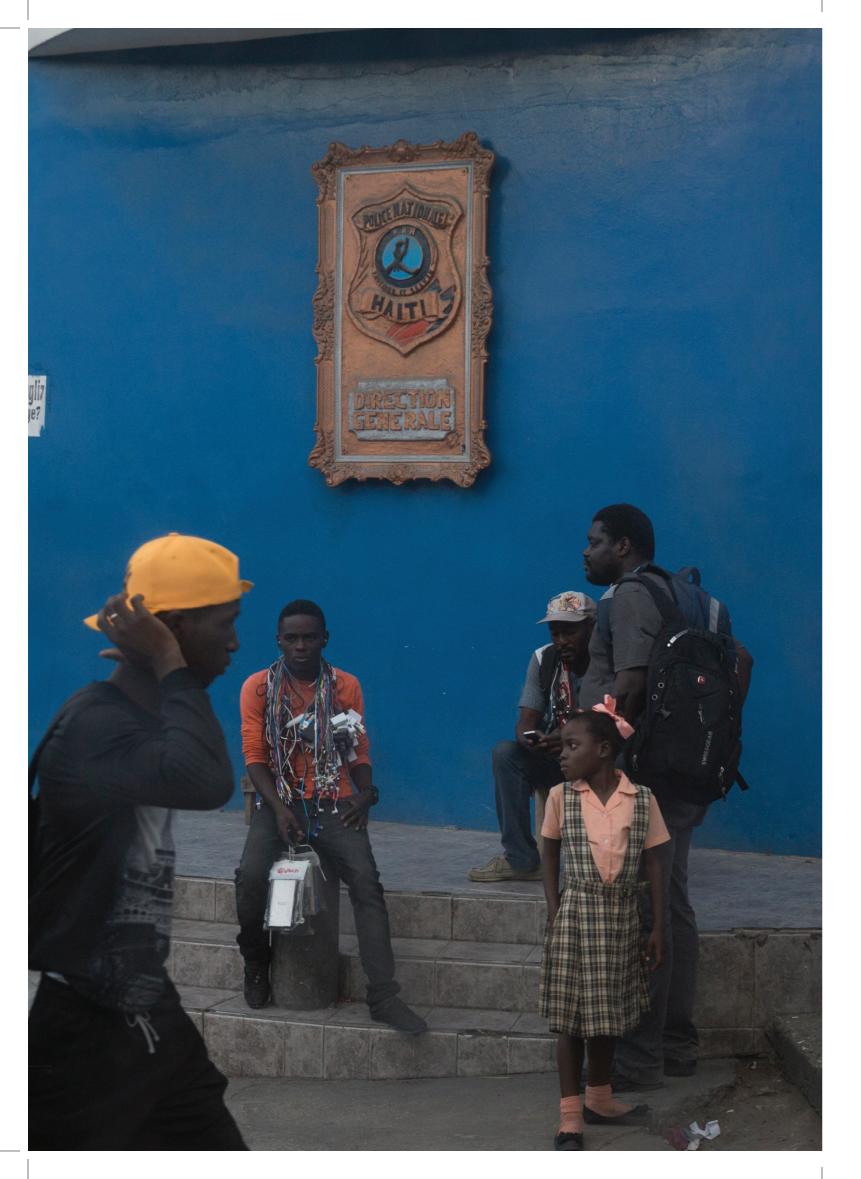


RIGHTSUP PODCAST

The OxHRH's RightsUp podcast continued to bring together academics, practitioners and policy-makers to advance the understanding and protection of human rights. Prior to the pandemic and the global solidarity protests for Black Lives Matter, we had a three-part series launching Prof Sandra Fredman's book, *Comparative Human Rights Law* (OUP 2018). In the series, Prof Fredman sits in conversation with pioneering human rights practitioners from across the globe - Judge Edwin Cameron of the South African Constitutional Court (now retired), Justice S. Muralidhar, Judge of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, India, and Colm O'Cinnedie, Professor of Human Rights Law at UCL. In the series, Prof Fredman and her guests take the themes of her new book as a starting point for global conversation around the role of law, lawyers, courts, and judges in forwarding human rights in different contexts. Each episode delves into the overarching themes of the book and highlights specific examples from different jurisdictions -- on issues such as capital punishment, abortion, the right to housing, health, and education, and the right to freedom of speech and religion.

