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# Executive Course on Oil, Gas and Mining Governance

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Blavatnik School of Government  
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An executive-level, challenge-focused course for senior professionals and policymakers. Over five days, participants will examine extractive resource management and develop strategies to transform resources into sustained prosperity.

## Course Overview

Countries with non-renewable resource wealth face both an opportunity and a challenge. When used well, these resources can create greater prosperity for current and future generations. Squandered, they can cause economic instability, social conflict, and lasting environmental damage. For countries to benefit from resource wealth, citizens and their governments must make a broad range of decisions. Each requires governments to consider complex options and trade-offs, and devise strategies to implement these policy choices. And they must take into account the interests of, and risks borne by, extractive companies, in order to strike a mutually beneficial deal.

This intensive five-day course provides the training and insight required for policy leaders in the public and private sector to work towards better management and governance of oil, gas or mineral resources for a better future. The course builds a better understanding of the interests of the public and private sectors and facilitates dialogue and mutual appreciation of respective positions between these different groups.



# The Course Programme

Globally recognised experts and academics have developed this course to encourage public and private sector leaders from multiple countries to share their own experiences, while gaining insights and specialist knowledge about natural resource management.

The 2017 course will look at both technical policy aspects of managing resource and the complex interplay between governments, companies and citizens.

Topics that will be covered include:

- Licensing and discovering minerals
- Taxing companies and combating tax abuses
- Directing state-owned enterprises
- Protecting local societies and the environment
- Managing revenues and investment
- Implementing your strategy and ensuring accountability

A full schedule outlining the day-by-day programme for the course can be found at [www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/2017-oil-gas-mining](http://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/2017-oil-gas-mining).

## World-Class Learning

The course has been developed through a unique collaboration between Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government and the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI). It incorporates the latest knowledge from expert faculty, and participants will actively apply these insights during strategic planning sessions.

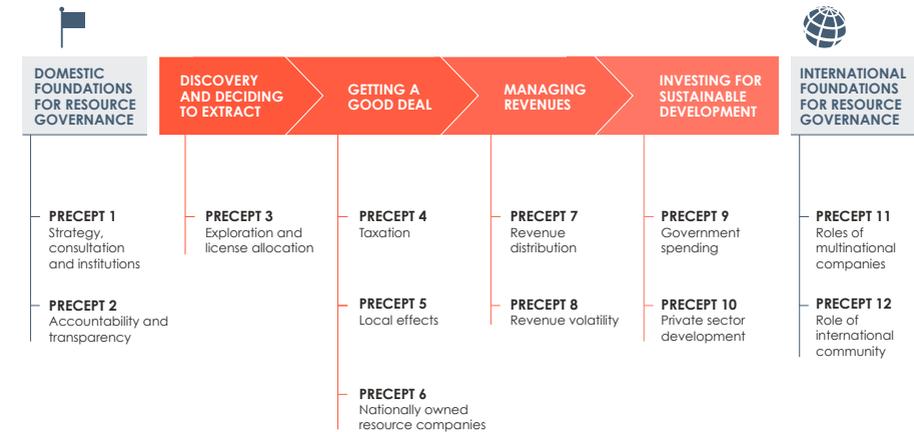
Faculty who have previously taught on the course include:

- Professor Sir Paul Collier, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Blavatnik School of Government
- Professor Ngaire Woods, Dean and Professor of Global Economic Governance, Blavatnik School of Government
- Professor Michael L. Ross, Professor of Political Science at University of California Los Angeles and Author of 'The Oil Curse'
- Professor Eric Parrado, Superintendent, Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions of Chile
- Dr Keith Myers, Director, Richmond Energy Partners
- Dr Daniel Kaufmann, President, Natural Resource Governance Institute
- Patrick Heller, Director, Legal and Economic Programmes, Natural Resource Governance Institute
- Glen Ireland, Founding Partner, Infrashare Partners
- Mark Aplin, Founding Partner, Infrashare Partners
- Dr Carole Nakhle, Founder and Director, Crystol Energy
- Philip Daniel, Chair of the Advisory Board, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies

On completion of the course, participants will have a clear understanding of the elements of a national natural resource strategy and the ability to lead in, or influence, the formation of effective policies for the governance of these natural resources.



## Course Structure



The course uses the Natural Resource Charter (above) as a guiding framework. The charter is organised around 12 core precepts offering guidance on key decisions governments face, beginning with whether to extract resources and ending with how generated revenue can produce maximum good for citizens.

Built around these precepts, the course consists of three core components:

- Extractive sector decisions
- Revenue management decisions
- Governance foundations

All sessions are uniquely structured to explore a variety of challenging issues around each component, such as how to manage revenues wisely, how to get the best out of a national legislature, and how to combat tax abuse.

