



Ref. FOI/20210815/1

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| Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act | |
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| Your ref | Email of 15 August 2021 |
| Request | <p>The lectures that were recorded in Hilary Term 2017 for Knowledge and Reality for Ralf Bader's metaphysics lectures and the metaphysics recorded lectures for Hilary Term 2021 Knowledge and Reality during the Covid pandemic by Ofra Magidor. Finally, the lectures for Philosophy of Logic and Language by Paul Elbourne Trinity Term 2021.</p> <p>If 'Knowledge and Reality' Nicholas Jonas Trinity Term 2021 and 'Knowledge and Reality: Epistemology Prof Bernhard Salow' Hilary Term 2021 are available and recorded, that would also be of great help.</p> |

Dear Ajan Spedding,

I write in reply to your email requesting the above information.

The University holds the information requested but we regard it to be exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act on the basis that the lecture recordings contain the personal data of the lecturers. Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that their personal data contained in the recordings would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that the public interest is relevant in this case, the University has taken it into account.

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER



If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team