

THE SCRUTOPIA SUMMER SCHOOL 2021

Wednesday 28th July - Friday 6th August 2021

We offer a ten-day immersion experience inspired by the life and work of the late Sir Roger Scruton. Scrutopia is a destination like no other designed for enquiring minds. Brilliant lectures are given by our faculty of scholars who themselves have been inspired and encouraged by Roger's work, teaching and friendship. Each student will have the chance to discuss their thoughts about a wide range of topics and focus their thinking during tutorial time. In addition, there will be wine, walks and feasting at Sundeley Hill Farm and beyond in the remarkable Wiltshire and Cotswold landscape.



Scrutari semper
to examine always



SUNDELEY HILL FARM

Sundeley 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 Sundeley Hill Farm in the local economy. Sundeley 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. Sundeley Hill Farm is now farmed following the principles set out in *Green Philosophy*.



“ 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. ”

THE LECTURES

The purpose of philosophy

Music and morality

Homecoming in Roger's literary writings (AG)

Beauty and Imagination: An Overview of Scruton's Aesthetics

The Architecture of Humanism? Scruton on Classical Architecture.

The Building Beautiful Commission – putting principles into practice (with guest Nicholas Boys Smith) (SH)

Conservative political thought in Central Europe
Conservatism in Hungary and continental Europe;
Strategic thinking and politics (OB)

Rights and Wrongs of Nationalism from a Conservative perspective - which will also consider the rights and wrongs of internationalism and what Roger Scruton called "xenophilia".

Is there a trans-Atlantic crisis of conservatism?" - post-Brexit, mid-Covid, and after Trump

What unites and what divides European and US conservatives? (MA)

Three lectures on The Beauty of Holiness in art, architecture music and metre (SJ)

COLLEGE LIFE

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

NON RESIDENTIAL

Non-residential participation is also welcomed for those who are able to travel to Scrutopia each day by either car or public transport.



MUSIC

There will be a concert of chamber music in the Scruton library performed by musicians Roger knew and admired.



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.



Alicja Gescinska is an award winning Polish-Belgian philosopher, novelist and poet. Gescinska obtained a PhD in philosophy at Ghent University with a dissertation on the writings of Max Scheler and Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II). She held postdoctoral positions at Princeton University and Amherst College. Currently, she is the Director of the Philosophy Programme and Roger Scruton Centre at The University of Buckingham. Besides her academic career, Gescinska is a public intellectual, and a frequently asked pundit in Holland and Belgium. In 2019 Gescinska was named one of 40 European Young Leaders by the think-tank Friends of Europe.



Serenhedd James teaches Ecclesiastical History at Oxford University, where he is an Associate Member of the Faculty of Theology and Religion. He has a background in tutoring and mentoring students at school and university level, both in the UK and internationally, and is passionate about education that forms the whole character. Thoroughly steeped in the Anglican choral tradition as an organist and singer, he is also a regular columnist for the *Church Times*.



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.



Balázs Orbán serves as Deputy Minister of the Hungarian Prime Minister's Office. He is the Chairman of the Board of Mathias Corvinus Collegium (MCC) and Chairman of the Advisory Board of National University of Public Service (NKE). Orbán started his career at the Ministry of Justice, and soon afterwards he joined the Századvég Group. Between 2013 and 2018, as the Director for Research at the Századvég Foundation, he was responsible for public law and public policy research. Between 2015 and 2018 he was the General Director of the Migration Research Institute founded jointly by the Századvég Foundation and the Mathias Corvinus Collegium. He is currently earning his PhD at the Faculty of Law at the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE). He is an Assistant Lecturer at the National University of Public Service.



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 10 day programme is open. The £3,000 fee for the course will cover board and lodging and all other costs. The non residential fee is £2,100. Travel to and from the event will be the responsibility of each participant. A 10% deposit of £300 will be required to secure a place on the course.

SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

We are delighted this year to offer limited places to students who are not able to self-fund and we are grateful to the following organisations that have made this possible: the Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation (RSLF), the Mathias Corvinus Collegium (MCC) and the University of Warsaw and the University of Zagreb.



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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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ADMISSIONS

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

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SCRUTOPIA on YouTube

We invite you to watch our video of Scrutopia highlights:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsdbnDruIBE>

VISITS

Daily philosophy classes will be interspersed with visits to nearby historical sites, including Malmesbury and Avebury, which will provide an experience of the historical depth of this unique part of England. Visits this year will include a guided tour of Oxford led by Samuel Hughes.

