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Overview

In an era of rapid change and increasing complexity, visionary leaders must be equipped to navigate uncertainty, seize opportunities, and drive innovation and performance. The Oxford Executive Leadership Programme (OELP) is a high-impact, immersive experience designed for senior executives, mid-career professionals, government officials, and policymakers who are navigating digital transformation, economic shifts, and evolving governance landscapes.

Held in the premises of the University of Oxford, this program blends cutting-edge policy insights with academic knowledge, equipping participants with the strategic mindset, financial acumen, and leadership capabilities required to drive innovation and lead with confidence. Through a curated mix of expert-led sessions, case-based learning, and high-impact simulations, participants will develop a practical playbook for leadership in complex environments. Beyond

the classroom, the program offers exclusive networking opportunities, including with industry leader panels, executives and policymakers from across the world. The program also includes a visit of Oxford University and a unique Oxford Union debating experience. More than a leadership course, this is a transformative experience—designed to equip executives with the foresight, adaptability, and resilience to shape the future of their organizations and industries.

Dates and Duration



02 - 13 August
2026



7 days



At the University
of Oxford.



Who Should Attend?

This program is tailored for executives and policymakers who lead in complex, high stakes environments:

- ▶ CEOs, Board Members, and Senior Executives
- ▶ Entrepreneurs & Business Unit Leaders
- ▶ Members of Executive Committees
- ▶ Government Officials & Senior Policymakers

This is an opportunity to accelerate leadership impact, expand global networks, and gain the tools to drive meaningful change. Are you ready to lead the future?

Program Fee

Fee: £6,999
(includes airport transfers,
accommodation, dining, city tours,
tuition, and study materials)



Curriculum and Core Modules

Courses for All Professionals (Public and Corporate Sectors)

1. Changing Global Geo-Politics and Geo-Economics: Implications for the Developing World
2. Leading in the Age of AI: Balancing Technology, Data, and Human Insight
3. Sustainability and Climate Change: Navigating the Green Transition
4. The Declining Neoliberal Order: Rethinking Trade Policy in a New Global Environment
5. Political Economy of Development: Institutions and Power
6. The Power of Social Intelligence: Leadership in Complex Environments

Optional Lectures Tailored for Public Leaders, Civil Servants, and Development Practitioners

1. Fiscal Governance and Public Finance Management
2. Driving Innovation and Digital Transformation in Public Sector
3. Public-Private Partnerships: Structuring and Managing High-Impact Collaborations
4. Negotiation, Mediation, and Conflict Management
5. Social Policy and Public Health Programs
6. Health Financing and Insurance Models
7. Education Policy for Equitable Learning
8. Taxation Policy

Activities



Punting



City Tour



Oxford
Union



Application & Selection Process

Application Deadline: 30th March, 2025

All applications will undergo a thorough review process to assess candidates' qualifications, leadership experience, and strategic alignment with the program's objectives. The selection process follows these key steps:

- ▶ Once an application is submitted, it will be evaluated by the selection committee within two weeks.
- ▶ The review will focus on the applicant's leadership experience, their potential for impact, and their strategic fit with the program's goals.
- ▶ Candidates may be contacted for additional information or clarification during this stage.
- ▶ Candidates will be informed of the outcome of their application within two weeks.
- ▶ Those who meet the eligibility criteria and align well with the program's objectives will proceed to the next stage. Successful applicants will receive a formal offer letter within three weeks of their application submission.
- ▶ This letter will include details regarding program participation, expectations, and next steps for enrolment
- ▶ Candidates must confirm their acceptance of the offer within the specified deadline.

How to Apply?

