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Letter from the Warden

I am writing to inform you about the formation of the St Antony’s Standing Committee on Equality and Diversity. Before doing so, I wanted to let you know that this edition of The Antonian is the first in its new form. Many of you filled out our Alumni Survey in 2021, and one of the outcomes was a desire to receive the content of The Antonian spread over three instalments in the year rather than just one. The Development Office will aim to issue a shorter version of The Antonian at the end of every term, and I hope you will enjoy reading this edition, which includes a feature on Antonian MPs and the many alumni updates we have received. Our survey also indicated a keen interest in webinars and podcasts; if you have any suggestions for recordings as part of the ‘St Antony’s Looks at the World’ podcast series or online events, please do get in touch with my colleagues at alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk.

We would also like to remind you that all Antonians are entitled to a free High Table once a year. At the time of writing this, we are just beginning to run these dinners again and we would be delighted to host you on a Tuesday or Friday during term. Please do let the Development office know if you would like to attend.

As we are watching the war and human suffering in Ukraine, I wanted to let the Antonian community know that the College is supporting an initiative to provide a new base for Ukrainian academics. The College, its Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre as well as the Oxford School for Global and Area Studies are talking to the University about how St Antony’s could act as a hub for Ukrainian academics, especially those in the social sciences.

St Antony’s Standing Committee on Equality and Diversity. You may remember that in June 2020 the college endorsed a formal statement that I made - in the wake of the George Floyd murder - committing to improve St Antony’s record in all aspects of equality and inclusion.

Amongst those commitments was the establishment of a Standing Committee on Equality and Diversity to monitor the college’s performance in these areas and to hold the Governing Body to account for that performance and the continuous upgrading of processes in the college in relation to them. I recommended that this committee would consist of external members with expertise in this area (similar to the college’s Remuneration and Conflict of Interest Committees) and would be independent of the Governing Body, to which it would report its recommendations. Its remit would include – but not necessarily be limited to – anti-racism and gender issues and the intersectional relationship between these.

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The committee has determined that it needs to start its work by undertaking a detailed census of all parts of the college community: fellows, students and staff. The survey will cover the areas of nationality, religion, language, gender, sexuality, health and well-being, education and family background. It has already been piloted on several different sections of the college over the past few weeks and, perhaps inevitably, in a community consisting mainly of social scientists trained in survey design, almost all of its questions, especially ‘closed questions’, have come under detailed scrutiny. This in itself has doubtless been an instructive process for the Committee.

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In Memoriam

The College noted with sorrow the passing away of several Fellows and members of staff of the College. Click on their names for the full obituaries on the College website.

Estelle Hussain, the College Housekeeper from 1978 until her retirement in 2000, died after a long illness on 5 December. Malcolm Deas and Jill Flitter represented the College at her funeral on 17 December.

With the death of Michael Kaser on 15 November 2021, St Antony’s lost one of its most eminent, loyal, and long-serving Fellows. Michael was successively a Research Fellow in 1960, Faculty Fellow (from 1963), Professorial Fellow (from 1980) until his retirement in 1993, and Emeritus Fellow.

Honorary Fellow and the last surviving child of St Antony’s founder, Monna Besse, passed away on 16 September. Monna had an association with the College from its inception, having worked for Bill Deakin as his secretary from shortly after the College was founded.

Honorary Fellow Geoffrey Elliott was a long-time friend of the College and a generous benefactor, who, along with his late wife Fay Elliott, took a great interest in the work of both Fellows and students, especially those in the Russian and East European (now Russian and Eurasian) Studies Centre.

St Antony’s is keen to commemorate and celebrate the lives of its former students, Fellows and staff. You can find obituaries and links to news that has appeared in the press here.

Oxford Preservation Award for the Hilda Besse

The refurbishment of the Hilda Besse Building was recognised by the Oxford Preservation Trust as the best building conservation project in 2021, alongside Oxford’s Story Museum. The award is especially significant for the Hilda Besse, considering that the Conservation Award historically recognises predominantly older buildings.

