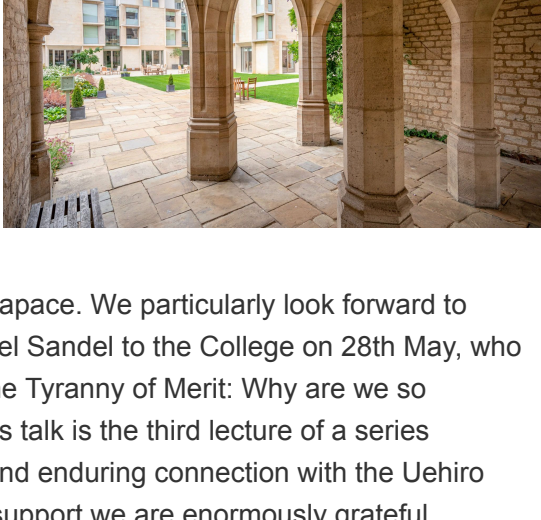


Trinity Term 2025 Newsletter

Dear St Crossers,

As Spring arrives in Oxford, I am pleased to report that the skies are blue and the flowers are blooming. There is an energetic atmosphere around the College, as students return and both academic and social life rev into high gear. The splendours of Trinity term await!



Our lively programme of lectures is continuing apace. We particularly look forward to welcoming world-renowned philosopher Michael Sandel to the College on 28th May, who will be speaking about a very topical issue: "The Tyranny of Merit: Why are we so polarized, and what can be done about it?" This talk is the third lecture of a series celebrating our specialism in Practical Ethics and enduring connection with the Uehiro Foundation on Ethics & Education, for whose support we are enormously grateful.

Please see our [YouTube page](#) for recordings featuring the previous two St Cross Uehiro Lecturers: Helen Frowe, who spoke about the ethics of deception in relationships, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, who covered the morality of AI.

Among much exciting College news, I am delighted to highlight that St Cross' rowers had an absolutely fantastic Torpids. The men's first boat won Head of the River (for the first time) and other crews had notable successes. Do join me in extending hearty congratulations. I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Matt Jarvis as the new Vice-Master, who brings a wealth of experience and succeeds Kevin Marsh, who held the role since 2021. We are grateful for Kevin's dedicated service, and we look forward to working with Matt.

Our Development Director Milos and I have continued to be out and about, meeting alumni and friends in Oxford and beyond. In March, we enjoyed a vibrant gathering with St Crossers in Edinburgh, which included a tour of a beautiful National Trust for Scotland property. We also hope you will come to the St Cross in the City drinks event in London on 15th May and the Encaenia & Prizegiving Dinner in College on 25th June.

And finally, we look forward with great anticipation to the College's 60th anniversary celebrations, which will be held throughout the 2025-26 academic year. An exciting schedule of events will be announced soon, and Milos and I are planning more visits to St Crossers in various parts of the world. There will be much to celebrate and enjoy as our young College achieves this important milestone.

With very best wishes,
Kate

Kate Mavor
The Master

St Cross Curios

We're excited to introduce a brand-new section of our newsletter: St Cross Curios! Inspired by the many quirks, curiosities, and fun facts that make our College so unique, this feature will highlight the delightful and lesser-known sides of St Cross.

Have a fun fact, anecdote, or hidden gem to share? We'd love to hear from you – and feature your contribution in a future edition.

We hope you enjoy uncovering the curious side of St Cross with us!



