

## **THE KING'S LECTURE IN ETHICS**

Is There a Human Right to Essential Pharmaceuticals?  
The Global Common, the Intellectual Common, and the Possibility of  
Private Intellectual Property

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6:00 - 7:30 pm

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(Enter building "A" from the Strand. The Safra Lecture Theatre is in  
building "B")

The event is free, unticketed, and open to all.

Questions and comments from the audience will be welcomed.

The Lecture: There is a human right to vital pharmaceuticals – not in the sense that anybody has a claim to the provision of pharmaceuticals that are not yet available, but in the sense that access to pharmaceuticals must not be limited by means of overblown private intellectual property rights. Contrary to what is customary, the argument in support of such a human right draws on foundational considerations about intellectual property. The analysis is driven by exploring parallels between a Global Common and an Intellectual Common, to both of which all of humanity would have symmetrical ownership rights.