



OXFORD  
SUSTAINABLE  
FINANCE  
SUMMIT

2026

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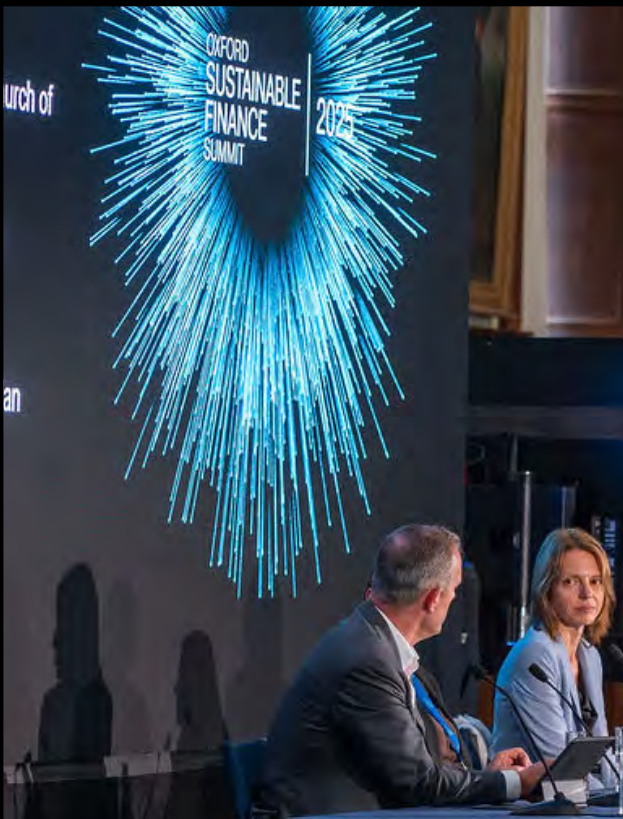


# ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The University of Oxford has world-leading researchers and research capabilities in sustainable finance and investment. In 2026 we are hosting our fourth Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit, bringing together leading researchers from across the University with practitioners, policymakers, regulators and civil society organisations to examine and reflect on the latest developments in sustainable finance.

## Topics

- Investing in nature and adaptation at scale
- Societal resilience and silicon boundaries
- Environmental deterrence and planetary security
- Geopolitics, populism, and conflict
- The agentic economy and the future of financial decision-making
- Whether sustainable finance is fit for purpose in the AI age





# WELCOME

Dear Participant,

Welcome to the fourth Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit!

Last year we met in a period of reinvention and renewal. After a decade of expansion, sustainable finance was consolidating, absorbing a political backlash, and working out what it had got right and what it had not. That work continues. But consolidation is not the same as standing still, and the fourth Summit looks forward rather than back.

It is about the frontier: the areas where the questions are still open, the evidence is still thin, and decisions will increasingly be made. These are the areas the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group is prioritising, because we think they will define the field and adjacent areas.

Consider the ground we cover: nature finance has built an extraordinary apparatus of frameworks, targets and reporting, but nothing like enough investable propositions at the scale institutional capital can back; the task now is a pipeline of costed, place-based propositions. AI deployment is approaching thresholds, what we call silicon boundaries, beyond which it erodes the conditions societies need to function, with direct consequences for whether the capital pouring into AI infrastructure is correctly priced. Satellite observation and AI now make credible environmental enforcement possible at scale. The odds of detection and penalty will rise for polluters and illegal operators. Financial institutions can harness these capabilities to effect change.

Perhaps the most profound development for the future of finance are autonomous AI agents beginning to allocate capital, write contracts, and transact on their own account, and to spawn further agents that act in ways their principals

never explicitly authorised. As agentic finance develops it poses hard questions for the sustainable finance architecture we have built and augurs profound change for all finance practitioners.

Each session draws on original research from the Group and our partners. The programme is deliberately focussed, a single track with no parallel sessions, so that everyone in the room works the same questions at the same time. It follows London Climate Action Week by design, and it closes, as it always does, with a debate: this year, whether sustainable finance is fit for the age of AI.

The Summit has always been as much about the people as the programme. It is a chance to come together as a community, to spend a day among colleagues and friends in Oxford's beautiful and historic settings, and to carry the conversation on through the reception and dinner that close the day. Your expertise, and your willingness to disagree well, are what make it work. I would ask you to question received wisdom, including ours, and to leave with sharper views than you arrived with.