Recognition of Distinction Awards 2021

We are pleased to announce that both Chris Gerry and Victoria Smith were recognised in the University of Oxford’s 2021 Recognition of Distinction Awards which confers the title of full Professor and recognises distinguished contributions and excellent records in research and teaching, as well as service to the wider University. Chris Gerry, Governing Body Fellow and Head of the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, was conferred the title of Professor of Public Health and Health Economics in Russia and Eastern Europe. Chris is currently working on two COVID-19 projects relating to Russia and is the lead international scientist in a large 3-year (2020-2022) Russian project, coordinated by HSE St Petersburg, examining Health Inequalities and well-being in Russia. SCR Member and College Advisor Victoria Smith has received the title of Professor of Tephrochronology. Her research interests are tephrochronology, geochronology, volcanology, and igneous petrology in Japan, Italy (Campi Flegrei volcano), Mexico City, Patagonia (Chile).

Rosemary Foot’s book named best of 2021

Foreign Affairs has chosen China, the UN, and Human Protection: Beliefs, Power, Image. At China, the UN, and Human Protection by Rosemary Foot (Emeritus Fellow) as one of the best books reviewed by the editors in 2021.

University Appointments for College Members

The College is delighted to announce the appointments of Timothy Power as Head of the Social Science Division; Professors David Pratten, Chris Gerry and Diego Sánchez-Ancochea as Heads of Department of respectively Anthropology, Global and Area Studies, and International Development; and David Johnson as Proctor. Devika (MPhil Modern South Asian Studies, 2019) has been elected Vice President: Graduates and International Students for the Oxford Student Union (SU).

Paul Betts awarded 2021 Jacques Barzun Prize in Cultural History

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Books from Fellows

Dominic Johnson (Governing Body Fellow)
Overconfidence and War: Arabic translation (Tashkeel, with rights from Harvard University Press, 2021)

Kalypso Nicolaidis (Professor of International Relations), with Adis Merdzanovic
A Citizen’s Guide to the Rule of Law: Why We Need to Fight for the Most Precious Human Invention of All Time (ibidem-Verlag, 2021)

Laurent Mignon (Associate Professor of Turkish)
Uncoupling Language and Religion: An Exploration into the Margins of Turkish Literature (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2021)

Paul Betts (Professor of European History)
Ruin and Renewal: Civilizing Europe after World War II (Basic Books, 2020; paperback, 2021)

Miles Larmer (Professor of African History)
Living for the City: Social Change and Knowledge Production in the Central African Copperbelt (CUP, 2021). The book is available online (Open Access)

Nayef Al-Rodhan (Honorary Fellow)
Emotional Amoral Egoism: A Neurophilosophy Of Human Nature And Motivations (The Lutterworth Press, 2022)

Diego Sánchez-Ancochea (Honorary Fellow)
The Costs of Inequality in Latin America: Lessons and Warnings for the Rest of the World (Bloomsbury, 2020)

Webinars and Podcasts

Why ‘extractive communities’ are so poor when they provide minerals central to the global economy: Professor Miles Larmer discusses with Dr Sacha Hepburn (DPhil History 2013) his new book Living for the City: Social Change and Knowledge Production in the Central African Copperbelt (CUP).

The Good, the Bad and the Greedy: Why We’ve Lost Faith in Capitalism: DPhil candidate in Modern History at St Antony’s, Richard Lesmoir-Gordon, interviews Martin Vander Weyer, columnist and business editor of The Spectator and Academic Visitor at the College, about his recent book.

Vaccine diplomacy and the geopolitics of influence: a cross-centre webcast on the issue of vaccine diplomacy as an instrument for geopolitical influence in a world dominated by the impact of the pandemic.

Further recordings of events and seminars takes place at the Centres can be found on the University’s podcast webpages by following this link.

Listen to older editions of our podcasts in the ‘St Antony’s Looks at the World’ series.

Towards climate sustainability: energy transition, global governance, and socioeconomic policy

Academic Visitor, Manal Shehabi chairs a discussion with three St Antony’s alumni, Michael Mamik, Sohara Mehroze, and Waco Yokohama.

