

Human, Social and Political Sciences: Statement on Recorded Lectures

We note that at its meeting of 2 October 2020 the General Board's Education Committee stated that, "Whether delivered in-person or online, for this academic year only it is expected that all lectures will be recorded", with "lectures" here being defined as "defined as large-scale, non-participatory sessions". It then went on to note that "Exceptions will be permitted where the content of the session would risk the safety or security of students or staff." <https://www.educationalpolicy.admin.cam.ac.uk/supporting-students/policy-recordings/clarifying-statement-recording-lectures>

In HSPS in particular we are mindful of recent concerns about state censorship and surveillance such as are outlined here <https://www.asianstudies.org/aas-statement-regarding-remote-teaching-online-scholarship-safety-and-academic-freedom/>. The Departments constituting HSPS recognise the risks from states wishing to suppress academic freedoms and support academic members who decide not to record course material out of concern for their own and their students' privacy and security.

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