*Yours sincerely,*



**Dr Ben Caldecott**

**Founder and Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group**

**Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow of Sustainable Finance, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford**



# LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

## How to get to Rhodes House



### Train

Oxford railway station is approximately a 15-20 minute walk away or 5 minutes by taxi. Bikes can be hired at the train station or around the city.



### Bus

The nearest bus stop can be found at South Parks Road (directly outside the Science Area) and St Cross Road. Both are only a 2 to 3-minute walk away from the venue. Information about buses in the city can be found [here](#).



### Car

There is no car parking on site so we recommend using the park and ride system. Alternatively car parks are available across the city. The nearest one is Parks Road Car Park or the Westgate Shopping Centre Car Park.

Access into the venue is via South Parks Road in the centre of the building - access is via steps or ramps. There are 4 steps up to the entrance. Once inside you will be in an entrance lobby. Reception desk on the right. Rotunda (and rest of building) is straight ahead.

The garden is at street level - this is lower than the ground floor level.

There is step-free access to the garden from the West Wing, McCall MacBain Hall, and East Lodge. All three routes have ramped access



### Dress Code

The dress code for the summit including the drinks reception and dinners is business attire or smart casual.



### Registration times

29 June from 08:45am



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### 5k run on Tuesday 30th June

For those staying the night in Oxford, on the morning of Tuesday 30th June we will meet outside Brasenose College (opposite the Radcliffe Camera) at 07:30 for a relaxed 5k run around the University Parks.

Please join this [WhatsApp Group](#) if you intend to participate.



# OXFORD SUSTAINABLE FINANCE LAB

During the summit, participants are welcome to visit and use the Oxford Sustainable Finance Lab, based at 16 King Edward's Street, a short walk away from the Summit venue. See:

<https://sustainablefinance.ox.ac.uk/the-lab/>

The Lab is a physical space where Oxford researchers can co-locate with practitioners visiting from financial institutions, supervisory authorities, central banks, government departments, and civil society organisations. Visitors collaborate with Oxford researchers as part of sprints, joint projects, and sandboxes, or simply use time in proximity to world-leading researchers to spark ideas off each other and learn from one another.

The Lab will be open to summit attendees on Monday 29th June. If you would like to use the Lab, please complete this form:

[Click here to request visit](#)

If there is high demand at the times requested, you might be asked to attend at a less busy time.





# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## MONDAY 29TH JUNE

08:45–09:50

### BREAKFAST SESSION

#### Investing in Nature at Scale

**This session runs alongside registration, and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please arrive early to secure a seat.**

Our field has built an extraordinary infrastructure of nature-related frameworks, targets, and reporting guidance, but it has not produced anything like enough investable nature and resilience propositions at a scale that institutional capital can actually back. We need to shift collective effort from producing more complexity to developing a pipeline of specific, place-based, nationally significant nature and resilience propositions around the world, each fully costed, each with a business case that can stand up in front of a finance ministry. How can we do this together? Who should lead the development and costing of a serious pipeline? What institutional vehicles can carry these propositions from concept to investment? And what is the role of governments, civil society, companies, and financial institutions in stress-testing and championing them?

**Chair: Sophie Robinson-Tillett**, Editor, Real Economy Progress

#### Speakers:

**Martin Berg**, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Asset Management

**Tom Butterworth**, Fellow and Director, UKIMEA Biodiversity and Environment Leader, Arup

**Dr Ben Caldecott**, Founder and Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance, University of Oxford

**Milo Sumner**, Programmes Manager, RSPB

10:00–10:10

### OPENING REMARKS

**Dr Ben Caldecott**, Founder and Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance, University of Oxford



**MONDAY 29TH JUNE** *CONTINUED*

10:10–11:25

**SESSION I****Societal Resilience and Silicon Boundaries**

Societies, like ecosystems, have conditions they need to function: trust between people, working institutions, broad economic participation, a population healthy enough to engage in civic and economic life. The Silicon Boundaries framework seeks to identify the thresholds at which the scale or nature of AI and related technologies begins to erode these preconditions. The nine categories of silicon boundaries interact and reinforce one another in ways that can produce cascading instability. The categories are: information integrity, social cohesion, political stability, economic participation, physical and mental health, safety and security, financial stability, rights and consent, and environmental sustainability.

