

OXFORD X

INSIGHTS INTO SOCIAL, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC DYNAMICS





Overview

Oxford X brings together the United Kingdom's leading academics currently lecturing at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and the London School of Economics & Political Science to provide an unrivalled educational opportunity to debate key international issues.

The programme takes place over a two-week long session, introducing students to a range of social, political and economic concerns associated with contemporary Europe and Asia and invites them to engage with current research. Oxford X will take place within the historic buildings of one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world, Oxford University, where students will be accommodated throughout their stay in one of its oldest and most beautiful constituent colleges, Balliol College. Each day will focus on a different aspect of 'insights into international social, political and economic dynamics', and will include both lectures and discussion groups designed to challenge and encourage students to form their own intelligent and creative responses to new material.

Oxford X will provide an unrivalled insight into the educational rigour of the United Kingdom's top universities while also granting participants a unique yet authentic experience of student life in Oxford. Students reside in Balliol College, experience daily organised excursions within Oxford and have the chance to meet like-minded peers from a diverse range of backgrounds. The program enhances participants' communication and leadership skills while providing them with an invaluable insight into the educational prowess of some of the United Kingdom's leading universities. The programme provides an unparalleled insight into pertinent social, economic and political theories and issues that can be discussed in interviews, personal statements and university applications. Yet Oxford X also instils the confidence and passion for learning that are essential to success in higher education and prides itself on the unique experiences of leadership and academic excellence. Oxford X equips participants with the motivation and intellectual curiosity that we believe are central to a successful approach to learning.

Participants from around the world are invited to apply to take part in this exciting opportunity and are welcome to join either session. Prospective participants are required to apply using our online application form by 20th June 2013.

Insights into Global Social, Political & Economic dynamics

Given the recent economic turmoil in Europe and the continued ascent of Asian economies, in addition to the associated political and social upheaval, Oxford X's focus is particularly pertinent. Each session explores a different aspect of the "insights into global social, political and economic dynamics", offering participants the opportunity to expand their knowledge and exchange ideas with the United Kingdom's leading academics.

Participants will, amongst many other topics, discuss the important macroeconomic policy debate of European trade integration and currency union whilst analysing the latest developments in EU foreign policy both at the institutional level and the international level. Furthermore, lectures will look at various arguments for why EU member states have perceived a need to integrate their security and defense policies whilst also critically assessing the changes to the Stability and Growth Pact, the EU's key tool to promote fiscal prudence in member states. In addition, participants will debate the growing economic and political importance of Asian economies. This diverse selection of topics will provide participants with an unparalleled, advanced insight into important current issues affecting the European polity.

Lectures and discussion sessions are held daily in a wide variety of venues across Oxford. Participants will experience life as a student in the Saïd Business School, Brasenose College, Examination Schools, Worcester College and Balliol College amongst others.