Apply online: (www.oxfordsummercourses.co.uk)

Contact program advisors: (info@oxfordsummercourses.co.uk | +44 (0) 1865 684061)

Download the full program brochure:



Description of Courses



Courses for All Professionals

Changing Global Geo-Politics and Geo-Economics: Implications for the Developing World: Geopolitical rivalry is reshaping the global landscape as reactionary nationalist movements gain momentum and major powers recalibrate their strategic interests. In this era of realignment, leaders across industries must navigate shifting power dynamics, evolving economic dependencies, and an increasingly fragmented global order. This course provides a comprehensive strategic analysis of contemporary geopolitical shifts, emerging alliances, and their far-reaching economic implications. Participants will explore critical issues such as trade wars, supply chain disruptions, and regional alliances, with a particular focus on challenges and opportunities for South South cooperation. By examining the intersection of politics and economics, this course equips decision-makers with the tools to anticipate risks, adapt to policy shifts, and leverage opportunities in a rapidly transforming world.

Leading in the Age of AI: Balancing Technology, Data, and Human Insight: The rise of AI, automation, and data-driven decision-making is reshaping leadership. As technology transforms industries and governance, leaders must embrace innovation while prioritizing the human element. This session explores how leaders can leverage AI and emerging technologies to streamline processes, enhance efficiency, and drive productivity, while maintaining a strong emphasis on the human side of their organizations.



Leaders must develop digital fluency, data literacy, and strategic foresight while strengthening emotional intelligence, empathy, and adaptability. By integrating technology with human-centric leadership, they can foster innovation, inspire teams, and create a high-performance work culture. Rather than resisting change, effective leaders position themselves as forward-thinking enablers of transformation, driving progress while ensuring a balanced, people-first approach.

Sustainability and Climate Change: Navigating the Green Transition: As the global economy shifts toward sustainability, businesses and governments must integrate climate-sensitive strategies to remain competitive. This course provides a deep dive into corporate sustainability, ESG frameworks, and climate finance mechanisms, equipping participants with the tools to drive impactful change. Through a particular focus on green innovation, carbon markets, and circular economies, attendees will explore how to embed sustainability into core business and policy decisions.

The Declining Neoliberal Order: Rethinking Trade Policy in a New Global Environment: The global trade landscape is undergoing a profound transformation as the neoliberal order weakens, reshaping economic structures and policy frameworks. This program equips executives with a strategic understanding of trade negotiation and industrial policy in an era of shifting alliances and rising protectionism.



Participants will explore the evolving role of regional integration, foreign direct investment trends, and state-led industrial strategies. Through interactive discussions, leaders will develop actionable insights to craft resilient, forward-looking trade policies that foster competitiveness, drive inclusive economic development, and position their organizations for success in an increasingly fragmented global economy

Political Economy of Development: Institutions and Power: This course explores the political and institutional forces shaping economic development, offering executives a strategic understanding of how societies pursue growth over time and across regions. Participants will analyse the deeper determinants of development, focusing on power dynamics, state capacity, and institutional frameworks. Through case studies spanning precolonial, colonial, and post-WWII periods, the course examines shifting development paradigms from modernization and dependency theories to neoliberalism. . Leaders will gain insights into the role of the state and the underlying politics of public service delivery, equipping them to navigate institutional challenges and design policies that drive sustainable and inclusive economic transformation.



The Power of Social Intelligence: Leadership in Complex Environments: Effective leadership today goes beyond technical expertise—it requires social intelligence, the ability to navigate complex human dynamics, foster collaboration, and drive organizational success. This course equips executives with critical skills in emotional agility, interpersonal influence, and stakeholder management in diverse environments. Participants will explore the philosophical foundations of decision-making in highstakes environments. Through interactive exercises, they will develop strategies to build trust, resolve conflicts, and inspire high-performance cultures. By mastering social intelligence, executives will enhance their leadership presence, strengthen crossfunctional relationships, and create organizations that thrive in an era of rapid change and global interconnectivity.





Specific Courses for Public Leaders, Civil Servants, and Development Practitioners

Public Finance and Fiscal Governance: Effective Fiscal governance is the foundation of strong public institutions. This program equips public leaders and policymakers with the strategic frameworks and analytical tools needed to design, implement, and manage public Finance policies, budgeting systems, and Fiscal decentralization. Through case studies and interactive discussions, participants will explore revenue mobilization, expenditure management, and Fiscal accountability, enabling them to drive Financial sustainability and economic resilience in their respective institutions.

