

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Professor Onora O'Neill CH CBE FBA Hon FRS F Med Sci**  
(Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve)

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### **Personal:**

Born 23rd August 1941, Aughafatten, Northern Ireland.  
UK citizen. Two sons.  
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### **Education:**

St Paul's Girls' School, London, 1953-8; Foundation Scholar.  
Somerville College, Oxford, 1959-62; Coombes Scholar;  
BA Hons 1st class, Philosophy, Psychology and Physiology, June 1962.  
Harvard University, 1963-68; GSAS Scholarships, 1963-64, 1964-65; Fulbright Travel Grant.  
PhD 1969, (supervisor John Rawls) Universalisability; Carrier prize for dissertation.

### **Appointments:**

1964-6 Teaching Assistant, Humanities Course, Harvard University.  
1966 Visiting Instructor, Wesleyan University.  
1970-76 Assistant Professor, Barnard College, Columbia University.  
1976-77 Associate Professor, tenured, Barnard College, Columbia University.  
1977-78 Lecturer, University of Essex.  
1978-81 Senior Lecturer, University of Essex.  
1981-87 Reader, University of Essex.  
1987-92 Professor, University of Essex.  
1992-2006 Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge

### **Publications See Separate Document**

### **Research Grants:**

**2002-5 Wellcome Trust** -- with Prof P. Bateson, Prof P. Lipton, Prof M Richards  
'Informed Consent and Genetic Data'; Post doc appointed for three years, Dr N  
Manson, King's.  
**2002 Wellcome Trust** (with Prof J Glover, KCL and Dr M Parker, Oxford). Workshop  
on 'Use of ethics in multidisciplinary research into the ethical, social, legal and  
policy aspects of biomedical science', London, December 2002.

### **Prizes:**

Kant Preis, Kant Kongress, Wien 2015

## **Administrative and Committee Responsibilities**

### **At the University of Essex:**

Chairman, Department of Philosophy 1979-82  
Senate 1979-82; 83-87; 87-88; 88-92.  
University Council 1982-83, 1986-89.  
Numoerus other committees

### **At Cambridge University:**

1993-2001    Syndic of Cambridge University Press  
1997-2001    University Council  
                  Honorary Degrees Committee  
                  American Friends of Cambridge University, Cambridge Committee  
                  Personal Professorships and Readerships  
                  Supplementary Professorial Payments  
1997-99      University Finance Committee  
1996(?)      Review Committee for Faculty of Social and Political Sciences  
1999          Working Party on Examination Results (chairman)  
2000-01      Working Party on Ethical Guidelines for Acceptance of Benefactions  
                  (chairman)  
Regularly:    Professorial Electoral Boards and appointments committees  
2002- 2003    Director, Centre for Medical Genetics and Policy  
Continuing    Honorary Prof of Philosophy

### **External Examining:**

1982: BA Philosophy, University of London; 1982, 83, 85: MPhil, University of London;  
1983-6: BA and MA Philosophy, New University of Ulster (subsequently University of  
Ulster); 1986-87: DPhil, University of Oxford; 1988-90: BA, University of Bristol.

### **Visiting Appointments:**

1983 (July-August) Lecturer, NEH Institute on Kantian Ethics, run by Professor J  
Schneewind, The Johns Hopkins University.  
1984 (February-April) Visiting Fellow, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian  
National University.  
1985 (January-March) Austin Fagothey Visiting Professor, University of Santa Clara,  
California.  
1989 Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Edinburgh.  
1989-90 Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin.  
2013 Spinoza Professor, University of Amsterdam

### **Major Named Lectures:**

- 1987 Read-Tuckwell Lectures, University of Bristol
- 1996 Tanner Lectures, Harvard University
- 1996 Amnesty Lecture, Oxford
- 2000 Hourani Lectures, University of Buffalo
- 2000 Lindley Lecture, University of Kansas
- 2000 Heslington Lecture, University of York
- 2001 Gifford Lectures, University of Edinburgh
- 2002 Reith Lectures, BBC
- 2003 Castle Lectures, Yale University
- 2007 Caledonian Research Foundation Lectures
- 2009 Beveridge Lecture Royal Statistical Society
- 2009 David Smith Lecture, QMC
- 2010 Swan Lecture Trinity College Dublin
- 2010 Sir D.O. Evans Lecture, Aberystwyth
- 2010 Rede Lecture, Cambridge
- 2010 Aranui Lectures, RSNZ
- 2010 Hinton Lecture NCVO
- 2010 Justus Hartnack Lecture, Aarhus
- 2011 Woodbridge lectures, Columbia

