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Salisbury, LSE, Oakeshott, Scruton: Implications for Policy

The political climate at LSE pre-Oakeshott. Fabians, Laski, Hayek, Popper. Oakeshott's conduct and influence as Professor (1951-). His own changing political outlook, and its putative relation to the pragmatism of Victorian PM Lord Salisbury, whom he admired. Oakeshott and Orwell as political psychologists and culture critics. Can any useful policies, policy prescriptions or party-based strategies be seen to follow from Oakeshott's political conceptions? Oakeshott and post-Communist 'anti-politics' (Havel). Scruton's reservations and criticisms regarding Oakeshott, whom he admired in turn.

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