Unlike planetary boundaries, thresholds are not fixed. They move depending on governance choices: stronger regulation, better digital literacy, and robust institutions push boundaries outward; institutional weakness, regulatory failure, and technology designed to exploit vulnerabilities bring them closer. The same volume of computing power produces different boundary dynamics depending on how it is used.

The financial implications are direct. If society acts to stay within Silicon Boundaries, capital currently allocated to AI infrastructure may be significantly mispriced. The session will explore:

- Which Silicon Boundaries are most material for capital allocation, and how could they be measured?
- Which sectors, asset classes, and infrastructure categories are most exposed if societies move to stay within them?
- Is the Silicon Bubble thesis credible, and what would constitute the trigger for a repricing event?
- Which governance choices, regulatory, civic, and corporate, would push boundaries outward, and which would bring them closer?
- What is the role of investors, supervisors, and standard-setters in pricing these risks before they crystallise?

**Chair:** Jakob Thomä, Founder and CEO, Theia Finance Labs

**Speakers:**

**Louise Dudley**, Portfolio Manager, Federated Hermes

**Laurie Fitzjohn-Sykes**, Director, Investor AI Resource Hub

**Shanu Mathew**, Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager/Analyst, US Sustainable Equity, Lazard Asset Management

**Lise Pretorius**, Chief Sustainability Analysis Officer, Matter

11:25–11:55

**BREAK**

**MONDAY 29TH JUNE** *CONTINUED*

11:55 - 13:10

**SESSION II****Environmental Deterrence and Planetary Security**

Public finances are constrained and the environmental crisis is accelerating. Incentives and subsidies alone will not mobilise sufficient capital or change behaviour at the speed required. Targeted, proportionate enforcement, made credible by independent observation, could be cheaper, faster, and fairer for many environmental objectives.

The logic is borrowed from deterrence theory: you do not have to catch everyone to change outcomes. You need credible monitoring and visible follow-through so that the expected cost of violation exceeds the gain. Satellite-led analysis and AI have made this feasible at scale for the first time. In Brazil, satellite monitoring supports predictive enforcement against illegal logging. In New Mexico, earth-observation-enabled auditing has uncovered off-lease drilling on public land and generated significant enforcement revenue. These are not one-offs. They indicate a wider redesign of compliance that protects honest operators, rebuilds fiscal capacity, and delivers environmental outcomes. The session will explore:

- How will the deployment of monitoring-led enforcement reshape outcomes across different themes, sectors, and geographies, and where will the early effects be felt most strongly?
- What governance and political conditions are needed to make credible deterrence work, and how can it be designed to protect honest operators?
- How should financial institutions and insurers price the rising probability of detection and enforcement against polluters and illegal operators?
- What is the role of private capital in supporting the monitoring, verification, and analytical infrastructure that makes deterrence credible?
- How can a coalition of governments, supervisors, investors, and civil society move this from demonstration to standard practice?

**Chair:** **Bernice Lee OBE**, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

**Speakers:**

**Sarah Barker**, Managing Director, Pollination Law

**Christophe Christiaen**, Head of Spatial Finance Initiative

**Justin Mundy**, Senior Adviser, NatureFinance and Chairman, Sustainable Sovereign Debt Hub

**Mariana Botero Restrepo**, Director of Organised Crime, Loom

13:10–14:30

**LUNCH****Rhodes House gardens**



## MONDAY 29TH JUNE *CONTINUED*

14:30–14:50

### KEYNOTE

#### Geopolitics, Conflict and the Future of Energy

London Climate Action Week brings together governments, investors, regulators and civil society from across the world for what has become the densest single week of strategic climate conversations outside the COPs. The keynote will distil what mattered most from the week, with a focus on the geopolitics of the energy transition and what shifting alliances, security concerns and industrial strategy choices mean for capital allocation.

**Speaker: Nick Mabey**, Co-Founder and Director, E3G and Founder of London Climate Action Week

14:50–15:00

### Primer on Agentic Finance

The agentic economy is arriving fast. Autonomous AI agents, built on large language models and integrated through emerging protocols, can plan, decide, transact, and spawn sub-agents to carry out tasks across the financial system, including tasks their principals may never have explicitly authorised.

