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Social Science and Digital Health

08.30 – 09.00	Registration	JdP foyer
09.00-10.30	<p>WELCOME Professor Sir Aziz Sheikh + organising committee</p> <p>Dr Anne Ferrey and Dr Stuart Faulkner Interdisciplinary Approaches to Translating Innovations into Practice</p>	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
10.30-11.00	Break	JdP foyer
11.00-12.30	<p>Associate Prof Chrysanthi Papoutsis, Dr Jackie van Dael and Ankita Sharma (Oxford) Techno-optimism, Hype and the Promise of Digital Health</p>	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
12.30-13.30	Lunch	JdP foyer
13.30-15.00	<p>KEYNOTE Prof Trish Greenhalgh Health Inequities in the Digital Age: Beyond Neoliberal Solutions</p>	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
15.00-15.30	Break	JdP foyer
15.30-17.00	<p>Dr Anne Ferrey, Dr Rachna Begh (Oxford) and Chris Sinclair (Global Initiative) Creating a Digital Intervention: Hands-on Workshop</p>	Roof Garden Suite
17.30-20.00	College Dinner	Pavilion



Innovation in Practice

08.30 – 09.00	Arrival	JdP foyer
09.00-10.30	Dr Sanja Šćepanović (Nokia Bell Labs) and Dr Alberto Giubilini (Uehiro Oxford Institute) AI in Public Health: Risks, Rewards and the Road Ahead	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
10.30-11.00	Break	JdP foyer
11.00-12.30	Prof Trish Greenhalgh Understanding Complexity in Health Systems	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
12.30-13.30	Lunch	JdP foyer
13.30-15.00	Chair: Adebisi Adenipekun Panellists: Leila Ilupeju, Hams Bashir and Bill-Erich Mbianyor (AfOx) Healthcare Innovation in Resource-Limited Settings: Challenges and Opportunities	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
15.00-15.30	Break + Meet the AfOx panel	JdP foyer
15.30-17.00	KEYNOTE Associate Prof Lennard Lee Cancer Vaccines: A New Era of Precision Prevention	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
17.30-20.00	Punting at St Hilda's OR Botanical Gardens tour (4pm-6pm)	



Policy and Practicality

08.30 – 09.00	Arrival (JdP foyer)	JdP foyer
09.00-10.30	Dr Pritesh Mistry (Kings Fund) and Marcus Vass (Osborne Clark) "I want to see my doctor" – Agentic AI in Healthcare	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
10.30-11.00	Break (JdP foyer)	JdP foyer
11.00-12.30	Henry Austin (NBC News) and Dr Nick Fahy (RAND Europe) Stories to Change the World	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
12.30-13.30	Lunch	JdP foyer
13.30-15.00	Facilitator: Sally Charles Design Thinking Workshop: Hands-on Case Studies in Health Innovation	Roof Garden Suite
15.00-15.30	Break + Poster Exhibition	JdP foyer
15.30-17.00	Farewell Networking Session and Poster Prize Presentation	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium
17.30	Goodbye and Thank you	JdP Edward Boyle auditorium



PROF SIR AZIZ SHEIKH

*Head of Department and
Nuffield Professor of Primary
Care Health Sciences*

Professor Sir Aziz Sheikh is Head of the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences. His research focuses on respiratory health, covering epidemiology, diagnosis, prevention, and management of common conditions. He has advised governmental and international organisations, including the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), and World Innovation Summit for Health, and has served on committees of the Academy of Medical Sciences and the Royal Society. He is a Consultant to the UK Health Security Agency and Public Health Scotland, and serves as HDR UK's Strategic Adviser for Health and Care Policy. Aziz has been honoured with fellowships from 10 learned societies and has been awarded an OBE for services to medicine and made a Knight Bachelor for services to Covid-19 research and policy.



TRISH GREENHALGH

*Professor of Primary Care
Health Sciences*

Trish is a medical doctor and internationally recognised academic in primary health care and digital health. She leads research at the interface of social sciences and medicine, focusing on digital innovation, health equity, and humanistic care. Her work has shaped understanding of technology adoption, narrative methods, evidence implementation, and Covid-19 responses. She directs Oxford's MSc and DPhil in Translational Health Sciences and has published nearly 500 peer-reviewed papers and 16 textbooks. Honours include an OBE, Fellowships of major UK medical colleges, election to the US National Academy of Medicine and UK Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management.



ANNE FERREY

*Senior Researcher and Course
Director, MSc Translational
Health Sciences*

Anne is Course Director of the MSc and DPhil (PhD) programmes in Translational Health Science at the University of Oxford. An experienced behavioural scientist, she teaches intervention design and health behaviour change theory and practice across multiple programmes. Her module, Behavioural Science and Complex Interventions, explores how behavioural science can drive sustainable innovation in healthcare. Anne has a particular interest in mental health, with a focus on developing creative and arts-based interventions to enhance health and wellbeing.



