

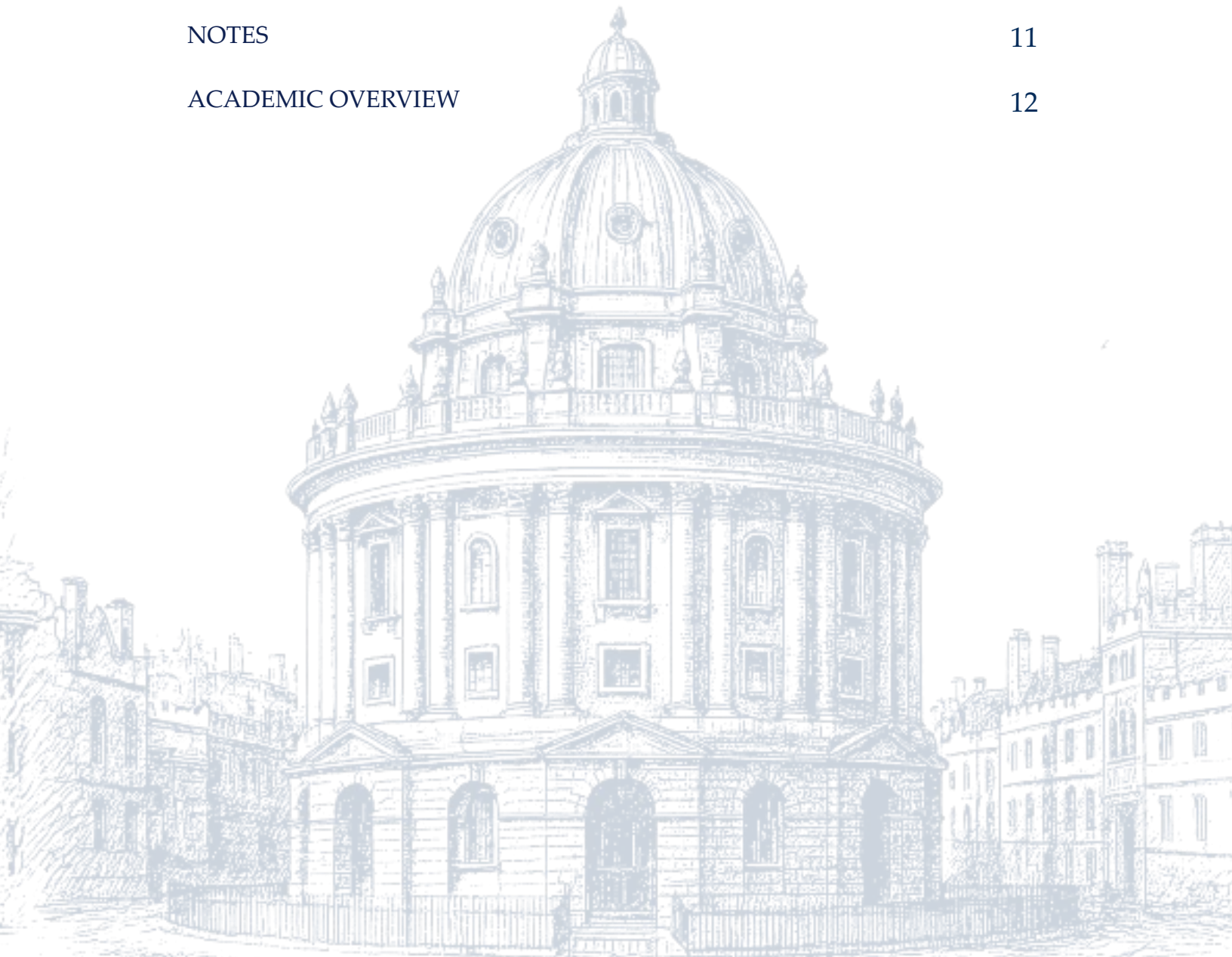
Foundation Certificate Course

Radley College, 2025



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Director General's Welcome



Welcome to the John Locke Institute's 2025 Foundations Certificate Course.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join us for an intellectual adventure that will challenge what you think, and how you think, about a range of interesting and important questions. The topics we discuss will be matters of great consequence for many people, and the insights you acquire and the skills that you develop will, I hope, prepare you to play your own part in the years to come in changing our world for the better. I hope you will also begin to build friendships with some remarkable and interesting people.

