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Conor Gearty's scholarship is mainly in the fields of human rights, terrorism and civil liberties. This includes his co-authored (with K D Ewing) *Freedom under Thatcher. Civil Liberties in Modern Britain* published by Oxford in 1990. Together with Ewing, he later authored a study of civil liberties in the first half of 20th century Britain, *The Struggle for Civil Liberties. Political Freedom and the Rule of Law in Britain, 1914-1945*, also with Oxford, in 2000. His 1991 book *Terror* situated different terrorist campaigns in their political and historical context, but more importantly it examined the effect of the democratic state's response to terrorism, which has been a theme throughout his later writing. His edited volume *Terrorism* (1996) brought together the leading scholarship in the field. *Can Human Rights Survive*, published in 2006, was based on Gearty's 2005 Hamlyn Lectures and focused on the links between human rights, terrorism and democracy. His 2007 *Civil Liberties* (Oxford) examined the state of civil liberties in terms of the UK as a representative democracy. In 2008, Gearty published *Essays on Human Rights and Terrorism*, a collection of essays examining human rights, civil liberties and terrorism in a global, regional and comparative perspective. His most recent single-authored book is *Liberty and Security* published by Polity in early 2013. In 2012 he published *Debating Social Rights* (with V Mantouvalou) and edited (with Costas Douzinas) *The Cambridge Companion to Human Rights Law*. His co-edited collection (with Costas Douzinas) *The Meanings of Rights* appeared in early 2014. In 2011 he completed a web-based book *The Rights Future* (see <http://www.therightsfuture.com>). His next book *On Fantasy Island. Britain, Europe and Human Rights* will be published by OUP in the Summer of 2016.

Conor Gearty has been very much involved in public debates about the Human Rights Act, having initially opposed its enactment but subsequently assisted in the training of the judiciary which took place after enactment and before implementation. His monograph published by OUP in 2004, *Principles of Human Rights Adjudication*, was a detailed study of the Act, and he has frequently returned to it in various articles and speeches, for example in his contribution to a special issue of the *European Human Rights Law Review* marking the tenth anniversary of the Act's implementation: [*The Human Rights Act: an academic sceptic changes his mind but not his heart.*](#) *European Human Rights Law Review*, 2010 (6). pp. 582-

588. ISSN 1361-1526. Gearty's views on the Act have been the subject of interest in the press: see for eg 'I've changed my mind about the Human Rights Act' *Guardian* 30 December 2009: <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/libertycentral/2009/dec/30/goodbye-noughties-human-rights-act>

Gearty has appeared often on television and radio, making documentaries for each. He has written regularly in newspapers and periodicals, including in particular for the *London Review of Books*, and also for the Catholic magazine *The Tablet* for which he was legal correspondent for some ten years. He has given evidence to numerous parliamentary bodies and been special adviser to the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee. Gearty was an informal adviser to the Labour Party for many years, and in the mid 1990s advised Tony Blair on terrorism law. In 1996 his jointly authored report (with John Kimbell) for Mo Mowlem into *Terrorism and the Rule of Law* was influential within the Labour Party in identifying the right approach to take to the problem of political violence in Northern Ireland. During the 1990s, he was an executive committee member of the *British-Irish Association*, an organisation involved in facilitating informal discussions between the various parties and members of civil society in Northern Ireland.

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