The first wave of deployment is already changing how capital is allocated, how financial services are accessed, and where the regulatory perimeter sits. The implications for the architecture of sustainable finance, much of which assumes human decision-making and twentieth-century institutions, are likely to be profound. The primer will introduce the topic, set out the most important developments to date and where the trajectory points next, and lay the foundations for the panel that follows.

**Speaker: Dr Ben Caldecott**, Founder and Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance, University of Oxford

15:00–16:20

### SESSION III

#### Financing the Agentic Economy, Sustainably

Autonomous agents will increasingly participate in the financial system, shaping access to capital and financial services. The session will explore:

- How is the agentic economy likely to evolve over the next five to ten years, and what are the most plausible trajectories for its share of global economic activity?
- How quickly is agent-mediated capital allocation displacing human decision-making, and which segments of finance are most exposed first?
- What does the rise of agent-mediated decision-making mean for the existing sustainable finance architecture, and which parts of it are most exposed to becoming ineffective?
- What are the systemic risks of agent-to-agent financial relationships outside regulated infrastructure, where should the regulatory perimeter sit, and what does this mean for central banking and prudential supervision?
- How do we prevent agentic finance from becoming the route through which capital flows back into activities regulated markets are increasingly unwilling to fund?



## MONDAY 29TH JUNE *CONTINUED*

**Chair:** Alex Money, Founder in Residence, Smith School, University of Oxford

**Speakers:**

**Dr Julia Bingler**, Research Associate in Financial Risk Data Analytics, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment

**Robert Eccles**, Visiting Professor of Management Practice, Said Business School

**Raoul Ruparel**, Senior Director, Centre for Growth, Boston Consulting Group

**Helen Thomas**, Founder & CEO, Blonde Money

16:20 - 16:50

### BREAK

16:50–18:00

### CLOSING DEBATE

#### “This House believes that sustainable finance is not fit for the age of AI”

The signature closing format of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Summit. Previous motions have addressed whether finance sector net zero pledges will have any positive impact on real economy decarbonisation (2022), whether 1.5 degrees is alive thanks to finance (2023), and whether the global ESG backlash is justified (2025).

**Chair:** Sophie Robinson-Tillet, Editor, Real Economy Progress

**Proposition**

**Robert Eccles**, Visiting Professor of Management Practice, Said Business School

**Lise Pretorius**, Chief Sustainability Analysis Officer, Matter

**Opposition**

**Alex Money**, Founder in Residence, Smith School, University of Oxford

**Jakob Thomä**, Founder and CEO, Theia Finance Labs

18:00 - 21:00

### DRINKS RECEPTION AND DINNER

Rhodes House gardens



# SUMMIT VENUE

EXPERIENCE RHODES HOUSE AND GARDENS AT THE OXFORD SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SUMMIT 2026.



RHODES HOUSE  
WAS DESIGNED BY  
SIR HERBERT BAKER  
AND BUILT BETWEEN  
1926 AND 1928.

