



YOUNG LEADERS

ACADEMY

16th-18th June 2023 | Eskilstuna | Sweden



Founded by Margaret Thatcher in 2009 as the intellectual hub of European Conservatism, New Direction has established academic networks across Europe and research partnerships throughout the world.

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Investing in the next generation of activists, thinkers, and leaders is important – that's why *New Direction* is pleased to present its latest edition of the **Young Leaders Academy**. For two days, students and young professionals will gather for a series of lectures and debates introducing them to core conservative and classical liberal principles – equipping them with the knowledge they need to expand the movement.

With talks on culture, the environment, security, and philosophy, the *New Direction Young Leaders Academy* aims to present the next generation with new ideas to take with them into the future. *New Direction* is pleased to be partnered with *Oikos* and *Konservativa Förbundet* for this special event on 16th–18th June 2023.



A G E N D A

Friday, 16th June 2023

- 19:00** **Welcoming dinner**
 Short welcoming speeches by:
- **Witold de Chevilly**, Executive Director of New Direction
 - **Mattias Karlsson**, President of Oikos
 - **Henrik Colliander**, Chair of the Konservativa Förbundet
- Dinner speech by:
- **Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson MP**, Former Prime Minister Iceland

Saturday, 17th June 2023

- 10:00** **Welcome remarks**
- **Denice Westerberg**, Master of Ceremonies, Journalist

- 10:05** **Panel #1**
Countering the hegemony of left-liberal media
 It sometimes feels as though centre-right voices are missing from the mainstream media, or even at times as though a certain narrative dominates the news agenda. However, in recent years there has been a growth of new publications and outlets offering the public media that better reflects their beliefs.
- **Harrison Pitt**, The European Conservative
 - **Paula Otero Santos**, Academic Coordinator of International Relations, CEU - CEFAS
 - **Boris Kálnoky**, Head of Media School at MCC
 - **Vasilios Zoupounidis**, CEO of The Epoch Time
 - **Brian G. Andersson**, Political Commentator
 - **Emma Webb**, Commentator at GB News

- 11:05** **Panel #2**
Winning by Example – Success in the Culture War
 At times it seems as though the left are winning the culture war, however there are strong examples of how the right have won. Organised groups have managed to help conservative candidates win elections, academics defend free speech, and scholars argue in debates. There are plenty of examples of conservatives winning by example.
- **John O'Sullivan**, President of the Danube Institute
 - **Joakim Wallerstein**, Head of Communication at Swedish Democrats
 - **Rodrigo Ballester**, Head of the Centre for European Studies at MCC
 - **Henric Colliander**, Chair of the Konservativa Förbundet
 - **Juan Soto**, International Director at Disenso (Moderator)

- 12:00** Lunch

- 13:00** **Book launch**
Sovereignty or Submission
 John Fonte is Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for American Common Culture at Hudson Institute. Here he will discuss his book 'Sovereignty or Submission: Will Americans Rule Themselves or be Ruled by Others?', recently translated into Swedish for the first time.
- **Dr John Fonte**, Senior fellow and director of the Center for American Common Culture at Hudson Institute
 - **Mattias Karlsson**, President of Oikos

- 13:30** **Panel #3**
Woke capitalism – A New front in the culture war?
 Environment, social, and corporate governance (ESG) is taking over business, being used as a means of judging a company's success on other means than just if they serve their customers well. Does this new 'woke capitalism' pose a threat to the market economy?
- **Martin Gündinger**, Senior research fellow at the Austrian Economics Center
 - **Juan Soto**, International Director at Disenso
 - **Justin Danhof**, Head of Corporate Governance at Strive
 - **Rebecca Uvell**, Journalist (Moderator)

- 14:30** Coffee break

- 14:50** **Panel #4**
Green Conservatism
 Climate and the environment are at the top of the agenda around the world, with summits and conferences calling for great action to deal with our changing climate. However, what are the conservative answers to these challenges?
- **Francesco Giubilei**, President of Fondazione Tatarella and Nazione Futura
 - **Diana Furchtgott-Roth**, Director of the Center on Energy, Climate, and Environment at the Heritage Foundation
 - **Litkei Máté**, Climate Policy Institute at MCC
 - **Robert Tyler**, Senior Policy Advisor at New Direction (Moderator)

- 15:50** **Keynote speech**
- **Emma Webb**, Common Sense Society

- 16:05** **Panel #5**
Dr. Jordan Petersons "A conservative manifesto"
 In September 2022, Dr Jordan Peterson published his 'Conservative Manifesto', now translated into Swedish for the first time. In this discussion we will look at its content, and how it fits in the framework of European conservatism.
- **Ofir Haivry**, Vice President at The Herzl Institute
 - **Jorge González-Gallarza**, Co-host of the Uncommon Decency podcast and senior fellow at the Center for Fundamental Rights
 - **Thomas Gür**, Businessman and writer
 - **Catarina Kärkkäinen**, Timbro
 - **Asle Toje**, Writer and Deputy Leader of the Norwegian Nobel Committee (Moderator)

- 17:05** Free time

- 18:30** **Roger Scruton Dinner**
 Dinner speech by:
- **Lady Sophie Scruton**

Sunday, 18th June 2023

10:00

Panel #6

Nordic conservatism

Nordic conservatism is going through something of a renaissance. With a new conservative government in Sweden, the centre right reaching more than 50% in the Finnish elections, and Norwegian Conservatives set to secure first place for the first time in more than 100 years. What is behind this newfound success?

