

St Antony's College Oxford



WHY ST ANTONY'S?



Because this is the best place in the world to study the world. Different disciplines, different nationalities and different professions come together in this small but renowned Oxford College to teach and be taught, to undertake research and to apply scholarship to the issues which dominate the 21st century - war and peace, terrorism and civil rights, democracy and dictatorship, poverty and development, globalization and international trade.

Five features distinguish St Antony's: the quality of its teaching and research; its specialization in international studies; its cosmopolitan nature; its openness and informality; and its commitment to intellectual dialogue with governments, corporations, NGOs and the media. On this basis the College has built its world-wide reputation as a specialist graduate school, fully integrated into Oxford University but with a very distinct personality of its own.

The College was founded in 1950 thanks to the generosity of the late Antonin Besse, a French businessman who made his fortune in the Middle East. Its first Warden, Sir William Deakin (1950-68), established its academic profile as the place in Oxford for the interdisciplinary study of the modern history, society, politics and international relations of the main regions of the world. The foundation laid by Deakin has been built upon by his three successors, Sir Raymond Carr (1968-87), Lord (Ralf) Dahrendorf (1987-97) and Sir Marrack Goulding (1997-), all of whom have brought to the College a distinctively Antonian combination of scholarship and experience in world affairs.

The College's student body consists of some 300 graduate students. About half of them are taking taught master's courses; the others are working on research for their doctorates. The permanent academic staff number about 40 and at any one time some 90 senior academics, plus policy-makers and opinion-formers, are attached on temporary appointments to pursue their own research and participate in the College's rich academic and social life. St Antony's includes seven interdisciplinary centres which undertake teaching and research on, respectively, Europe, Russia and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Japan, the rest of Asia, Latin America and Africa. There is lively collaboration among the centres and the College also has a close relationship with Oxford's International Development Centre (Queen Elizabeth House).

The result is an interdisciplinary and inter-regional network of scholarship which is unique in Oxford and attracts visitors from all over the world. It enables St Antony's to provide education equal or superior to that offered by the best international graduate schools in North America and Europe, enriched by exchanges with students and scholars from other disciplines and other parts of the world. Graduates of St Antony's can be found in at least 120 countries, occupying prominent positions in academia, government, international organizations, business and the media.

By supporting the College now benefactors will be enabling future generations to learn from this unique institution how to make this troubled world a better place.

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