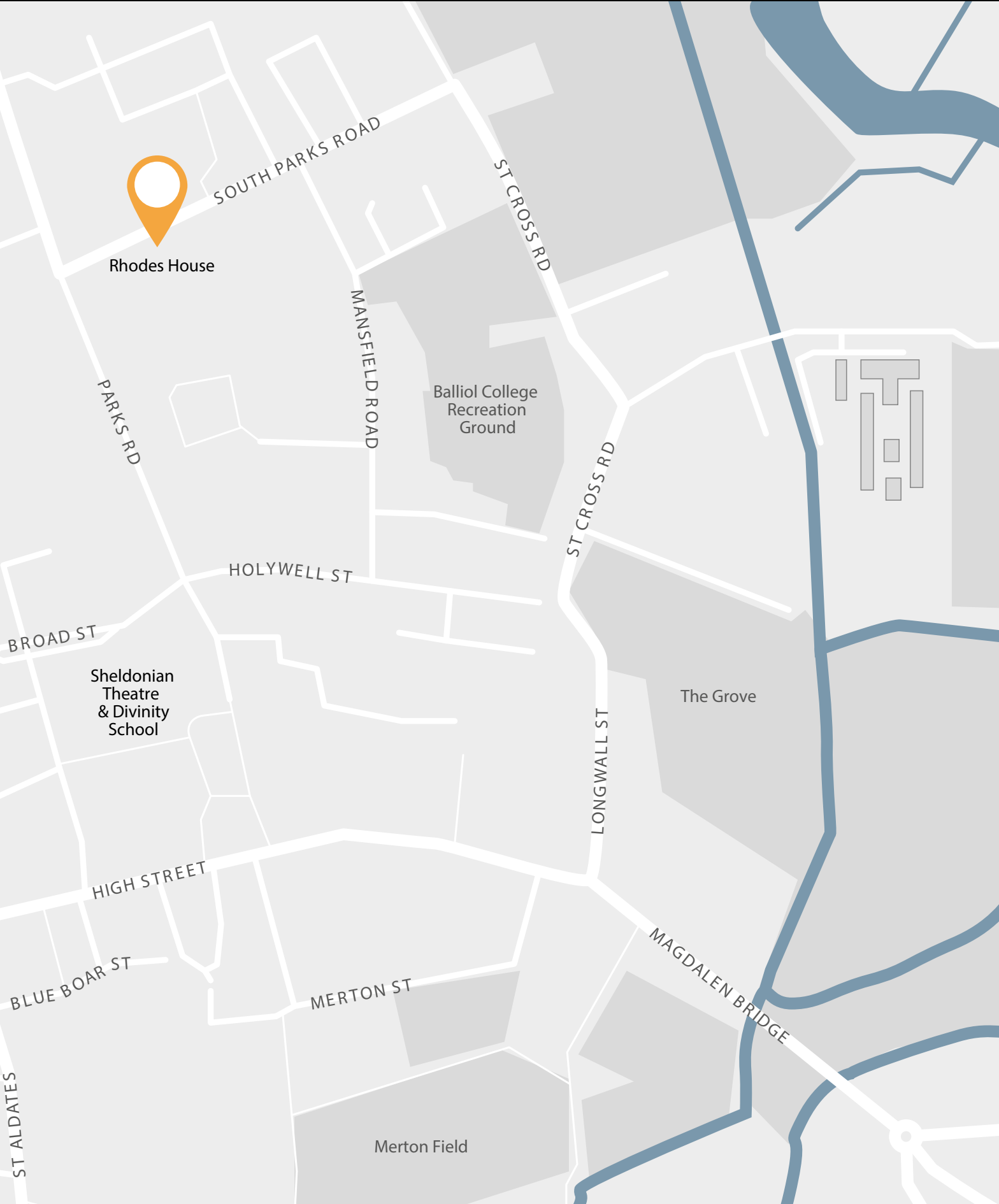
## RHODES HOUSE

Rhodes House was designed by Sir Herbert Baker and built between 1926 and 1928. A grade II\* listed building, Rhodes House reflects a number of influences: Cape Dutch farmhouse, English country mansion, and the Arts and Crafts movements of the 1900s. This unique blend of architectural styles made Rhodes House a unique addition to the architectural landscape of Oxford. Rhodes House has enjoyed a storied past, playing host to world figures from Albert Einstein to Nelson Mandela. Today, the House has been reimagined for the 21st Century, through a project to refresh and restore its traditional rooms, while creating new spaces fit for the 21st century and beyond.



# SUMMIT VENUE

## RHODES HOUSE





# SPEAKERS



**SARAH BARKER**  
**Managing Director, Pollination Law**

Sarah Barker is a Managing Director at Pollination Law, and Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Climate & Nature Governance. From 1 July 2026 she will be a Partner at Allens in association with Linklaters. Sarah has more than twenty-five years' experience as a corporate lawyer, and is regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on climate change governance, finance and liability risks.

Sarah brings the practical perspective as an experienced non-executive director, having recently completed two terms on the board of one of Australia's largest pension funds.

Sarah is ranked in Band 1 by Chambers (Asia Pacific), is recognised in the Legal500, and the Best Lawyers Guide in both the Corporate Law and Climate Change Law areas of practice.



