

**Thurs 12 Oct 2017**  
**18:00-20:00**  
(Registration from 17.30)

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### Chair

- **Sir Jeffrey Jowell QC**, founding Director of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, Blackstone Chambers

### Speakers

- **Timothy Otty QC**, Blackstone Chambers
- **Nancy Hollander**, Associate Tenant, Doughty Street Chambers
- **Jago Russell**, Fair Trials
- **Dr Juliet Horne**, University of Warwick

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