



The Lanson Lecture in Bioethics 2019-20



Treatment and Accountability

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About Professor Victor Tadros:

Victor Tadros is Professor of Criminal Law and Legal Theory at the University of Warwick. He was educated at Oxford University (BA Hons) and at King's College, London (PhD). Prior to joining Warwick in 2006, he held lectureships at the University of Aberdeen and the University of Edinburgh, and in the fall of 2015, he was Carter Visiting Professor of General Jurisprudence at Harvard Law School. From 2010-13, he held an AHRC Research Grant, with Antony Duff, Lindsay Farmer, Sandra Marshall and Massimo Renzo, to work on criminalization. He held a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship from 2014-2018, and was appointed Fellow of the British Academy in 2018.

He has written extensively on the philosophy of criminal law, just war theory, and on a range of issues in moral, legal and political philosophy. He is the author of *Criminal Responsibility* (Oxford University Press, 2005), *The Ends of Harm: The Moral Foundations of Criminal Law* (Oxford University Press, 2011), and *Wrongs and Crimes* (Oxford University Press, 2016), and his book on just war theory – *To Do, To Die, To Reason Why* – is forthcoming, also with Oxford University Press.

About the Lecture:

The popular imagination, the law and the philosophical literature endorse a divide between the actions, attitudes, and institutional practices that respond to wrongdoing. That divide depends on whether the person was responsible for their conduct. One of the most important divides is that between treatment and accountability – only those who are responsible for their conduct are appropriately held to account for their conduct. The non-responsible may be treated, and perhaps even coercively treated, by for example psychiatrists and psychologists. But they are not the proper subject of accountability. This lecture explores the way in which a developed understanding of responsibility can help us to critically reflect on this divide – the aim is not only to illuminate practices of responsibility but also appropriate responses to non-responsible action.

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