





Oxford Dharma Conference 2025

All Souls College, University of Oxford

9:30 am - 6:00 pm (BST)

Date: 6th October 2025

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9:30-10:45	Dharma and Civilisation	H.E. Mr. Akhilesh Mishra, Indian Ambassador to Ireland	Unreasonable Behaviour in the Naisadhacarita by Riccardo Paccagnella (University of Oxford)
11:30-13:00	Dharma and Economics	Mr. Suresh Yadav, Director, Commonwealth Secretariat, London	1. Reclaiming Maternal Health Justice: An Artha-Dharma Framework for Ethical Policy and Equity ir India, by Dr Sonal Katyal (James Lind Institute Geneva) 2. Ethics in Exile: Buddhist Dharma, Refugee Economies, and the Moral Limits of the Market ir Dharamshala, by Raj Kumar Singh (IIM Sirmaur) 3. Scaling vs. Sustaining - A Dhārmika Lens to Civillizational Theory, by Amritanshu Pandey (Brhat)
14:00-15:30	Dharma and Law	Prof. Amar Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor, RML National Law University, India. Convenor, CLAT 2026	 Lokasan'graha and Legal personhood: A Dharmid Jurisprudence for a more than Human World, by Priyansha Malik (University of Delhi) Virtual Reality, Legal Positivism, and Dharmid Jurisprudence Exploring, alternate legal approaches for regulating Metaverse, by Srinivas Yanamandra et al. (Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapitha). Dharma, Nyaya-Mimansa, and the Limits of Legal Positivism, by Nishant Rawat, et al (Lyod University)
16:15-18:00	Dharma and Civilisation	Prof. James Mallinson, Boden Professor of Sanskrit, University of Oxford	1. The Transformative Potential of Indian Philosophy by Aamir Kaderbhai (University of Oxford) 2. Friendliness and Dharma: A Social Virtue for Collective Harmony by Sanjeev Sikri (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur) 3. Rāmarājya Without a King: Reimagining Dharmic Anarchy, and the Stateless Polis by Harshit Patasariya and Himanshu K. Mishra (National Law University, Bhopal) 4. The Keeper and the Creator: Civilisational Pedagogy in the Models of Vasistha and Viśvāmitra by Dr Sangeeta Sharma and Dr Jayashree Aanand Gajjam (Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi)



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11:30-12:45	Dharma and Social Leadership	Chair: Prof. Diwakar Nath Acharya, Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Ethics, University of Oxford Chief Guest: Mr. Naorem J. Singh, Directo, The Nehru Centre, London	1. Ecology, Dharma, and Social Responsibility Insights from Janjatiya Traditions in Northeas India by Piashi Dutta (Tribal Research and Knowledge Centre (TRKC)) and Sandeep Kumar (III Delhi) 2. Dharmic Leadership as Catalyst for Traditiona Ecological Knowledge and Environmenta Stewardship in Northeast Indian Communities by Dr. Amogh Talan, Dr. Oinam Hemlata Devi, Dr. Amogh Talan, Dr. Oinam Hemlata Devi, Dr. Ambedkar University Delhi) 3. Dharma in Action: An Indian Knowledge Systems Framework for Leadership and Employee Ownership by Prof. Anu Singh LatherDr. Simrar Kaur, Dr. Mannat Singh (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi)
12:45-14:00	Walking tour		
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16:15-17:15	Dharma and Law	Rt. Hon. Theresa Villiers, Former Secretary of State and MP	 The Dharma of Emergency:Rethinking Constitutional response to Environmental Disaster by Prof. Khagesh Gautam (Jindal Global Law School India), Sanskrit Constitutional Jurisprudence and the Constitution of India, by Christopher Fleming (University of Oxford)
17:30-18:30	Valedictory Session	Justice Venkataraman Ramasubramanian, Chairperson, National Human Right Commission, India ; Former Judge, Supreme Court of India	





