

Scrutopia Summer School  
Cotswold Philosophy Programme

2023

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July



The Royal Agricultural University

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Sunday Hill Farm  
Welcome

Welcome to this year's Scrutopia Summer School. We hope you enjoy the wide variety of lectures under the broad question how do we understand Roger Scruton's *oikophilia* (love of home) today? We also hope you enjoy making the Cotswolds your home for the week and that you will make many new friends.

Our lecturers have all engaged deeply with Roger Scruton's philosophical, literary, political and musical contributions. Their lectures, whether specifically related to Roger Scruton's writing, or exploring a theme that he might well have explored with them, keep alive his spirit of enquiry and his interest in how we live and how we relate to one another and our surroundings.

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### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled on the course. Due to the Scrutopia Summer School and the Alumni Meetings, our family farm, can continue to thrive as a rural business that offers employment and invests in conservation work. Some participants have received fellowships to join the course and we are grateful to the following organisations for offering funded places: The Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation, Mathias Corvinus Collegium, Forum for Democracy and Oikos.

What a privilege it will be to hear from so many interesting and eminent lecturers and special guest speakers. I am very grateful for their friendship and commitment to the Scrutopia Summer School.

Running Scrutopia has become the best job in the world. Gathering interesting people, sharing wine around the dinner table and visiting beautiful historic places. This was how Roger and I lived and I am so glad so many people love joining in. I am particularly grateful to the Royal Agricultural University for being such wonderful hosts.

*Sophie Scruton*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

3pm onwards: Arrival at the RAU

Room keys available at The Porter's Lodge

Registration and course materials in The Corinium Room

5.30pm *Introductions and Welcome*

Location: The Kenneth Russell Room (KRR)

Lecture 1: **An Introduction to the Philosophy of Roger Scruton** -  
Professor Anthony O'Hear

7.00pm Drinks - The Bathurst Dining Room / Garden area

7.30pm Dinner - The Bathurst Dining Room

**Professor Anthony O'Hear OBE** is a writer and philosopher who was awarded Order of the British Empire for his services to education. O'Hear has worked tirelessly and courageously to spread philosophy and knowledge within British universities and alongside Roger Scruton in Central Europe. He was Professor of Philosophy at the University of Bradford and subsequently at the University of Buckingham. He served as Director of the Royal Institute of Philosophy and editor of the journal *Philosophy*. He worked as a special advisor on education to the Conservative government and along with the director of Ofsted, Chris Woodhead, campaigned for higher standards of education in schools. He has worked as an opinion piece writer for many national newspapers. His books are as follows: *Karl Popper* (1980), *What Philosophy Is* (1985), *The Element of Fire* (1989), *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science* (1990), *Beyond Evolution* (1997), *After Progress* (1999), *Introducing Christianity* (2000), *Philosophy in the New Century* (2001), *Plato's Children* (2006), *The Great Books: From The Iliad and The Odyssey to Goethe's Faust: A journey through 2,500 years of the West's classic literature* (2007), *Transcendence, Creation and Incarnation: From Philosophy to Religion (Transcending Boundaries in Philosophy and Theology)* (2020).

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

8 - 9am: Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9.30 - 10.20am: Lecture 2 - **The Aesthetics of Home** - Dr Samuel Hughes (KRR)

10.20 - 10.45am: Break - Tea and Coffee available in the lecture room

10.45 - 11.45am: Seminar discussion

12 - 1pm: Lunch - The Corinium Room

2pm: Gather near the chapel for the coach to Sundeley Hill Farm

2.30 - 5.00pm: Sundeley Hill Farm.

Welcome and introduction to the farm by Sophie Scruton

Farm walk and library tour.

Cream Tea in the Orchard

Opportunity to buy books if anyone would like some.

5.30pm Coach to return to the RAU

7.00pm Drinks followed by dinner in The Bathurst Dining Room

**Dr Samuel Hughes** is a research fellow at the University of Oxford and a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Studies. He was educated at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, with spells as a visiting researcher at the Humboldt University of Berlin, the University of Tokyo, and the University of Notre Dame. He was Roger Scruton's student and teaching assistant, and latterly his research assistant on the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission. He is interested in the aesthetics, politics, and history of architecture and urbanism.

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

8 - 8.45am: Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9am Taxis to Malmesbury (please bring your packed lunch with you).

10am Mass at St Aldhelm's Church (Catholic service). Following the service people should walk towards Malmesbury Abbey to enjoy the architecture.

10.30am Holy Communion at Malmesbury Abbey (Anglican Service).

11.45am Taxis depart from Malmesbury

12 noon Bow in the Cloud Vineyard near Garsdon.