**MARTIN BERG**  
**CEO, Climate Asset Management**

Martin has over 20 years' experience in climate and environmental investment, with a particular focus on natural capital and carbon finance. He is CEO of Climate Asset Management, a joint venture between HSBC Asset Management and Pollination, a specialist climate change advisory and investment firm. Climate Asset Management offers scalable investment opportunities in natural capital, focusing on activities that preserve, protect, and enhance nature, reduce carbon emissions, and address climate change while delivering risk-adjusted returns to institutional and corporate investors. Climate Asset Management's Natural Capital Strategy allows institutional investors to target returns and impacts through real asset investments in developed markets and its Nature Based Carbon Fund helps corporates to directly invest in nature-based carbon projects in emerging markets. Martin leads the strategic vision, operations, and growth of the company, which has raised over \$1bn million across two investment strategies from both institutional and corporate investors. Previously, he was a Partner at Pollination, where he played a key role in forming the joint venture with HSBC. His career also includes senior roles at the European Investment Bank and Bank of America Merrill Lynch, as well as positions at the OECD and the UNFCCC. Martin is passionate about mobilising finance at scale to restore ecosystems, build resilience, and unlock the value of natural capital.



**JULIA BINGLER**  
**Research Associate, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford**

Julia Bingler is a Research Associate in Financial Risk Data Analytics at the University of Oxford. She also serves as a Fellow at the Council on Economic Policies (CEP). She focuses on integrating novel risks and deep structural changes in financial supervision and monetary policy. Amongst others, she works with financial supervisors and central banks on adjusting policies to manage AI-driven change and climate-related risks. Julia's research leverages advanced natural language processing techniques to translate forward-looking qualitative information into financial risk metrics, and design effective human-in-the-loop strategies for enhanced data extraction and interpretation. As a co-author of ClimateBert and other tools for extracting and analyzing forward-looking information from corporate reports, Julia's work has gained significant traction in academia, policy and industry, and her research has been featured in media such as the Financial Times and Bloomberg. Julia holds a PhD in Economic from ETH Zurich, and a M.Sc. in Economics from University of Leipzig and in Environmental Economics and Climate Change from London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE).



**TOM BUTTERWORTH**

**Global Lead for Nature, Arup**

Tom is the Global Lead for Nature, a Fellow and Director at Arup and a Director for the UK Business and Biodiversity Forum. Tom has over 28 years' experience working for wildlife. Over this time, Tom developed and delivered biodiversity and nature positive strategies, produced national and international biodiversity standards, designed and delivered Biodiversity Net Gain and led programs of research. Tom is the chair for the British Standard Institute's biodiversity technical group and a Fellow of CIEEM and the Royal Society for Biology.



**BEN CALDECOTT**

**Founder and Director, Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow of Sustainable Finance, Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford**

Dr Ben Caldecott is the founding Director of the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group and the inaugural Associate Professor of Sustainable Finance at the University of Oxford, a post maintained by an endowment and the first ever endowed professorship of sustainable finance. He is also a Supernumerary Fellow at Oriel College, Oxford. Ben operates across finance, policy, and research, working as part of boards and senior management, and with policymakers, regulators, and civil society on how to interpret and shape fast-moving energy, climate, environment, and wider sustainability topics.



**CHRISTOPHE CHRISTIAEN**

**Head of Spatial Finance Initiative**

Christophe leads Spatial Finance research at the Oxford Sustainable Finance Group, managing a multidisciplinary team developing open data, metrics, and methodologies. His work leverages artificial intelligence and geospatial analytics to assess sustainability risks, opportunities, and impacts for assets and companies in their local and global contexts.

He is also Head of Innovation and Impact at the UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment. The Centre aims to connect researchers and practitioners to advance the use of climate and environmental science by financial institutions. Additionally, he has been seconded to Nest Pensions' Responsible Investment team as an ESG Research Associate, translating academic insights into an operational asset owner context.

Before joining the Smith School at the University of Oxford, Christophe established the sustainable finance programme at the Satellite Applications Catapult, promoting geospatial technology for green finance. He previously held roles at the European Space Agency and Henkel. Christophe holds an MSc in Business Engineering from the University of Antwerp, specialising in finance, accountancy, and environmental economics.



**LOUISE DUDLEY**

**Portfolio Manager, Federated Hermes**

Louise joined Federated Hermes in March 2009 and leads the ESG and responsible investment research strategy within the Global Equities team. Building on her experience developing factor testing platforms and enhancing the factor modelling capabilities of the team's systems, Louise has applied this comprehensive analysis to ESG applications. Having delivered research supporting the returns from ESG integration, this has led to the creation of innovative customised product solutions and tools fulfilling client needs. Louise originally joined the company as a member of the stewardship advisory business, EOS. Prior to this, she worked for Coca Cola in a financial accounting role having graduated with a Master's degree in Engineering from the University of Durham. Louise holds the IMC and is a CFA charterholder. She is a member of the UK Endorsement Board Investor Working Group and has been a board member of the UK Sustainable Investment & Finance Association. In 2017 she was named one of Financial News' Rising Stars of Asset Management.