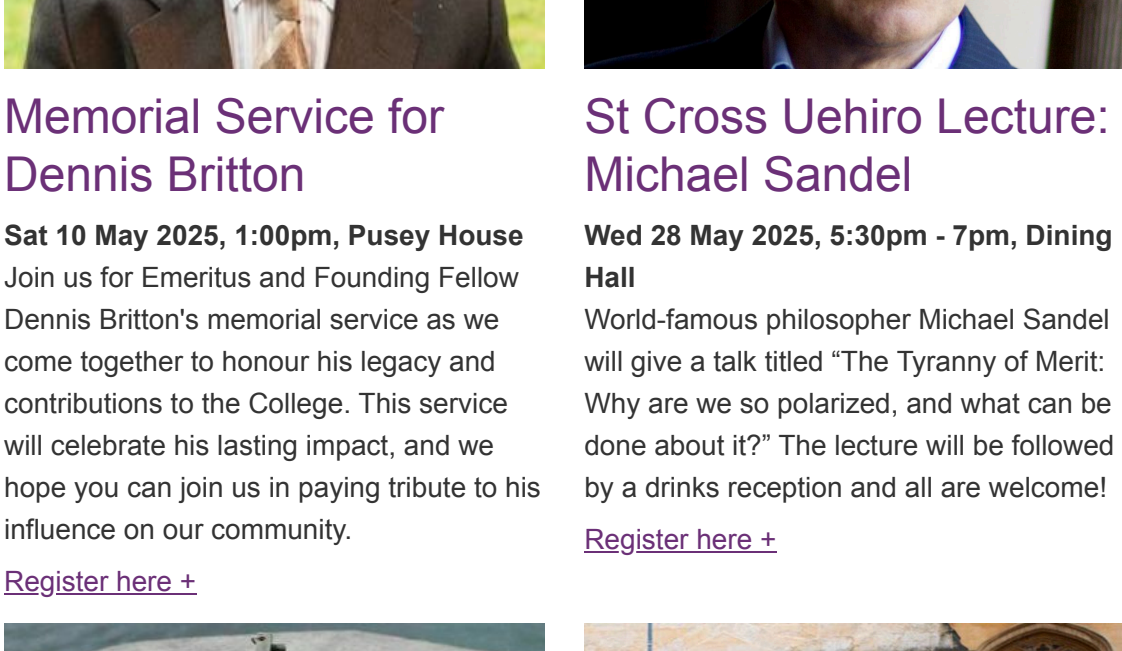
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Our Inaugural St Cross Curios

When Kits van Heyningen, the first Master of St Cross, embarked on a fundraising tour of the USA in the late 1960s to secure funding for the college, he returned with more than just goodwill. While in Texas, the Governor of Dallas bestowed on him 'honorary citizenship' of the State of Texas which was accompanied by the nominal right to the possession of all of one square inch of Texan soil.

Events

We were delighted to see so many of you at our Hilary term events and catch up with all your achievements. We very much hope we will see even more of you at our Trinity term events, which look to be very exciting!



St Cross in the City

Thursday 15 May 2025, 6pm to 8pm, London

We invite all St Crossers to join us for a drink or two at [The Banker Pub, London](#). Pop in and say hi to our Development & Alumni team and catch up with fellow alumni and friends. The first drink is on us and you are welcome to bring a guest.

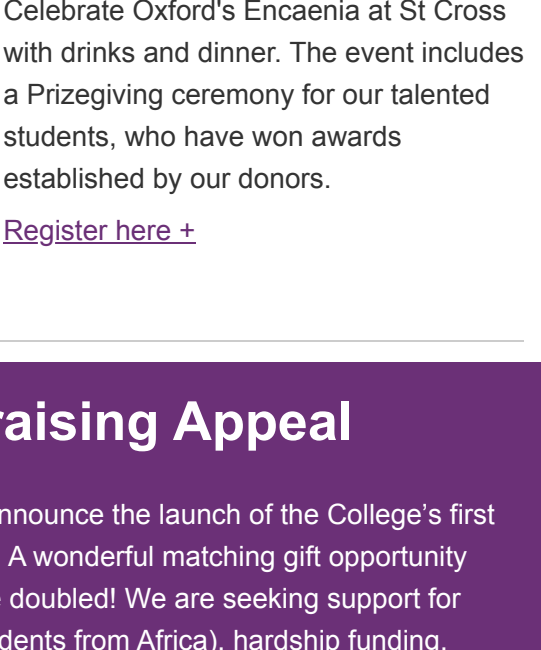
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Memorial Service for Dennis Britton

Sat 10 May 2025, 1:00pm, Pusey House
Join us for Emeritus and Founding Fellow Dennis Britton's memorial service as we come together to honour his legacy and contributions to the College. This service will celebrate his lasting impact, and we hope you can join us in paying tribute to his influence on our community.

[Register here +](#)



St Cross Uehiro Lecture: Michael Sandel

Wed 28 May 2025, 5:30pm - 7pm, Dining Hall
World-famous philosopher Michael Sandel will give a talk titled "The Tyranny of Merit: Why are we so polarized, and what can be done about it?" The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception and all are welcome!

