



ANNUAL HARRELL-BOND LECTURE 2022

Professor Alex de Waal

What Justice for Famine Crimes?

Starvation is an ancient, cruel and effective weapon of war. Efforts to prohibit and criminalize starvation as a war crime are recent and limited in scope. The prohibitions in the Geneva Conventions and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court are as yet untested in courts of law and at the United Nations Security Council. This lecture examines ongoing efforts to expose, prevent and punish starvation crimes and the prospects for success. It examines what may constitute a starvation crime, and ranges more widely into the acts of commission and omission that cause the societal distress that is famine. Building upon the transitional justice toolkit, the lecture explores measures that could be canvassed to remedy the injustices and traumas suffered by those who have endured starvation.

About the speaker

Alex de Waal is executive director of the World Peace Foundation and a research professor at The Fletcher School at Tufts University, USA. Considered one of the foremost experts on Sudan and the Horn of Africa, his scholarship and practice has also probed humanitarian crisis and response, human rights, HIV/AIDS and governance in Africa, and conflict and peacebuilding.

5:00-6:30pm, Thursday 10 November 2022

The Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College, Oxford, OX1 4AU

Refreshments will be served after the lecture.

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