- **Asle Toje**, *Writer and Deputy Leader of the Norwegian Nobel Committee*
- **Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson MP**, *Former Prime Minister Iceland*
- **Mattias Karlsson**, *President of Oikos*
- **Hannes Gissurarson**, *Professor*
- **Robert Tyler**, *Senior Policy Advisor at New Direction*

11:00

Panel #7

Security policy in the Baltic Sea Region

The War in Ukraine has had a profound impact on security in Europe – especially in the Baltic Sea region where Russia has been active for many years. With Finland having become NATO's newest member, and Sweden on the way, what is the future of Baltic Security?

- **Thibault Muzerguez**, *Regional Program Director for Europe and Euro-Med at IRI*
- **Aron Emilsson**, *Member of the Riksdag for the Sweden Democrats party*
- **Otto Tabuns**, *Director of the Baltic Security Foundation*
- **Adam Starzyński**, *3seasEurope*
- **Arvid Hallén**, *Oikos (Moderator)*

12:00

Closing speech

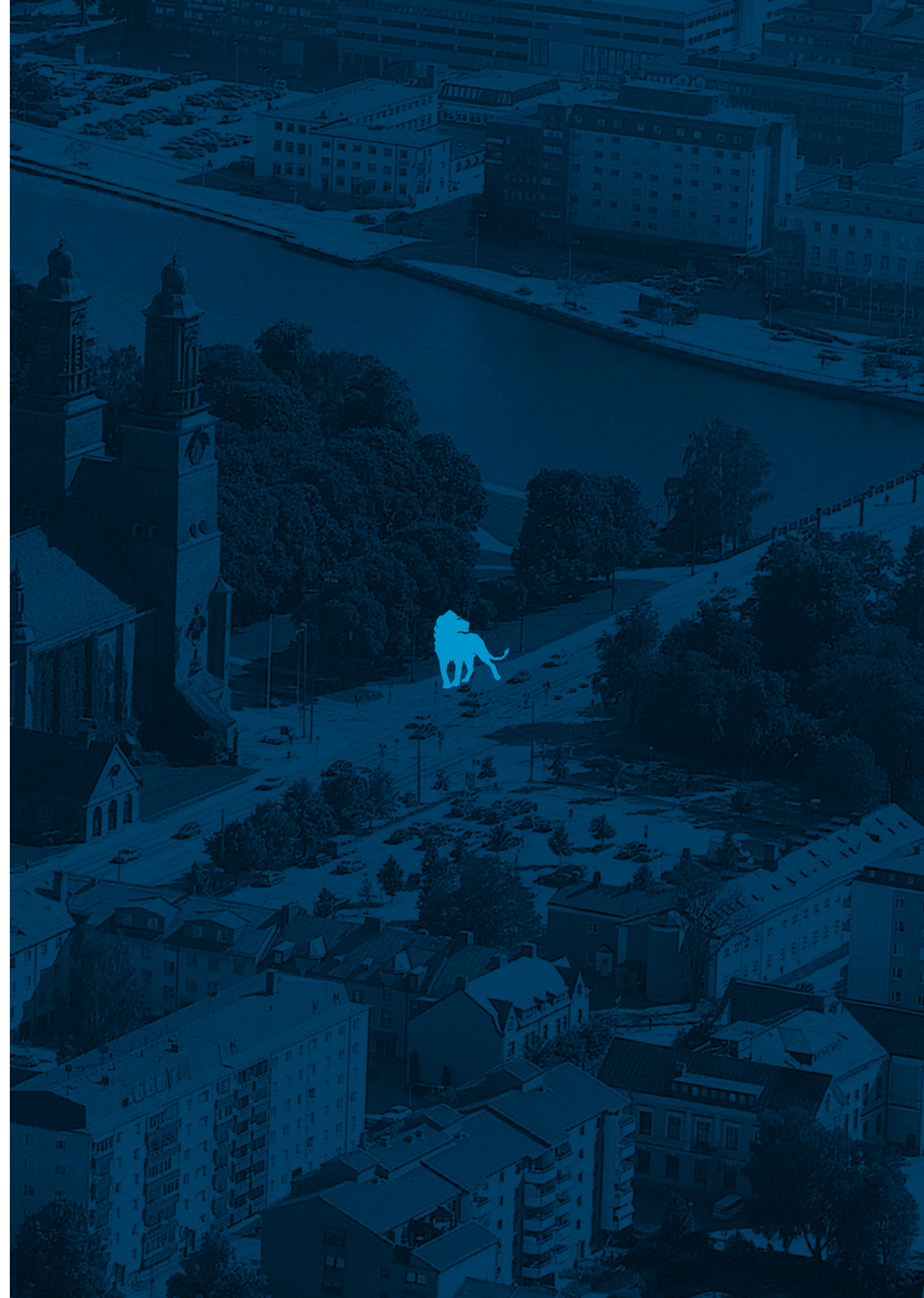
- **Charlie Weimers**, *Member of the European Parliament and Vice Chair of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group, Member of New Direction*

12:20

Lunch



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