Joining the global struggle to ensure that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic did not jeopardise the protection of human rights, we produced a podcast series with leading human rights practitioners, lawyers and academics who discussed the intersection of public health and human rights. In the first episode of the series, *Defending Human Rights During a Global Pandemic: Lessons from UNAIDS* we spoke with Luisa Cabal, Acting Director of the Community Support, Social Justice, and Inclusion at UNAIDS. In this episode, we discussed the intersection between the responses to public health crisis' and human rights. Luisa Cabal drew lessons from the experience of grappling with HIV/AIDS, in particular, the importance of participation and conversation with affected communities in devising strategies; the need to ensure that interventions do not cause and exacerbate stigma and discrimination; as well as the negative impact of taking a punitive, criminalisation approach in the fight to curb a health crisis. In the second episode of the series, *The Need for Empathy: Understanding India's COVID-19 Lockdown* we spoke with Prof Kalpana Kannabiran,





a professor of sociology and the Director of the Council for Social Development Hyderabad, about the Indian government's response to the pandemic and the impact on rights. In this episode, Prof Kannabiran locates the Indian government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic within the broader socioeconomic and political context of India, including the persisting repression in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. She emphasised the importance of judicial empathy towards the marginalised and poor in their review of the impact that COVID-19 laws and regulations had on these groups. For Prof Kannabiran, courts have a responsibility to hold the State accountable and protect the rights of marginalised communities; she notes:

The jurisprudence of the pandemic, and postpandemic must be centred on calling the State to account on behalf of the poorest, most disentitled citizen.... State or judicial, must be based on empathy. When we're talking about human rights and humanitarian concern, we are talking essentially of empathy. We all inhabit the constitutional commons equally, and have an equal stake in it...'

In the third episode of this series, *The Impact of Covid-19 on Workers' Rights*, we spoke with Michael Ford QC, a barrister at Old Square Chambers and Professor of Law at the University of Bristol. In the episode, he emphasised the impact that the low protection of worker's rights in the UK, in particular, in the context of redundancy, furlough, and workers on zero-hour contracts.

In another episode, *The Politics of Global Health Data*, we spoke with Sara Davis, a special advisor at the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. In the episode, we spoke about the implications of the research in her book, *The Uncounted: Politics of Data in Global Health* (CUP 2020), where she considers how human rights issues can affect the data which underlie global healthcare funding. The book looks closely at the indicators which drive resource allocation; the metrics used to measure success in tackling health issues; and the people whose experiences healthcare data often fails to capture. In the episode, we discussed how the failure to collect and collate some data has an impact on which issues are prioritised and which are not. This means that some communities or issues become invisible when setting healthcare policy and resource allocation.

We also had two episodes focussing on nation-building and constitution-making in Chile and Colombia. In *Re-writing Chile's Constitution for Human Rights*, we spoke with Dr Nicolás Espejo Yaksic, Researcher at the Centre for Constitutional Studies at

the Supreme Court of Mexico. In the episode, we discussed the Chilian protests at the end of 2019, which were followed by negotiations for a new constitution. In the episode, Dr Yaksic discussed the roots of the protests – an increase in income inequality in part due to neoliberal policies that have enabled the economic exploitation of people by private corporations and the complexities in the constitution-making process. In A Reason for Hope: The Pursuit of Restorative Justice in Colombia, we spoke with Judge Julieta Lemaitre, a judge at the Justice Chambers of the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace. In the episode, we discussed the peace agreement between the Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the future of restorative justice in Colombia. In particular, we discussed the work of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, a tribunal created in 2018 to implement the transitional justice component of the peace agreement.

In our podcast, *How Our Clicks Cost the Planet: The Internet, Climate Change*, and Human Rights, we spoke with Michael Oghia, the Advocacy and Engagement Manager for the Global Forum for Media Development. In the episode, we spoke about the adverse impact that the internet has on the natural environment. As more people went online during national COVID-19 related lockdowns, scientist reported a decrease in pollution. Michael Oghia reveals that the shift online has also had an adverse impact on the environment, the manufacture and use of digital technology relies on the use of fossil fuels and the mining of resources in ways that are harmful to the environment.

