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The Kyoto Prize is an international award to honour those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of humankind. The Blavatnik School of Government is pleased to host the Kyoto Prize Laureates as part of the inaugural Kyoto Prize at Oxford events.

9.30am Serendipities of Acquired Immunity

Dr Tasuku Honjo, 2016 Kyoto Prize Laureate for Basic Sciences

If the greatest enemies of humankind in the 20th century were infectious diseases, cancer has clearly become the major foe in the 21st century. Acquired immunity holds the keys to overcoming both of these difficult medical challenges. Dr Honjo presents the fortuitous developments that he has experienced during his time as a researcher, leading to the discovery that PD-1 inhibition could be effective in treating cancer. This new breakthrough immunotherapy is being hailed as a ‘penicillin moment’ in cancer treatment.



11.30am Aging, Stigma, and Disgust

Dr Martha Craven Nussbaum, 2016 Kyoto Prize Laureate for Arts and Philosophy

Age is the only category of discrimination that includes all humans. However, aging people are stigmatised in popular culture and discourse, and regarded with a disgust closely linked to fear. Dr Nussbaum argues that stigma against the aging is a social problem, producing unhappiness and injustice such as discrimination in employment and social interactions, not to mention what she calls a ‘huge social evil’ – that of compulsory retirement.



2.30pm Fun Research in Computer Vision and Robotics: Think like an Amateur, Do as an Expert

Dr Takeo Kanade, 2016 Kyoto Prize Laureate for Advanced Technology

For Dr Kanade, good research derives from solving real-world problems and delivering useful results to society. As a roboticist, he participated in developing a wide range of computer-vision systems and autonomous robots, including human-face recognition, autonomously-driven cars, computer-assisted surgical robots, robot helicopters, biological live cell tracking through a microscope, and EyeVision, a system used for sports broadcast. Dr Kanade will share insights into his projects and discuss how his “Think like an amateur, do as an expert” maxim interacts with problems and people.



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