

# DANIEL TATE

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## PROFILE

I am a South African Rhodes Scholar, Allan Gray Fellow, and DPhil (PhD) candidate in International Relations at the University of Oxford. I hold three degrees, have four years of award-winning experience at the highest levels of student leadership, and previously worked with the One South Africa Movement (now Build One South Africa), directly with the former Leader of the Opposition in South Africa, Mmusi Maimane MP. I strive to improve prospects for sustainable and inclusive development in Africa through my research into the politics of international energy cooperation, specifically looking at African states' cross-border trade in electricity via regional power pools. I have conducted almost 90 elite and expert interviews across multiple continents for this research, and I have presented at numerous reputable energy conferences in addition. Along with my research, I work as a research assistant to my supervisor, Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, and I am a Trustee of the Oxford Climate Alumni Network.

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## EDUCATION & RESEARCH

### DPhil in International Relations

2023-2025

*University of Oxford (Department of Politics & International Relations | St Catherine's College)*

Thesis topic: international energy cooperation and African states' cross-border electricity trade via regional power pools

Supervisor: [Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira](#)

### MPhil in International Relations

2021-2023

*University of Oxford (Department of Politics & International Relations | University College)*

Graduated with merit, with distinctions in research methods and "Politics of Africa" courses

Thesis: ['Regional Powers & Energy Integration: South Africa in the Southern African Power Pool'](#)

Supervisor: [Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira](#)

### Bachelor of Social Science Honours in International Relations

2020

*University of Cape Town (Department of Political Studies)*

Graduated with distinction, with distinctions for all courses and thesis (78.43% GPA)

Thesis topic: 'The Divergence between the African Union's Peace Mandate and the Interests of Its Member States'

Supervisor: [Emeritus Prof John Akokpari](#)

Class medals (top student in class): *International Political Economy*, *International Mediation*, and *Theories of IR* (3/4 classes)

### Bachelor of Commerce in Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

2017-2019

*University of Cape Town (School of Economics)*

Graduated top student in class, with distinction in Economics (78.33% GPA)

Class medals (top student in class): *South Africa Public Policy Analysis* and *Introduction to Information Systems*

Dean's Merit List every year and Golden Key International Honour Society

### National Senior Certificate (South Africa)

2012-2016

*Bishops Diocesan College, Cape Town, Western Cape*

First in grade, 8 distinctions, and 96% GPA

Top 20 students in the province

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust International Scholarship (2023-)

St Catherine's College Graduate Scholarship (2023-)

Rhodes Scholarship (2021-)

Univ-Rhodes Trust Studentship (2021-2023)

Allan Gray Fellowship (2017-2020) ([entrepreneurship programme](#))

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (UCT) (2017-2019)

Provincial Education Department Merit List (2016)

## LANGUAGES

English (home language)

French (11 years' study; CEFR level B1)

Afrikaans (6 years' study)

Spanish (3-month exchange in Argentina and Chile)

isiXhosa (1 year's study)

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

<b>Postgraduate Divisional Representative for the Social Sciences Division, Oxford</b>	2023
- Student representative sitting on the Division's senior committees ( <a href="#">list of committee membership</a> )	
<b>Course Representative for the MPhil in International Relations degree programme, Oxford</b>	2022-23
<b>Founding Secretary, Oxford <a href="#">Postgraduate Consultation Group</a> (PGCG)</b>	2022-23
- Group within Oxford Student's Union providing policy and consultative advice to University management	
<b>Residences &amp; Housing Coordinator, UCT <a href="#">Students' Representative Council</a> (SRC)</b>	2018-19
- Top student leadership body at UCT / student governance and advocacy / <a href="#">list of committee membership</a>	
<b>Secretary and Management Committee, UCT <a href="#">Student Parliament</a></b>	2018-19
<b>Chairperson, UCT Academic Representatives' Council (ARC)</b>	2017-18
<b>Deputy Head Student, Leo Marquard Hall Residence, UCT</b>	2017-18
<b>Junior Councillor, <a href="#">Junior City Council of Cape Town</a></b>	2014-15
<b>Leadership awards:</b>	
- 2x UCTPlus Gold Leadership Awards	2018-19
- UCT Student Leadership Excellence Award	2018
- <a href="#">President's Award</a> Bronze, Silver and Gold Level Holder	2013-2016

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Trustee and Board Member of the <a href="#">Oxford Climate Alumni Network</a></b>	Sept 2024 -
<i>University of Oxford Alumni Network</i>	
Trustee providing governance and strategic direction for registered charity operating worldwide	
<b>Research Assistant for <a href="#">Prof Ricardo Soares de Oliveira</a></b>	Nov 2023 -
<i>University of Oxford</i>	
Data collection/analysis and drafting of research briefs on themes of offshore financial jurisdictions and extractive industries	
<b>Research Assistant for <a href="#">Prof Karolina Milewicz</a></b>	July 2022 - Nov 2022
<i>University of Oxford/University of Bayreuth</i>	
Drafting course syllabi and content for <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> and <i>Research Design</i> courses	
Teaching the <i>Critical Theory in International Relations</i> class (remotely to University of Bayreuth students)	
<b>Intern at the One South Africa Movement</b>	April 2021 - Aug 2021
<i>Now <a href="#">Build One South Africa</a></i>	
Worked underneath former Leader of the Opposition, Mmusi Maimane, in preparation for 2021 local government elections	
Columns and op-eds / speeches / electoral submissions / policy on education / municipal profiles	
Strategic advisory role / debate preparation / presenter on 'Maimane Mondays' Twitter (now 'X') Spaces show	

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## CONFERENCE SPEAKER & PANEL ROLES

<b>Speaker at <a href="#">Africa Energies Summits 2023 and 2024</a></b>	May 2023 and May 2024
<i>London, United Kingdom</i>	
Panellist at both Summits, regional energy integration and young professionals in the African energy sector panels	
<b>Speaker at <a href="#">Powering Africa Summit 2024</a></b>	March 2024
<i>Washington, D.C., United States</i>	
Panellist on electricity transmission infrastructure panel	
<b>Speaker at Africa Energy Forum's <a href="#">Youth Energy Summit 2023</a></b>	June 2023
<i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>	
2x panellist, on public-private partnerships in the energy sector and on student perspectives in the energy sector panels	
Appointed to the Global Advisory Board	
Received EnergyNet Founder's Award for Youth Contributions to the Energy Sector	
<b>Delegate at <a href="#">Yale Model African Union 2022</a></b>	May 2022
<i>Kigali, Rwanda</i>	
Awarded Best Delegation	
<b>Delegate at <a href="#">'Change the World' Model United Nations 2020</a></b>	June 2020
<i>Virtual Conference</i>	
Awarded Best Delegation and Delegates' Award	
<b>Speaker at <a href="#">University of Cape Town Teaching &amp; Learning Conference 2018</a></b>	July 2018
<i>Cape Town, South Africa</i>	
First-ever undergraduate presenter, co-presenting on the impact of student-staff interaction in leadership	