

# An evening at the UK Supreme Court

*Wednesday 19 November - 6pm tours, 7–8.15pm debate*

The Supreme Court, the UK's highest judicial authority, plays an important part in the development of United Kingdom law and British society. The impact of its decisions, and those of other senior appeal courts, extend far beyond the parties involved in any given case, shaping society, and directly affecting everyday lives – and the notion of 'being human'.

Judges apply and interpret the law by using processes of logic and reason, but does their own unique character and life experience make a difference? To what extent can we expect judges to turn off their humanity when performing their role? This special evening organised by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the Supreme Court, as part of the Being Human Festival, offers participants a tour of the court followed by a discussion on judging in the 21st century.

## Organisers

**This event is led by:** Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the School of Advanced Study  
**In partnership with:** The UK Supreme Court

## Speakers

- **Chair:** Lord Carnwath, Justice of the UK Supreme Court and chair of the Advisory Council of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)
- **Panellist 1:** Alexandra Marks, Recorder and Deputy High Court judge / Judicial Appointments Commissioner
- **Panellist 2:** Dr Lawrence McNamara, Deputy Director & Senior Research Fellow, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law
- **Panellist 3:** Professor Leslie Moran, Principle Investigator, Judicial Images Network, School of Law Birkbeck
- **Panellist 4:** Professor Erika Rackley, Professor of Law, Birmingham Law School

## Notes to attendees

- Please fill in the evaluation forms on your seat and drop them in the box by the door afterwards. Completed forms will be entered into a draw to win a £100 Amazon voucher
- This event will be filmed and live-streamed on the Supreme Court website at <https://www.supremecourt.uk/live/court-01.html> and we hope to offer an edited version on the Court's YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/uksupremecourt> at a later date
- You can follow this event on Twitter using the hashtag **#BeingHuman14**



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