

9.20 to 10.15: GREAT HALL – Has the West gone soft? 25 years on from the fall of the Berlin Wall

Chair: John O’Sullivan. Niall Ferguson, Professor Deepak Lal, Radek Sikorski and Charles Powell.

Profiles of the Speakers mentioned above:

1. JOHN O’SULLIVAN CBE:

John O’Sullivan CBE is British political commentator and journalist. He is also the Vice-President and executive editor of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

He has been a senior policy writer and speech writer for Margaret Thatcher. He is the editor at large of National Review and a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute. Previously he has worked for United Press International as editor-in-chief and also for The National Interest. He was also appointed as Commander of the British Empire in the 1991 New Year’s Honors List.

He is known as the founder and co-chairman of the New Atlantic Initiative which was created by Margaret Thatcher and Vaclav Havel.

2. PROFESSOR NIALL FERGUSON:

Niall Ferguson, MA, D.Phil., is Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University and William Ziegler Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford University, and a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University and the author of twelve books;

A prolific commentator on contemporary politics and economics, Niall Ferguson writes for newspapers and magazines on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2004 Time magazine acknowledged him as one of the world’s hundred most influential people. He was the Philippe Roman Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics in 2010-11 and the BBC Reith Lecturer for 2012. He is a member of the board of trustees of the American Academy in Berlin, the Museum of American Finance and the New York Historical Society. His many honors and accolades include the Benjamin Franklin Prize for Public Service (2010) and the Hayek Prize for Lifetime Achievement (2012). He is Managing Director at Greenmantle LLC and serves on the Board of Directors of Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., a global asset management company.

3. PROFESSOR DEEPAK LAL:

Mr. Deepak Lal works as a professor at University of California at Los Angeles for the department of International Development Studies. He is also professor emeritus of political economy at University College London and a senior member at the Cato Institute. He has been a member of the Indian Foreign service in 1963 till 1966, serving as a consultant to Indian Planning Commission, the World Bank, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, various UN agencies, South Korea, and Sri Lanka.

He was also a research administrator at the World Bank. He has authored books like: The Poverty of Development Economics, The Hindu Equilibrium, Against Dirigisme and others.

4. RADEK SIKORSK:

Radek Sikorsk led the student's strike committee in March 1981. He worked as a war correspondent in Afghanistan and Angola in 1986-1989. He was won the World Press Photo award in 1987 for a photograph taken in Afghanistan.

He was appointed as the Deputy Minister of National Defence in 1992. From 1998-2001 he served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Honorary Chairman of the Foundation for Assistance to Poles in the East. He was resident member at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. and Executive Director of the New Atlantic Initiative. Radosław Sikorski was elected senator for Bydgoszcz in 2005 and served as Minister of National Defence in 2005-2007. In 2007, he was elected to the Lower House of the Polish Parliament (the Sejm) from the Civic Platform list.

He was sworn in as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland on 16 November 2007. He has been Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs since 1st January 2010. He was elected Vice-Chairman of the Civic Platform in October 2010.

On 16 November 2012, celebrated in Poland as Foreign Service Day, Minister Radosław Sikorski received the rank of the Grand Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honour, awarded by the President of the French Republic; He was also awarded the Belgian Grand Officer's Cross of the Order of the Crown on 4 September 2013;

On 22 October 2013, he was awarded the Presidential Order of Excellence by Georgia's President Mikheil Saakashvili.

5. LORD POWELL KCMG:

Lord Powell KCMG served as a private secretary and advisor for foreign affairs and defence to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and John Major. He is currently a member of the House of Lords serving the Select Committee on the constitution. He also chairs the Government's Asia Task Force.

He has served numerous company boards such as Louis Vuitton Moet Hennessy in France, Caterpillar and Textron in US, Hong Kong Land and Mandarin Oriental Hotels in Asia and Schindler Group in Switzerland. He is also the Chairman of the International Advisory Council of Rolls-Royce and serves multiple International Advisory Boards which include Barrick Gold., ACE and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

He is one of the Trustees of the Aspen Institute in the US as well as of the British Museum, the International Institute for Strategic Studies and Atlantic Partnership of which he is the chairman. Lord Powell is also a member of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

11.00 to 12.00: GREAT HALL – Big Government, Big Corporations: what chance for small business and innovation?