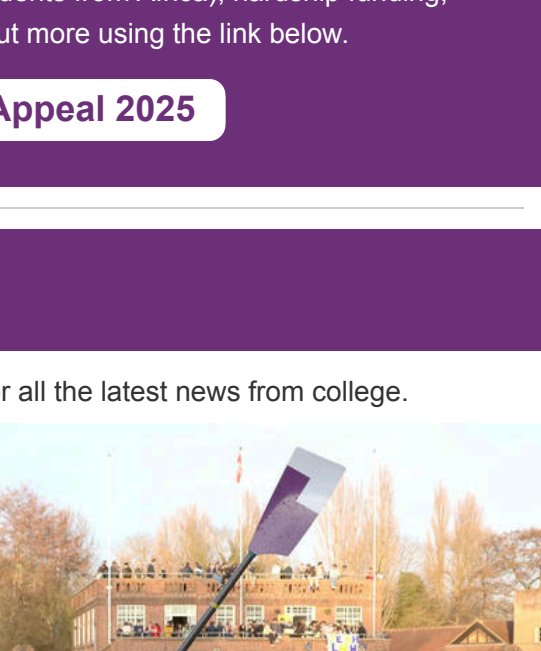
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HAPP Conference

Sat 7 June 2025, 10:30am - 5pm, Mathematical Institute, Oxford
Join us for a conference on measurement, from ancient practices to modern methods, tracing the rise of the metric system, key experiments, and their philosophical significance. Hosted by the St Cross Centre for [HAPP](#) (History and Philosophy of Physics), which brings together scholars from Oxford, the UK, and beyond.

[Register here +](#)



Encaenia Prizegiving and Dinner 2025

Wed 25 June 2025, 6:30pm - 10pm, Common Room and Dining Hall
Celebrate Oxford's Encaenia at St Cross with drinks and dinner. The event includes a Prizegiving ceremony for our talented students, who have won awards established by our donors.

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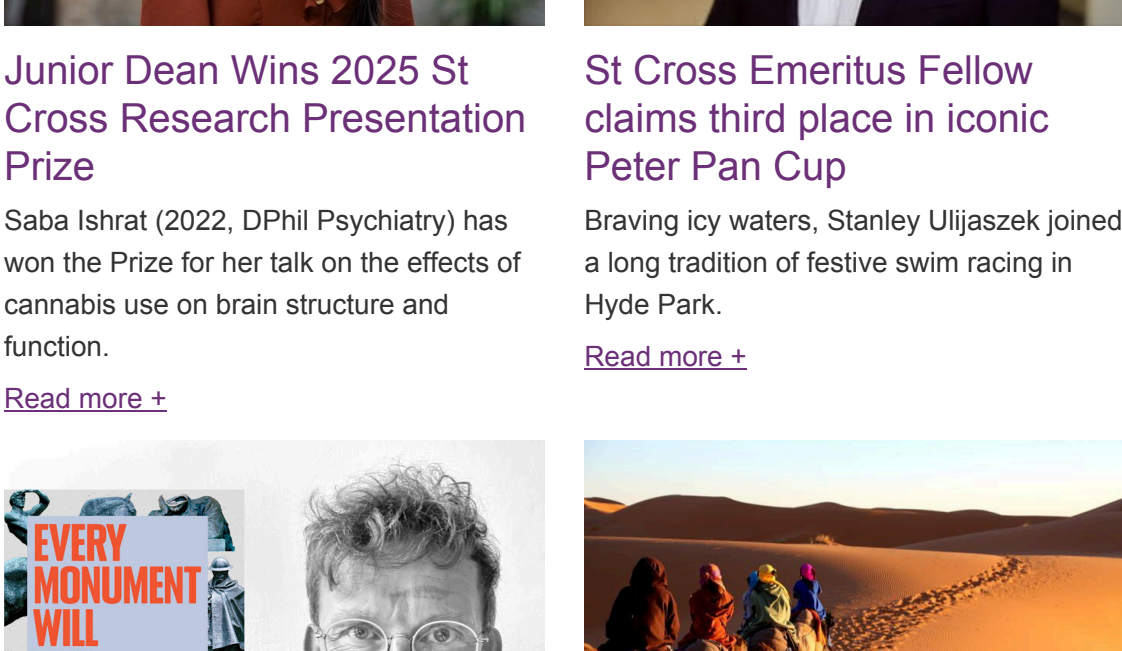
St Cross Fundraising Appeal

The Development Office are delighted to announce the launch of the College's first fundraising appeal for a number of years. A wonderful matching gift opportunity is included, so any gifts you make will be doubled! We are seeking support for graduate scholarships (including for students from Africa), hardship funding, our buildings and more. Find out more using the link below.

