

# Adam Perry

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

**University of Oxford** (2015-present)  
Associate Professor of Law

**Brasenose College** (2015-present)  
Garrick Tutor and Fellow

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

**Queen Mary University of London** (2014-15)  
Lecturer in Law

**University of Aberdeen** (2012-14)  
Lecturer in Law

**European University Institute** (2011-12)  
Max Weber Fellow

**British Columbia Court of Appeal** (2005-06)  
Law Clerk (judicial assistant)

## VISITING POSITIONS

**Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne**  
2013, 2015, 2017

## EDUCATION

### University of Oxford

DPhil, Exeter College (2008-12)

Supervisors: John Broome (philosophy) & Leslie Green (law)

MPhil, Exeter College (2007-08) *Distinction*

BCL, Exeter College (2006-07) *Distinction*

### University of Victoria

LLB (2002-05)

### University of Winnipeg

BA in Economics (2000-02) *Highest Distinction*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

1. *The Conventional Constitution*  
Oxford University Press, 2025

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

2. "Judicial Review: Substance and Procedure"  
*Modern Law Review*, forthcoming  
With A. Ryu
3. "Wednesbury Unreasonableness"  
*Cambridge Law Journal* 82(3): 483-508 (2023)
4. "According to Law"  
*Analysis* 83(4): 717-722 (2023)
5. "Precedent and Fairness"  
*Legal Theory* 29: 185-201 (2023)
6. "Plainly Wrong"  
*Modern Law Review* 86(1): 122-143 (2023)
7. "Pardons"  
*Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*, vol. 8 (Oxford University Press, 2021)
8. "Law's Boundaries"  
*Legal Theory* 26(2): 103-123 (2020)

9. "Enforcing Constitutional Conventions"  
*International Journal of Constitutional Law* 17(4): 1146-1165 (2020)  
With F. Ahmed and R. Albert
10. "Judging Constitutional Conventions"  
*International Journal of Constitutional Law* 17(3): 787-806 (2019)  
With F. Ahmed and R. Albert
11. "Strained Interpretations"  
*Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 39(2): 316-343 (2019)
12. "Mercy"  
*Philosophy & Public Affairs* 46(1): 60-89 (2018)
13. "Top-Down Constitutional Conventions"  
*Modern Law Review* 81(5): 765-789 (2018)  
With A. Tucker
14. "Standing and Civic Virtue"  
*Law Quarterly Review* 134: 239-256 (2018)  
With F. Ahmed
15. "Mercy and Caprice Under the Indian Constitution"  
*Indian Law Review* 1(1): 56-68 (2017)
16. "The Flexibility Rule in Administrative Law"  
*Cambridge Law Journal* 76(2): 375-398 (2017)
17. "Constitutional Statutes"  
*Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 37(2): 461-481 (2017)  
With F. Ahmed
18. "The Crown's Administrative Powers"  
*Law Quarterly Review* 131: 652-672 (2015)
19. "The Internal Aspect of Social Rules"  
*Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 35(2): 283-300 (2015)
20. "The Quasi-Entrenchment of Constitutional Statutes"  
*Cambridge Law Journal* 73(3): 514-535 (2014)  
With F. Ahmed
21. "The Coherence of the Doctrine of Legitimate Expectations"  
*Cambridge Law Journal* 73(1): 61-85 (2014)  
With F. Ahmed
22. "Expertise, Deference, and Giving Reasons"  
*Public Law* 221-229 (2012)  
With F. Ahmed
23. "Unlucky Section 13: Sexual Activity Between Children and the Sexual Offences Act 2003"  
*King's Law Journal* 20(2): 327-337 (2009)

## Book Chapters

24. "R (Evans) v Attorney General and the Surprising Strength of the Principle of Legality"  
*The Supreme Court at 15: Reflections on Public Law Cases* (Bloomsbury, forthcoming)
25. "Consistency in Administrative Law"  
*Philosophical Foundations of Precedent* (Oxford University Press, 2023)
26. "Interpretive Theory in Public Law"  
*Research Methodology in Public Law* (Edward Elgar, 2023)
27. "Mercy and the Roles of Judges"  
*Routledge Handbook of Criminal Justice Ethics* (Routledge, 2016)