Vineyard tour and Wine tasting led by Sophie Willingdale  
And Brinkworth Dairy local cheese tasting

1.40pm Walk from the vineyard to Garsdon Church where Roger was organist  
(a car will also be available for anyone not wishing to walk)

2.00pm Welcome and tour of All Saints Garsdon by David Briggs

3.30pm Taxis depart for RAU

5.30pm Lecture 3: **Collegiate Life - Home in Community** Dr Serrenhed James

7.00pm Drinks followed by dinner The Bathurst Dining Room

**Dr Serrenhed James** is Tutor in Ecclesiastical History at St Stephen's House, Oxford, a member of the *Catholic Herald* editorial team, and also teaches Religious Studies at More House School in London. His latest book, on the history of the missionary Cowley Fathers, was published by Canterbury Press in 2019.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

8 - 9am: Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9.30am Lecture 4 - **The Conservatism of the Concept of Right** - Professor Jonathan Westphal

10.20 - 10.45am: Break Tea and Coffee available in the lecture room

10.45 - 11.45am: Seminar discussion

12 noon - 1pm Lunch - The Corinium Room

2pm: Gather near the chapel to begin a walking tour of Cirencester or Roman 'Corinium'

In addition / or Professor Westphal can offer a limited number of tutorial slots for those of you interested in academic philosophy and political philosophy.

5.30pm Lecture 5 - **Wine and Place** - Andrea Frost MA (KRR)

7.00pm Drinks followed by dinner in The Bathurst Dining Room

**Jonathan Westphal** has spent his working life as an academic philosopher. He has degrees from Harvard College, Sussex University, and a PhD from the University of London. Jonathan has taught at the University of London, the University of Hawaii, Harvard University, Hampshire College and Amherst College. He has been an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at the University of Munich, and he is a Fellow of Berkeley College, Yale University. He is a Permanent Member of the Senior Common Room at University College, Oxford. His interests in the past have been in metaphysics, the theory of knowledge, and the philosophy of mind, but recently they have turned to ethics, aesthetics and political philosophy.

**Andrea Frost** is an award-winning writer and author who received her MA Philosophy by Research ('The Philosophy of Wine') with distinction under the supervision of Professor Roger Scruton in 2019. Andrea has 25 years of professional wine experience, and with postgraduate qualifications in philosophy, literary non-fiction and business and marketing. Andrea has received commendations and scholarships for her postgraduate studies at the University of Buckingham, the Yale Writers' Workshop and the Melbourne Business School.

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

8 - 9am: Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9.30am Lecture 6 - The State and the Soul: pre-political sources  
of *oikophilia* - Imogen Sinclair MA

10.20 - 10.45am: Break Tea and Coffee available in the lecture room

10.45 - 11.45am: Seminar discussion

12 noon - 1pm Lunch  
The Corinium Room

2.15pm: Gather near the chapel for bus to Sundeley Hill Farm

3pm: Pilates or Farm Walk

5pm Lecture 7 - **The Experience of the Absence of God** - Dr Mikolaj  
Slawkoski-Rode

7pm Concert in the Scruton library

8pm BBQ supper Fernhill Farm local produce and homemade salads

10.30pm Coach to the RAU

**Imogen Sinclair** is Director for the New Social Covenant Unit. Imogen has several years' experience working in Parliament and is the author of 'Community Capital' (2019) for the Centre for Social Justice. She holds a Masters with distinction in Philosophy and is a visiting fellow at St Mary's University Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts.

**Dr Mikolaj Slawkowski-Rode** is Assistant Professor in the Department for Philosophy of Culture at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw as well as Research Fellow, and tutor in Philosophy at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford. He is also Research Associate of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford, where he is a member of a team working on a John Templeton Foundation Grant "New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe". Dr Slawkowski-Rode's PhD thesis was written under the joint supervision of Sir Roger Scruton in Oxford, and Prof. Zofia Rosinska in Warsaw, and was nominated for the Ministerial Prize for the best research undertaken nationwide in 2016 in Poland. His interests include philosophy of culture, phenomenology, joint attention, and philosophy of mind. Mikolaj Slawkowski-Rode is also a founding member of the Humane Philosophy Society and organizer of the Humane Philosophy Project.





Map of Sundry Hill

Scrutopia

To the left /the west: Fernhill Farm, Brinkworth

David and Emma Lewis and their helpful children: Izy, Joe and Evie are supplying and cooking the produce for our BBQ. Emma says: “We are dedicated to giving the best we can to our animals. We use a local butcher to produce our sausages and bacon. We also have a herd of dairy cows and supply milk to Cadburys.”

To the right /the east: Sundays Hill Farm, Brinkworth Angela and Geoffrey Vines’ family farm is also called Sundays Hill Farm, their grandson, Jack has beef cows that graze the fields. Angela and Bev Rawlings run a small catering business and specialize in cream teas.