Chair: Dr Pippa Malmgren. Dr Art Laffer, Professor Deirdre McCloskey, John Micklethwait, Professor Luigi Zingales

Profiles of the Speakers mentioned above:

1. DR PIPPA MALMGREN:

Dr. Pippa Malmgren heads a firm known as DRPM Group. She partly owns and serves the board of H Drones which is also now a part of DRPM Group.

She has contributed and still does to various organizations such as the British Ministry of Defence Working Group on Global Strategic Trends, the Greater London Authority Infrastructure Advisory Board, the Economic Advisory Board to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, the Legatum Institute at MIT and Indiana University School of Public Policy and Environmental Affairs.

In past, she worked as financial market advisor to the President in the White House and on the National Economic Council from 2001-2002. She has also been a member of the President's Working Group on Financial Markets and the Working Group on Corporate Governance.

Apart from her note-worthy cooperation to the Global Strategy at UBS as a Deputy Head and Bankers Trust as Chief Currency Strategist, she has been a visiting lecturer at Tsinghua University in Beijing and has also worked for INSEAD and the Duke Fuqua Global Executive MBA Program as an occasional lecturer.

She also speaks at conferences across a wide array of industries, representing The Financial Times, The Economist, Institutional Investor and other world forums. She has written for Citywire, International Economy, Economica, Monocle and others.

2. DR ART LAFFER:

Dr. Arthur B. Laffer is the founder and chairman of Laffer Associates, an economic research firm. He currently sits on the board of directors of several public companies, which include: MPS Group Inc. (MPS) and Oxigene Inc. (OXGN). He also sits on the board of directors Nicholas Applegate Institutional Funds; Retirement Capital Group; Pillar Data Systems; LifePics; Jovian Holdings; Roth Capital; Atrevida Partners; Health Edge Partners; First Q Capital; The Mayfair Group; and Endovascular Instruments. In the past, he has served on the

board of directors of Veolia Environnement; Provide Commerce; Neff Corporation; Petco; Clarcor and Amplicon Financial.

Dr. Laffer is a founding member of the Congressional Policy Advisory Board, a select group of advisors who assist in shaping legislative policies for the 105th, 106th and 107th United States Congress. Dr. Laffer was a member of President Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board for both of his two terms (1981-1989). He was a founding member of the Reagan Executive Advisory Committee for the presidential race of 1980. He also advised Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on fiscal policy in the United Kingdom during the 1980s.

In his lists of awards and honors, rest two Graham and Dodd Awards from the Financial Analyst Federation for outstanding feature articles published in the Financial Analysts Journal; the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of Investment Clubs; the Adam Smith Award for his insights and contributions to the Wealth of Nations; and the Daniel Webster Award for public speaking by the International Platform Association. Dr. Laffer also earned the Father of the Year award from the West Coast Father's Day Committee in 1983.

3. PROFESSOR DEIRDRE MCCLOSKEY:

Deirdre McCloskey is a Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, teaching Economics, History, English, and Communication. She is a reputed economist, rhetorician and a historian. Her achievements include sixteen books and around 400 scholar articles on diverse topics such as technical economics and statistics to transgender advocacy and the ethics of the bourgeois virtues.

She has contributed to topics like British economic Failure in the 19th Century, trade and growth in 19th Century, open field agriculture in the middle ages, the Gold Standard, and the Industrial Revolution. "The Rhetoric of Economics", "You're So Smart: The Narrative of Economics and Persuasion in Economics" add up to her list of Philosophical books.

4. JOHN MICKLETHWAIT:

John Micklethwait is the Editor-in-Chief of The Economist. He received his degree in History from Magdalen College, Oxford. Before he became a member of The Economist he worked as a Banker at Chase Manhattan. He worked at The Economics as finance correspondent, later working as Business editor and United States editor.

He has co-authored with Adrian Woldridge, five books. He was named Editor's editor by the British Society of Magazine Editors in 2010. He is one of the trustees of the British Museum.

Professor Luigi Zingales:

He teaches Finance at the Chicago Booth University and has authored two books: Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists and his more recent work, A Capitalism for the People: Recapturing the Lost Genius of American Prosperity. He's the director of the American Finance Association and has co-designed the Financial Trust Index. He has indulged in discourses on political economy and corporate finance. His work in finance earned him the 2003 Bernacer Prize for the best young European financial economist. His latest pursuit is related to finding a way out of the latest financial crisis.