### **Other Appointments:**

- 1986- Council of Royal Institute of Philosophy
- 1988-89 President, Aristotelian Society
- 1988-91 Executive Committee, Aristotelian Society
- 1989 UFC Research Selectivity Panel
- 1990-94 British Academy Studentship Panel
- 1990-94 Animal Procedures Committee, Home Office
- 1991-98 Nuffield Council on Bioethics (Chairman 96-8)
- 1993-99 Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission
- 1994-97 Oxford Commission of Inquiry
- 1996-04 Trustee, Isaac Newton Trust
- 1996-02 Academic Advisory Board, Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin
- 1996-99 Human Genetics Advisory Commission (Acting Chairman 1999)
- 1997-10 Trustee, Nuffield Foundation (Chairman from 1998)
- 1997-99 Council of British Academy
- 2000-01 British Academy Committee on Postgraduate Recruitment
- 2000-08 Trustee, Gates Cambridge Trust
- 2000-09 Academic Advisory Board, Edinburgh Institute of Advanced Studies  
in the Humanities
- 2003-04 President, Mind Association
- 2003-06 Chairman, British Philosophical Association
- 2004-12 Trustee, Sense About Science
- 2005-09 President, British Academy
- 2004-15 Trustee, American University of Sharjah
- 2004-12 Trustee, PHG Foundation
- 2004-16 Advisory Board, Institute of Philosophy, University of London

2004- Member of Council, Foundation for Science and Technology; Trustee  
from 2016  
2012- Board, Medical Research Council  
2012- 16 Chair, Equality and Human Rights Commission

### **Honours:**

UK: CBE 1995; Life Peer 1999, Crossbencher; Companion of Honour 2014  
Germany: Bundesverdienstkreuz 2016  
Germans Non State: Election to Pour le Mérite, 2014

### **Honorary Elections:**

Fellow of the British Academy, 1993; President 2005-2009  
Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1993-  
Foreign Member, Royal Irish Academy, 2003-  
Korrespondierendes Mitglied der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften im  
Ausland, 2002-  
Fellow, Academy of Medical Sciences, 2002-  
Honorary Bencher, Gray's Inn, 2002-  
Member, American Philosophical Society, 2003-  
Honorary Professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy in the Faculty of Philosophy,  
University of Cambridge 2003; Emeritus 2009-  
Foreign Member, Leopoldina, 2004-  
Foreign Member, Norwegian Academy, 2006-  
Honorary Fellow, Royal Society, 2007  
Honorary degrees: University of E. Anglia 1995; University of Essex 1996; University of  
Nottingham 1999; University of Aberdeen 2001, University of Dublin 2002, University of  
Oxford, 2003; University of Ulster, 2003; University of London, 2003; University of Bath,  
2004; University of Stirling, 2005; Queen's University, Belfast, 2005; Ludwig-Maximilian-  
Universität, München 2006; University of Edinburgh, 2006; University of Cambridge, 2007;  
Heriot Watt University, 2007; University of Newcastle, 2008; University of York, 2009;  
Harvard University, 2010; University of Glasgow, 2010; University College, London, 2010;  
National University of Ireland, 2011; University of Leeds, 2012; Sussex University, 2012;  
2014 Imperial College.

### **Political Life:**

Member of House of Lords, 1999-  
Select Committee on Science and Technology, Stem Cell Research 2002-3  
Select Committee on BBC Charter Review 2005-6  
Select Committee on Science and Technology Genomic Medicine 2008-9  
Select Committee on Science and Technology Nanosciences and Food, 2009-10  
Select Committee on Science and Technology Behavioural change, 2010  
Subcommittee on Lords' Interests, then Lords' Conduct, 2010-