[Fundraising Appeal 2025](#)

News

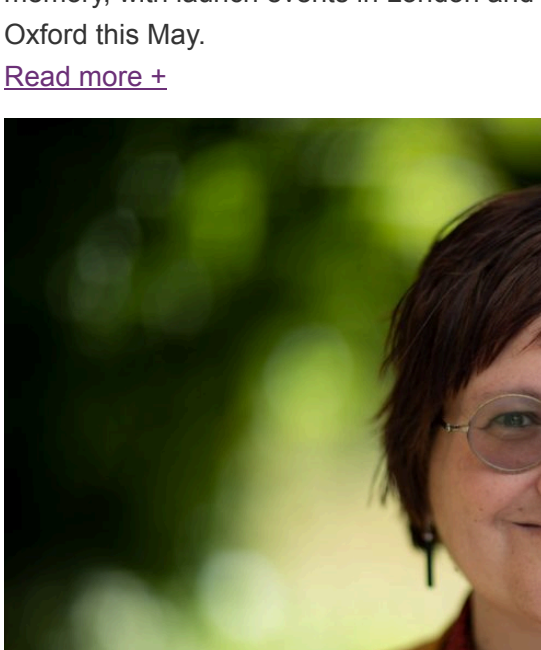
Check out our online [News Page](#) for all the latest news from college.



St Cross Rowers Make History at Torpids 2025

St Cross - Wolfson crews delivered an exceptional performance with the men's first boat winning Head of the River for the first time amongst successes by our other boats. Congratulations to all the crews!

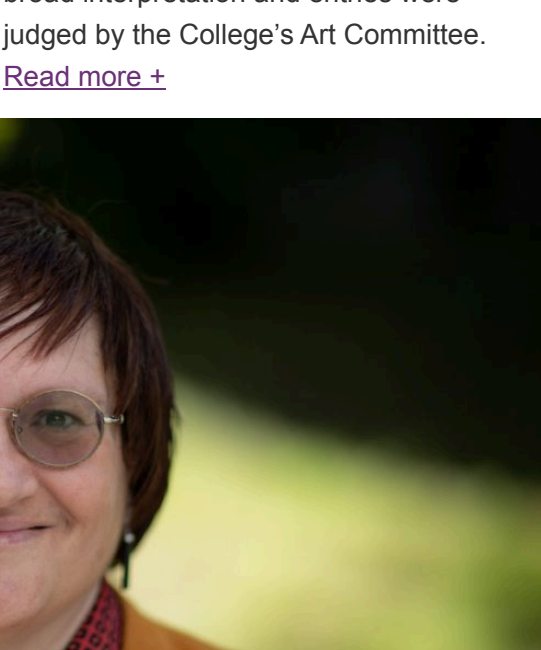
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Professor Matt Jarvis Appointed Vice-Master of St Cross College

Bringing extensive academic experience and a strong commitment to St Cross, Professor Matt Jarvis has been appointed as the College's new Vice-Master.