Driving Innovation and Digital Transformation in Public Sector: Governments worldwide are leveraging digital transformation to enhance service delivery, transparency, and citizen engagement. This program provides a deep dive into eGovernance models, data-driven decision-making, and digital public service innovation. Participants will explore global best practices, emerging technologies, and the policy frameworks necessary to lead digital transformation efforts in the public sector, overcoming bureaucratic inertia and fostering agility in governance.



Public-Private Partnerships: Structuring and Managing High-Impact Collaborations: PPPs are reshaping the future of infrastructure, healthcare, education, and social services. This program empowers public officials and development practitioners with the skills to design, structure, and negotiate successful PPP agreements that balance public interests with private sector efficiency. Through case discussions and simulation exercises, participants will gain insights into risk allocation, governance structures, and performance-based contract management, ensuring sustainable and impactful partnerships.

Negotiation, Mediation, and Conflict Management: Navigating high-stakes negotiations and resolving disputes are critical competencies for leaders in government, civil society, and development organizations. This course, drawing on real-world case studies, equips participants with advanced negotiation strategies, stakeholder engagement techniques, and conflict resolution frameworks. Participants will enhance their ability to mediate disputes, build consensus, and drive outcomes that foster institutional stability and societal progress.

Social Policy and Public Health:

Public health and social welfare policies shape the fabric of societies. This course provides public leaders with a deep understanding of health equity, social protection systems, and evidence-based policymaking. Participants will engage with case studies on universal healthcare, poverty alleviation, and social security reforms, gaining the skills to develop inclusive, data-driven social policies that improve citizen well-being.



Health Financing and Insurance Models: Sustainable healthcare systems require robust financing mechanisms. This course provides a comprehensive overview of health financing models, risk pooling strategies, and insurance policy design. Participants will explore universal health coverage frameworks, public-private healthcare financing partnerships, and fiscal sustainability in health systems, preparing them to make strategic funding and policy decisions in the health sector.

Education Policy for Equitable Learning: Education systems are at the core of human capital development and economic growth. This program provides policymakers and education leaders with the tools to design and implement evidence-based education policies that enhance access, quality, and equity. Participants will analyze global education reform models, funding mechanisms, and technology-driven innovations, equipping them to lead systemic improvements in learning outcomes and skills development.

Taxation Policy: Tax policy is a powerful instrument for economic growth, social equity, and fiscal sustainability. This program offers a deep dive into progressive taxation, revenue mobilization strategies, and tax compliance frameworks. Through case studies on tax incentives, digital taxation, and international tax cooperation, participants will develop actionable strategies to enhance domestic revenue collection and improve tax system efficiency.



Profiles of Previous Instructors

Dr Peter Petkoff



Dr Peter Petkoff is a Tutorial Law Fellow and a Director of the Law and Religion Oxford, a research centre based at Regent's Park College, Oxford, and Managing Editor of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion. Peter is involved in cutting edge research on the relationship between religion and politics and law and religion. In his capacity as Director of the Law and Religion Oxford at Regent's Park College, Oxford, he brings together lawyers, policy makers, theologians, philosophers, social and political scientists and aims to develop innovative interdisciplinary strategies for studying law, religion and international relations from legal and theological perspectives.

Dr Bettina Lange



Dr. Bettina Lange's main research interests are in nature and society interactions in environmental law 'in action'. This involves analysis of options for and limits to state law as a mode of regulation. Bettina is also interested in institutional governance structures for regulation in the context of EU co-ordination of education policy objectives, such as through the Open-Method of Co-ordination. Some of Bettina's research engages public policy makers and regulators. She has coproduced with the Rivers Trust 'Guidelines for Integrated Drought Management', published at the UK government's CaBA site. She has also carried out consultancy for the Environment Agency on trust-based environmental regulation. Bettina has been a Jean-Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute. Her first book Implementing EU Pollution Control: Law and Integration (2008) Cambridge University Press, was nominated for the Peter Birks prize for outstanding legal scholarship.