Ruin and Renewal: Civilising Europe after World War II: Professor Betts discusses his latest book and why ‘Civilisation’ is such a contested and useful concept for the postwar period and today.

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Sos Avetisyan (MPhil Russian and East European Studies 2014): Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia – Civil Contract Party

When Sos Avetisyan was approached for this feature on Antonian Members of Parliament, he had – as the new Armenian Ambassador to Spain - just handed over the Letter of Credentials to King Felipe VI. Prior to that, from December 2018 onwards, he was Member of Armenia’s National Assembly for the “My Step” alliance of parties.

Politics and diplomacy were, however, not the ambitions Sos had when leaving St Antony’s. The idea was to return to the College for a DPhil but first to get some professional experience. He lectured at the Yerevan State University and the American University of Armenia, and was in charge of the civil society programmes at the Open Society Foundation – Armenia. During this time, he saw himself as participant observer in a generation of progressive young, politically involved, Armenians.

Being a member of the National Assembly’s Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs, the skill set and formative intellectual experience at St Antony’s (he particularly recalls Professor Roy Allison), helped Sos – a recipient of the Calouste Gulbenkian Scholarship – to understand and conceptualise the political, social and economic developments of Armenia, Eurasia and the wider region. However, despite the importance of studying context, concepts, and theory; nothing prepares you for the task of fulfilling the expectations of your voters.

As a member of the ruling majority party in the National Assembly, Sos is proud that he was able to help improve national healthcare, infrastructure, and see actual improvements to a long neglected road to his hometown Ararat. More broadly, he considers his core values as Member of the National Assembly were to be approachable, critical and accountable to his voters.

The intensity and trauma of experiencing war as a Member of Parliament is not something that can be found in textbooks on policymaking, politics and think tanks through his work as the Secretary of the GCR, and so being responsible for parties and colleagues. He considers the biggest achievements of his political career so far to be his involvement in leading the Inter-Party Dialogue among political players in Serbia as the EP’s Rapporteur for this Western Balkan country, keeping the spotlight on the rule of law in Slovakia through regular monitoring, and his contribution to the drafting of the EU’s Digital Service Act for a healthier internet environment.

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Dr Vladimir Bilčík (MPhil European Politics & Society 1997): Member of the European Parliament for the TOGETHER – Civic Democracy Party

When entering the European Parliament (EP) in 2019, Vladimir was well prepared, equipped and motivated.

Following his education abroad, he returned to Slovakia in 1999 to work as an academic and teacher at the Department of Political Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava. At the same time, Vladimir made sure to stay in touch with policymaking, politics and think tanks through his work as the Head of the Research Program European Union in the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SPA).

Having entered politics before the Slovakian parliamentary elections in 2016, when he unsuccessfully ran for the National Council of the Slovak Republic, he helped establish a new political party, SPOLU – Civic Democracy to help turn his country’s drift away from European values upside down. Vladimir described how one pivotal moment in 2018 was a game changer, not only for Slovakia, but also for himself, and that was the murder of investigative journalist Ján Kuciak and his fiancée, Martina Kušnírová. This event gave him a clear vision of what he wanted to achieve when running for the EP, which was the protection of the rule of law and fight for free and independent media and against the spread of disinformation in Europe.

Vladimir explained that having this clear focus and academic and research experience with European politics helped him to establish himself relatively quickly as a newly elected MEP. After the elections of 2019, 60% of EP members were new, and therefore, having a well-defined mission, it was a bit easier to find out who to talk with and to establish relations with relevant colleagues. He considers the biggest achievements of his political career so far to be his involvement in leading the Inter-Party Dialogue among political players in Serbia as the EP’s Rapporteur for this Western Balkan country, keeping the spotlight on the rule of law in Slovakia through regular monitoring, and his contribution to the drafting of the EU’s Digital Service Act for a healthier internet environment.