12.00 to 12.20pm: GREAT HALL – The Road from Serfdom: Lord Saatchi

LORD SAATCHI:

Lord Maurice Nathan Saatchi is the Founder of M&C Saatchi Agency Pty Ltd. He co-founded Saatchi & Saatchi in 1970/ He worked as a non-executive chairman of Finsbury Food Group PLC from August 1, 2002 to April 30, 2008. He is the Governor of the London School of Economics.

Moreover he offered his services as Shadow Treasury Minister in the House of Lords and the Cabinet Office in the House of Lords from 1999 to 2003. He was the co-Chairman of the Conservative Party from November 2003 to May 2005.

12.20 to 12.30: GREAT HALL – Competition in the UK banking industry by Vernon Hill

VERNON HILL:

Mr. Vernon W. Hill, II is the Founder of Metro Bank. He was Co-Founder at Hill-Townsend Capital, LLC until 2013. Mr. Hill founded Commerce BanCorp. Inc. (NJ) and served as its Chief Executive Officer and Secretary until July 31, 2007. He also founded Commerce Bank and served as its Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Hill served as President of Commerce BanCorp. Inc. (NJ) from 1982 to February 5, 2007.

He has been Chairman of the Board of Metro Bank PLC since January 2013.

Mr. Hill has been Chairman of Saladworks, Inc. since March 2008 and was also the Chairman and Director of Commerce BanCorp. Inc. (NJ) from 1982 to July 31, 2005.

Mr. Hill provided his commendable services as Chairman of Commerce Delaware since October 1999, Commerce Shore since January 1989, Commerce North since January 1997, Commerce PA since January 1987 and Commerce NJ since 1973, which are subsidiaries of Commerce BanCorp. Inc. He serves as a Non-Executive Director of Metro Bank PLC. Mr. Hill served as a Director of Commerce NJ since 1973. He served as Director of Commerce PA, Commerce Shore, Commerce North, Commerce Delaware and Director of Commerce Bank.

EITHER GREAT HALL – The EU and the Big Corporations: are they ganging up against liberty and its protector, the nation state?

Charles Moore, Daniel Hannan, Professor Richard Epstein, John Micklethwait, Professor Michael Wohlgemuth

Speaker Profiles:

Charles Moore:

Charles Moore is the former editor of The Daily Telegraph, The Sunday Telegraph and The Spectator. He wrote a pamphlet titled The Old People of Lambeth for the Salisbury Crew in 1982. His most renowned publication, however, is the biography of late British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for which she chose him herself. Mr. Moore is still a regular contributor to The Sunday Telegraph and The Spectator.

Daniel Hannan:

Daniel Hannan is a British politician and Member of the European Parliament, representing South East England for the Conservative Party.

Hannan is also a journalist and blogs for the The Daily Telegraph.

Daniel Hannan was first elected to the European Parliament in 1999, and was re-elected at the top of his party's list for the South East England constituency in 2004. In April 2008, Daniel Hannan was elected to the top position of the Conservative list for the 2009 European elections in the constituency of South East England, and in June 2009 he was re-elected to the European Parliament.

PROFESSOR RICHARD A. EPSTEIN:

Professor Richard A. Epstein has been the Peter and Kirsten Bedford Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution since 2000 and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1985. He served as Interim Dean OF THE LAW SCHOOL from February to June, 2001. He is also the Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law at New York University.

He has also been a senior lecturer at the University of Chicago since 2011. He became director of the Classical Liberal Institute, newly formed at NYU Law. Prior to joining Chicago's faculty in 1972, he taught law at the University of Southern California from 1968 to 1972.

He has been a member of the California Bar since 1969. He received an honorary degree from the University of Ghent in 2003, was awarded the Bradley Prize in 2011, and received the Norman MacLean Prize for Teaching Excellence from the University of Chicago in 2014.

JOHN MICKLETHWAIT:

John Micklethwait is the Editor-in-Chief of The Economist. He received his degree in History from Magdalen College, Oxford. Before he became a member of The Economist he worked as a Banker at Chase Manhattan. He worked at The Economics as finance correspondent, later working as Business editor and United States editor.

He has co-authored with Adrian Woldridge, five books. He was named Editor's editor by the British Society of Magazine Editors in 2010. He is one of the trustees of the British Museum.