**ROBERT G. ECCLES**

**Visiting Professor of Management Practice, Said Business School, University of Oxford**

Robert G. Eccles is a leading authority on how companies and investors can create sustainable strategies through the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in resource allocation decisions. The focus of his work is on how the capital markets can contribute to ensuring a sustainable society for generations to come. Currently Eccles is a Visiting Professor of Management Practice at the Said Business School, University of Oxford where he is engaged in research projects focused on corporate purpose, corporate reporting, engagement and stewardship, and private equity.

He was a Professor at Harvard Business School and received tenure in 1989. Eccles is the first Chair of KKR’s “Sustainability Expert Advisory Council.” He was the founding Chairman of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board and was one of the founders of the International Integrated Reporting Council. Eccles received an S.B. in Mathematics and an S.B. in Humanities and Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an A.M. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University.



**LAURIE FITZJOHN-SYKES**

**Founder & Director, Investor AI Resource Hub**

Laurie has founded a new non-profit to help investors draw on the expertise of the ecosystem of AI governance non-profits – the Investor AI Resource Hub. He is also a Strategic Advisor to Omidyar Network and a Research Affiliate with the Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative. Prior to this he co-led the ESG research team at BNP Paribas in equity research, was Head of Governance Research at HSBC and Director of Research at Tomorrow’s Company, a non-profit responsible business think tank. He started his career as a financial analyst in equity research and private equity. He was previously a member of the UK Financial Reporting Council’s Investor Advisory Group and the ICAEW’s Technical Strategy Board. He has written a book on company short-termism and has a first in Economics from Cambridge University.



**BERNICE LEE OBE**

**Associate Fellow, Chatham House**

Bernice Lee OBE is Associate Fellow and Senior Advisor at Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs. She chairs the Advisory Board of the Chatham House Sustainability Accelerator and Bellwethers Group, a non-profit organisation that activates influential networks to accelerate action on climate and nature. She serves on the boards of Energy Foundation China and Chapter Zero Alliance. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs (TESS) and the World Economic Forum’s Global Future Council on Energy Transition.

Previously, Bernice was Director of Climate Change at the World Economic Forum, and Director of Chatham House’s Energy, Environment, Global Economy, and Finance programmes and the Hoffmann Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy. She has also held positions at the UN Secretary-General’s office, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Aga Khan Foundation. She has served on the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation’s Climate Change Advisory Board, Shell’s External Review Committee, Nestlé’s Sustainability Council, Vale’s CEO Sounding Panel, and the UK Climate Change Committee’s International Advisory Group.

Bernice holds degrees from Oxford University and the London School of Economics. In 2011, she was awarded an OBE for her contributions to climate change.



**NICK MABEY**

**Founding Director of E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism) and E3G’s CEO.**

In addition to his leadership role, Nick works on issues of climate diplomacy and foreign policy, macroeconomics and the security implications of climate change and resource scarcity. Nick is a regular commentator and public speaker on climate change in the global media and is active on Twitter at @mabeytweet. Selections of Nick Mabey’s thought leadership and activities from throughout his career can be found at [www.nickmabey.org](http://www.nickmabey.org). Nick was awarded an OBE in the Queen’s Jubilee honours list in 2022 for services to climate change and support to the UK COP26 Presidency.

Nick founded London Climate Action Week in 2019 which has grown to be one of the largest global climate change festivals. Nick Mabey currently chairs the LCAW Steering Group. Nick undertakes a range of other roles including advising the UK COP President as a Friend of COP26, a London Sustainable Development Commissioner, a trustee of Ashden, and a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Future Council on Energy Transition.

Before co-founding E3G, Nick was a senior advisor in the UK Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit leading cross-government work including on climate change, fisheries, countries at risk of instability and organised crime. Nick also worked in the UK foreign ministry helping establish a new Environment Policy Department and climate diplomacy network.

Nick was seconded to the FCO from WWF-UK where he worked as Head of Economics and Development. This followed research at London Business School on the macroeconomics of climate change and lead authorship of “Argument in the

Greenhouse: The International Economics of Controlling Global Warming” (1997).



