On 13 and 14 March, we staged the third in our series of modern-day constitutional conventions at St Mary's Church, Putney, the home of the original debates of 1647.

Videos of the debates are now available to watch in full on our Video channel.

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**Session 1:** What Is Judicial Independence and Why Is It Important?

**Session 2:** Is Judicial Independence Under Attack? If So, How — and Why?

**Session 3:** How Can We Defend Judicial Independence?
FLJS Films: The Third Murder, introduced by Sir Tim Hitchens & BFI Asia expert Tony Rayns

On Tuesday 7 May, we are pleased to present master director Hirokazu Kore-eda's *The Third Murder*, a precursor to last year's Palm D'or winning film *Shoplifters*.

**Sir Tim Hitchens**, Wolfson President and former UK Ambassador to Tokyo, will introduce a pre-screening talk by **Tony Rayns**, BFI critic and expert in East Asian cinema.

Join us for this intriguing homage to Kurosawa’s *Rashomon* for modern times.

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Markets and Hierarchies in the Governance of Higher Education Today

On 16 May, Professor Colin Scott of University College Dublin will assess how league tables, regulation, and international competition are reshaping higher education today.

Prof Scott will present the findings of a comparative study of the regulation of higher education, and argue that it may not be long before universities further shift the emphasis of regulation from national public to transnational private regulation.

**Presentation and Roundtable**

Manor Rd Building, Oxford OX1 3UQ
1.15-3pm, 16 May 2019

Profs Michael Shattock, UCL, and Roger King, LSE CARR and University of Bath, will discuss.
Transnational Litigation, Big Pharma & Billion Dollar Claims

Next month, lawyer Mary Bartkus will share her firsthand experience of the international litigation of multibillion dollar claims against Big Pharma when a medication taken by millions of users worldwide is withdrawn.

She will address the impact of the withdrawal and US litigation on regulators, legislators, and on cross-border litigation across six continents.

The lecture will consider this landmark international litigation alongside the challenges companies face when investing billions of dollars to develop innovative medications, and asks:

*Who won and who lost?*

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Policy Brief: Developments in Consumer ADR & Ombudsmen

In our latest policy brief, Prof Chris Hodges presents the major developments and issues in consumer dispute resolution systems in Europe from the recent Oxford conference on *Consumer ADR: Delivering Fairness and Justice for Consumers, Business and Markets*.

Prof Hodges finds considerable evolution in the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) schemes in some countries, but that more needs to be done to raise consumer awareness and confidence, and to improve coverage of ADR frameworks.

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