Vladimir’s time at St Antony’s really helped him shape his ambitions, and with Professor Anand Menon as a driven Programme Director, and Professor Timothy Garton Ash as his distinguished thesis supervisor, he was well prepared for his academic work and political career. Having been the Social Secretary of the GCR, and so being responsible for parties and fun, was a good experience too, and Vladimir emphasised how politics in committees and smaller organisations really gives an excellent grounding for later in life when it comes to working with people and making compromises.

For young aspiring Antonian politicians, the most important pieces of advice Vladimir gives is to be serious and focussed, not to give up after a setback, and to have the courage to speak up about what you believe.
Professor Peter Katjavivi (DPhil Politics 1980): Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia

It is often said that Antonians have distinguished careers in academia, the civil service, diplomacy or politics. Professor Peter Katjavivi is no exception. In 1989, he was elected as a Member of the Constituent Assembly of Namibia following pre-independence elections, served on the Committee that wrote the Constitution, and was a member of the first National Assembly for two years. He was then appointed as the founding Vice-Chancellor of the University of Namibia, served as Namibia’s Ambassador to the EU, and subsequently to Germany. Returning to Namibia, he served as the Director-General of the National Planning Commission, and then re-joined Parliament in 2010 as the Government Chief Whip. Peter was elected as Speaker of the National Assembly in 2015 and continues to serve in that position.

Prior to his arrival in Oxford, he was active in the liberation struggle in Namibia. He also set up the London Office of the South West Africa People’s Organisation (SWAPO), the organisation that advocated Namibian independence from South Africa. So, not just your ordinary student, although his time at St Antony’s provided a conducive environment to gain a theoretical understanding of the practical issues he was already engaged in, and to look at similar movements around the world. In his own words, he was more of an activist, but sought to extend his academic inquiry by means of research.

It was the training he received from St Antony’s, as well as the comparative seminars and the academic critique offered, that prepared Peter to serve his country. Having already been engaged with SWAPO diplomatic engagements in the UK and Western Europe, he expected to play a role in Namibian national development and the southern Africa region, because SWAPO was not operating in isolation but together with other liberation movements. Alongside his academic and SWAPO activities, he has fond memories of his time in Oxford, including the birth of his son, the daily cycle from St Clement’s, and learning to swim properly (being from central Namibia, no mean feat!).

The outcome of the UN-supervised elections of 1989 resulted in SWAPO winning a majority of seats, but there were other smaller parties represented in the Constituent Assembly as well. They all had vested interests, but SWAPO, through its Chairperson of the Constitutional Committee, Dr Hage G. Geingob, now Namibia’s President, proposed that all matters should be agreed by consensus, not by majority vote. This helped forge a united way forward for the country, and bring about peace and tranquility, that Peter stresses – prevails today.

To this end, Peter quotes Jawaharlal Nehru’s speech, as cited by Dr. Kushyp, in ‘The History of the Parliament of India: Democracy, ultimately is a way of life, a way of reacting to the circumstances, a way of thinking and a way of putting up with the things we dislike even. And I think on the whole, we have done fairly well…men [and women] may come and men [and women] may go, but parliaments and countries go on… We shall go on and others will come after us. But I think whoever may come after us may go, but parliaments and countries go on… We shall go on and others will come after us. But I think whoever may come after us

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His advice for aspiring Antonians is that whoever goes to Oxford, needs to be ready to learn from those who may know more than they do. Going to Oxford calls for humility, a readiness to learn, and to let others learn from you, as well as being self-motivated.

As he concluded the interview, Peter informed us of the sad loss of his compatriot Dr Zed Ngavirue, yet another illustrious alumnus of the college. You can read an obituary by Peter on the College’s website.

Aspram Krpeyan (MSt Diplomatic Studies 2018): National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia - Armenia Alliance

Before entering the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Aspram Krpeyan saw herself as a young professional in the executive branch of the Armenian government. She was full of motivation, energy and hope, but did not have any ambitions to go into politics and to be involved in legislative affairs. Over the course of her career, she worked for, amongst others, the Ministry of Defence, the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the UN Office, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs.

