

# Adam Perry

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## 1. CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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

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

## 2. 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)

## 3. VISITING POSITIONS

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

## 4. EDUCATION

**University of Oxford** (2006-12)  
*DPhil*, Exeter College. Supervisors: John Broome (philosophy) & Leslie Green (law)  
*MPhil*, Exeter College. Distinction.  
*BCL*, Exeter College. Distinction.

**University of Victoria** (2002-05)  
LLB

**University of Winnipeg**  
BA in Economics. Highest Distinction.

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

### 5.1. Book

*The Conventional Constitution* (Oxford University Press 2025).

A comprehensive and philosophically rigorous treatment of a central topic in constitutional law.

### 5.2. Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Judicial Review: Substance and Procedure” *Modern Law Review*, forthcoming. With A. Ryu.

“Wednesbury Unreasonableness” (2023) 82 *Cambridge Law Journal* 483

“According to Law” (2023) 83 *Analysis* 717

“Precedent and Fairness” (2023) 29 *Legal Theory* 185

“Plainly Wrong” (2023) 86 *Modern Law Review* 122

“Pardons” *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*, vol. 8 (OUP 2021)

“Law's Boundaries” (2020) 26 *Legal Theory* 103

“Enforcing Constitutional Conventions” (2020) 17 *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 1146. With F. Ahmed and R. Albert.

“Judging Constitutional Conventions” (2019) 17 *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 787. With F. Ahmed and R. Albert.

“Strained Interpretations” (2019) 39 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 316

\*“Mercy” (2018) 46 *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 89

“Top-Down Constitutional Conventions” (2018) 81 *Modern Law Review* 765. With A. Tucker.

“Standing and Civic Virtue” (2018) 134 *Law Quarterly Review* 239.

With F. Ahmed

“Mercy and Caprice Under the Indian Constitution” (2017) 1 *Indian Law Review* 56

“The Flexibility Rule in Administrative Law” (2017) 76 *Cambridge Law Journal* 375

“Constitutional Statutes”. (2017) *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 461. With F. Ahmed.

“The Crown's Administrative Powers” (2015) 131 *Law Quarterly Review* 652.

“The Internal Aspect of Social Rules” (2015) 35 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 283

“The Quasi-Entrenchment of Constitutional Statutes” (2014) 73 *Cambridge Law Journal* 514. With F. Ahmed.

“The Coherence of the Doctrine of Legitimate Expectations” (2014) 73 *Cambridge Law Journal* 61. With F. Ahmed.

“Expertise, Deference, and Giving Reasons” [2012] *Public Law* 221. With F. Ahmed.

“Unlucky Section 13: Sexual Activity Between Children and the Sexual Offences Act” (2009) 20 *King's Law Journal* 327

### 5.3. Book Chapters

“*R (Evans) v Attorney General* and the Surprising Strength of the Principle of Legality” in *The Supreme Court at 15: Reflections on Public Law Cases* (Bloomsbury 2025)

“Consistency in Administrative Law” in *Philosophical Foundations of Precedent* (Oxford University Press 2023)

“Interpretive Theory in Public Law” in *Research Methodology in Public Law* (Edward Elgar 2023)

“Mercy and the Roles of Judges” in *Routledge Handbook of Criminal Justice Ethics* (Routledge 2016)

#### **5.4. Notes and Reviews**

“Constitutional Conventions and the Prince of Wales” (2013) 76 *Modern Law Review* 1119

“Review: *Parliamentary Democracy in Crisis*” (2010) 43 *University of British Columbia Law Review* 269

#### **5.5. Works in Progress**

“The Track Record Argument for Epistemic Preemption”

“Abductive Principles of the British Constitution”

“Appeal vs Review: Myths and Surprises”

### **6. OTHER WRITING**

“Enforcing Principles, Enforcing Conventions” UKCLA Blog (3/12/2019)

“The Pardon Paradox” I-CONnect (17/09/2019)

“Judging Constitutional Conventions” I-CONnect (4/8/2018)

“What’s So Great About Flexible Policies?” The Admin Law Blog (18/9/2017)

“Standing and Civic Virtue” The Admin Law Blog (8/5/2017). With F. Ahmed

“Who’s Afraid of Mercy?” Judicial Power Project (5/2/2016)

“Entrenching and Undercutting” I-CONnect (4/11/2015)

“Thresholds for Interpretation and Secession” I-CONnect (2/9/2015)

“Why Codify?” I-CONnect (24/6/2015)

“Judicial Review of Shariah Councils” UKCLA (1/5/2015). With F. Ahmed

“Constitutional and Quasi-Constitutional Statutes” I-CONnect (24/4/2015)

“Mercy and Judicial Review in the Commonwealth” I-CONnect (18/2/2015)

“Fetters on Prerogative Powers” I-CONnect (2/1/2015)

“The Crown’s General Administrative Powers” UKCLA Blog (25/10/2014)

“Are Constitutional Statutes ‘Quasi-Entrenched’?” UKCLA Blog (26/10/2013). With F. Ahmed

“Constitutional Conventions and Legitimate Expectations” UKCLA Blog (10/18/2013). With F. Ahmed

### **7. TEACHING**

#### **7.1. University of Oxford**

*Faculty of Law*

Philosophy, Law, Politics (graduate; 2025-)

Jurisprudence & Political Theory (graduate; 2021-)

Jurisprudence (undergraduate; 2015-)  
Mercy & Law  
Precedent & Analogy  
Legal Rights  
Constitutional Law (undergraduate; 2015-)  
Advanced Administrative Law (graduate; 2022-2025)  
Administrative Law (undergraduate; 2016-19)  
Constitutional Theory (graduate; 2015-2019)

*College*

Administrative Law (2015-)  
Constitutional Law (2015-)  
Jurisprudence (2015-2019)

**7.2. Queen Mary University of London**

Human Rights Law (undergraduate; 2014-15)  
Public Law (undergraduate; 2014-15)

**7.3. University of Aberdeen**

Civil Liberties (undergraduate; 2014)  
Public Law (undergraduate; 2012-14)  
Legal Theory (undergraduate; 2012-14)  
Public International Law (undergraduate 2012-13)

**7.4. Doctoral supervision**

Nathaniel Reilly  
Kenny Chng  
Raza Nazar  
Christopher McKernan  
Fiona Cooke

**8. EDITORIAL & REVIEWING WORK**

**8.1. Oxford Journal of Legal Studies**

Articles Editor (2024-)

**8.2. Legal Theory**

Special issue editor (2023, 2025)

**8.3. Reviewing**

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

## **9. SERVICE**

### **9.1. 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)

### **9.2. Queen Mary University of London**

Equality Committee (2014-15)

### **9.3. University of Aberdeen**

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

## **10. 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)

## **11. SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2015)**

“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)

“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)