Richard von Weizsäcker Visiting Fellowship (Gastprofessur) at St Antony’s College, Oxford, 2020-2021

Full Particulars and Information about St Antony’s College and the European Studies Centre

1. Particulars of the Fellowship

The European Studies Centre of St Antony’s College, Oxford invites applications for the Richard von Weizsäcker Visiting Fellowship, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. The fellowship is tenable for nine months (1 October–30 June). Applicants should be scholars in the field of post-1850 history or the historical social sciences, and with an outstanding record of publication. They must be employed at a German university at the time of application. The deadline for all applications is 15 June 2019.

Fellows will be expected to be resident at St Antony’s College for the nine months of the Oxford academic year (October–June); to conduct their research; to give the annual Richard von Weizsäcker lecture; to organize a conference or seminar series on a topic of their choice, bringing recent German scholarship to an English-speaking audience; and to edit an English-language volume of essays based on this.

The Fellowship carries a stipend and travel and accommodation allowances payable to the Fellow’s home institution, and facilities provided in Oxford which include an office in the European Studies Centre, funding for the seminars or conference, a High Table (dining) allowance, and administrative support.

There is no application form. Applications should consist of a cv; a research proposal of not more than 10 pp.; and a preliminary proposal for the workshop or seminar series. Please indicate which year you wish to apply for. Applications should be sent by email to european.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk.

2. St Antony’s College, Oxford

St Antony's College was founded in 1950 as a graduate college within the University of Oxford. Its chosen field is the interdisciplinary study of the modern history, politics, international relations, economics, sociology and culture of the regions of the world. It provides an informal and multicultural environment for advanced research and postgraduate education and has become the leading European centre for international studies, competing with the best graduate schools in the United States and adding a uniquely European viewpoint to its international vision.
During its 60 years, St Antony’s has had five Wardens: Sir William Deakin (1950-68), Sir Raymond Carr (1968-87), Sir Ralf (later Lord) Dahrendorf (1987-97), Sir Marrack Goulding (1997-2006), Professor Margaret MacMillan (2006-2018); and Professor Roger Goodman, the current warden.

Like other Oxford colleges, the College is an independent self-governing institution. Its Governing Body consists of between 35 and 45 Fellows and is chaired by the Warden. The Fellows are distinguished scholars in their chosen fields and most of them hold senior academic posts in the University. Each conducts his or her own research programme. Almost all of them supervise postgraduate students from St Antony’s and other colleges and some teach undergraduates as well. They also take part in University and College administration.

St Antony’s is one of the seven colleges of the University of Oxford which admit graduate students only. It is the most international of the University’s colleges both in the composition of its student body and in its concentration on international studies.

The College has seven regional centres which cover Europe, Africa, Asia (except Japan), Japan, Latin America, the Middle East, and Russia and the rest of the former Soviet Union. Most of the Centres are housed on the College’s campus in converted Victorian houses. Each Centre is run by a Centre Director who is normally a Governing Body Fellow of the College.

Fellows and visitors are normally attached to one of these Centres, forming an interdisciplinary team which works together in postgraduate teaching and applied research on the region concerned. Weekly seminars are open to all members of the University and visiting scholars. The Centres also organise one- or two-day conferences and workshops. Each attracts academic visitors from all over the world, as well as practitioners in government and business, who come to the Centre for insights and advice on current developments and future prospects in its region. Together the Centres provide a unique inter-disciplinary and inter-regional overview of the process of globalisation.

St Antony’s has between 450 and 550 postgraduate students working on taught master’s courses and research-based doctorates. Coming from more than seventy countries, they learn from each other’s experience and broaden their understanding of the world. They also benefit from the experience and scholarship of the hundred or more senior visitors whom St Antony’s welcomes each year, including world-renowned scholars, businesspeople, politicians and government officials.

3. The European Studies Centre

The European Studies Centre at St Antony’s College is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of Europe. It has particular strengths in History, Politics and International Relations, but also brings together economists, sociologists,
social anthropologists and students of culture. We see ourselves as a meeting place for the whole Oxford community of those interested in European Studies.

Beside its permanent Fellows, the Centre has Visiting Fellows from several European countries, as well as research students from all parts of the world working on European affairs. Seminars and workshops on European topics are held regularly in the Centre’s seminar room. These are listed in advance on the Centre webpages, and subsequently in the College Record.

The Centre was founded in 1976 with a generous grant from the Volkswagen Foundation. It is housed in a handsome Victorian house at No. 70 Woodstock Road which contains a large seminar room, Centre office and workrooms. The seminar room has a small reference library and a selection of current European newspapers. The main library holdings on Europe are housed in the central College library, where there is an extensive collection of books and periodicals relating to European politics and recent history. The Centre collaborates closely with the other centres and institutions interested in European Studies in Oxford.