Michael Wohlgemuth :

Professor Dr. Michael Wohlgemuth is the Director of Open Europe Berlin. He has been affiliated with Universities throughout Europe as a Research Associate and as a lecturer. He is a member of the Council on Economic Policy in Berlin and Rapporteur for the European Governance within the European Ideas network. His interests lie mainly in the Economic Theories of Politics, Evolutionary Economics and the History of Ideas which he utilizes to comment on globalization and European governance in various newspapers, blogs and magazines.

OR THE LIVERY HALL – He who pays the piper (1): State Science and Liberty

Baroness Greenfield, Terence Kealey, Pat Michaels, and Professor Jonathan Haskel

Speaker Profiles:

1. BARONESS GREENFIELD:

Susan Greenfield is a neuroscientist, writer, and broadcaster. She has been awarded 30 Honorary Degrees from British and foreign universities and heads a multi-disciplinary research group exploring novel brain mechanisms linked to neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. She is a Senior Research Fellow at Lincoln College, Oxford and has currently co-founded a biotech company developing a novel approach to neurodegenerative disorders (Neuro-Bio Ltd).

In 1998 she received the Michael Faraday Medal from the Royal Society, was awarded a CBE in the Millennium New Year's Honors List and was granted a non-political Life Peerage in 2001.

She was the Chancellor of Heriot Watt University in 2005.

Further accolades for her include L'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur from the French Government, and the American Academy of Achievement Golden Plate Award, both received in 2003. Susan was also awarded the Australian Medical Research Society Medal in 2010.

In 2011, Susan served the Advisory Board of the Kusuma School of Biological Sciences at the Indian Institute for Technology, Delhi. In addition, she has published a neuroscientific theory of consciousness, 'The Private Life of the Brain' (2003)

In 2012, Susan was offered the Honorary Fellowship of the Institute of Risk Management and also became a Vice Patron of POWER International.

In 2012, Susan was selected to serve as the Parliamentary Patron of the Westminster Higher Education Forum, meanwhile also continued to be a Parliamentary Patron of the Westminster Education Forum.

Continuing through 2012, Susan became a Governor of The Florey Institute for Neuroscience and Mental Health and also started to support the IAB (the International Advisory Board).

PROFESSOR TERENCE KEALEY:

Professor Kealey worked as a Vice-Chancellor at the University of Buckingham since April 2001. He received his doctorate degree from Oxford University, where he also worked as a Medical Research Council Training Fellow. Later, he continued to work there as a Wellcome Senior Research Fellow in Clinical Science.

He lectured the Department of Clinical Biochemistry at the Cambridge University. One of his awards includes his professorship in March 2011. He has published approximately 45 original peer-reviewed papers and around 35 scientific reviews which were also peer-reviewed.

PAT MICHAELS:

Patrick J. Michaels, past President of the American Association of State Climatology of the American Meteorological Society, is also a director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute.

His writings for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. Furthermore, his writings are published in the major scientific journals, including "Climate Research, Climatic Change, Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Climate, Nature, and Science and others. He was an author of the climate "paper of the year" awarded by the Association of American Geographers in 2004. He has spoken of his views and opinions at the major forums of media.

JONATHAN HASKEL:

Jonathan Haskel is a Professor of Economics at Imperial College Business School in the Organization & Management Group.

Jonathan was previously Professor and Head of Department at the Department of Economics, Queen Mary, University of London. He has taught at the University of Bristol and London Business School and been a visiting professor at the Stern School of Business, New York University and the Australian National University. In 2012 he was a visiting Professor of Economics at the Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College, USA.

Jonathan is a research associate at the Centre for Economic Policy Research and the IZA, Bonn and an Associate Editor of *Economica*. He is an elected member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society.

14.30 to 15.15 GREAT HALL – BBC HARDTALK. A Q&A with a leading world figure. Chaired by Stephen Sackur

Stephen Sackur:

Before taking over on the BBC News Channel and BBC World flagship current affairs interview programme, he had been based in Brussels for three years as the BBC's Europe Correspondent.

Prior to this, Stephen was the BBC's Washington Correspondent from July 1997.

He has interviewed Presidents George W Bush and Bill Clinton, covered the 2000 US Presidential Elections, the Clinton scandal and impeachment trial.

