

SCRUTOPIA ALUMNI MEETING 2021

Friday 9th July - Wednesday 14th July 2021

Alumni are invited to reconnect with philosophy, culture and the joy of discussion in a seminar context over the course of a five day programme. The Alumni meeting is an exciting opportunity for those that have enjoyed our previous events or have studied with the late Sir Roger Scruton. We have extended the programme to include eight brilliant lectures delivered by our faculty of scholars who themselves have been inspired and encouraged by Roger's work, teaching and friendship. In addition, there will be wine, walks and feasting at Sundeley Hill Farm.



Scrutari semper

“ to examine always ”

OUR FACULTY

Samuel Hughes is a Research Fellow at the University of Oxford and a Senior Fellow at Policy Exchange. He was educated at Oxford and Cambridge, and has spent time as a visiting researcher at the University of Tokyo, the Humboldt University of Berlin and the University of Notre Dame. He was taught by Roger Scruton at Oxford, and worked as Scruton's research assistant on the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission. On behalf of the Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation, Samuel Hughes has recently led interviews with traditional architects from all corners of the world.

Mark Almond a British author, columnist and formerly a lecturer in Modern History at Oriel College, Oxford and in European History at Bilkent University in Turkey. His research interests Central-Eastern European history, the Cold War, censorship, China and Brexit. Almond has written a biography of the Ceaușescues, a study of Albanian migration, and a study of the Bosnian War in its historical context. He has recently been teaching a course on 18th Century France, focusing on the writings of Alexis de Tocqueville. Almond was the Chair of the British Helsinki Human Rights Group (which despite its name was not affiliated with the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights). Almond also writes articles for national papers.

Mikolaj Slawowski-Rode is an alumnus of Blackfriars Hall, and Tutor in Philosophy. He is also Assistant Professor, Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw; Visiting Lecturer, University of Buckingham. Slawowski-Rode is a founding member and organiser of the Humane Philosophy Project; he is a Fellow of the Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion, Oxford; and, he has, since February 2018, been working on the John Templeton Foundation project Science, Theology and Humane Philosophy: Central and Eastern European Perspectives.

THE LECTURES

- The Building Beautiful Commission
- The Architecture of Humanism
- The Aesthetics of Architecture
- The Idea of High culture
- Transcendence
- Rights and Wrongs of Nationalism from a Conservative perspective
- Is there a trans-Atlantic crisis of conservatism?
- Roger Scruton's Legacy



COLLEGE LIFE

Accommodation is offered at the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester. A Victorian Gothic college following the ideals set by Ruskin Oxford colleges. Set in magnificent grounds, each en-suite bedroom offers lovely views across the beautiful Cotswolds landscape.

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I feel extremely energized and inspired after this week. I have to say it was rather surreal to step out in the real world again after spending an entire week in an intellectual paradise.

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SUNDEY HILL FARM

Sunday Hill Farm is the home of the Scruton family, a 100 acre grassland farm in the heart of the North Wiltshire farming community. In 1999 Roger and Sophie founded the farm business and sought a place for Sunday Hill Farm in the local economy. Sunday Hill Farm was struggling in the business of turning grass into meat and milk and so we set about turning grass into ideas, so bringing outside interest and income to the farm and community. From this Scrutopia has emerged. Sunday Hill Farm is now farmed following the principles set out in *Green Philosophy*.



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The gathering of like-minded people all invested in making the most of the event made for a very stimulating environment. The international perspective with so many delegates from overseas was a big bonus for me and the ability to make friends across the world added to the experience.

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FACULTY CONT.

Sophie Scruton is director of the Scrutopia Programme. Sophie's background is in History and History of Art. She has had curatorial roles in Bath, Malmesbury and Westonbirt. Sophie will lead our visits to nearby historic places and help you become familiar with the significant local and national history of North Wiltshire and the Cotswolds. Sophie will also introduce you to the horses, projects on the farm and delicious locally sourced food.

Izzy Larthe is director of admissions. Izzy started work as PA to Roger Scruton six years ago and enabled him to found and administer the MA in Philosophy for the University of Buckingham and co-ordinate his chairmanship of the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission. She continues as Company Secretary to Horsell's Farm Enterprises, helping to maintain Sir Roger's literary legacy and network. This is her 4th year organising the Scrutopia Summer School.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the unique programme is open. The £1,500 fee for the course will cover board and lodging and all other costs, apart from travel to and from the event, which will be the responsibility of each participant. A 10% deposit of £150 will be required to secure a place on the course.

Please apply to: Mrs Izzy Larthe, Director of Admissions for an application form.

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