To prepare for this enterprise, let me ask you to open your mind to the possibility that there is still much to learn and perhaps even a few things to unlearn. Intellectual humility coupled with a spirit of bold adventure will enable you to make the most of the exciting opportunities you are about to meet.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Cox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Cox
Director General

RULES

In order to maintain a healthy, safe, and intellectually fertile environment, we require students to honour the following behavioural expectations:

- Not to possess or consume illegal drugs.
- Not to bring to the summer school or acquire during the summer school or consume during the summer school any alcoholic drinks.
- Not to smoke or use smokeless tobacco or vaping products within the precincts of the College or your accommodation.
- Not to visit a bedroom other than one's own.
- Not to be outside of one's own accommodation building after evening check in (10 - 10:30pm) or outside of one's own bedroom after 11 pm, and not to make noise after 10:30 pm.
- To check in with the staff member(s) on duty during the stipulated time each evening.
- Not to engage in violent, threatening, or discourteous behaviour, but to treat others with respectful civility.
- To act in accordance with national and local laws, and the policies of our host institutions.
- To comply with all fire alarms, and not to endanger others by tampering with fire alarms or other safety equipment.

A student who violates any of these rules will be required to depart prematurely from the programme. In such a case the Director General of the Institute will write to the student's academic referee and to the head of the student's school or university. Students dismissed from the programme for misconduct will bear any costs associated with early departure.

GUIDANCE

- Wear your lanyards at all times, including during all academic activities and all outings.
- Before asking questions during academic activities introduce yourself stating your full name.
- Be punctual for all scheduled activities, and respect the curfew.

GROUPS

A

Chan, Allison
Li, Justus
Matiukha, Artem
Pijaca, Ema
Tsuzuki, Jion
Varma, Meha
Voleti, Alakananda (Alka)
Zhou, Xinyu (Emily)

B

Kang, Gracia
Malhotra, Ana
Mboussi, Ines
Sobowale, Sam
Stoecklin, Julian
Wang, Anna
Wang, Shengkai
Zhang, Amy

C

Hobbs, Allen
Jamrich, Sabrina
Labunt, Denissa
Nadgouda, Reva
Prabhakar, Zoya
Saha, Aranya
Williams, Josiah
Yu, ShanTong (Angel)

D

Cao, Xinyue
Hung, Ethan
Iles, Chloe
Jones, Alfie
Ribero, Sofia
Wang, Pengkai
Wódkowska, Karolina

FACULTY



Dr. Tom Palmer
Executive Vice President for
International Programmes
Atlas Network

Dr. Tom Palmer is an American author and theorist, serving as a Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute and Vice President for International Programs at the Atlas Network. Palmer lectures globally on political science, public choice, civil society, and individual rights. His work has been published in various scholarly journals and mainstream media, including the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, Wall Street Journal, and New York Times.

He authored the book “Realizing Freedom: Libertarian Theory, History, and Practice” in 2009.



Dr. Vanessa Burns
Lecturer
University of Sheffield

Dr. Vanessa Burns is a Lecturer at the School of Sociological Studies, Politics and International Relations. She holds a DPhil in Geography from the University of Oxford. Before joining Sheffield, she held a position as Social Scientist in Governance at The James Hutton Institute and as a Lecturer in human geography at Stanford University.

She is interested in the project of reforming environmental law and governance frameworks, by asking how the ontological foundations of environmental law and governance frameworks obstruct good governance.

FACULTY



Dr. Cathleen Sarti
History Lecturer
Balliol College

Dr. Cathleen Sarti is a Departmental Lecturer in the History of War at Oxford University and a tutor at Balliol College. Her research focuses on political community and authority in early modern Northern Europe, particularly in the British Isles, Scandinavia, and the Baltic region.

She has published extensively on monarchy and state formation, including her monograph *Deposing Monarchs* (2022), which reinterprets monarchic depositions as integral to early modern political thought and crisis management.



Dr. Nigel Bowles
Senior Research Fellow
Corpus Christi College

Dr. Nigel Bowles is Senior Research Fellow at Corpus Christi College. His research interests lie in American political history and in the history of the US presidency. Among his publications are *The White House and Capitol Hill* and *Nixon's Business: Authority and Power in Presidential Politics*. He was Director of the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford from 2011 to 2015.

FACULTY



Marius Drozdzewski
Head of Strategy &
Communication
Prometheus – Heimat der
Freiheit

Marius Drozdzewski is Head of Strategy & Communication at Prometheus, a liberal think tank in Berlin. He previously worked as a policy advisor to Otto Fricke, Member of the German Bundestag, where he specialized in budget policy.