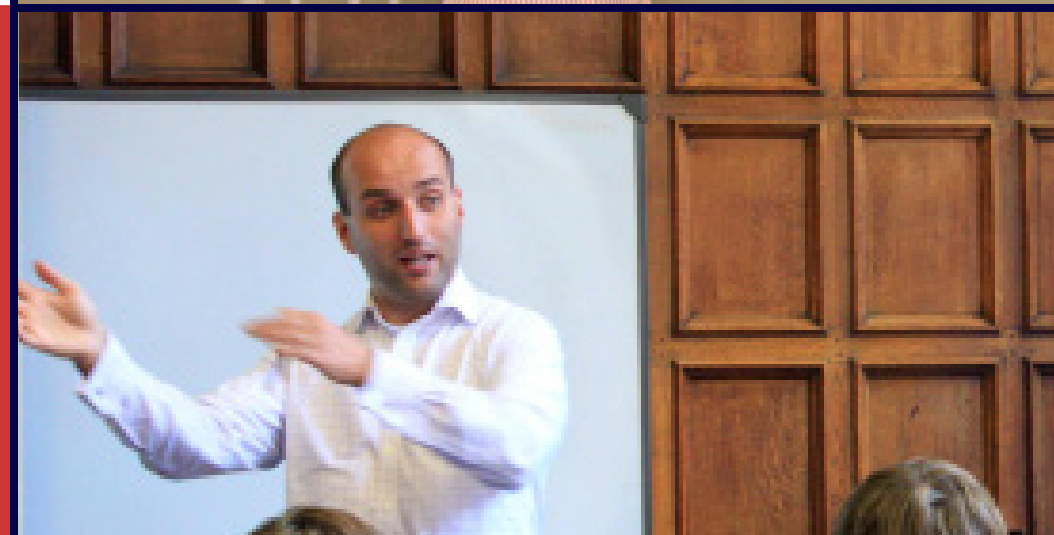


Lecturers

Speakers at Oxford X are experts in their respective fields, and are selected from the highly prestigious universities of Oxford, Cambridge and the London School of Economics & Political Science. Their expertise within their field promises to provide an invaluable insight into the contemporary issues across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas, and their lectures and discussion sessions will provide an unrivalled platform through which the Oxford X's participants will be able to critically engage with the topics in question.

Lecturers include members of the Oxford University Department of Economics, the Oxford University Saïd Business School, Oxford Department of International Relations, Oxford University School of Geography and the Environment, Cambridge University Faculty of Economics, Cambridge University Department of Politics and International Studies, the LSE Department of Economics, the LSE Department of International Relations and the LSE European Institute. Lecture topics are diverse and take place at a standard suitable to A-level (or equivalent qualifications). Further details of the lecturers and titles can be found on the Oxford X website (www.OxfordX.com).

Outside of the classroom, our lecturers have been instrumental in contributing to the world's current political and economic landscape. Past lecturers have been involved in preparing the reform of economic governance in Europe for the task force led by the President of the European Council (2010), advising the Economic and Financial Committee of the European Union, and contributing to the foremost academic research on socioeconomic and political issues.



Previous Lecturers

- Dr. Michal Horvath | University of Oxford | "The new architecture of economic governance"
- Dr. Mette Eillstrup | University of Cambridge | "The CSDP in practice"
- Professor Kalypso Nicolaïdis | University of Oxford | "What are the EU's factors for change?"
- Dr. Tine Van Criekinghe | LSE | "The external dimension of the EU's migration policy"
- Prof. Gordon Clark | University of Oxford | "The ageing of Europe"
- Dr. Mauricio Prado | University of Cambridge | "European economic and monetary union"
- Ming Van Den Berg | Harvard University Admissions Interviewer

Experience Oxford

Participants in Oxford X will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the historic city and enjoy the many excursions, activities and events that the Oxford X staff have arranged. These experiences take place after academic sessions, and displayed below are just a few of the enviable activities & excursions that Oxford X offers.

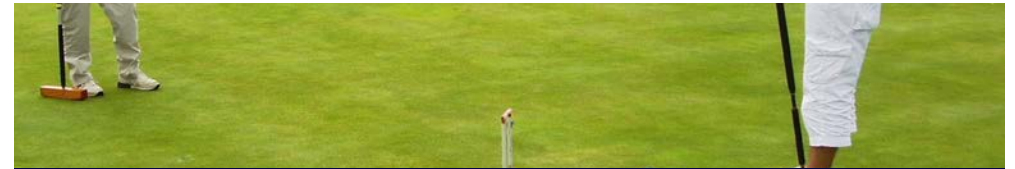
Oxford X attendees are invited to take part in a welcome dinner at Christ Church, the most famous dining hall in Oxford, renowned for its grand architecture and its association with J.K Rowling's Harry Potter. Punting is a truly timeless, slightly eccentric yet quintessentially Oxford, idyllic pleasure, and participants will enjoy the mesmerising scenery whilst drifting down the River Cherwell. Furthermore, a private walking tour of Oxford will provide participants with a greater sense of the City of Dreaming Spires, discovering both the well visited and lesser known highlights in Oxford. The tour includes visits to several Oxford colleges, the City Walls, the Sheldonian Theatre and University Parks. In addition, to foster competitive spirits, a croquet tournament has been organised which will provide a unique experience of Oxford summer activities. Tennis courts, croquet sets, pool tables and tennis tables are also available throughout the duration of Oxford X for participant use.