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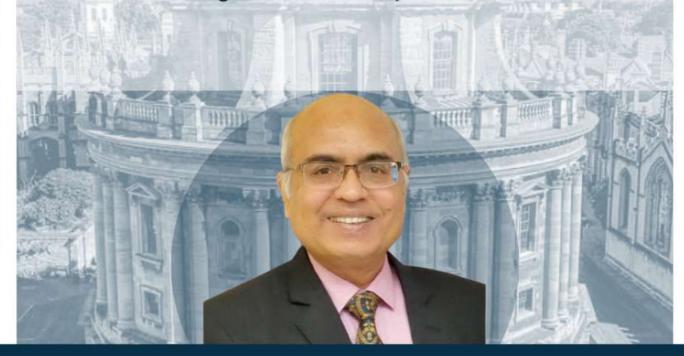
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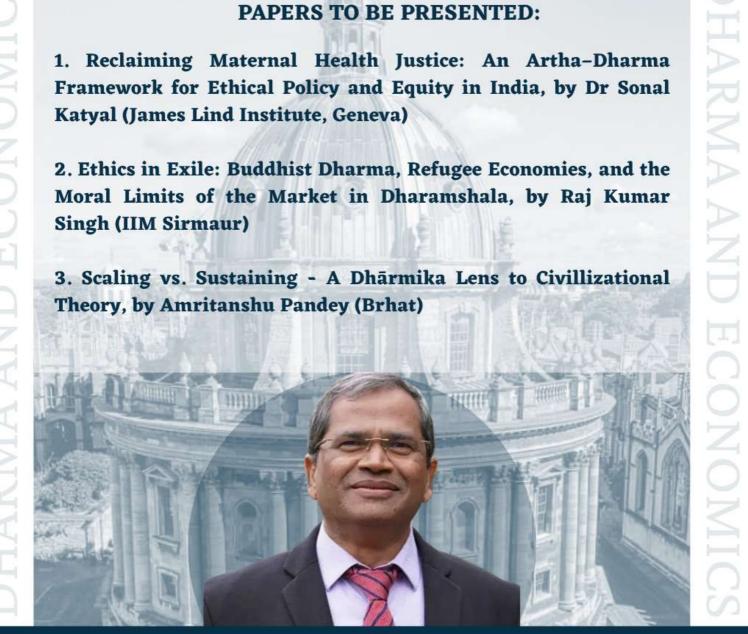




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Chair: Mr. Suresh Yadav

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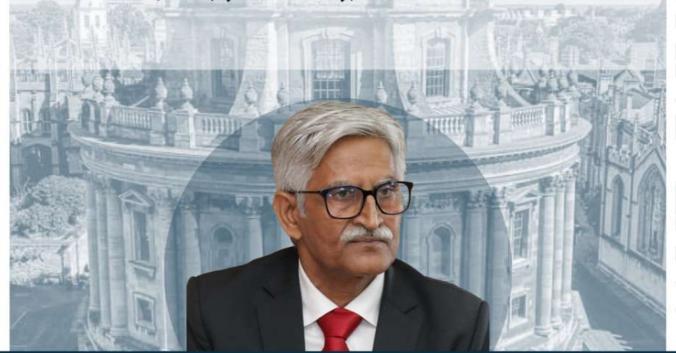
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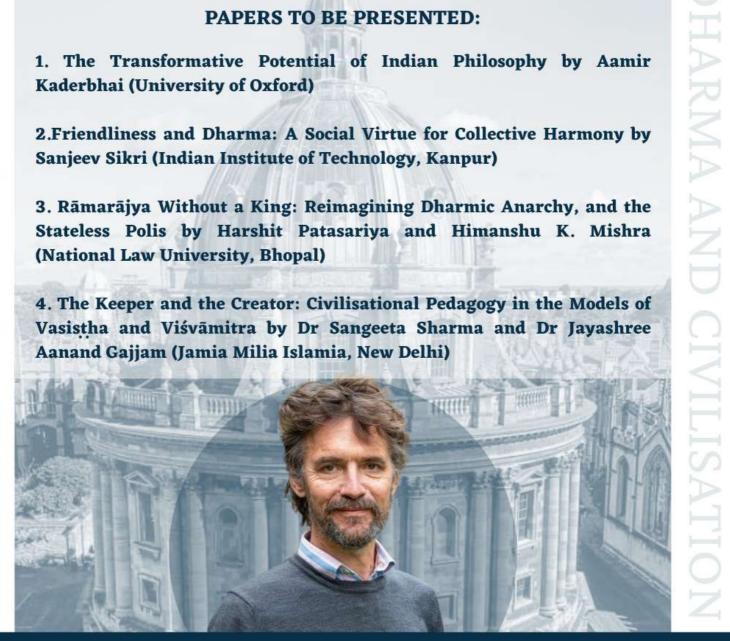