On 27 September 2020, renewed hostilities erupted around the unresolved Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Azerbaijan and Artsakh (the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic) together with Armenia. The Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire agreement on 9 November 2020 ended the hostilities. It was seen by many as Armenia’s defeat and capitulation. For Aspram, the events of 9 November 2020 forced her to reconsider everything in life, feeling that the survival of her homeland was at stake.

Although, Aspram had no party affiliation, she was invited to join the Armenia Alliance by the Armenian Revolutionary Federation (ARF) the main opposition Alliance that was striving to unseat the ruling Government and its Prime Minister, who was signatory of the ceasefire. Snap parliamentary elections were held on 20 June 2021. These had initially been scheduled for 9 December 2023, but were called earlier due to the political crisis following the 2020 44 day-war. Aspram was elected and took her oath as Member of the National Assembly on the 7 November 2021.

The oath was a very emotional moment for Aspram, as she keenly felt the enormous responsibility that her decision to enter politics entailed. She no longer feels able to have any other challenges in life than the realities of Armenia. The goals that she set as representative of those who voted for the Armenia Alliance is to fight for the Armenian identity, the right to self-determination of the people of Artsakh and historical justice. Aspram will stay in politics as long as required for the realisation of her nation’s collective dreams, because for her Artsakh is not politics, it is identity. One famous Armenian name is permanently present at St Antony’s, and that is the Calouste Gulbenkian Reading Room below the College Library. Aspram fondly remembers the moment on her second stay at St Antony’s when she was the only one of her introduction group who could properly pronounce the name.

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New books and publications from Antonians

In this section you will find a selection of the new books published by Antonians.

**Stephen J. C. Andes**
(DPhil History, 2006)
*Zoro’s Shadow: How a Mexican Legend Became American*, First Sw allower.
Chicago Review Press, 2020

This history of Zoro brings together the character’s origins and demonstrates his impact on pop culture, not only revealing that Zoro was the inspiration for the most iconic superheroes we know today but also delving into the Latinx origins of the masked crusader.

**Jesu Auerbach**
(MSc Forced Migration 2009)
*Archives of Kinship: Stories of everyday heroism during the South Africans lockdown*.
BK Publishing, 2021

Archives of Kinship documents examples of micro-heroism and many other stories from a country gripped by the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdown, collected by Jesu Auerbach and her students at North-West University.

**Bilal Baloch**
(DPhil Politics, 2015)
*When Ideas Matter: Democracy and Corruption in India*.
Cambridge University Press, 2021

The book is based on Bilal’s doctoral work at St Antony’s. A study of ideas, their substance, origins and salience, in government decision-making during credibility crises in India and developing democracies.

**Dimitar Bechev**
(International Relations, 2001; Junior Research Fellow, 2005–2010)
*Turkey Under Erdogan: How a Country Turned from Democracy and the West*.
Yale University Press, 2022

Dimitar Bechev traces the political trajectory of Erdogan’s popular regime, from the era of reform and prosperity in the 2000s to the effects of the war in neighboring Syria. In a tale of missed opportunities, Bechev explores how Turkey parted ways with the United States and Europe, embraced Putin’s Russia and other revisionist powers, and replaced a frail democratic regime with an authoritarian one. Despite this, he argues that Turkey’s democratic instincts are resilient, its economic ties to Europe are as strong as ever, and Erdogan will fail to achieve a fully autocratic regime.

**Elif Bişer-Deveci**
(Academic Visitor, 2017–18)
*Alcohol in the Maghreb and the Middle East since the Nineteenth Century. Disputes, Politics and Practices*.
Palgrave Macmillan St Antony’s Series, 2021

This book explores the significance of alcohol in the Middle East and North Africa as a catalyst of social and political division. It discusses alcohol in relation to the tensions inherent to the conforming of Islamic societies to global trends. Chapters examine the medical and public discourse on alcohol within national and imperial contexts.