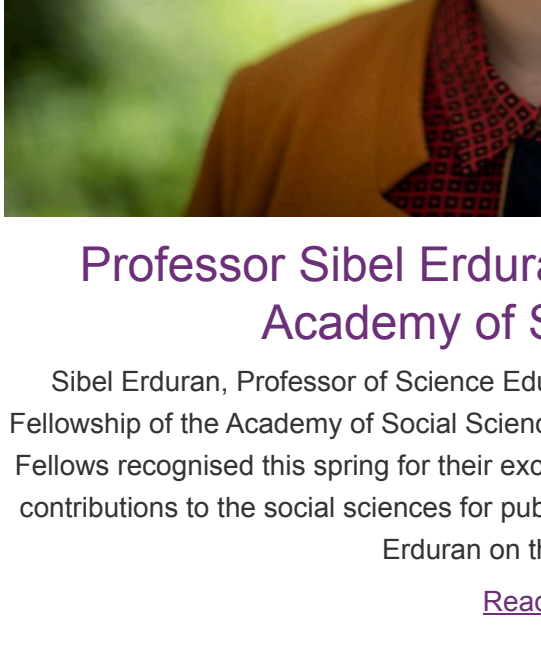
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St Cross Students Win in Oxford's All-Innovate 2025 Competition

Santiago Grandas Forero and Megan Liu have been named winners in Oxford's All-Innovate competition, securing awards to advance their entrepreneurial ventures.

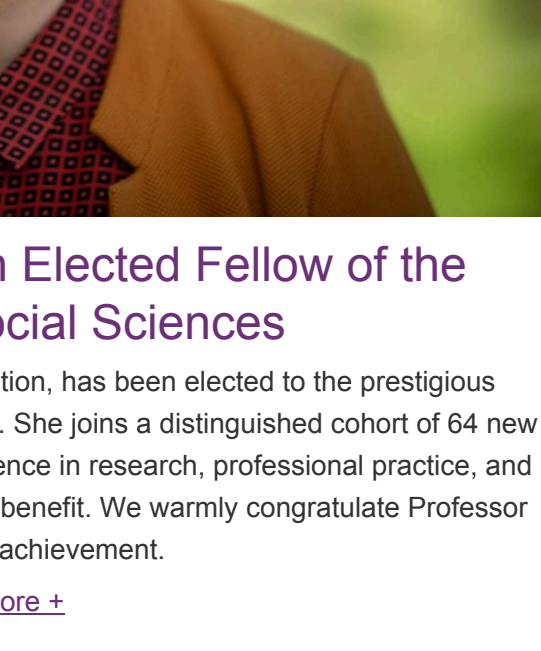
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Junior Dean Wins 2025 St Cross Research Presentation Prize

Saba Ishrat (2022, DPhil Psychiatry) has won the Prize for her talk on the effects of cannabis use on brain structure and function.

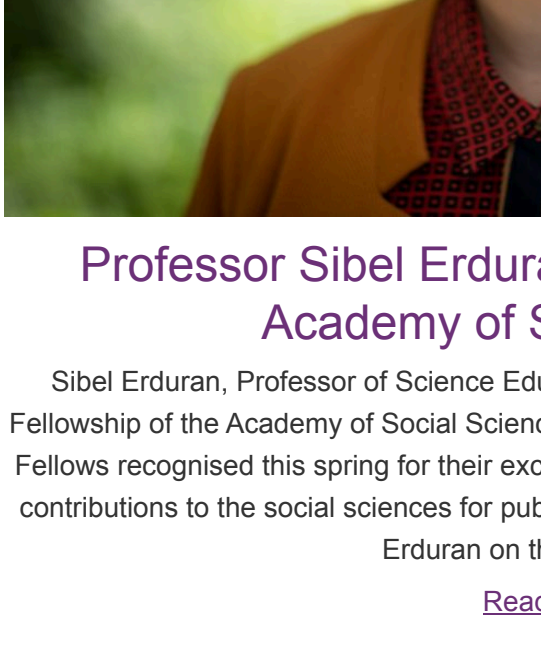
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St Cross Emeritus Fellow claims third place in iconic Peter Pan Cup

Braving icy waters, Stanley Uliaszek joined a long tradition of festive swim racing in Hyde Park.