## Notes and Reviews

28. "Constitutional Conventions and the Prince of Wales"  
*Modern Law Review* 76(6): 1119-1128 (2013)
29. "Review: *Parliamentary Democracy in Crisis*"  
*University of British Columbia Law Review* 43: 269-275 (2010)

## Other Writing

- "Enforcing Principles, Enforcing Conventions"  
UKCLA Blog (December 3, 2019)
- "The Pardon Paradox"  
I-CONnect (September 17, 2019)
- "Judging Constitutional Conventions"  
I-CONnect (August 4, 2018)
- "What's So Great About Flexible Policies?"  
The Admin Law Blog (September 18, 2017)
- "Standing and Civic Virtue"  
The Admin Law Blog (May 8, 2017)  
With F. Ahmed
- "Who's Afraid of Mercy?"  
Judicial Power Project (February 5, 2016)
- "Entrenching and Undercutting"  
I-CONnect (November 4, 2015)
- "Thresholds for Interpretation and Secession"  
I-CONnect (September 2, 2015)
- "Why Codify?"  
I-CONnect (June 24, 2015)

- "Judicial Review of Shariah Councils"  
UKCLA (May 1, 2015)  
With F. Ahmed
- "Constitutional and Quasi-Constitutional Statutes"  
I-CONnect (April 24, 2015)
- "Mercy and Judicial Review in the Commonwealth"  
I-CONnect (February 18, 2015)
- "Fetters on Prerogative Powers"  
I-CONnect (January 2, 2015)
- "The Source of the Crown's General Administrative Powers"  
UKCLA Blog (October 25, 2014)
- "Are Constitutional Statutes 'Quasi-Entrenched'?"  
UKCLA Blog (November 26, 2013)  
With F. Ahmed
- "Constitutional Conventions and Legitimate Expectations"  
UKCLA Blog (October 18, 2013)  
With F. Ahmed

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Oxford (2015-present)**

#### *Graduate Level*

- Philosophy, Law, Politics (2025-)
- Advanced Administrative Law (2022-)
- Jurisprudence & Political Theory (2021-)
- Constitutional Theory (2015-2019)

#### *Undergraduate Level*

- Administrative Law (2015-)
- Constitutional Law (2008, 2015-)
- Jurisprudence (2015-)

### **Queen Mary University of London (2014-15)**

- Human Rights Law (Third year)
- Public Law (First year)

### **University of Aberdeen (2012-14)**

- Civil Liberties (Fourth year)

- Public Law (First year)
- Legal Theory (Second year)
- Public International Law (Second year)

## **EDITORIAL WORK**

### **Oxford Journal of Legal Studies**

Articles Editor (2024-)

### **Legal Theory**

Special issue editor (2023, 2025)

### **Reviewer for:**

American Journal of Jurisprudence, Analysis, Cambridge Law Journal, Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence, Current Legal Problems, Dublin University Law Journal, Erkenntnis, Federal Law Review, Jurisprudence, Jus Cogens, Law & Philosophy, Law Quarterly Review, Legal Theory, International Journal of Constitutional Law, Melbourne University Law Review, Modern Law Review, Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, Public Law, Public Law Review, Review of Constitutional Studies, University of Tasmania Law Review, Hart Publishing, Routledge Publishing

## **SERVICE**

### **University of Oxford (Faculty of Law)**

- Law Board (2021-)
- Workload Working Group (2025-)
- Research Committee (2020-2024)
- Legal Philosophy Research Group (chair, 2020-2024)
- Graduate Studies Committee (2015-18)

### **Brasenose College**

- Governing Body (2015-)
- Human Resources Committee (2023-)
- Welfare Committee (2022-2023)
- Appointments Committee (2022-2023)
- Dean (2022-23)
- General Purposes Committee (2022-23)
- Environmental Sustainability and Strategy Group (2020-2023)

- Research Committee (2019-22)
- Housing Review Working Group (2017-19)
- Estates & Finance Committee (2016-19)
- Academic Committee (2016-19)
- Development Committee (2016-18)

#### **Queen Mary University of London**

- Equality Committee (2014-15)