RACHNA BEGH

*Deputy Course Director, MSc
Translational Health Sciences*

Rachna is Deputy Course Director of the MSc in Translational Health Sciences programme and research lecturer at the University of Oxford. Her research focuses on tobacco addiction and smoking cessation interventions, primarily in people with chronic diseases and severe mental health conditions. She is co-leading an NIHR programme grant investigating the effectiveness of mental health professionals giving brief advice, an offer of an e-cigarette and ongoing support to people with serious mental illness who smoke and have declined help to quit.



Speakers and Guests



ADEBISI ADENIPEKUN

*Mastercard Foundation
Scholar, Oxford*

Adebisi is based at Oxford's Pandemic Sciences Institute, collaborating with stakeholders across Africa to translate pandemic-related research to policy and practice. As a management consultant, he has led projects to strengthen Nigeria's primary healthcare systems and supported the government's COVID-19 response leading the NPHCDA's Crisis Communication Centre. He founded Lighthouse Global Health Initiative, a non-profit improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations. Adebisi holds a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Oxford, is a Mastercard Foundation Scholar and an alumnus of the Global Health Leadership Accelerator at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



FAISAL H. AL-REFAEI

*Acting Director General,
Dasman Diabetes Institute
Kuwait*

Faisal is Acting Director General of the Dasman Diabetes Institute in Kuwait, where he leads efforts to reduce the burden of diabetes in Kuwait by enhancing organisational efficiency and aligning operations with strategic research objectives. Faisal previously served as Director of Clinical Services, Chief Medical Officer, and Chief Operating Officer before assuming his current role. He has been active in the biotechnology and biosciences sectors, notably as Regional Director for the Middle East at Amphion Innovations, where he focused on developing and commercialising biomedical technologies. He holds a medical degree from the University of Aberdeen, and received training in health management from the University of Swansea.



HENRY AUSTIN

Senior Editor - NBC News

Henry is a Senior Editor on the NBC News website based in London. He began his journalism career at British tabloids such as The Sun and The People, before relocating to Canada. Upon returning to the UK, he worked for the i newspaper and The Independent, before joining NBC. In his current role, he helps bridge the gap between the broadcast and digital teams, working with producers on pitches to find sharp angles and new ways of telling stories across multiple platforms.



HAMS BASHIR

*Mastercard Foundation
Scholar, Oxford*

Hams is a global health professional experienced in international development, health equity, and humanitarian response. She holds a Masters in International Health and Tropical Medicine (IHTM) from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Pharmacy from the University of Khartoum, and is a Mastercard Foundation Scholar at Oxford. Hams has worked with the Federal Ministry of Health in Sudan as well as with leading organisations including WHO, Save the Children, and the Global Health Network at Oxford, contributing to research, programme development, and policy engagement, focussing on health, migration and displacement nexus and emergency preparedness.



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SALLY CHARLES

*Enterprise Programme
Manager*

Sally has worked in Enterprise Education since 2018 and is a Fellow of Enterprise Educators UK as well as a Fellow of Advance HE. Before joining Oxford as the Science Division lead for Enterprise Training she was at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. Before moving to Higher Education, she worked in tax and film finance and ran a creative business. At Oxford she has responsibility for the running and strategic development of a portfolio of programmes and initiatives that support the growth of mindsets and skillsets for Innovation, Impact, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship.



NICK FAHY

*Director of Health and Care
research group - RAND Europe*

Nick is professor of policy analysis at the RAND School of Public Policy. He has extensive experience in health policy and systems from both policy and research perspectives, at the national government level in the UK and the European Commission. His research and teaching focus on how health systems work, lessons learned from cross-country comparisons, and strategies to bring about constructive change in health systems. He is also an Associate Fellow of Green Templeton College at the University of Oxford and Senior Expert Advisor on Health Systems Innovation at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.



STUART FAULKNER

*Programme and Operations
Manager*

Stuart's career in biomedical science has spanned developmental neuroscience and neonatal brain injury, before moving into interdisciplinary work within osteoarthritis. At Oxford, Stuart has been the strategic head and operations manager for the innovation policy think tank – Centre for the Advancement of Sustainable Medical Innovation (CASMI), co-leading projects in the UK and EU looking at the multi-stakeholder dimensions of enablers and barriers to sustainable medical innovation in healthcare.



