



The Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme

Mission

The Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme cultivates the leaders of tomorrow primarily from Europe's wider neighbourhood including Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, the Middle East and North Africa. It provides outstanding university graduates and young professionals from these regions with the opportunity to:

- Pursue graduate studies at the University of Oxford; and
- Participate in a comprehensive programme of leadership development, long-term mentoring and networking.



The objective is to give the most promising young people from regions which offer limited opportunities for academic scholarship and leadership training a chance to develop the knowledge, skills and international networks necessary to contribute optimally to public life in their countries and regions of origin - be it in the public or private sector- and to build lasting professional linkages across continents and across ethnic, cultural and religious divides. In line with this aim, the Programme also provides a limited number of scholarships for early to mid-career professionals in the public or third sectors from the US. This two-way bridge-building is intended to help the participants become professionally, socially and intellectually integrated into a global network they can draw on throughout their careers.

Weidenfeld Scholars

The Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme was officially launched in March 2007. The seventeen inaugural 2007-08 Weidenfeld Scholars ranged in age from twenty-one to thirty-seven and came from twelve countries in Europe's wider neighbourhood.

In October 2008, thirty 2008-09 Weidenfeld Scholars, from twenty-two countries, began their studies at the University of Oxford. In April 2009 the third cohort of Weidenfeld Scholars was selected and thirty Scholars will enrol in their courses at the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year.

Weidenfeld Scholars are selected for their intellectual distinction and exceptional leadership potential, having undergone a rigorous application process, which culminates in interviews before an international selection committee in Oxford.

Promoting Leadership

A special feature of the Weidenfeld Scholarships is the **Leadership Programme** which fosters the development of a network of future leaders across sectors and borders through a diverse range of activities including:

- An intensive **Annual Leadership and Public Policy Off-site** event that introduces the group to Western political thought, provides leadership skills training, opportunities for debate on international and regional topics, and privileged exposure to senior figures in the public and private sectors.
- An **Annual Study Tour** designed to encourage debate and analysis on topics beyond the Scholars' academic focus. The Tour aims to foster bonds among the Scholars and to expose them to different aspects of European public policy, providing them with the opportunity to meet professionals in fields such as conflict mediation and journalism.
- Facilitation of a **Speakers' and Seminar Series** on contemporary policy issues. The Scholars design/plan this event and invite experts, ideally from their regions of origin, to speak at Oxford University. This experience enables the Scholars to cultivate their own professional networks at home as well as in the academic, media and policy communities in Europe and the US, provides them with an opportunity to learn event management skills and allows them to make a personal contribution to the intellectual life of the University.

These specific activities are complemented by a range of additional professional development and team building components including:

- A comprehensive set of courses focused on effective communication and presentation skills to enhance the Scholars' abilities to structure their thoughts and present them in a coherent and persuasive manner in different contexts;
- Active mentoring and advice on professional development by the Weidenfeld Scholarships' Advisory Board and the Scholarships' management team;
- An extensive cultural programme throughout the year providing insight into and understanding of different cultural fields as well as encouraging active networking with professionals through focused day excursions, meetings and participation in the Institute for Strategic Dialogue's projects and conferences.

Eligibility

Scholarships will be awarded to students from the target regions to support any graduate course at Oxford University which is both in line with the applicant's career objectives and likely to contribute to public life of the candidate's country or region of origin.

As with other Oxford Scholarships, Weidenfeld Scholarships candidates must first be accepted by their academic department at Oxford before being considered for the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme.

2009 and Beyond: Targets for Expansion

In its second year of operation, the Programme has expanded to provide scholarships and leadership training for thirty students from its target regions, who would otherwise not have had the opportunity to pursue their graduate studies at Oxford. In its third year the Programme will provide thirty additional scholarships. In 2008, the Programme received generous funding from the Arcadia Trust in order to support five US Scholars annually over five years, thus contributing to the objective of transatlantic bridge-building.

