



CBL International Oxford Summer Institute at Oriel College



PPE – Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Programme

Outline 2014 - Oxford

Oriel College (University of Oxford, UK) and CBL International (Centre for International Business and Commercial Law) are inviting groups from selected university faculties to participate in a 4-week session of *CBL International Oxford Summer Institute at Oriel College*.

Three sessions will be held in Oxford:

- **Session 1: from 6 July to 2 August 2014**
- **Session 2: from 20 July to 17 August 2014 (very limited number of places available)**
- **Session 3: from 3 to 30 August 2014**

PPE – Philosophy, Politics, and Economics is one of the very famous courses offered in Oxford. This summer programme will give all participants the opportunity to attend cutting-edge lectures on these three subjects. Delegates will appreciate the strong focus on global economics and policy trends, international law, and philosophy. This programme is the only extensive summer programme in Oxford that focuses on philosophy, politics, law, and economics.

CBL International Oxford Summer Institute at Oriel College is a programme with a very interdisciplinary approach. Therefore students from the following departments and schools are invited to join:

- School/Department of Public Administration and Governance
- School/Department of International Relations
- School/Department of Philosophy
- School/Department of Economics
- School/Department of Law
- School/Department of Business and Management
- School/Department of Foreign Language Studies (Legal/Business English)



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The following courses will be offered during the programme:

1. **Historic Political and Economic Philosophy:** This course is giving delegates an overview of historic philosophical schools. It covers aspects of ancient European philosophy with its origins in Athens and Rome as well as medieval thinking. It will give delegates the chance to learn more about the different concepts of state, power, individual rights, as well as the origins of economical ethics.
2. **Contemporary Political and Economic Philosophy:** This programme is giving an insight into the modern philosophical thinking beginning with Machiavelli and the enlightenment. Various philosophical schools and their viewpoints will be discussed and the ideas of John Locke, Adam Smith, or Descartes will be analysed. Concepts of justice, equality, need, and human rights will be addressed including aspects of theories which argue that there is a duty of justice to distribute resources; justice towards future generations; national self-determination, multiculturalism, and the various concept of a 'just war'.
3. **Global Macroeconomics:** This course will cover important subjects of macroeconomic fluctuations in the Western World, mainly the United States and the European Union, as well as China, Japan, and South-East Asia; fiscal policy and debt dynamics in the world economy; exchange rate policy and global demand imbalances; international inflation performance, consumption, and savings in the global economy; the lecture series will provide delegates with a clear picture of today's global economic performance and its challenges.
4. **Financial Crisis and Policy Responses:** This course will at first introduce participants with the banking systems and the financial crisis of 2008, emphasising the credit crunch and its effects on the real economy, and then deal with the sovereign debt crisis in Europe (So called 'Euro Crisis'). This course will also cover subjects such as unconventional monetary policy and the banking reform as a result of the financial crisis.
5. **International Taxation:** This course offers an in-depth understanding of international taxation, various aspects of taxation in cross border transactions, historical background of the OECD Model Tax Convention and how it has developed, basic scheme of the convention, role of commentaries, observations, and reservations.
6. **Development Economics:** This course will give an overview of policy-related issues faced by developing countries from both theoretical and applied



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perspectives. Topics covered include economic development and economic growth; poverty and inequality; gender discrimination; governance and institutions; media and corruption; natural resources and development; and the effectiveness of foreign aid in helping developing countries.

7. **Behavioural Economics:** The objectives of this course are to introduce students to the approach and methods of behavioural economics. Psychological and social factors play an important role in human behaviours and decision-making processes. Behavioural economics increases the explanatory power of economics by incorporating these factors in order to provide more realistic psychological foundations for economic analysis.
8. **European Business Law:** This course will introduce the main concepts in European law and European Business Law giving students a better understanding of the European Legal System.
 - a. **European Institutions and Economic Law:** This lecture series discusses how the European Union (EU) works: federal structure of the EU, regulatory competition, and federal law making including an overview of the European institutions.
 - b. **European Corporate Law:** This course discusses the European corporate law and the coordination of domestic laws in order to minimise conflicting burdens for cross-border establishment of corporation. It also gives insights of the various options for European corporate structures and discusses the SA as the latest version of a European corporate structure for multinational companies.
 - c. **European Competition Law:** These lectures are designed to allow general understanding of the core economic concepts of competition in the market economy system within the European Union (EU). As competition law is always connected to consumer protection also this important aspect of European law is covered as part of this lecture series.
9. **Business and Legal English (Offered during first week only! Preparation for the level of English of all other EFL subject courses):**



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- a. **Business English:** This course will focus on the reading, writing, and listening skills of the English language in a business context. By being able to understand and use the business language, participants will be able to further their career in both their work quality and building relationships among colleagues and clients.
- b. **Legal English:** This course will provide delegates the ability to communicate on an international level using precise and correct legal language. Upon completion of the course, participants will improve their confidence in explaining points of law, enhance their drafting and editing skills, and ultimately represent their organisation in a more effective manner.

10. Visit to London: It is essential not only to learn the theory of international law and economics but also to understand some of the important practical aspects. Therefore included to the programme is a trip to the city of London where students will have the chance to visit some of the following: British and international institutions, city law firms, Inns of Court, banks, corporations, or courts. Previously visited institutions are, among others:

- Thomson Reuters
- Allen & Overy LLP
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- Fountain Court Chambers
- United Nations International Maritime Organisation
- UBS
- Westlaw
- The Royal Courts of Justice
- Lincoln's Inn
- Middle Temple Inn
- Bank of England
- International Maritime Organisation
- International Sugar Association
- Incorporated Council of Law Reporting
- London Court of International Arbitration
- Harvey Nichols

Note: All the above mentioned courses are subject to possible changes.

Faculty

CBL International, Oriel College and all involved colleges are composing a strong team of faculty members including professors, university lecturers, university researchers, college tutors, and DPhil candidates from the University of Oxford (UK) and the University of Cambridge (UK) to teach your courses. In the meantime, we will also invite some teachers and lecturers from other prestigious



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universities such as London School of Economics and University of California, Berkeley, and other selected institutions.

Certificate and Academic Transcript

A certificate co-signed by Oriel College and CBL International will be issued to the participants, containing topics covered during the programme. Oxford Summer Institute is a certificate programme that may be accountable for optional credits depending on the requirements of the home institution/school/university.

The Academic Transcript will show the courses chosen and attended by each delegate. It will indicate the workload of each course as well the results of exams and assignments. Each week, one course will be taught. Combining lecture time, preparation, study time, and tests, each week is designed to be equivalent to 2 - 3 ECTS credits or 1 - 1.5 US credits. Each week delegates are invited to participate in one examination. All programmes offered by CBL International Education in the UK are run by Oxford King's College Ltd. (OKC Ltd.) We are proud to announce that OKC Ltd. is accredited by the British Accreditation Council.

Application

Student groups can apply through a university/school representative. Qualified representatives will be individual professors, programme directors, or the head of the international office.

For further information regarding CBL International Oxford Summer Institute at Oriel College and the application process, please contact:

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