**SHANU MATHEW**

**Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager and Analyst, US Sustainable Equity, Lazard Asset Management**

Shanu Mathew is a Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager/Analyst on US Sustainable Equity. He also serves as a research analyst on the US Equity team, focusing on companies’ sustainability and net zero efforts. He began working in the investment field in 2015. Prior to joining Lazard in 2021, Shanu was a Vice President and Head of ESG at First Eagle Alternative Credit. He has also worked at Expanse and started his career in investment banking at Evercore. Shanu has a BS in both Accounting and Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a member of the Investment Committee of Evergreen Climate Innovations, which provides capital and support to early-stage startups focused on climate solutions. Shanu has also been recurring guest on Wood Mackenzie’s ‘The Energy Gang’ podcast.



**ALEX MONEY**

**Principal Investigator, Climate Compatible Growth (CCG), Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford**

Alex is a Principal Investigator on the FCDO-funded Climate Compatible Growth (CCG) programme, which supports the mobilisation of investment to meet development priorities in the global south. A former fund manager, he has over 25 years of experience in finance, enterprise and academia. Concurrently, Alex is Founder in Residence at the Smith School, where he works with students and staff to support for-purpose entrepreneurship.

He also teaches on various undergraduate, postgraduate and executive education courses within the department, and supervises a small number of doctoral students. In addition, he contributes to other core programmes at the School, including sustainable finance, enterprise, water and food.

Separate to his part-time university commitments, Alex runs Watermarq, an early stage firm working on new approaches to valuing water. His other external appointments include Chief Investment Advisor to the Africa Water Investment Programme, Member of the Global Water Partnership's Technical Committee, and Court member of the Worshipful Company of Water Conservators. Alex holds a master's degree with distinction in water science, policy and management, and a doctorate in water risk; both from the University of Oxford.

**JUSTIN MUNDY**

**Chairman, SLM Partners**



Justin is the Chairman of the Earthna Centre of the Qatar Foundation and Chairman of Cibus Fund's Advisory Board. From 2007-2018, he was the Director of HRH the then Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit. Recently he has also been the Commonwealth Secretary General's Special Envoy, a Distinguished Fellow at the World Resources Institute and a Trustee of WWF-UK, Global Canopy and TRAFFIC International. Previously he was an Adviser to the UK Government and the European Commission and had held positions at the World Bank and Deutsche Bank.

**LISE PRETORIUS**

**Chief Sustainability Analysis Officer, Matter**



Lise leads sustainability analysis at Matter, a Danish fintech specialized in sustainable investments. Her work focuses on integrating multi-stakeholder and science-based data and frameworks into tech solutions for portfolio analysis, with a focus on bringing these insights into investment decision-making. With a background in sustainable finance, corporate sustainability, and financial journalism across Asia, Africa, and the UK, including WWF's work on climate water and biodiversity, she has supported banks, asset managers and regulators in integrating analysis for sustainable finance. She is responsible for designing Matter's methods and co-developing data solutions used by asset managers and owners across Asia, Europe and North America. She serves as a Non-Executive Director for South Africa's leading shareholder activism organisation Just Share. She holds a Masters in Environmental Economics from the London School of Economics.

**MARIANA BOTERO RESTREPO**

**Director of Organised Crime, Loom**



Mariana previously worked at the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) where she drove research, program development, stakeholder engagement, and long-term strategy building to strengthen responses to organised crime in Latin America. Prior to that, Mariana served as Political Adviser in the British Embassy in Colombia, where she conducted political analysis, advanced human rights policy, and managed the Embassy's Human Rights Fund.

She combines expertise in transnational organised crime, conflict analysis and human rights.

She holds a BA in Political Science from Rosario University and an MA in Conflict, Security and Development from King's College London.

**RAOUL RUPAREL****Senior Director, Centre for Growth, Boston Consulting Group**

Raoul Ruparel is the director for Boston Consulting Group's Centre for Growth, which aims to drive sustainable and inclusive economic growth by working with businesses, government, and wider society to deliver breakthrough outcomes.

Raoul is an expert in economic policy, trade and investment, and the wider political and policy landscape in the UK and the European Union. He has worked in both the private and public sectors. He has advised extensively on the implications of Brexit, helping businesses to best position themselves to mitigate any impact and take advantage of the opportunities arising from the UK's exit from the EU. He has worked in government and political entities to set strategy and shape negotiations.

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