**James M. Boughton**
(SAM, 2000)
*Harry White and the American Creed: How a Federal Bureaucrat Created the Modern Global Economy (and Failed to Get the Credit)*.
Yale University Press, 2021

The life of a major figure in twentieth-century economic history whose impact has long been clouded by dubious allegations. In this book, James Boughton rehabilitates White, delving into his life and work and returning him to a central role as the architect of the world’s financial system.

**Jonathan Brunstedt**
(MPhil History, 2011)
*The Soviet Myth of World War II: Patriotic Memory and the Russian Question in the USSR*.
Cambridge University Press, 2021

How did a socialist society, ostensibly committed to Marxist ideals of internationalism and the global class struggle, reconcile itself to notions of patriotism, homeland, Russian ethnocentrism, and the glorification of war? Jonathan Brunstedt pursues this question through the lens of the myth and remembrance of victory in World War II – arguably the central defining event of the Soviet epoch.

**Anthony Elson**
(SAM, 2013)
Palgrave Macmillan 2021

A detailed analysis of why the dollar serves as the dominant currency of the global financial system.

**Diana Galeeva**
(Academic Visitor)
*Qatar: The Practice of Rented Power*. Based on Diana’s PhD thesis at Durham University, this book examines the parameters of Qatar’s political growth by developing an alternative theory of power – ‘rented’ power. The author demonstrates how Qatar’s emergence as a regional power can be solely explained by its capacity as a gas-rich rentier state.

**Richard Graeber**
(History, 1957)
*Arup Redux: Fifty Fables of the Modern Era*.
Independently published, 2021

Arup’s fables have survived for millennia and have flourished in practically every culture and age group because they express universal truths in witty form. This collection of fifty new fables for the twenty-first century invites readers to pause and reflect on a world of several alternate realities and instant judgments, where truth cannot easily be separated from fiction.

**Christine Hobden**
(MPhil Political Theory, 2010)
*Citizenship in a Globalised World*.
London Publishing Partnership, 2022

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**Stephanie Hare**
(PhD International Relations, 2008–2009)

This book debunks the idea of ‘good’ technology by identifying the technological forces that shape our reality. It explores different ethical perspectives on technology and offers a range of practical solutions to help us become more aware of the ethical implications of our technological choices.

**Tobias Lena**
(MPhil European Politics & Society, 2005)
*International Development Cooperation of Japan and South Korea - New Strategies for an Uncertain World*.
Springer Singapore, 2022

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Chapter 6 - Procedural Challenges and Strategies before the ICJ and ITLOS. This chapter analyses India’s challenges to jurisdiction before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in 2014 and 2015, comparing the implications of the bodies’ differing procedures and perceptions of their own jurisdiction, and assessing the international relations dynamics at hand.

Sarah Smierciak (MPHil Development Studies, 2012) co-editor
The Routledge Handbook-on Contemporary Egypt
Routledge, 2021
Investigating key features of contemporary Egypt, this volume includes Egypt’s modern history, politics, economics, the legal system, environment, and its media and modes of cultural expression.

Sarah Smierciak (MPHil Development Studies, 2012)
Cronyism and Elite Capture in Egypt: From Businessmen Cabinet to Military Inc.
Routledge 2022
Examining business-state networks in Egypt (1991–2020). Using interdisciplinary methodology, this book argues that Western actors promoting market liberalisation have served as central partners in enabling elites to capture the fruits of Egypt’s economic reforms.

Vera Michlin-Shapir (2006, Russian and E.E. Studies)
Fluid Russia - Between the Global and the National
Cornell University Press, 2021
Fluid Russia offers a new framework for understanding Russian national identity by focusing on the impact of globalisation on its formation, something which has been largely overlooked. This approach sheds new light on the Russian case, revealing a dynamic Russian identity that is developing along the lines of other countries exposed to globalisation. Vera Michlin-Shapir shows how along with the freedoms afforded when Russia joined the globalizing world in the 1990s came globalisation’s disruptions.
Plus est en vous – Career Updates

Sonia Andols- Rodriguez (MSc Refugee and Forced Migration Studies 2009) was appointed as Director General of General Management at the Ministry of Interior of Catalonia.

