



Foundation of Critical Thinking presents

# The 2nd Annual International Academy on Critical Thinking



## The Oxford Tutorial & Critical Thinking

**A FOUR-DAY ACADEMY HELD 3-6 SEPTEMBER, 2008  
AT NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND**

The Center and Foundation for Critical Thinking have together hosted critical thinking academies and conferences for more than a quarter century. We will bring our second academy to the UK 3-6 September, 2008. The International Academy on Critical Thinking is designed for collegiate and pre-collegiate educators, lead faculty, teachers, headmasters, and academic administrators. Research fellow Rush Cosgrove, together with Richard Paul, Linda Elder, and Gerald Nosich are designing the Academy.

The Oxford educators presenting papers are David Palfreyman, Ted Tapper, and David Mills. In addition, Robert Beck will be joining a group of fellows from the Foundation for Critical Thinking. Together they will represent the US contributors.

The first half of the Academy will concentrate on theoretical issues (and thus highlight the views and experiences of the Oxford Tutorial of the presenters). The second half will focus on the development of practical strategies for the design of instruction (and thus explore practical implications of theory brought into practice).

The International Academy is an in-depth interactive seminar for educators and administrators who seek to move beyond fundamentals to advanced understandings and strategies.

The Academy is designed to help participants improve their ability to design instruction in such a way that students come to employ critical thinking to achieve a deep understanding of content.

The Academy will focus on how to design instruction so that students become intellectually engaged in thinking within the disciplines they study.

Delegates will be engaged in studying critical thinking through reading, writing, and teaching. They will also develop application strategies (taking into account contextual realities with which they must deal).

Delegates from previous academies are welcomed back, to deepen their understanding of critical thinking. The academy will offer the means to achieve greater depth of understanding of critical thinking concepts and principles and their application to curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

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## Academy Presenters:



**David Palfreyman**, Bursar and Director of Oxford Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (OXCHEPS), New College, University of Oxford.



**Richard Paul**, Fellow and Director of Research, Foundation for Critical Thinking.



**Ted Tapper**, Emeritus Professor of Politics, University of Sussex, Visiting Scholar, Oxford Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies, New College, University of Oxford.



**Linda Elder**, Fellow and President, Foundation for Critical Thinking.



**David Mills**, University Lecturer, Higher Education, Pedagogy and Social Sciences, Kellogg College, University of Oxford.



**Gerald Nosich**, Professor of Philosophy, Buffalo State College, and Fellow, Foundation for Critical Thinking.



**Robert Beck**, Visiting Professor of Education, Lawrence University, Professor Emeritus, Education, University of California, Irvine.



**Rush Cosgrove**, Research Fellow, Foundation for Critical Thinking, Graduate Student, New College, University of Oxford.

## About the Foundation for Critical Thinking...

The Center and Foundation for Critical Thinking have together hosted critical thinking academies and conferences for more than a quarter century. During that time, we have played a key role in defining, structuring, assessing, improving and advancing the principles and best practices of fair-minded critical thought in education and in society. Throughout our work we emphasize and argue for the importance of teaching for critical thinking in a strong, rather than a weak, sense. We are committed to a clear and "substantive" concept of critical thinking (rather than one that is ill-defined); a concept that interfaces well with the disciplines, that integrates critical with creative thinking, that applies directly to the needs of everyday and professional life, that emphasizes the affective as well as the cognitive dimension of critical thinking, that highlights intellectual standards and traits. We advocate a concept of critical thinking that organizes instruction in every subject area at every educational level.

### Registration and Accommodation Information

You may choose either to stay at New College, or to attend as a day delegate. To maximize the depth of your learning through after-hour ongoing discussions with your academy colleagues, we encourage you to stay at New College with us.

### Overnight or Day Delegate

The total fee for overnight delegates is **\$1,310 US Dollars**. This covers overnight accommodations for 4 nights, all meals (except the evening meal on 5 September), and full registration fee, beginning with the evening meal 2 September, 2008, and ending at 4:00 p.m. on 6 September. For additional nights' stay, the rate is \$120 per night, which includes overnight accommodation with full English breakfast. Additional nights' stay available only on 6 and 7 September.

For day delegate fees and other registration details, visit our website.

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