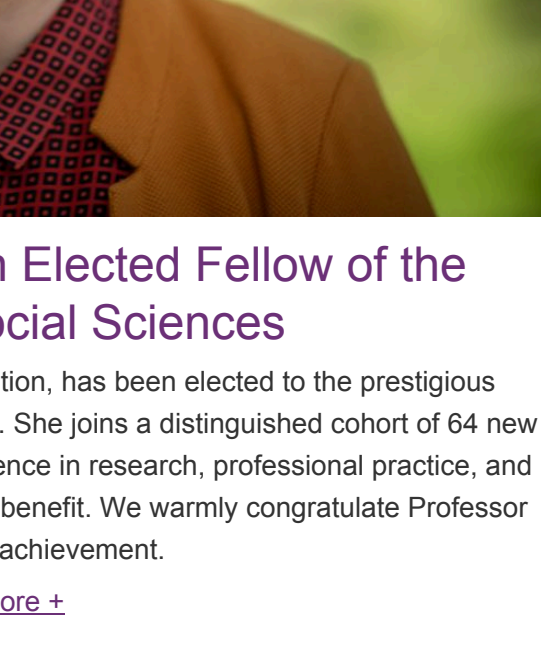
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St Cross Fellow Dan Hicks publishes new book *Every Monument Will Fall*

In his latest book St Cross Fellow and Curator at the Pitt Rivers Museum, Professor Dan Hicks, explores the deep histories behind art, colonialism, and memory, with launch events in London and Oxford, this May.

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St Cross Photography Competition 2025 Winners Announced

St Cross is pleased to reveal the top three winners of this year's St Cross Photography Competition. The theme, 'Four Corners of the World', was open to broad interpretation and entries were judged by the College's Art Committee.

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Professor Sibel Erduran Elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

Sibel Erduran, Professor of Science Education, has been elected to the prestigious Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences. She joins a distinguished cohort of 64 new Fellows recognised this spring for their excellence in research, professional practice, and contributions to the social sciences for public benefit. We warmly congratulate Professor Erduran on this achievement.

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If you have any news to share, please email [The Development Office](#).