Masahiko Asada (1988–99), has been elected to the UN International Law Commission (ILC) by the UN General Assembly in April 2021 as one of the 34 members of the Commission for 2023-2027.

Jens Auerbach (MSc Forced Migration 2009) was appointed as Associate Professor at the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town.

Bilal Baloche (PhD Politics 2015) runs a technology start-up in Washington, D.C., Enquire AI, which recently raised a $5.5M Series A Funding to continue building the fastest way to connect businesses to subject-matter experts around the world.

Michael T. Benson (PhD Modern History, 1991) was appointed as ‘Historian, Veterans’ Experience’ at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

Nathan Converse (MPhil Development Studies 2003) is a Judge of the General Court of the Court of Justice of the European Union’s (Case C-727/18) has been awarded the Young Researcher Award in Social Sciences by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Young Researcher Award aims to recognize research accomplishments of young faculty members, and has been established since 2002.

Jonathan M. Jackson (DPhil Sociology 2004) has been appointed Director of the Institute for Studies in Social Policy. The Institute for Studies in Social Policy aims to recognize research accomplishments of young faculty members, and has been established since 2002.

Christopher Edwards (MPhil International Relations 2003) and Sutitya Edwards (MPhil Development Studies 2005) have a new addition to their family, Leo Edwards, born 23 March 2020.

Juan David Gutiérrez (MSc Public Policy in Latin America 2010) was appointed in July 2021 as associate professor at the faculty of economics and international relations of U. Rosario (Colombia).

Other news

Juan David Gutiérrez (MSc Public Policy in Latin America 2010) and his wife Testa Gutiérrez (2005) have a new addition to their family, Leo Edwards, born 23 March 2020.

Jim Winston (MLitt History, 1982) is Founder and Chair of the Winston Family Foundation, a company he helped get off the ground 15 years ago, and has been awarded a further four years, and Jonathan will continue into this second phase as a postdoctoral researcher.

Rebecca Clifford (PhD Modern History, 2013) has been awarded funding for a further four years, and Jonathan will continue into this second phase as a postdoctoral researcher.

Other news

Juan David Gutiérrez (MSc Public Policy in Latin America 2010) has been appointed President of Anthem Health Solutions and listed in Business Insider’s 30 Under 40 in Healthcare and one of Fortune’s 40 under 40.
New Scholarship initiatives

Students from the global south are underrepresented at Oxford due to the high costs of graduate education. St Antony’s is committed to enabling students to fulfill their academic potential, regardless of background or financial concerns.

The St Antony’s Scholarship

The cost of a graduate education at Oxford is very expensive for many applicants. Anecdotally, students who completed their undergraduate degrees in Western Europe or North America win the vast majority of scholarships for graduate study available in the University. Needs-tested scholarships for non-British students is an administratively difficult and costly procedure. Consequently, students who completed their undergraduate degrees in countries who receive official development assistance from the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD are likely to be underrepresented in Oxford.

It is for this reason that the College aspirers to offer scholarships to students who have completed their undergraduate degrees in countries who receive official development assistance from the OECD. For the list of these countries, please follow this link.

As current students Vibhuti Gour, Pascal Mensah and Josh Parker Allen write: “Diverse, international perspectives enrich St Antony’s community and discussion. This scholarship is an important step toward a more inclusive Oxford. As a student body, we are proud of this initiative to support a new generation of scholars from the Global South. Our community will be the better for it.”

The Angelines Scholarship

The Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) and St Antony’s College are launching an initiative to raise funds for a joint scholarship. It will be eligible for students who apply for any degree offered by ODID, with a preference for those from Latin America and whose college of choice is St Antony’s. The initiative for this scholarship came from Professor Valpy Fitzgerald who has since 1992 been part of the academic life at the college and department (from 2007 – 2012 he was Head of Department). Creating this scholarship is a great way to thank Valpy for all he has done and according to his idea, it will be named after his wife Angelines, who has been struggling with Alzheimer’s Disease.

