

BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

MANAGING MINING, OIL AND GAS FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The programme is a world-class executive experience that connects academic insight with industry expertise to address real-world policy challenges. It also provides practical tools, rigorous analysis and valuable space for reflection on governance choices facing resource-rich countries across public, private and state-owned sectors globally.

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Dates: 13 – 18 September
2026



Duration: 6 days



Location: Oxford



Cost: £8,250
(Includes accommodation
and most meals)

Blavatnik School alumni
are entitled to a 25%
discount

WORK TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE

Resource-rich countries face difficult policy choices, which are made even more urgent by global economic uncertainty, commodity price volatility and the transition to a low-carbon economy. Effective governance requires assessing trade-offs, understanding the interests and risks borne by companies, governments and communities, and developing implementable strategies that support long-term national development.

Developed through a unique collaboration between Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government and the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), this course brings together leaders who shape extractive-sector policy and practice, fostering dialogue and shared understanding across government, industry and civil society.

ACTION LEARNING

- **Shape strategic choices:**

Build the capability to design and refine a coherent national approach to governing mining, oil and gas.

- **Lead effective policy change:**

Strengthen your ability to influence decisions across government, industry and civil society.

- **Balance competing interests:**

Gain practical tools to evaluate trade-offs and negotiate outcomes among companies, communities and the state.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY



Sir Paul Collier is the Programme Founder and Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government. He is also the Oxford Academic Director of the International Growth Centre, a collaboration between the LSE and Oxford Universities, and a member of the Natural Resource Governance Institute Board.



Stefan Dercon is the Programme Director and Professor of Economic Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government and the Economics Department, and a Fellow of Jesus College. He is also Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies.



James Cust is the Programme Co-Chair. He is Senior Economist at the World Bank and Visiting Fellow of Practice at the Blavatnik School of Government. Previously, he led the World Bank's Changing Wealth of Nations programme and was Director of Research and Data at the Natural Resource Governance Institute.



Alexandra Readhead is the Programme Co-Chair. She directs the International Institute for Sustainable Development's (IISD) programme on taxation and sovereign debt. She previously founded the Global Mining Tax Initiative and co-authored the book *The Future of Resource Taxation*.

SPEAKERS

Programme speakers are world-leading experts in their field and have previously included:

- Professor Philip Daniel, Honorary Professor at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Minerals Law & Policy (CEPMLP), University of Dundee
- Ana Carolina González Espinosa, Senior Director for Programs, Natural Resource Governance Institute
- Daniel Fletcher, Head of CCUS Business Development at bp. Royal Holloway, University of London
- Professor Emily Jones, Professor of Practice in Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government
- Dr Valerie Marcel, Associate Fellow, Chatham House and project leader of the New Producers Group
- Dr Carole Nakhle, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Crystol Energy
- Dr Eric Parrado, Chief Economist and Manager of the Research Department at the Inter-American Development Bank
- Thomas Scurfield, Africa Senior Economic Analyst, Natural Resource Governance Institute
- Professor Tom Simpson, Alfred Landecker Professor of Values and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government
- Nicola Woodroffe, Lead Legal Analyst, Natural Resource Governance Institute
- Professor Ngaire Woods, Dean and Professor of Global Economic Governance, Blavatnik School of Government

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This course is open to policy leaders in the public and private sectors, alongside those in senior research and non-profit roles, who are committed to better governance in mining, oil and gas, and in a position to influence the governance of these sectors.

Participants should have in-depth experience in natural resource governance and be in a senior leadership position or advisory role. We strongly encourage women to apply, as well as delegations of professionals working in the same country context.

Prospective participants include:

- Ministers, chiefs of staff, heads of extractives state-owned enterprises, commissioners, heads of agencies, departments and other public bodies involved in the management of oil, gas and mining and the revenues they generate as well as their deputies and advisors
- Executives, directors, chiefs and heads at oil, gas and mining companies, at headquarters or country office levels, as well as their deputies and advisors
- Civil society leaders and advisors working on governance or community impact
- Leaders from management consulting firms providing advice to governments in resource-rich countries in extractive sector policy design and implementation or public financial management
- Vice-presidents, deputy managing directors and heads of departments at multilateral agencies, such as the IMF and World Bank
- Chief executives, directors and senior fellows at think tanks and nonpartisan bodies, as well as experienced journalists covering natural resources related issues
- International organisation and development-sector professionals



HOW TO APPLY

- Application deadline:
3 April 2026
- To access the application form please visit the programme website:
www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/mmog

Applicants will be asked to submit the following documentation:

- A current resumé
- A brief personal statement addressing the governance challenges associated with the extractive industries in the applicant's country of origin or residence, and the applicant's expectations about how the course will benefit them in addressing those challenges
- Scholarship application (if applicable)

SCHOLARSHIPS



A limited number of scholarships will be offered on a competitive basis to public sector applicants from these select resource-rich countries: Chile, Columbia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Suriname, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia.

In exceptional cases, scholarship applications from outstanding candidates from other countries may also be considered.

These can partially (or fully) cover tuition and, in select cases, may assist with travel. A scholarship application must be completed by the closing date to be eligible for these awards.



THE OXFORD EXPERIENCE

Oxford's international profile rivals that of any university in the world. The University has been educating leaders from all walks of life for over 800 years.

This residential programme offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in the history of Oxford, including a walking tour of the city's most important historical and politically relevant places, as well as formal dinners in centuries-old Oxford dining halls.

Participants will get the best of both the old and the new by being based from the ultramodern award-winning Blavatnik School of Government building, which is one of the youngest and most vibrant departments of the University of Oxford.



BE PART OF A LIFELONG NETWORK

Upon completion of this programme you will become part of a network of people who share the same commitment to improve public service globally.

This lifelong community will not only serve as a powerful reminder of a shared desire to make a real difference in the world, but also allow you to forge connections that you can turn to as trusted sources of advice and research. As an executive programme alum, your connection to the Blavatnik School of Government will continue beyond the classroom, and there are several ways for you to stay connected with us, including:

- Becoming a mentor for other students
- Acting as an ambassador for the School, connecting us with future students, partners and donors
- Collaborating with faculty on future projects
- Attending and participating in events
- Participating as a visiting expert, for example at a career-focused seminar or practical skills session
- Invitations to topical online events throughout the year

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Blavatnik School of Government

The Blavatnik School of Government is a global school with a vision of a world better led, better served and better governed. The School offers a distinctive global approach to public policy, within a rich, multidisciplinary curriculum delivered by world-class faculty. Programmes of study include a full time one-year Master of Public Policy, a full-time three-year doctorate in Public Policy and a range of executive courses for leaders in the public, private and non-profit sectors. www.bsg.ox.ac.uk

Natural Resource Governance Institute

The Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) helps people realise the benefits of their countries' endowments of oil, gas and minerals. NRGI does this through technical advice, advocacy, applied research, policy analysis and capacity development. It works with innovative agents of change within government ministries, civil society, the media, legislatures, the private sector and international institutions to promote accountable and effective governance in the extractive industries.

NRGI engages directly with partners in a range of resource-rich countries across Latin America, Africa and Asia, including Chile, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda. In these contexts, NRGI supports local actors to strengthen transparency, inclusive decision-making, and the equitable management of natural resources for sustainable development. www.resourcegovernance.org



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