



Dear Woolf Friends,

I have been an intern at the Woolf Institute now for nearly a month, having returned following last year's summer school programme. I am an undergraduate at Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City studying Philosophy and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

I decided to come back because I was enamoured with the work and the disposition of the 'Woolf pack,' and I am grateful and honoured that the Institute has welcomed me back. As the intern, I get to participate in many of the ongoing projects which so far have included assisting in research, event preparations, an intensive course, and the annual publication. In addition, I have been invited to a series of events that has been no less than surprising—from a fascinating course learning about the lived experience of Jews and Muslims, to standing in a formal gown in St James's palace meeting Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, to touring a local synagogue.

It is an enormous pleasure to be a part of this community of people who understand so well the exigency of advancing religious understanding for the sake of creating peaceful harmonious societies. Unlike many interns elsewhere, my work here is not a dry means-to-an-end endeavour ultimately aimed at adding a nice polish to my resumé. Rather, I experience it as a vivid and deeply meaningful opportunity to engage in the warp and woof of the Institute and in a way that increases my professional development as a result. I am looking forward to seeing what the remaining couple of months at the

Institute will bring!

Janai Wright
Intern, Woolf Institute
Student at Brigham Young



Upcoming Events

5 June

Reading Group:
Qur'an and Bible



6 June

Woolf Institute
Garden Party



6 June

Lady Hale Lecture:
"Freedom of Religion
and Freedom of
Speech".



4 July

25 years on:
Reflections on peace
in Northern Ireland
and beyond



10 - 21 July

Woolf Institute
Summer School





PUBLIC LECTURE BY LADY HALE

"Freedom of Religion & Freedom of Speech"

6 JUNE 2023 17:00

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MADINGLEY ROAD | CAMBRIDGE | CB3 0UB

LADY HALE LECTURE:

The Woolf institute is delighted to invite our friends and others interested to the Lady Hale Lecture: "Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech".

This will take place on Tuesday 6 June 2023 @17:00 at the Woolf Institute.

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10 – 21 July 2023

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From the Medieval to the Modern



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HATE

Naked Reflections Podcast x The Woolf Institute

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NATIONS, SOMETIMES WITH TRAGIC
CONSEQUENCES.



PODCAST: HATE

Arif Ahmed, professor of philosophy at the University of Cambridge, has reportedly been selected as UK's first "free speech tsar" by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, part of Sunak's "anti-woke" politics. Ahmed recently featured in a Naked Reflections podcast, Hate, discussing with Kitty O'Lone the roots of hatred and how it should be controlled, especially on social media platforms.

Hatred is a powerful human emotion. It can motivate individuals and nations, sometimes with tragic consequences...

Hatred is something most people feel some of the time but how should it be controlled? Certainly not by giving free rein to social media platforms to stoke up controversy in order to maximize advertising revenues. Kitty O'Lone and Arif Ahmed discuss both the roots of hatred and its latest iterations...

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