Valpy writes ‘training a new generation of students in development studies at ODID and St Antony’s College will be a fitting tribute to Angelines’ own roots in Andalusía, her training as a social historian, her lived experience of Mexico and Nicaragua, and her kindness to previous generations of postgraduates in Cambridge, The Hague and Oxford.’

The good news is that £12,500 has already been secured on an annual basis and ODID is able to top this up to a level that covers a majority of the academic fees.

Antonian Fund

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of the worldwide Antonian community, a wide range of student activities can be supported through The Antonian Fund. Every term, our students are invited to apply for projects that fall under the categories Life at St Antony’s and Academic Initiatives. Travel and Research grants, also financed by The Antonian Fund, are run through a separate application process.

Last Michaelmas Term, 21 applications were submitted of which eight were successful. The St Antony’s Latin Salsa Association, the Oxford Graduate Review on Inequality, Foxes Women’s Football Team, St Antony’s Football Club, St Antony’s International Review (STAIR) and St Antony’s Boat Club were the clubs and societies that were awarded funding. New initiatives that received support from The Antonian Fund this year are Welfare Arts Sessions and Uncomfortable Oxford Walking Tours: Hidden Histories.

For a full overview of the names of the winning applicants and the amount of the awards, please follow this link.

You can support the Antonian Fund and enable students to carry out projects like these, here.

Antonian Fund Update

The Antonian Fund supports the St Antony’s Boat Club. This academic year, for the first time in two years, the crews were able to enjoy rowing without too many Covid-19 restrictions. With over 70 official members in the Club this year, SABC have trained three novice and two senior crews and the results have been commendable!

Read more about their successes in Michaelmas 2021 and Hilary Term 2022.

Your support

Awarding The St Antony’s and The Angelines Scholarships are not possible without the support of the worldwide Antonian community. If you would like to discuss one of the scholarships in more details or have a question about how to make a gift, please get in touch with Wouter te Kloeze, Development Director at St Antony’s: wouter.t.kloeze@rant.on.ac.uk.

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Thank you to all who have chosen to donate to St Antony's.
Empowering generations of students to make a difference, St Antony’s College stands as a beacon of academic excellence and community spirit. Your generosity can help us to continue this legacy, ensuring that the College remains a place of learning and inspiration for years to come.

Leaving a gift in your Will to St Antony’s

A gift to St Antony’s College in your Will can have a lasting impact on the institution and its students. Your generosity can support the College’s mission to provide a transformative education for its students and to promote intellectual and social engagement.

**The Benefits of Leaving a Gift in Your Will**

- Your gift can be used to support the College’s educational programs and initiatives.
- Your gift can help to establish scholarships and bursaries for students in need.
- Your gift can support the College’s research and academic programs.

**How to Leave a Gift in Your Will**

1. **Consult with an Attorney:** It is advisable to consult with an attorney to ensure that your gift is properly documented and meets all legal requirements.
2. **Include St Antony’s College in Your Will:** Specify that you wish to leave a gift to St Antony’s College in your Will.
3. **Specify the Type of Gift:** You can specify the type of gift you wish to leave, such as cash, securities, or real estate.
4. **Consult with the College:** The College can provide you with information about how to include your gift in your Will.

**Information about St Antony’s College**

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Leaving a gift in your Will to St Antony’s College can have a significant impact on the institution and its students. Your generosity can help to ensure that St Antony’s remains a vibrant and dynamic community that continues to inspire and educate future generations.
Antonian and University of Oxford Events

All upcoming events can be found on the St Antony's College website

To receive invitations to events in your area, please update your communications preferences and opt-in to ‘Event Invitations’.

University of Oxford alumni events, including Meeting Minds, can be found here.

St Antony’s Looks at the World Series

Upcoming webinars

Date to be confirmed: Dimitar Bechev speaking on Turkey under Erdogan

12 May: Valpy Fitzgerald on International taxation and income distribution

14 May: Kharan Tapar in conversation with Faisal Devji: Democracy in India

See previous events in this series

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