

The Honorary Graduand: Ravi Naik

The Orator: Sarah Grabham

Ravi Naik is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD).

Ravi is founded the data rights agency in January 2020, leading the legal department. He is described in legal directories as “pioneering” and “a leading light in data protection”, whose “knowledge in the area is unparalleled”. His work has led to numerous awards, including being named the Law Society’s Human Rights Lawyer of the Year 2018 – 2019. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University’s Internet Institute.

Ravi has a prominent litigation practice concerning human rights, data and developing technology, such as agenda setting cases against Cambridge Analytica, Facebook, Google and the online advertising technology industry. Prior to his data rights practice, Ravi led the public law practice of a prominent human rights firm, where he was involved in high profile judicial reviews, human rights claims and international law matters.

In addition to his legal practice, Ravi is a member of the Law Society’s Human Rights Committee, sits on the Legal Affairs Committee of the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom, is on the British Institute of International and Comparative Law’s Commission on UK Terrorism Laws, on the working group of the Ada Lovelace’s institute’s “rethinking data” programme amongst many other positions and appointments.

He has also delivered numerous keynote speeches on the regulations of developing technology, including in Westminster and Washington DC. Ravi also regularly gives guest lectures and has work published by leading academic institutions, including Harvard University and Oxford University.