ALBERTO GIUBILINI

*Medical Humanities
Programme Leader*

Alberto is a philosopher based at the Uehiro Oxford Institute. He works mostly in public health ethics and medical ethics. He is Project Manager for the Oxford team of the EU funded [CAVAA project](#), investigating ethical implications of AI awareness. He has published a book, co-authored, on Rethinking Conscientious Objection in Health Care (2025), one on The Ethics of Vaccination (2019), and, in Italian, La Morale al Tempo della Bioetica (Morality in the Time of Bioethics) (2011).



Speakers and Guests



LEILA ILUPEJU

*Mastercard Foundation
Scholar, Oxford*

Leila is a physician and strategy consultant passionate about transforming healthcare across Africa through innovation. She began her career as a general practitioner in Accra, Ghana, before pursuing an MSc in Translational Health Sciences at the University of Oxford as an AfOx Mastercard Scholar. Transitioning from clinical care, she now works in the health innovation space, engaging with policies, strategies, and initiatives that support the scale-up of impactful solutions such as pharmaceuticals, digital health, and AI in healthcare.



LENNARD LEE

Associate Professor

Lennard is a national cancer vaccine lead and medical oncologist working at the interface of clinical medicine, health systems innovation, and research delivery on major national flagship programmes. Lennard leads programmes to advance cancer vaccine science, improve national clinical trial infrastructure, and introduce digital and AI tools into frontline cancer care. He is Chief Medical Officer of the Ellison Institute of Technology, where he runs the EIT Oxford Clinic for translational research. He has received multiple awards, including the Government Science and Engineering Award, the DSIT SciTech Superhero Award and more recently the national policy award for the UK Oncology forum.



BILL-ERICH MBIANYOR

*Mastercard Foundation
Scholar, Oxford*

Bill-Erich is a medical doctor from Cameroon, graduating with honours in Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Douala. He recently completed a Masters in Applied Digital Health at the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, University of Oxford and is a Mastercard Foundation Scholar and Linacre College alumnus. He is the CEO and founder of Jalpha Health Tech, a start-up providing digital solutions to support hospitals in Africa transition from paper-based to digital health systems. Bill is passionate about using digital health to address challenges in Africa's healthcare systems.



PRITESH MISTRY

*Fellow, Digital Technologies
The King's Fund*

Pritesh's work focuses on how digital tools and technologies can improve healthcare. He is passionate about using evidence-based digital technology to improve quality of care and outcomes. He combines his technological expertise with the essential ingredients needed to create impactful digital change, including culture, unmet need, infrastructure, change management and knowledge, to improve quality, inequalities and outcomes. Pritesh led the innovation activity at the Royal College of General Practitioners encompassing system change, entrepreneurship, grassroots innovation and horizon-scanning. Previously he worked at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust bringing together clinicians and patients with research and technology to improve the care of people with life-debilitating conditions.



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CHRYSANTHI PAPOUTSI

Associate Professor

Chrysanthi leads a research programme on the social study of digital health, using qualitative methods to examine how sociotechnical innovations are co-produced, implemented, spread and sustained in complex healthcare settings. She led the qualitative evaluation of the implementation and national roll-out of the NHS App as digital front door in England, and mixed-methods research on the co-design, delivery and spread of (remote) group consultations. Chrysanthi leads the evaluation of a government initiative introducing online health checks in general practice. Her previous work focused on remote monitoring in epilepsy and heart failure in the UK, as well as supporting post-discharge care for vulnerable babies in Kenya.



SANJA ŠĆEPANOVIĆ

Senior Research Scientist

Sanja is a Senior Research Scientist at the Responsible AI Research Lab of Nokia Bell Labs in Cambridge, UK, and a Visiting Scholar at the The Uehiro Oxford Institute for practical ethics at the University of Oxford. Her research spans responsible AI, health and well-being, computational social science, and space technology. She has published in leading conferences and journals, including NeurIPS, CHI, AIES, CHIL, and CSCW. She was named the Nokia Ada Lovelace Honoree in 2023, an annual recognition awarded to one woman in the company for outstanding contributions to the technical field.



JACKIE VAN DAEL

Senior Researcher

Jackie is an interdisciplinary social scientist at the Nuffield Department for Primary Care Sciences, University of Oxford. Her work examines the ethics and politics of science and innovation processes in health and care, using theory-informed qualitative and ethnographic approaches to study digital transformation projects in healthcare settings. Prior to joining Oxford, she held several research and teaching positions at Imperial College London and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



