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New Generation Research Exchange: Roger Scruton Philosophy Symposium Fellowships Call for Applications

New Horizons for Science and Religion
in Central and Eastern Europe

The Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford in collaboration with the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, and the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, with generous support from the John Templeton Foundation, the Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation, and the Humane Philosophy Project, invites applications as part of its New Generation Scholars Exchange programme for fellowships at the 2021 Roger Scruton Philosophy Symposium. The event will take place Wednesday 28th July through until Saturday 6th August 2021 in and around Sir Roger Scruton's home near historic Malmesbury in the Cotswolds, United Kingdom. The fellowship covers the £3000 fee which includes accommodation and board at the Royal Agricultural University as well as the costs of all the planned activities. Fellowships exclude travel to and from the event.

Event Details

The Roger Scruton Philosophy Symposium offers a ten-day immersion experience in the philosophy and outlook of Sir Roger Scruton, the British writer and philosopher. Sir Roger Scruton was deeply involved in underground education in CEE behind the iron curtain, and his works continue to be an important voice in the discussions concerning many of the key issues the region faces in the post-communist era. The Fellowships represent an opportunity to engage with Scruton's intellectual legacy, as well as preserve and develop the networks and relationships that he passionately promoted. Each full day will begin with a talk followed by a discussion. In the evenings attendees will participate in concerts, readings, or further discussion over wine. Topics covered in the sessions will include the nature of philosophy, why beauty matters, freedom and oppression, why music matters, home and belonging, the fading of tradition, and understanding wine. Daily philosophy classes will be combined with visits to nearby historical sites, including Malmesbury and Avebury, which will provide an experience of the historical depth of this unique part of England including a guided tour of Oxford led by Dr Samuel Hughes, Research Fellow at the University of Oxford, and a Senior Fellow at Policy Exchange, who worked as Sir Roger Scruton's research assistant on the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission.

For further details visit:

<https://www.roger-scruton.com/scrutopia-summer-school>

Eligibility

The Fellowships are intended to support students currently enrolled on degrees in Central and Eastern European higher education institutions, including universities, research academies and seminaries. The Fellowships are part of the ‘New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe’ project funded by the John Templeton Foundation so applications are especially encouraged from students working on topics that fall under the project themes, which are outlined below, but there are no disciplinary restrictions and applicants with academic backgrounds, which do not naturally support similar issues are also welcome.

For the purposes of the project, CEE is defined as: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, the former East Germany, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.

The research themes supported under the ‘New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe’ project include research which engages with Big Questions at the intersection of science, theology and philosophy. Applications are encouraged from students whose interests fall within three broad themes: science and religion in the CEE context; reason and faith; and persons, mind and cosmos. Suitable topics include:

- The significance of theological traditions for our culture today;
- The relations of brains, minds and human persons;
- Whether the natural sciences can explain subjective experience;
- The relationship between science and religion;
- The place of values in the natural world;
- How the history of CEE has influenced views on science and religion;
- Free will and scientific determinism and/or divine foreknowledge;
- Empirical psychology and the second person perspective;
- Phenomenological approaches to religion;
- Understanding notions of God, good and evil in a scientific age.

For further example areas, applicants are strongly encouraged to visit the Ian Ramsey Centre’s website where further areas of interest for the New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe project as a whole are listed:

<https://cee.ianramseycentre.info/research>

Application process

Applications for the 2021 Roger Scruton Philosophy Symposium Fellowships must be submitted no later than **30 April 2021**. All application materials should be submitted via email to cee.irc@theology.ox.ac.uk. The subject line must be 'Roger Scruton Fellowship Application'. The results of the competition will be announced by **28 May 2021**. Applications must include:

- A full curriculum vitae
- A statement saying how the candidate expects to benefit from receiving the fellowship
- A description of the student's academic interests, or any ongoing research

All candidates must be registered for the Symposium to be considered for one of the Fellowships. Fellowship recipients are automatically guaranteed a place at the Symposium and do not need to reserve a place separately. Fellowship applicants who intend to participate in the Symposium even if they do not receive a scholarship should contact Mrs Izzy Larthe, Director of Admissions to reserve a place and pay the £300 deposit (Email: izzy@rogerscruton.com). The £300 deposit will be reimbursed if their scholarship application is successful.

The event is subject to confirmation pending public health measures obtaining at the time. Successful applicants will receive updated information in case any changes to the event schedule are necessary.

By submitting an application for the 2021 Roger Scruton Philosophy Symposium Fellowships candidates accept and acknowledge the terms of processing their personal data for the purpose of the application process. For further information concerning the processing of personal data by the University of Warsaw see the personal data information sheet. If you have any questions please contact Dr Mikołaj Sławkowski-Rode: m.slawkowski-rode@uw.edu.pl