## **Concert Recital**

**The Scruton Library**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**

### **Malcolm Archer - Concert Pianist**

Malcolm Archer has been an organist and director of music at three English cathedrals: Bristol, Wells, and St. Paul's. He is also a conductor, composer, organist, pianist, and harpsichordist who has given solo concerts across the world, including tours in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and Europe. He has recorded with labels including Warner Classics, Hyperion, Lammas, and Convivium. He studied at the Royal College of Music and was an Organ Scholar at Jesus College Cambridge.

### **Alexander Simpson - Countertenor**

Alexander Simpson is a versatile countertenor whose recent operatic roles include Nireno in *Giulio Cesare*, Cowslip in *Fairy Queen*, Athamas in *Semele*, Arsace in *Partenope*, Arcane in *Teseo*, and Refugee in *Flight*. He frequently collaborates with ArtHouse Jersey, Venice Music Project, and the Phoenix Ensemble in Israel. He holds degrees in music from St. John's College, Cambridge and the Royal Academy Opera.

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

8 - 8.45am: Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9.00am Gather for the Coach, please bring your packed lunch

9.30am Fairford Market Town - Walking tour and visit Church

1.00pm Coach return to the RAU

4.00pm Lecture 8 - **Music and Emotion** - Professor Nick Zangwill (KRR)

7.00pm Champagne reception

7.30pm Gala Dinner with special guest speaker David Goodhart

Additional guests at dinner include David Goodhart's sister Sarah, and her husband George Kershaw who are neighbours to the Scrutons in Ravenshurt farm; the director of the Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation, Fisher Derderian; and the Programme Assistant and Scrutopia alumni Mitchell Foyle-York.

**Professor Nick Zangwill** is a British philosopher and honorary research professor at University College London and Lincoln University. He is known for his expertise on moral philosophy, and aesthetics. He has also written on metaphysics, theory of knowledge, the philosophy of mind, and logic.

**David Goodhart** is the founder and former editor of *Prospect* magazine, which he set up in 1995. David has grown *Prospect* into Britain's leading current affairs monthly and he remains the magazine's editor-at-large. David is a prominent figure in public debate in the UK. He is a well-known broadcaster, author, commentator, and journalist who regularly contributes to the *Guardian*, the *Independent*, the *Times*, and the *Financial Times*. David is author of *The British Dream*, about postwar multiculturalism, national identity and immigration. It was short-listed for the Orwell Book Prize in 2014. He is also the author of (a *Sunday Times* bestseller) *The Road to Somewhere: The New Tribes Shaping British Politics*, where David identifies the value divisions in British society that help to explain the Brexit vote and the rise of populism. His most recent book is *Head, Hand, Heart – The Struggle for Dignity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

8 - 9.00am Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9.30am Lecture 9 - **Artificial Intelligence and Authenticity** - Dr Mikolaj Slawkowski-Rode (KRR)

10.20 - 10.45am: Break Tea and Coffee available in the lecture room

10.45 - 11.45am: Seminar discussion

12 noon - 1pm Lunch  
The Corinium Room

2 - 4pm - Rest / recreation

4pm Lecture 10 - **What is a truly traditional family?** - Louise Perry

7pm Drinks followed by dinner The Bathurst Dining Room

Special guests James Gray MP and Philippa Gray

**Louise Perry** is a freelance writer and campaigner against sexual violence. Her debut book, *The Case Against the Sexual Revolution: A New Guide to Sex in the 21st Century*, argues that the amoral libertinism and callous disenchantment of liberal feminism and our contemporary hypersexualised culture represent more loss than gain, and that it is high-status men that have benefited from the sexual revolution rather than women.

**James Gray** was first elected as MP for North Wiltshire in May 1997. He was educated at Hillhead Primary School and Glasgow High School and later read History at Glasgow University and Christ Church, Oxford. More recently he was a visiting Parliamentary Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford and is a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies. He has been a kind friend and representative MP to the Scruton family playing a leading role in ensuring the Conservative government apologized and reinstated to Roger Scruton over the Building Better Building Beautiful Commission.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

8 - 9.00am Breakfast - The Bathurst Lounge

9.30am Lecture 11 - **On Human Nature** - Dr Ralph Weir

12 noon Lunch and farewells

**Dr Ralph Weir** is a Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Lincoln and a member of the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford. He has a PhD in philosophy from the University of Cambridge and a B. Phil in Philosophy and M.St. in ancient philosophy from the University of Oxford where Roger Scruton was his college Tutor and one of his academic supervisors. He taught alongside Roger on the University of Buckingham's M.A. in philosophy for several years. His recent publications include 'Does Idealism Solve the Problem of Consciousness?' in the *Routledge Handbook of Idealism and Immaterialism* (2021), 'Can a Post-Galilean Science of Consciousness Avoid Substance Dualism?' in the *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 28 (2021), and (co-edited with Benedikt Paul Göcke) *From Existentialism to Metaphysics: The Philosophy of Stephen Priest* (Peter Lang, 2021).