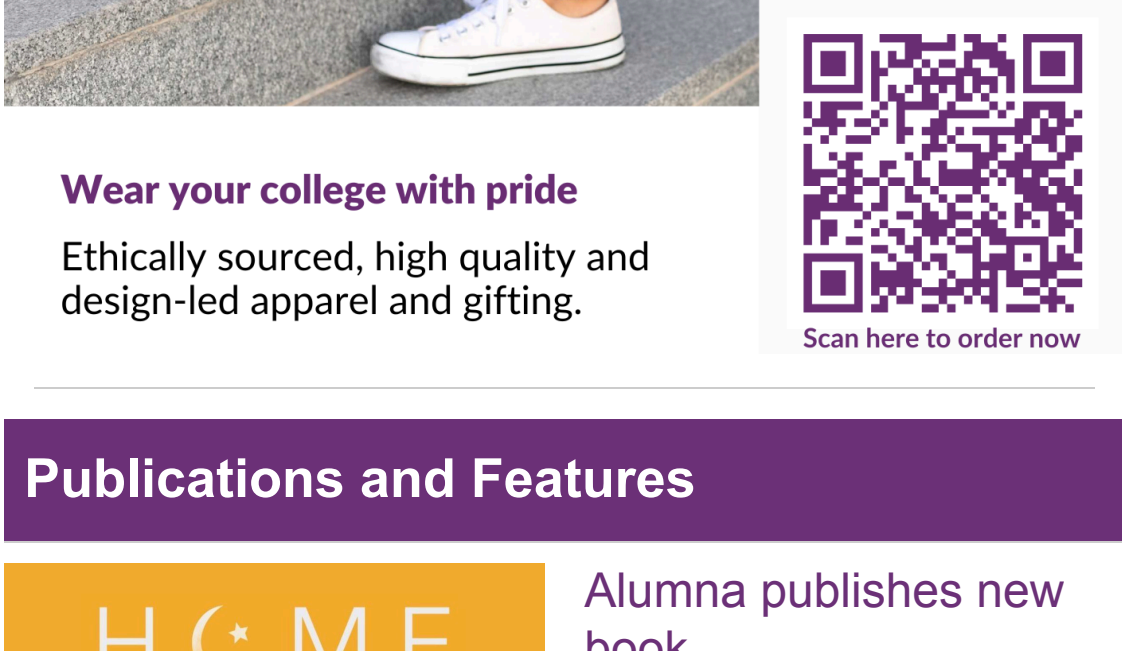


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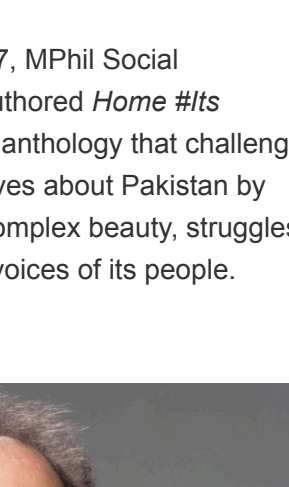
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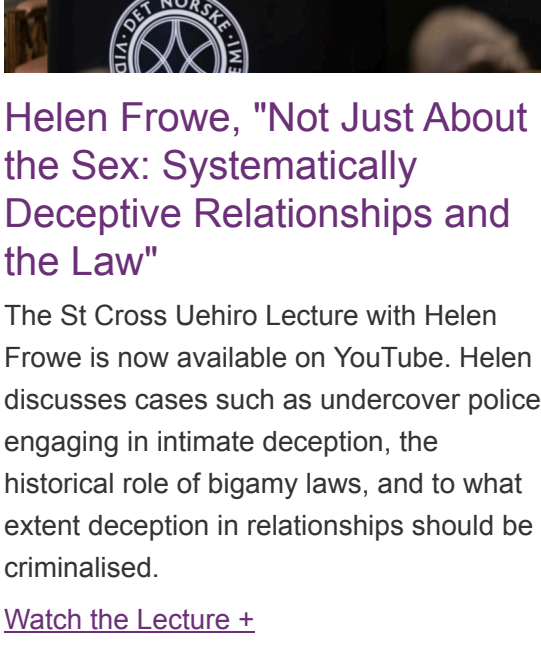
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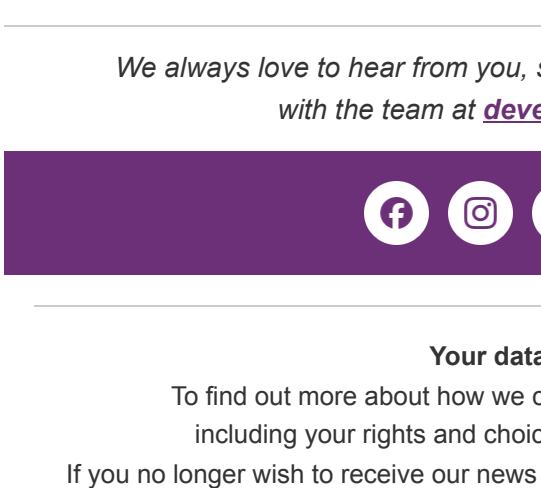
Publications and Features



Alumna publishes new book

Saba Khan (2007, MPhil Social Anthropology) authored *Home #Its Complicated*, an anthology that challenges reductive narratives about Pakistan by spotlighting its complex beauty, struggles, and the diverse voices of its people.

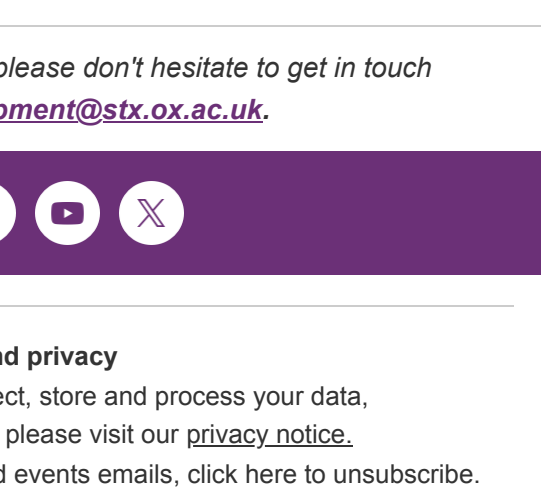
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Helen Frowe, "Not Just About the Sex: Systematically Deceptive Relationships and the Law"

The St Cross Uehiro Lecture with Helen Frowe is now available on YouTube. Helen discusses cases such as undercover police engaging in intimate deception, the historical role of bigamy laws, and to what extent deception in relationships should be criminalised.

[Watch the Lecture +](#)



Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, "Moral AI and How We Get There"

The Interview and St Cross Uehiro Lecture by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong are now available on YouTube. He explores AI's benefits and moral risks, offering proposals on how to harness its power while reducing harm, focusing on incorporating idealised human morality into AI systems.

[Watch the Lecture +](#)

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