The Programme is currently looking to increase its intake of exceptional students from areas that have hitherto been under-represented at the University of Oxford as well as on the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme. The Scholarship Programme aims in time to expand to sixty Scholars per academic year.

Management

An **Advisory Board** that oversees the design and implementation of the Programme has been established as a sub-group of the Weidenfeld Institute's Board of Trustees. Its Co-Chairmen are Sir Ronald Grierson and Michael Lewis. *A list of Advisory Board members is contained in Appendix 1.*

The Programme is managed by the **Institute for Strategic Dialogue**, a London-based policy organisation, which works with leading figures in the public and private sectors to bridge international and inter-communal divides and to strengthen Europe's capacities to act coherently in the global arena.

Appendix I

Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme Advisory Board

Dr. John Adamson	Fellow, Peterhouse, University of Cambridge and Academic Director to the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme
Professor Peter Baldwin	Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
Dr. Shlomo Ben Ami	Vice-President of Toledo Centre for Peace, Spain and former Foreign Minister, Israel
Anthea Case	Principal Advisor, Arcadia Fund
Patrick Child	Chief of Cabinet of the European Union Commissioner for External Relations, Belgium
Sir Ronald Cohen	Chairman of Portland Capital LLP, The Portland Trust and Bridges Community Ventures
Roxanne Decyk	Director of Corporate Affairs for the Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies.
Professor Elizabeth Fallaize	Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Oxford
Professor Niall Ferguson	Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History, Harvard University, USA
Professor Ghassan Salamé	Professor, Institut d'études politiques (Paris) and Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General, France
Tim Gardam	Principal, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford
Professor Andrew Graham	Master, Balliol College, University of Oxford
Professor Roger Goodman	Head of Social Sciences and Nissan Professor of Japanese Studies, University of Oxford
Sir Ronald Grierson	Chairman of International Advisory Board, Blackstone Group
Sasha Havlicek	CEO and Executive Director, Institute for Strategic Dialogue
Susan Hitch	Manager of Lord Sainsbury of Turville's Pro-Bono Projects
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Dr. John Hood	Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford
Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend	Former lieutenant governor of the U.S. state of Maryland
Zelmira Koch	Head of Global Division, Chartwell Education Group
Dr. Maritta Koch-Weser	CEO, Global Exchange for Social Investment (GEXSI), Germany
Professor Wolf Lepenies	Professor Emeritus Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany
Michael Lewis	CEO, Oceana Group
Professor Ewan McKendrick	Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education, University of Oxford
Nada al Nashif	Regional Director for Arab States, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Lebanon (In a personal capacity)

Lord Moser	Former director of N M Rothschild & Sons and of The Economist; former Warden of Wadham College, Oxford
Lilia Shevtsova	Senior Associate and Program Chair, Carnegie Endowment for Peace, Moscow
Lord Weidenfeld	Chairman, Weidenfeld and Nicolson Publishing and President, Institute for Strategic Dialogue
Professor Ngaire Woods	Director of the Global Economic Governance Programme & Dean of Graduates at University College, Oxford