CHRIST CHURCH FORMAL DINNER



PUNTING



CROQUET



TOUR OF OXFORD

A Typical Day

08:00 - 09:30	Breakfast
10:00 - 12:00	Lecture & Discussion session
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch
13:30 - 15:30	Lecture & Discussion session
16:00 - 18:00	Activity / Excursion / Workshop
18:00 - 19:15	Dinner
19:30 - 22:00	Evening social event

The Oxford X schedule is packed with a wide range of unique academic and cultural activities. The above timetable offers an insight into the typical daily schedule, although this may vary depending on the events planned on the given day.

Accommodation

Participation within the Oxford X programme includes fourteen nights accommodation in Balliol College, one of the oldest and largest of Oxford's constituent colleges.

All rooms are equipped with broadband Internet, a private washbasin, refrigerators and tea & coffee making facilities. Participants will have full access to Balliol College grounds and the opportunity to explore acres of beautiful herbaceous scenery, and immaculate lawns.

Furthermore, participants may use the croquet sets, tennis courts and other sports facilities during free time.

Meals

Breakfast is held daily in the Balliol college dining hall, with the choice of a hot English or a Continental breakfast including plentiful selections of cold meat and fruit.

Dinner, a three course meal, is also usually held in the Balliol dining hall. However, participants will also have the unique opportunity to dine at Christ Church, famed for its association with Harry Potter.

In addition, both before and after lectures and discussion sessions, Oxford X participants are provided with a wide selection of snacks and refreshments. Participants will also have the opportunity to sample some Oxford's diverse range of eateries during their free time.

▼ OxfordX participants reside in the college accommodation of Balliol College. Located conveniently in the centre of Oxford, Balliol College is one of the oldest and largest of Oxford's constituent colleges.



Mentorship Scheme

All Oxford X participants will be assigned to an Oxford undergraduate student currently studying the participant's chosen course. This long-term "mentor" will be available to answer questions and offer support regarding university life, the course and the application process.

The students have first hand experience with academic and non-academic issues and are therefore in the best position to offer friendly, confidential one-to-one advice. This is a unique scheme that promises to provide participants with a lasting support network throughout the university application process and university life.



“ A great place to learn and exchange new ideas. The topics were interesting, insightful and the lecturers effectively stimulated discussion amongst the group. ”

- Sybil Gillespie,
Oxford X 2011 Participant

Applications

Oxford X offers an unparalleled opportunity to enhance one's own education in the context of one of the world's greatest seats of academia. Oxford X provides an unparalleled insight into pertinent social, economic and political theories and issues that can be discussed in interviews, personal statements and university applications.. All participants will receive a Certificate of Enrolment upon their successful completion of the program.

Oxford X runs in a two week session from 11th to 25th August 2013. Details of application deadlines, dates and fees are detailed to the right. Fees are inclusive of all accommodation, breakfast, dinner, lectures, discussion sessions, excursions and activities for the duration of Oxford X.

Participants from around the world are invited to apply to take part in this exciting opportunity and are welcome to join either session. Applications must be made via our online application form found at www.OxfordX.com/Applications, which requires that prospective candidates answer a series of short questions and write a concise personal statement. Places are allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis, subject to approval of your application, and are allocated in three rounds: 31st January 2013, 15th April 2013 and 20th June 2013.

✉ enquiries@oxfordx.com
☎ +44 (0)1865 522756

www.OxfordX.com/Applications/

Oxford X is not affiliated to Oxford University or Balliol College. All our staff and lecturers are, however, current members of Oxford University, Cambridge University and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Session 1

Dates: 11th August 2013 - 25th August 2013

Fees: £3295

Application Deadlines

Round 1: 31st January, 2013

Round 2: 15th April, 2013

Round 3: 20th June, 2013

www.OxfordX.com/Applications/

Oxford X
enquiries@oxfordx.com
+44 (0)1865 522756

266 Banbury Road
Oxford
OX2 7DL