The charter can be found at: [www.resourcegovernance.org/approach/natural-resource-charter](http://www.resourcegovernance.org/approach/natural-resource-charter)

## Application Process

### Who should apply?

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

### Participant Profile

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
- 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 head of departments at multilateral agencies, such as the IMF and World Bank
- Chief executives, directors and senior fellows at think tanks and nonpartisan bodies

Participants should have at least twelve years' experience and be in a senior leadership position or advisory role.



## To Apply

To apply for the 2017 Executive Course on Oil, Gas and Mining Governance, please visit [www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/2017-oil-gas-mining](http://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/2017-oil-gas-mining).

Applications are due by 5 June 2017. If spaces are available, applications may be accepted past the due date on a rolling basis.

Applicants will be asked to submit the following documentation:

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

## Course Dates and Attendance Costs



The course will take place at the Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford, UK, 11–15 September 2017. The course is delivered in English.

The total cost of the course is £8,000. This includes tuition over five days from world-class experts and academics, and six nights accommodation, and meals. The course fee does not cover overseas transport, visas or other incidentals.

A limited number of scholarships covering the full cost of tuition and travel are available to public sector applicants from select resource-rich countries: Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Libya, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda.

In addition, the Blavatnik School will offer a limited number of partial-bursaries on a competitive basis to applicants. Applicants must cover their own travel and incidental costs. A bursary application must be completed by the closing date to be eligible for these awards.

We strongly encourage female applicants to apply, with a number of bursary and scholarship opportunities currently available to help support current and rising female leaders in the natural resource sector.

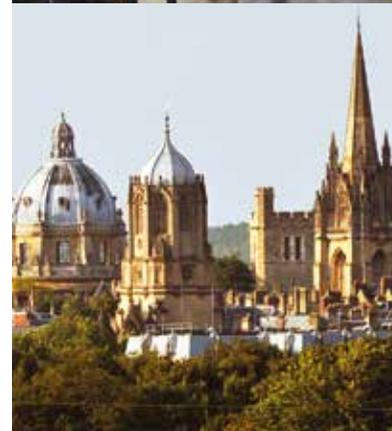
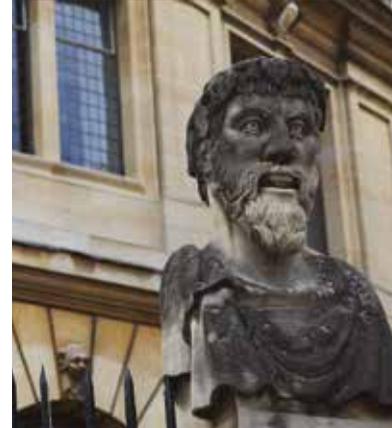
## The Oxford Experience

Immerse yourself in the history of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

Here in the 'city of dreaming spires' you will enter an oasis of learning, where the world's greatest leaders and thinkers have studied for over 800 years.

### A new chapter in Oxford's history

The Blavatnik School is one of the youngest and most vibrant departments of the University of Oxford. It was founded in 2010 and in 2016 opened the doors of its new award-winning building, designed by Herzog & de Meuron. With large lecture theatres, flexible seminar rooms, private study areas, a reading room and full catering facilities, the new building provides an exceptional environment for study, research and collaboration.



## About the Organisers

### About the 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.

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### About the Natural Resource Governance Institute

The Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) helps people to realise the benefits of their countries' endowments of oil, gas and minerals. We do this through technical advice, advocacy, applied research, policy analysis, and capacity development. We work 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.

[www.resourcegovernance.org](http://www.resourcegovernance.org)

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“The course is a melting pot of the world’s best brains in theory and practice in resource governance. It is also a theatre for the clash of ideas and cross-fertilisation of knowledge in the search for what matters most for resource-rich nations.”

*Participant, 2015*

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“I feel privileged to have been part of such a smart, experienced group of people who can, I know, make a real difference. At the end of the course, I am not returning home with a set of prescriptions, but with a set of well-informed questions that can help develop the extractive sector in a way that is right for the people of my country. A very challenging and enjoying course.”

*Participant, 2015*

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“It is rare to find a course that offers and, more importantly, delivers such richness in course content and quality. It has been incredibly valuable to hear the views of world class subject field experts, policy makers and politicians from around the world about their experiences and expectations that inform their approach on resource management and the distribution of prosperity created by their natural resources. Coming from the private sector it helps inform future approaches one should take in future discussions with Governments and the wider society.”

*Participant, 2016*

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“A great experience and learning opportunity. I leave more informed and empowered to guide the management of the extractive industry in my country.”

*Participant, 2013*

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## Executive Education at the Blavatnik School of Government

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