Appendix II

2008-2009 Weidenfeld Scholars

	Surname	Name	Country	Course	Department	Course Length	College
Mr	Ahmadov	Farid	Azerbaijan	D.Phil. Law	Law	3	St. Anne's
Ms	Angelova	Iliyana	Bulgaria	M.Sc. Social Anthropology	Social & Cultural Anthropology	1	Wolfson
Ms	Bota	Ana	Romania	M.Phil. Politics: Comparative Government	Politics & International Relations	2	St. Antony's
Mr	Breaux	Justin	United States	M.Sc. Sociology	Sociology	1	St. Hugh's
Mr	Chromy	Karel	Czech Republic	M.Phil. Development Studies	International Development	2	Magdalen
Ms	Deardorff	Sarah	United States	M.Sc. Forced Migration	International Development	1	St. Antony's
Ms	Dervishalidovic	Naida	Bosnia and Herzegovina	M.Sc. Educational Studies (E-learning)	Education	1	Kellogg
Ms	Dimova	Dilyana	Bulgaria	M.Phil. Economics	Economics	2	Balliol
Mr	Greenfield	Shivi	Israel	D.Phil. Politics	Politics & International Relations	3	Wolfson
Mr	Grguric	Ivan	Croatia	M.Sc. Economic & Social History	History	1	Wolfson
Ms	Jasini	Rudina	Albania	M.Sc. Criminology & Criminal Justice	Criminology	1	Green Templeton
Mr	Jones	Jeffery	United States	Master of Business Administration	Saïd School of Business	1	Green Templeton
Ms	Kadirova	Diloro	Tajikistan	D.Phil. Politics	Politics & International Relations	3	St. Antony's
Mr	Karamanoukian	Khatchig	Lebanon	M.Phil. Economics	Economics	2	St. Anne's
Ms	Koneska	Cvete	Macedonia	D.Phil. Politics	Politics & International Relations	3	St. Antony's
Mr	Kuncic	Aljaz	Slovenia	M.Sc. Economics for Development	Economics	1	St. Cross
Ms	McGovern	Kate	United States	M.Sc. Social Anthropology	Social & Cultural Anthropology	1	Exeter

Ms	Mikulova	Kristina	Slovakia	M.Phil. Russian & East European Studies	Russian & East European Studies	2	St. Antony's
Ms	Ovchynnikova	Olena	Ukraine	M.Sc. Russian & East European Studies	Russian & East European Studies	1	St. Antony's
Ms	Oweidat	Nadia	Jordan	D.Phil. Oriental Studies	Oriental Studies	3	St. Antony's
Mr	Panov	Andrey	Russia	Magister Juris	Law	1	St. Catherine's
Ms	Plotnykova	Hanna	Ukraine	M.Sc. Biodiversity, Conservation and Management	Geography & the Environment	1	St. Hilda's
Ms	Rasulova	Saltanat	Kyrgyzstan	M.Phil. Comparative Social Policy	Social Policy & Social Work	2	St. Cross
Mr	Rohac	Dalibor	Slovakia	M.Phil. Economics	Economics	2	St. Antony's
Ms	Sevciuc	Iulia	Moldova	M.Sc. Comparative Social Policy	Social Policy & Social Work	1	St. Hilda's
Ms	Strahilevitz	Michal	Israel	M.St. International Human Rights Law	Continuing Education	2 (Part-time)	Kellogg
Ms	Talviste	Veronika	Estonia	M.Sc. Forced Migration	International Development	1	St. Cross
Mr	Unutulmaz	Onur	Turkey	M.Phil. Migration Studies	Social & Cultural Anthropology	2	Linacre
Ms	Zharkevich	Ina	Belarus	M.Phil. Development Studies	International Development	2	St. Cross
Mr	Zoughbie	Daniel	United States	D.Phil. International Relations	Politics & International Relations	3	Exeter

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2009-2010 WEIDENFELD SCHOLARS

	Surname	Name	Country	Course	Department	Course Length	College
Mr	Ahmadov *	Farid	Azerbaijan	D.Phil. Law	Law	3	St. Anne's
Ms	Akbar	Shaharзад	Afghanistan	M.Phil. Development Studies	International Development	2	Wolfson
Ms	Avdeyenko	Yuliya	Kazakhstan	M.Sc. Education (Child Development and Education)	Education	1	Lincoln
Mr	Bajgar	Matej	Czech Republic	M.Sc. Economics for Development	International Development	1	New College
Mr	Bakir	Siddik	Germany/Turkey	M.Phil. Modern Middle Eastern Studies	Oriental Studies	2	St. Anthony's
Ms	Bonfiglio	Ayla	United States	M.Sc. Forced Migration	International Development	1	Merton
Ms	Bota*	Ana	Romania	M.Phil. Politics: Comparative Government	Politics & International Relations	2	St. Anthony's
Ms	Buckley	Lila	United States	M.Sc. Environmental Change & Management	Geography & the Environment	1	Linacre
Mr	Chromy*	Karel	Czech Republic	M.Phil. Development Studies	International Development	2	Magdalen
Ms	Dimova*	Dilyana	Bulgaria	M.Phil. Economics	Economics	2	Balliol
Mr	Greenfield*	Shivi	Israel	D.Phil. Politics	Politics & International Relations	3	Wolfson
Ms	Kadirova*	Diloro	Tajikistan	D.Phil. Politics	Politics & International Relations	3	St. Anthony's
Ms	Kim	Sophie	United States	M.Sc. Global Health Science	Public Health	1	Lincoln
Ms	Kissova	Zdenka	Slovakia	M.Phil. Economics	Economics	2	Green Templeton
Ms	Koneska*	Cvete	Macedonia	D.Phil. Politics	Politics & International Relations	3	St. Anthony's