Professor Sir Malcolm
Evans KCMG OBE



Principal of Regents Park College Oxford and was most recently Professor of International Law at the University of Bristol, where previously he had been Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law. His research interests centre on the international protection of human rights, with particular focus on the prevention of torture and the freedom of religion in recognition of which he was knighted in 2015. Sir Malcolm has served as a member and, from 2011-2020, Chair of the United Nations Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture. He has also served as a member of the Advisory Panel on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

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Omaboriowo II



Entrepreneurship expert at the Said Business School Oxford. He is also the Chairman and CEO of Genesis Energy Group, and the Chairman Board of Directors of GEL Utility (largest licensed Commercial Off Grid company in Nigeria). He is a strategic and innovative thinker with broad expertise in conceptualising and managing the complexities of building new businesses, as evidenced by a few enterprises he has successfully built in the Oil & Gas and Power Sectors in Africa over the past 20 Years.

Paul Fisher



Program Director of the Oxford Program on Negotiation (OPN) which he has helped to design and develop since its inception in 2004. Paul also teaches on OPN and other Program with topics including preparation in negotiations, decision-making, persuasion, stakeholder management, managing emotions, multi-party & multi-issue negotiations and virtual negotiations. Paul has co-written a number of negotiation simulations, including one on the building of a football stadium and the other designed specifically for virtual negotiations.

Dr Julien
Labonne



Associate Professor in Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. Julien's research focuses on issues of clientelism, electoral politics and social networks. Julien is also the Blavatnik School's Dphil Coordinator. Prior to joining the Blavatnik School, Julien was an Assistant Professor of Social Sciences (Economics) at Yale-NUS College in Singapore, and completed his PhD in the Economics Department at the University of Oxford. Julien previously worked at the World Bank and has consulted for the Asia Foundation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the OECD.

Dr. Kristoffer
Berg



Research Fellow in Economics at the Centre for Business Taxation at Said Business School Oxford. Kristoffer's research focuses on optimal taxation, fair tax policies, and behavioural responses to taxation. He is also a Junior Research Fellow at Corpus Christi College. Prior to joining the centre, Kristoffer was a Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Oslo, where he completed his PhD in August 2021. During his doctoral studies, Kristoffer was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of California, Berkeley and a Fund Intern at the Fiscal Affairs Department in the International Monetary Fund.

Roger Frosh



Roger works with universities and researchers to develop self-sustainable ventures. He is a commercialisation expert and specialises in supporting startups and spinouts as well as business performance. Roger ensures venture ideas are viable and teaches participants how to pitch for funding and investment.

Oxford Centre for Leadership

The Oxford Centre for Leadership is an independent, non-profit organisation established by current and former academics, scholars and policymakers at University of Oxford to nurture the next generation of socially conscious, technologically adept and entrepreneurial leaders.

At the Oxford Centre for Leadership, we understand the complexities and challenges of today's polarised world. Recognizing the pivotal role of young leaders in steering us towards a more equitable and sustainable future, our programs are meticulously designed to foster generational dialogue, enhance skill development, and amplify the voices of historically marginalised segments of society.

Our leadership programs are designed with Oxford heritage in mind, ensuring that the same principles and methodologies that guided remarkable leaders are available to you. We provide more than just courses; we offer transformative experiences that blend Oxford's proven methods with the latest in leadership practices.

The Centre therefore offers the Oxford Summer Program for students in the age group of 15- 20 and the Oxford Executive Leadership Program for emerging leaders in public, private and non-profit sector organisations. The Centre also manages the Oxford Leadership Network which provides a platform for the members to engage in a year-round interaction. The Centre's flagship annual Oxford Leadership Conference brings together world leaders in the realms of business, technology and public policy as well as emerging leaders from all fields of life for an immersive learning experience. This unique event is not just a milestone but a gateway to unparalleled insights and skills refined over centuries at Oxford, now reimaged for the contemporary leadership landscape.

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