#### **University of Aberdeen**

- Retention Officer (2013-14)
- Library Committee (2012-14)
- Marketing & Internationalization Committee (2012-14)

#### **PhD Supervision**

- Nathaniel Reilly
- Kenny Chng
- Raza Nazar
- Christopher McKernan
- Swati Jhaveri
- Fiona Cooke

#### **ORGANISING**

- Oxford Administrative Law Workshop 2026
- OxJuris/Legal Theory Conference (bi-annual international conference, 2022, 2024)
- Oxford Seminars in Jurisprudence (monthly online seminar series, 2020-2022)
- Oxford Legal Philosophy Discussion Group (monthly internal working paper group, 2020-2025)
- New Directions in Administrative Law Theory Workshop (University of Oxford, 2019)
- Constitutional Boundaries Conference (University of Melbourne, 2017)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Abductive Principles in the British Constitution"  
University of Notre Dame – London (October 2025)
- "Appeal vs Review: Myths and Surprises"  
University of Notre Dame – London (September 2025)
- "Legal Fictionalism"  
Law & Language Conference, Western University (June 2024)  
Trident Seminar Series (February 2024)  
Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group (January 2024)
- "Precedent and Fairness"  
Queen's Legal Theory Colloquium (October 2021)
- "The Power to Forgive"  
Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford (November 2019)  
Jurisprudence Discussion Group, University of Oxford (February 2020)
- "Pardons"  
Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy, University of Oxford (May 2020)  
New Directions in Administrative Law Theory, University of Oxford (July 2019)  
European Junior Faculty Forum, LSE (June 2019)  
Singapore Seminar in Legal Theory, National University of Singapore (April 2019)
- "Law's Boundaries"  
New Directions in Philosophy of Law, University of Surrey (July 2019)  
Legal Philosophy Workshop, University of Surrey (May 2019)
- "A Bayesian Approach to Ouster Clauses"  
Symposium on *Privacy International*, University of Cambridge (October 2018)
- "Judging Constitutional Conventions"  
University of Melbourne (August 2017)
- "Government Mercy"  
UCLA-Toronto-Oxford Legal Philosophy Colloquium, University of Toronto (June 2017)
- "Plan B: A Theory of Judicial Review"  
Jurisprudence Discussion Group, University of Oxford (March 2017)
- "Top-Down Constitutional Conventions"  
East-West Constitutional Traditions, University of Oxford (September 2016)

- University of Notre Dame Roundtable, London (February 2016)
- University of Auckland (August 2015)
- Constitutional Theory Workshop, University of Melbourne (July 2015)
- Constitutional Conventions Symposium, Lancaster University (July 2015)
- Debating the Constitution after the General Election, University of Manchester (June 2015)
- "Standing and Civic Virtue"  
Cambridge Public Law Conference (September 2016)
  - "Constitutional Statutes"  
Public Law Discussion Group, Monash University (August 2015)  
Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, University of Melbourne (August 2015)  
University of Auckland (August 2015)
  - "Interpretation, Repeal, and Constitutional Statutes"  
Constitutional Studies Seminar Series, University of Oxford (May 2015)  
The UK Constitution: In Search of Constitutionalism, University of Edinburgh (March 2014)
  - "Mercy and Caprice Under the Indian Constitution"  
Contemporary Issues in Indian Public Law, University of Delhi (April 2015)
  - "The Internal Aspect of Social Rules"  
SLS Annual Conference, Jurisprudence Section, Edinburgh (September 2013)  
Legal Theory Workshop, University of Melbourne (August 2013)  
Australian Society for Legal Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Sydney (August 2013)
  - "The Coherence of the Doctrine of Legitimate Expectations"  
SLS Annual Conference, Public Law Section, Edinburgh (September 2013)  
Faculty Seminar Series, School of Law, University of Melbourne (July 2013)  
Public Law Discussion Group, University of Oxford (June 2013)
  - "Exclusionary Reasons"  
Graduate Philosophy Conference, York University, Toronto (April 2010)  
Legal Philosophy Conference, McMaster University (March 2010)
  - "The Coordinated Prisoner's Dilemma"  
International Graduate Legal Research Conference, King's College

(July 2009)

Political Theory Graduate Conference, Princeton University (April 2009)