Stephen has also been the BBC Middle East Correspondent in both Cairo (from 1992 to 1995) and Jerusalem (from 1995 to 1997), covering the peace process, the assassination of the Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the emergence of the Palestinian Authority under the late Yasser Arafat.

Stephen was appointed as a BBC Foreign Correspondent in 1990. He was part of the BBC's team of correspondents covering the Gulf War, spending eight weeks with the British Army when the conflict began

15.15 to 16.15: GREAT HALL – “After America, what?”

Chair: Professor Michael Clarke (Director General, RUSI), General Petraeus, Dr Keyu Jin, John, Howard, General Sir Richard Barrons*.

Preceded by a message from Nancy Reagan, read by Fred Ryan of the Reagan Foundation

MICHAEL CLARKE:

Professor Michael Clarke is currently the Director General of the Royal United Services Institute. Until July 2007 he was Deputy Vice-Principal and Director of Research Development at King's College London, where he is now also Visiting Professor of Defence Studies. He was, from 1990 to 2001 the founding Director of the Centre for Defence Studies at King's. He was appointed Professor of Defence Studies in 1995. He was the founding Director of the International Policy Institute at King's College London from 2001-2005 and Head of the School of Social Science and Public Policy at KCL in 2004-05.

He has previously taught international politics at the Universities of Aberystwyth, Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne, and also at the University of New Brunswick, and the Open University. He has been a Guest Fellow at The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, and a Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

In 2009 he was appointed to the Prime Minister's National Security Forum and in 2010 to the Chief of Defence Staff's new Strategic Advisory Group. He also serves on the Strategic Advisory Panel on Defence for UK Trade and Industry.

His recent publications include: The Afghan Papers: Committing Britain to War in Helmand 2005-06, London, RUSI/Routledge 2011; United Kingdom: Strategic Posture Review, World Politics Review, November 2011; 'Does War Have a Future?' in Lindley-French and Boyar eds., The Oxford Handbook of War, Oxford, OUP, 2012.

GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS:

General David Petraeus headed the American military in Iraq during 2007-2008 and also commanded forces in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011.

He graduated from the U.S Military Academy at West Point in 1974 and earned degree in Public Administration and International Relations from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

He led the 101st Airborne in the 2003 attack on Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq. He was also appointed as the trainer for the new Iraqi Army from June 2004 till September 2005. He became the commander of the Multi-National Force-Iraq in February 2007. He was later appointed as U.S Central Command, looking over the operations in Central Asia and Middle East.

Furthermore in June 2010 he was made the commander of U.S forces in Afghanistan and departed his position in August 2011, taking over the position of Director of the CIA, which he resigned from on November 9, 2012.

DR KEYU JIN:

Dr.Keyu Jin is a professor of Economics at London School of Economics. She holds expertise in International Macroeconomics, International Finance and the Chinese economy. Her academic publications include "American Economic Review", the "Journal of International Economics" and the "Encyclopedia of Financial Globalization". She is known for her consultation for the World Bank, the IMF, the New York Fed, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and JP Morgan.

JOHN HOWARD OM AC SSI:

John Winston Howard AC, SSI, was the 25th Prime Minister of Australia, from 11 March 1996 to 3 December 2007. He was the second-longest serving Australian Prime Minister.

Howard was a member of the House of Representatives from 1974 to 2007, representing the Division of Bennelong, New South Wales. He served as Treasurer in the Fraser government of from 1977 to 1983. He was Leader of the Liberal Party and Coalition Opposition from 1985 to 1989.

In 2010, John Howard was also nominated as the Australia and New Zealand candidate for the ICC.

RICHARD BARRONS:

Major General Richard Barrons was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery in 1977, prior to reading for a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Queen's College, Oxford. He then served in a variety of regimental appointments based in the UK and Germany, which included periods of training in Belize, Canada, France, Hong Kong and Brunei, and two years at the MoD, London.

He was appointed Chief of Staff of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in April 2009. In October 2009 he was posted at very short notice to HQ ISAF to establish a Force Reintegration mechanism.

He was appointed MBE in 1993, OBE in 1999, CBE in 2003, awarded QCVS in 2004 and 2006, and appointed as an Officer of the US Legion of Merit in 2009.

FREDERICK J RYAN JR:

Frederick J Ryan Jr. has worked from online and print journalism to broadcast and cable television stretching out his career to public diplomacy and non-profit and public service.