Ms	Litmanovitz	Yael	Israel	M.Sc. Evidence Based Social Intervention	Social Policy & Social Work	1	Green Templeton
Mr	Macak	Kubo	Slovakia	M.Phil. Law	Law	2	Somerville
Ms	Mihelj Plesnicar	Mojca	Slovenia	M.Sc. Criminology & Criminal Justice	Criminology	1	Wolfson
Ms	Oweidat*	Nadia	Jordan	D.Phil. Oriental Studies	Oriental Studies	3	St. Anthony's
Ms	Ozdemir	Ayse	Turkey	M.Sc. Migration Studies	Social & Cultural Anthropology	2	Balliol
Ms	Puchyna	Mariia	Ukraine	Magister Juris	Law	1	St. Anthony's
Ms	Rasulova	Saltanat	Kyrgyzstan	D.Phil. Social Policy	Social Policy & Social Work	2+1	St. Cross
Mr	Rohac*	Dalibor	Slovakia	M.Phil. Economics	Economics	2	St. Anthony's
Mr	Silva	Rael	United States/Peru	M.Sc. Latin American Studies	Latin American Centre	1	St. Anthony's
Mr	Sofizada	Abdul Hai	Afghanistan	M.Sc. Forced Migration	International Development	1	Lincoln
Mr	Spremic	Niksa	Croatia	M.Phil. Economic & Social History	History	2	Oriel
Ms	Strahilevitz*	Michal	Israel	M.St. International Human Rights Law	Continuing Education	2	Kellogg
Mr	Urban	Thomas	United States	M.Sc. Archaeological Science	Archaeology	1	Linacre
Mr	Zoughbie*	Daniel	United States	D.Phil. in International Relations	Politics & International Relations	3	Exeter
Mr	Zykov	Anton	Russian Federation	M.Phil. Modern South Asian Studies	Oriental Studies	2	St. Anthony's

* Continuing 2008 Weidenfeld Scholar

Appendix IV

Weidenfeld Scholarships Facts and Figures

Including the third cohort, there will be 61 Weidenfeld Scholars from 27 different countries:

Afghanistan (2)	Estonia (1)	Romania (1)
Albania (1)	Georgia (2)	Russia (2)
Azerbaijan (2)	Israel (4)	Slovakia (5)
Belarus (2)	Jordan (1)	Slovenia (2)
Bosnia & Herzegovina (2)	Kazakhstan (1)	Tajikistan (1)
Bulgaria (3)	Kyrgyzstan (4)	Turkey (3)
Croatia (3)	Lebanon (1)	Ukraine (3)
Czech Republic (2)	Macedonia (1)	United States (10)
Egypt (1)	Moldova (1)	

Scholars are enrolled in or have studied in 17 departments:

Archaeology (1)	Law (9)
Continuing Education (1)	Oriental Studies (3)
Criminology (3)	Politics & International Relations (5)
Economics (5)	Public Health (1)
Education (2)	Russian & East European Studies (2)
Geography & the Environment (3)	Saïd Business School (2)
History (2)	Social & Cultural Anthropology (4)
International Development (8)	Social Work & Social Policy (6)
Latin American Centre (1)	Sociology (3)