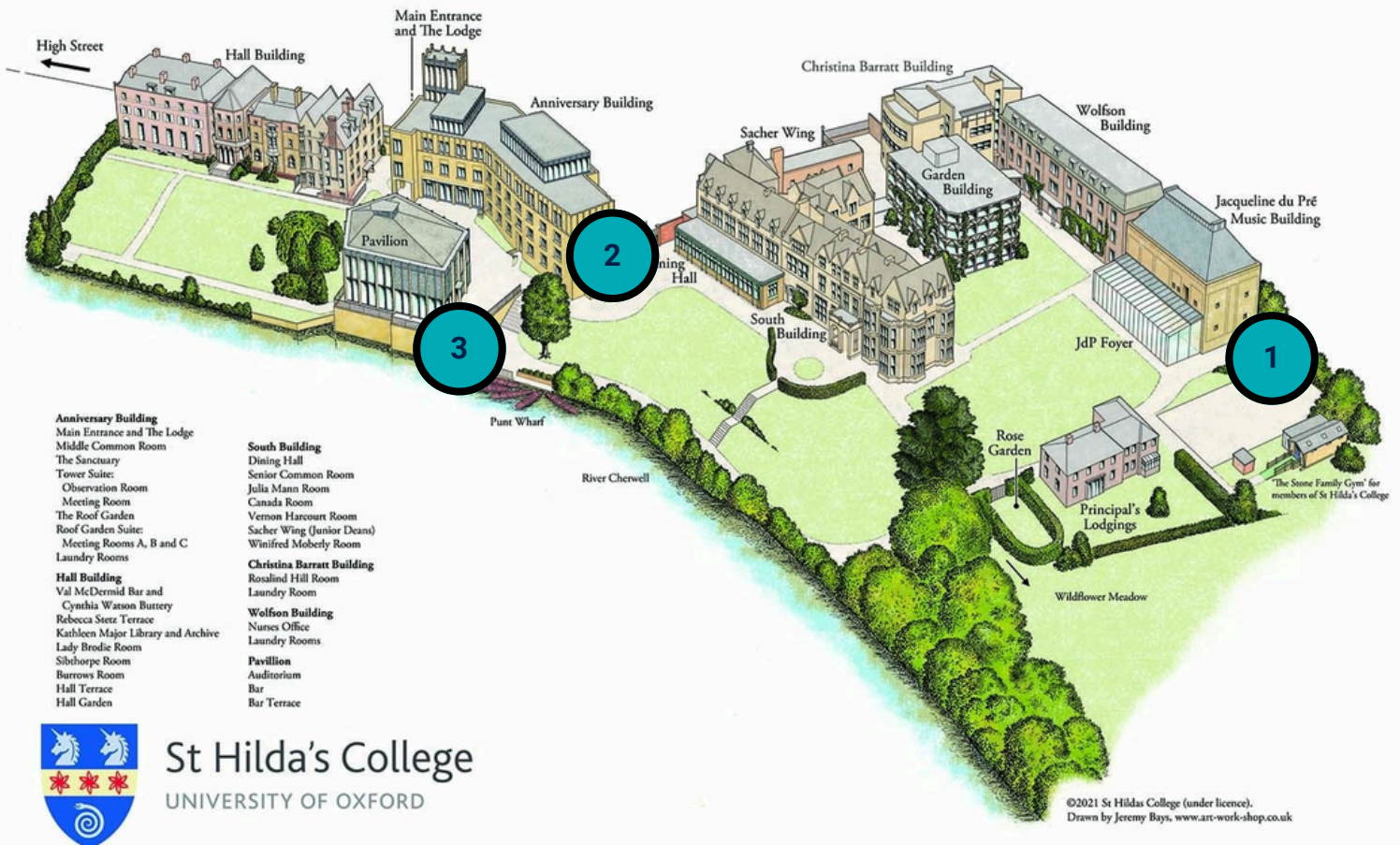
MARCUS VASS

*Head of Digital Health -
Osborne Clarke*

Marcus is a senior technology lawyer based in London and has advised many Healthcare companies through their evolutions.. His current focus is on the parameters of sensitive Personal Data, Software as a Medical Device and on the governance of Agentic AI. His teaching experience includes contributing to the Translational Health Sciences MSc and Global Healthcare Leadership MSc at the University of Oxford. He has also worked and taught in Beijing and Hong Kong.



Venue Map



1 Jacqueline du Pré Music Building

The Edward Boyle Auditorium
Main sessions

JdP Foyer
Registration, refreshments, lunch

2 Anniversary Building

Roof Garden Suite
Breakout sessions

3 Riverside Pavilion

Auditorium
College dinner



Venue Information

Accessibility

All event locations fully accessible at ground floor level.
Roof garden suite includes lift to top floor

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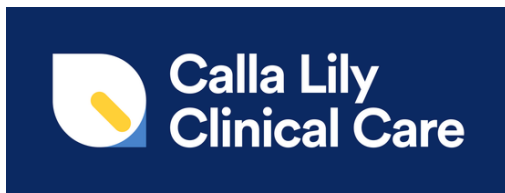
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