He is the President and CEO of POLITICO and COO of POLITICO publisher Allbritton Communications Company. He serves the ASCJ Board of Councilors. He has edited books like "Ronald Reagan: The wisdom and Humor of the Great Communicator" and "Ronald Reagan: The Great Communicator"

He has worked at senior-level positions in the White House during Reagan's administrations. Furthermore he has also worked as Director of the White House Private Sector Initiatives program.

He remains the chairman of the Library Foundation's Board of Trustees. Initially also working for The Gipper's California offices and the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs.

EITHER GREAT HALL – Has the other side won? Or can liberty and popular capitalism fight back?

Chair: Fraser Nelson. John Howard, Jason Kenney MP (Canada) and Toby Young

FRASER NELSON:

Fraser has served many nonprofit organizations for more than 25 years ranging from places as Appalachia and New York City. Her work mainly revolves around civic welfare.

She served Utah's Disability Law Center for 10 years. In 2008 she along with Greg Warnock founded the Community Foundation of Utah. She is also the immediate past president of Utah David Eccles School of Business. In 2011, she worked as the first Professional in Residence at the University's Center for Public Policy and Administration.

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JASON KENNEY PC MP:

Mr. Jason Kenney received his undergraduate degree from University of San Francisco. He served as President and C.E.O of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. He is formerly chaired the House of Commons Subcommittee on International Human Rights, and worked in different positions in Opposition such as Finance Critic and Deputy House Leader.

In 2006, he became Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Harper and in 2007 provided his services as Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity. He is recognized as Canada's longest serving Minister of citizenship and Immigration from 2008-2013. He chairs the Cabinet Committees for Social Affairs and Planning and Priorities.

In Maclean's Magazine's annual survey of Parliamentarians he was voted as the "best overall" and "hardest working" MP.

OR THE LIVERY HALL – He who pays the piper (2): State Art and Liberty

Chair: Lizzie Noel, Sir Peter Bazalgette, Sir Simon Jenkins, Munira Mirza, Professor Roger Scruton, Ed Vaizey MP

LIZZIE NOEL:

Lizzie Noel has worked previously as an advisor to Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London. She also served the Tribal Group as director of Communications from 1999 to 2007.

She is recognized as an approved education expert while working as an advisor for the Department of sponsor development for the academy and free school programs.

In May 2013 she joined the New Schools Network from the Department for Education where she worked previously.

SIR PETER BAZALGETTE:

Sir Peter Bazalgette is the Chairman of Arts Council England, formerly having chaired English National Opera.

He is also a media consultant and digital media investor. He chairs MirriAd- product placement specialists. Meanwhile, being a non-executive director of both YouGov and TV production company Nutopia. He has served the Advisory Board of BBH.

He is also the President of The Royal Television Society and is a non- executive director of ITV. He is recognized as the Chief Creative Officer of Endemol and bags the credit for devising multiple internationally successful television formats.

He was knighted in 2012 for his commendable services to broadcasting.

SIR SIMON JENKINS:

Sir Simon began his career from Country Life magazine and then worked for The Times Educational Supplement and the Evening Standard; also editing the Insight page of the Sunday Times. He has been awarded the honor of being the Journalist of the Year, Columnist of the Year and has also bagged the Edgar Wallace and David Watt awards, increasing the list of his accolades.

In 2004, he was knighted for his outstanding services. He is also recognized as the deputy chairman of English Heritage as well as the Building Books Trust. His books show his keen interest on London Architecture, the Press and Politics and others.

Munira Mirza:

Munira Mirza received her PHD degree in Sociology from the University of Kent in 2009. She has contributed tremendously for cultural and charitable organizations which include the Royal Society of Arts, the think tank named Policy Exchange and Tate.

She is also a member of Arts Council England, London Regional Council, the Royal College of Musical Council and the boards of the Institute of Contemporary Art and the Cultural Olympiad.

PROFESSOR ROGER SCRUTON:

Roger Scruton is currently visiting professor in the School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies at the University of St Andrews. He also visits University of Oxford as a visiting professor in Philosophy. He is a senior member at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington and a contributing editor to The New Atlantis.

He has written extensively on political and cultural issues. He is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and of the British Academy. He has published many of his books including "England: An Elegy", "A Political Philosophy", "Gentle Regrets" and "On Hunting". His recent works include "Our Church: A personal History of the Church of England", "Beauty: A very Short Introduction". He is the Co-founder of and consultant for Horsell's Farm Enterprises, Public Consultancy and Diversifies farm. He received Ingersoll-Weaver Prize for Scholarly Letters in 2004.