He studied Philosophy (M.A.) in combination with Mathematics (B.A.) at Humboldt University of Berlin, including a research stay at the University of Oxford. His academic interests center on how liberal thought can respond to contemporary challenges posed by anti-liberals.

LEADERS



Marie Loubeyre
Managing Director



Thaleia Kyriazaki
Admissions Officer



Szymon Górny
Events Coordinator

LEADERS



Noah Lazarides
Preceptor



Delyar Khakpour
Preceptor



Raeya Saeed
Preceptor



Theo Lankov
Intern



Harmony Mitchell
Intern



Scarlett French
Intern

NOTES

Sunday, 27 July

This date is common to all groups.

A B C D E

10 - 11:30am	<p>Arrive at Radley College</p> <p>Check into Boarding Social (L) and Morning Coffee in front of Science Lecture Theatre (SLT)</p>
12 - 12:45pm	<p>Welcome Address Dr. Tom Palmer</p> <p>Science Lecture Theatre</p>
1:10 - 1:45pm	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Dining Hall</p>
1:50 - 2:30pm	<p>Lecture: On Thinking Clearly Marius Drozdewski</p> <p>Science Lecture Theatre</p>
2:40 - 3:20pm	<p>Icebreaker Activity</p>
3:20 - 3:50pm	<p>AFTERNOON BREAK</p> <p>Dining Hall</p>
3:50 - 4:30pm	<p>Residential Dean Welcome Address</p> <p>Science Lecture Theatre</p>
4:40 - 5:20pm	<p>Introduction to Ideological Turing Test</p> <p>Science Lecture Theatre</p>
6:30 - 7:10pm	<p>DINNER</p> <p>Dining Hall</p>
10 - 10:30pm	<p>EVENING CHECK IN</p> <p>Please be in your own accommodation building following evening check-in (10 - 10:30pm) and in your own bedroom by 11:00 pm. No noise after 10.30pm.</p>
11:00pm	<p>LIGHTS OUT !</p>

Monday, 28 July

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
9 - 9:25am	BREAKFAST Dining Hall			
9:30 - 10:05am	Lecture: Of Pencils, Broken Windows, and Prosperity Tom Palmer Science Lecture Theatre			
10:10 - 10:45am	Q&A Tom Palmer Science Lecture Theatre			
10:50 - 11:20am	MORNING BREAK Dining Hall			
11:30 - 12:10pm	Lecture: On Rhetoric Tom Palmer Science Lecture Theatre			
12:20 - 1pm	Precept with Raeya Saeed M5	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	Precept with Marius Drozdowski M4	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3
1:10 - 1:45pm	LUNCH Dining Hall			
1:50 - 2:30pm	FREE TIME	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	FREE TIME	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6
2:40 - 3:20pm	ITT Prep M8-M9		Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	FREE TIME
3:20 - 3:50pm	AFTERNOON BREAK Dining Hall			
3:50 - 4:30pm	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	FREE TIME	ITT Prep M8-M9	
6:30 - 7:10pm	DINNER Dining Hall			
10 - 10:30pm	EVENING CHECK IN Please be in your own accommodation building following evening check-in (10 - 10:30pm) and in your own bedroom by 11:00 pm. No noise after 10.30pm.			
11:00pm	LIGHTS OUT !			

Tuesday, 29 July

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
9 - 9:25am	BREAKFAST Dining Hall			
9:30 - 10:05am	Lecture: Arguing well about Politics Dr. Nigel Bowles Science Lecture Theatre			
10:10 - 10:45am	Q&A Dr. Nigel Bowles Science Lecture Theatre			
10:50 - 11:20am	MORNING BREAK Dining Hall			
11:30 - 12:10pm	Lecture: On Paradoxes and Logic Marius Drozdewski Science Lecture Theatre			
12:20 - 1pm	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	Precept with Marius Drozdewski M4	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	Precept with Raeya Saeed M5
1:10 - 1:45pm	LUNCH Dining Hall			
1:50 - 2:30pm	FREE TIME	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	FREE TIME
2:40 - 3:20pm	Seminar with Noah Lazarides M8-M9		FREE TIME	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6
3:20 - 3:50pm	AFTERNOON BREAK Dining Hall			
3:50 - 4:30pm	Precept with Raeya Saeed M5	FREE TIME	Seminar with Noah Lazarides M8-M9	
6:30 - 7:10pm	DINNER Dining Hall			
10 - 10:30pm	EVENING CHECK IN Please be in your own accommodation building following evening check-in (10 - 10:30pm) and in your own bedroom by 11:00 pm. No noise after 10.30pm.			
11:00pm	LIGHTS OUT !			