Further, in our commitment to providing a platform for, amplifying and learning from diverse scholars, in particular, Black and Brown scholars, we had a podcast series focusing on the complex intersection between human rights law, decolonisation and post-colonial constitutionalism(s) in the Global South. The series includes an interview with Dr Foluke Adebisi, senior lecturer in law at Bristol University on the possibility of a decolonial approach to legal education. It also includes a cross jurisdictional conversation between young critical legal scholars, South African Dr Joel Modiri of the University of Pretoria and Indian scholar and advocate, currently a PhD candidate in Oxford, Gautam Bhatia, on transformative constitutionalism and the relationship between law and systems of race and caste-based oppression. Locally, working with Black Lives Matter Oxford, the Refugee and Migration Law Discussion Group and the Feminist Jurisprudence Discussion Group, we created an accessible resource database that collated and curated information about organisations in Oxford and elsewhere committed to ending systemic racism, violence, and racial injustice.





SHAPING THE FUTURE: SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS







In 2015, the world committed itself in the Sustainable Development Goals to ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health rights in the next 15 years. Yet throughout the world, on a routine basis, the rights of women and girls are violated. Legislators and policymakers often ignore the sexual and reproductive health rights of women and rarely approach these issues from a human rights perspective. What role can human rights law play in addressing these challenges, and ensure progress towards the fulfilment of the SDGs?

In partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, we have begun to produce two separate series of online magazine style documentaries on sexual and reproductive health rights to answer these questions. The first, A Right to a Better World, targets a broad audience. It introduces sexual and reproductive topics and explores their place in the context of WHO guidelines and the Sustainable Development Agenda. The second series Shaping the Future—Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, focuses on activist experiences in the field of sexual and reproductive health rights, their success stories, and advice for fellow activists across contexts.

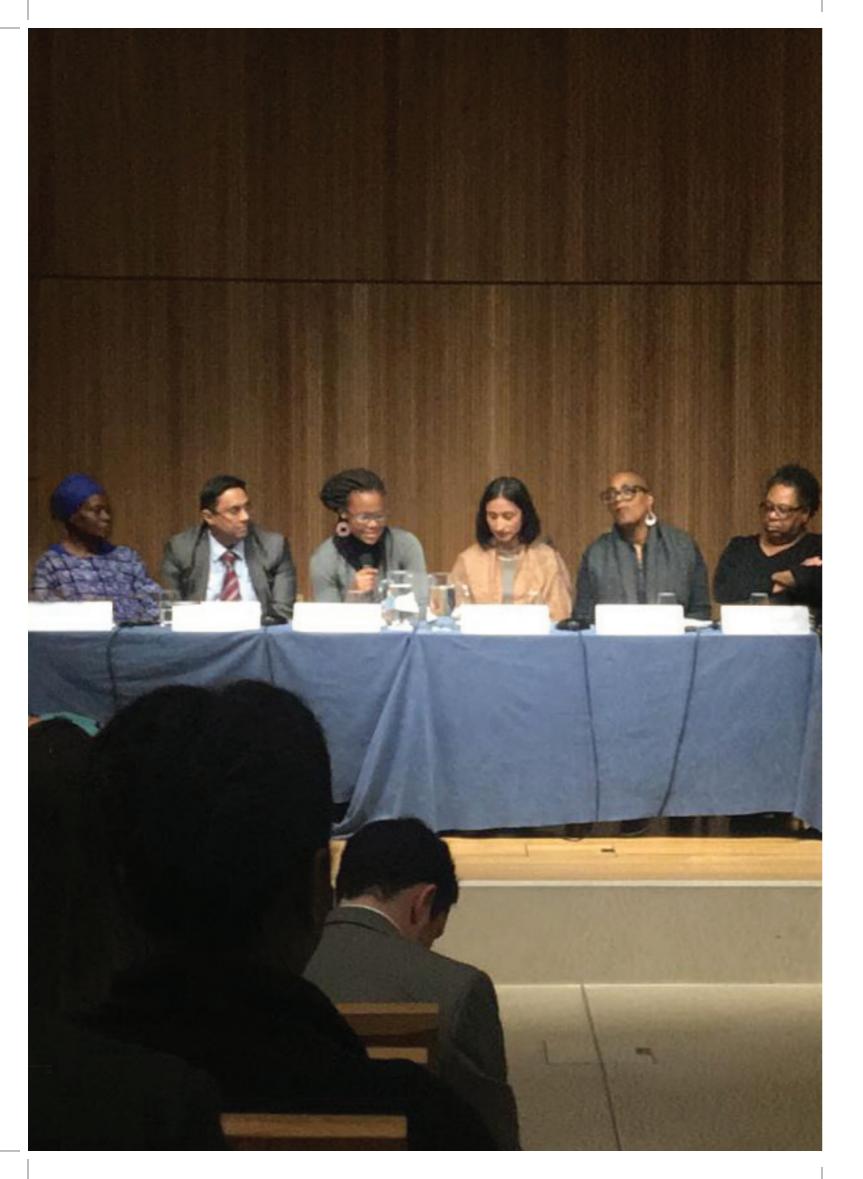
Both series draw on sets of interviews, and fundamentally approach sexual and reproductive health rights topics through the lens of human rights, but they differ in target audience and style. The *A Right to a Better World* series explores the links between human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals

across different areas of sexual and reproductive health rights including maternal health, comprehensive sexuality education, violence against women, and contraception. The Shaping the Future series spans 5 episodes, covering sexual and reproductive health rights in the contexts of school and the workplace, as well as looking in detail at how to realise the right to safe childbirth, and access to abortion. There is also an episode that explores different human rights tactics in advancing sexual and reproductive health rights. Both series take a comparative perspective and closely examine how the strong moral and legal imperatives of human rights can be given detailed substance by grounding them in local context and making them effective in relation to individuals' lived experiences. A Right to a Better World and Shaping the Future aim to empower stakeholders to speak in the language of human rights with a high degree of knowledge and sophistication.

In June 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland, we held an expert group meeting organized by the WHO and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with participants from Uganda, the Philippines, Brazil, Mexico and India to explore the promise and pitfalls of using human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals to enhance sexual and reproductive health rights and filmed participants for documentary. In July 2019, the team travelled to Nairobi, Kenya to film participants in East Africa. We are greatly looking forward to finalising the documentaries and are excited for its release in late 2020.







PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Human rights regularly address current legal and political debates. The OxHRH team has been active this year, in connecting human rights scholarship with legal reform and public activism.

The OxHRH director, Prof Sandra Fredman, contributed to a wide range of policy and public engagement projects. This includes a roundtable of invited experts on equality and non-discrimination organised by the UK Equality and Human Rights Commission, led by Melanie Field, on proposals for strengthening the Public Sector Equality Duty specific duties to make them more strategic and targeted on delivering outcomes in relation to the most pressing inequalities. Prof Fredman also contributed as one of the invited experts to the paper produced by the Working Group for the Thematic Session: 'Responding to the Economic Shock' for the UN High Level Political Forum, which is the global monitoring body for the Sustainable Development Goals. Supporting efforts to protect and affirm human rights, she has worked with Prof Thuli Madonsela, Chair in Social Justice: University of Stellenbosch and Social Justice M-Plan Convener on several projects which sought to protect human rights in the context of the South African government's COVID-19 response. She also gave a talk at the UN Women's Global conference on gender and intersecting inequalities.

Our deputy director, Meghan Campbell, was involved in a wide range of projects as well. Working with Dr Ben Warwick (Birmingham) she hosted a workshop funded by the Institute for Global Innovation-University of Birmingham in Nairobi, Kenya exploring the role of international financial institutions in realising sexual and reproductive health rights. She also

acted as a consultant for the European Institute for Gender Equality, reviewing EU states' implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action on Women's Human Rights.

Our communications manager, Dr Kira Allman, lead the Oxfordshire Digital Inclusion Project – a knowledge exchange collaboration between Oxford University and the Oxfordshire County Council Libraries to better understand how public libraries are acting as bridges across the digital divide for local people with limited internet and computer access or skills. She is the Principal Investigator on the project, along with Co-Investigator Dr Grant Blank (Oxford Internet Institute). Over the last year, they have collected surveys, interviews, and case studies on the lived experience of digital exclusion among library users in Oxford and will soon be publishing a report on the findings along with policy recommendations on how to better ensure that people can access their basic rights, which have been placed behind a digital wall in a largely digital-by-default welfare and public services system.

Other members of our team have been involved in a wide range of projects across the globe and in different areas of human rights law and practice. Mónica Arango Olaya presented her chapter in the book *The Constitutionalization of Family Law: Comparative Perspective* on the right to autonomy of children in Colombia. The Centre for Constitutional Studies of Mexico and the Mexican Supreme Court organised the event. Jason Brickhill, our Research Director, was involved in efforts to track human rights compliance of COVID-19 related laws and regulations in South Africa and Zimbabwe.





