

EVANS-PRITCHARD LECTURES 2026-2027

College website:

<https://www.asc.ox.ac.uk/evans-pritchard-lectureship>

Remuneration: Stipend of £4,000, Common Table rights in All Souls College, and lodging in College (or one of its properties) for the period of the lectures, plus reasonable travel expenses

Closing date: Friday 13th March 2026, 12 noon (UK time)

Applications are invited to deliver the Evans-Pritchard Lectures during the academic year 2026-2027

The Evans-Pritchard Lectures are an annual lecture series established in 1998 at All Souls College, thanks to a generous benefaction, in memory of anthropologist Sir Edward Evans-Pritchard who was Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford and Fellow of All Souls (1946-1970).

The Lecturer will deliver a series of four to six lectures, usually during May. The lectures must be based on fieldwork or other indigenous primary materials and must offer an empirical analysis of social relations. They should have a reasonable (though not necessarily exclusive) emphasis on the geographic areas which Evans-Pritchard was chiefly concerned with: Africa, the Middle East, or the Mediterranean, and be within the disciplines of Social Anthropology, Archaeology and History. The aim is to develop the core of a book. The Lectureship is offered to scholars of promise, perhaps with some significant publications already, or to mature scholars who have embarked on new lines of research. A doctorate is required for eligibility.

Candidates for election should send an outline of their proposed lectures (no more than three pages), a CV with list of publications (no more than two pages), to academic.admin@all-souls.ox.ac.uk by **Friday 13th March (12 noon (UK time))**. They should also ask two referees to send their references (of no more than two pages) to academic.admin@all-souls.ox.ac.uk – also to arrive by **Friday 13th March, 12 noon (UK time)**. Referees should address to what extent and why the candidate should be selected as the Evans Pritchard Lecturer, and their perspectives on whether they will have a book length project to present as the lectures.

All Souls College is an equal opportunities employer and applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.

The electors are the Professor Alpa Shah (chair), Professor Ruth Harris, Professor David Pratten, Professor Amy Bogaard, Professor Pascal Ménoret and Dr Lys Alcayna-Stevens. They hope to arrive at a decision in June. We reserve the right to close, extend or amend the application process as appropriate to appoint the right candidate.