Wednesday, 30 July

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
9 - 9:25am	BREAKFAST Dining Hall			
9:30 - 10:05am	Lecture: On Liberalism Dr. Vanessa Burns Science Lecture Theatre			
10:10 - 10:45am	Q&A Dr. Vanessa Burns Science Lecture Theatre			
10:50 - 11:20am	MORNING BREAK Dining Hall			
11:30 - 12:10pm	Lecture: In a Nearby Possible World: The Use of Thought Experiments Marius Drozdewski Science Lecture Theatre			
12:20 - 1pm	Precept with Marius Drozdewski M4	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	Precept with Raeya Saeed M5	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6
1:10 - 1:45pm	LUNCH Dining Hall			
1:50 - 2:30pm	ITT Round 1 (a) M8-M9		Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3
2:40 - 3:20pm	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	ITT Round 1 (a) M8-M9	
3:30pm	Bus departs to Oxford			
4 - 6:00pm	Oxford Experience			
6:30 - 7:10pm	DINNER			
10 - 10:30pm	EVENING CHECK IN Please be in your own accommodation building following evening check-in (10 - 10:30pm) and in your own bedroom by 11:00 pm. No noise after 10.30pm.			
11:00pm	LIGHTS OUT !			

Thursday, 31 July

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
9 - 9:25am	BREAKFAST Dining Hall			
9:30 - 10:05am	Lecture: On State Formation Dr. Cathleen Sarti Science Lecture Theatre			
10:10 - 10:45am	Q&A Dr. Cathleen Sarti Science Lecture Theatre			
10:50 - 11:20am	MORNING BREAK Dining Hall			
11:30 - 12:10pm	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	Precept with Raeya Saeed M5	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	Precept with Marius Drozdowski M4
12:20 - 1pm	ITT Round 1 (b) M8-M9		Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3
1:10 - 1:45pm	LUNCH Dining Hall			
1:50 - 2:30pm	Lecture: On Capitalism Dr. Vanessa Burns Science Lecture Theatre			
2:40 - 3:20pm	Q&A Dr. Vanessa Burns Science Lecture Theatre			
3:20 - 3:50pm	AFTERNOON BREAK Dining Hall			
3:50 - 4:30pm	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	ITT Round 1 (b) M8-M9	
6:30 - 7:10pm	DINNER Dining Hall			
10 - 10:30pm	EVENING CHECK IN Please be in your own accommodation building following evening check-in (10 - 10:30pm) and in your own bedroom by 11:00 pm. No noise after 10.30pm.			
11:00pm	LIGHTS OUT !			

Friday, 1 August

	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
9 - 9:25am	BREAKFAST Dining Hall			
9:30 - 10:05am	Lecture: On Democracy Dr. Vanessa Burns Science Lecture Theatre			
10:10 - 10:45am	Q&A Dr. Vanessa Burns Science Lecture Theatre			
10:50 - 11:20am	MORNING BREAK Dining Hall			
11:30 - 12:10pm	Precept with Raeya Saeed M5	Precept with Delyar Khakpour M6	Precept with Marius Drozdzewski M4	Precept with Noah Lazarides M3
12:20 - 1pm	Valedictory Lecture Science Lecture Theatre			
1:10 - 1:45pm	LUNCH Dining Hall			
2:00 - 3:00pm	Time for students to prepare			
3 - 3:15pm	Bus departs to Oxford			
3:45 - 6:00pm	Oxford Visit			
6 - 6:30pm	Walk to the Farewell Dinner			
6:30 - 9:30pm	Farewell Dinner			
9:30 - 9:45pm	Bus departs to Radley			
10 - 10:30pm	EVENING CHECK IN Please be in your own accommodation building following evening check-in (10 - 10:30pm) and in your own bedroom by 11:00 pm. No noise after 10.30pm.			
11:00pm	LIGHTS OUT !			

Saturday, 2 August

This date is common to all groups.

A B C D E

	<p>Please vacate your bedroom by 9am.</p> <p>You can store your luggage in the common rooms of your Boarding Social.</p>
9 - 9:25am	<p>BREAKFAST</p> <p>Dining Hall</p>
	<p>Please make sure to check out with one of our staff members prior to your departure.</p>

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