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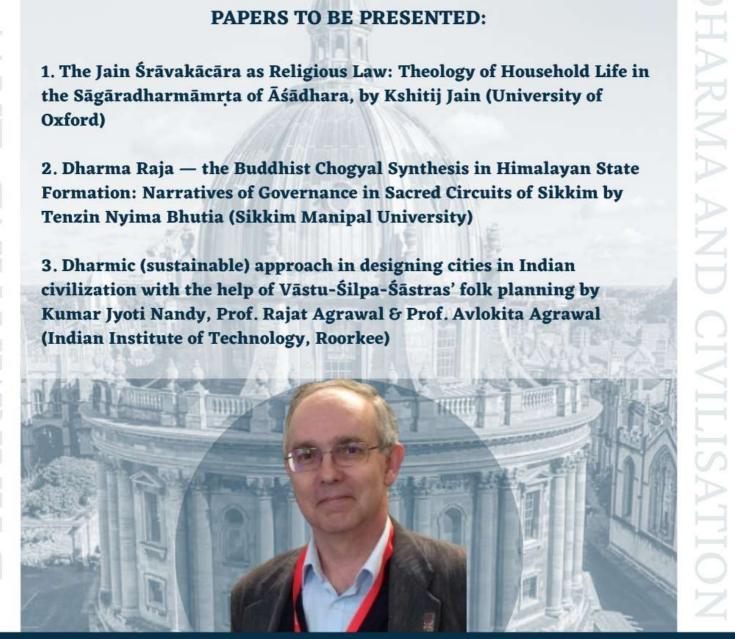




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Chair: Prof. Diwakar Nath Acharya

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Chief Guest: Mr. Naorem J. Singh

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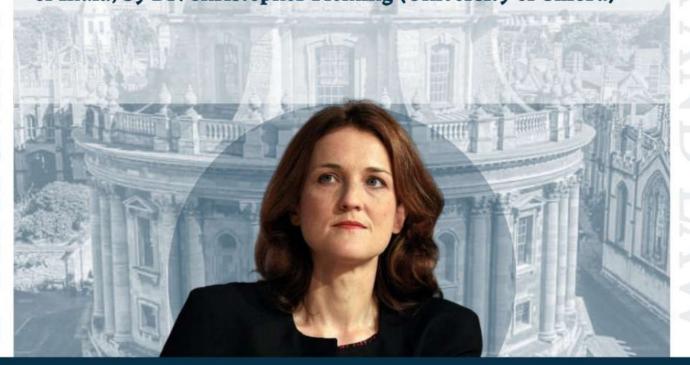
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Chair: Rt. Hon. Dame Theresa

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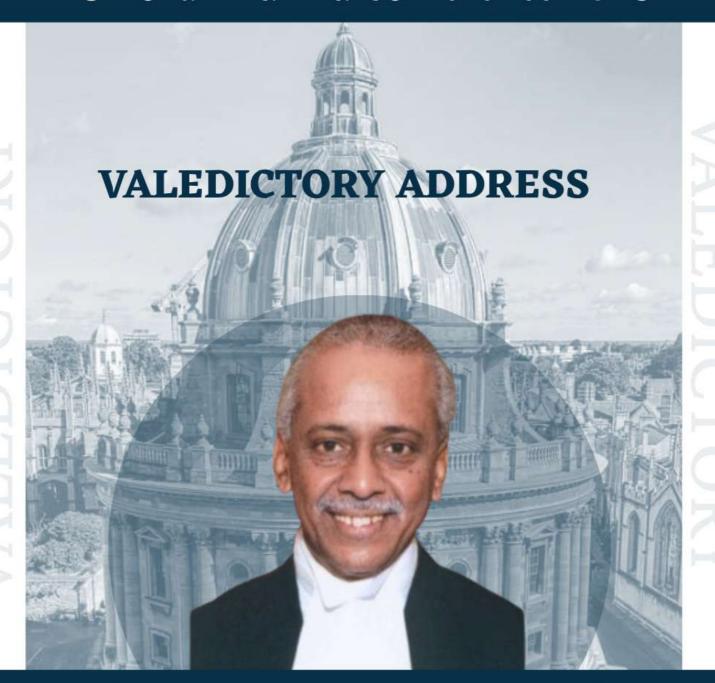




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Justice Venkataraman Ramasubramanian

Chairperson, National Human Right Commission, India; Former Judge, Supreme Court of India