The Honorable Ed Vaizey MP:

He is the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries. He is the Member of Parliament for Didcot and Wantage. Formerly the Shadow Minister for Arts, Mr. Vaizey practiced as a barrister before going on to becoming a political speechwriter for Michael Howard. Since his appointment as a Member of Parliament Mr. Vaizey has worked to instigate telecom industry growth and boost private sector investment in the UK while maintaining a safeguard on citizens' rights. He has also been an editor for the Blue Book Series in his modernist outlook on the Conservative Policy.

EITHER: GREAT HALL – New media and liberty

Rachel Whetstone, Jonah Goldberg, Joanna Shields, Martha Lane Fox.

Ms. Rachel Whetstone:

She is the senior Vice-President for communications and public policy issues at Google. She has been Political Secretary to former Conservative Party leader Michael Howard after having been an advisor to him initially when Mr. Howard Home Secretary. She had moved towards the private sector, in between the political roles, cofounding and working for PR agency Carlton Communications and Portland. She joined Google when Michael Howard stood down in the general elections. Ms. Whetstone was called one of the 100 most powerful women in the UK by BBC Radio 4's Woman Hour.

JONAH GOLDBERG:

Goldberg is a member at the American Enterprise Institute. He is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times, a member of the board of contributors to USA Today, a contributor to Fox News, a contributing editor to National Review, and the founding editor of National Review Online.

He was named by the Atlantic magazine as one of the top 50 political commentators in America. In 2011 he was named the Robert J. Novak Journalist of the Year at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). Before joining National Review, he was a founding producer for Think Tank with Ben Wattenberg on PBS and wrote and produced several other PBS documentaries. He received the prestigious Lowell Thomas Award. He is the author of two New York Times bestsellers, *The Tyranny of Clichés* (Sentinel HC, 2012) and *Liberal Fascism* (Doubleday, 2008). At AEI, Jonah writes about political and cultural issues for American.com.

JOANNA SHIELDS:

Joanna Shields has been the Chief Executive of Tech City Investment Organization since January 2013. She is also a Venture Partner at Wekix Accelerator. She was a Business Ambassador for Digital Industries since October 2012.

She served as Vice President of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa and Managing Director of Facebook, Inc. until October 2012. She worked as as the President of social and Communications Division of AOL LLC. She has been Non-Executive Director of London Stock Exchange Group plc since January 17, 2014. She has been a Non-Executive Director of TalkTalk

Telecom Group PLC since May 2013. She serves as a Member of Fundraising Board of There4Me. She is a Trustee of The American School in London. She serves as a Member of Mayor Boris Johnson's London Smart Board. She served as a Member of Advisory Board at Wekix Accelerator.

BARONESS LANE-FOX:

Baroness Lane-Fox is a co-founder of Lastminute.com which targets the new generation of Internet Entrepreneurs in London. Presently, she is a non-executive director at Marks & Spencer, MyDeco.com and the Women's Prize for Fiction. She is a co-founder and chairman of Lucky Voice which is a private karaoke bar group.

She was appointed as the UK Government's Digital Inclusion Champion on 16 June 2009. On 22 March 2010 it was announced that she would set up a new Digital Public Service Unit with the Cabinet office. In June 2010, she was asked to be a part of Cabinet Office's Efficiency and Reform Board.

She is a trustee for Reprieve, a prison reform charity, patron of education pressure group CAMFED, and has set up her own charity, Antigone, a grant-making trust. Martha was made a CBE in the New Year Honours List 2013. In March 2013, she was appointed a crossbench peer in the House of Lords, becoming the youngest female member, taking the title Baroness Lane-Fox of Soho.

OR THE LIVERY HALL – Whatever happened to Liberté?

**Chair: Gaspard Koenig Mathieu Laine, Guy Sorman, Michel Rocard*,
Francois Fillon, Natacha Valla**

Gaspard Koenig Mathieu Laine:

Gaspard Koenig was born in 1982. After graduating in philosophy he went on to teach at the University of Lille III. Gaspard then became Christine Lagarde's speechwriter when she was France's Finance Minister. In 2009, he joined an international development Bank in London. He is a published author and appears regularly in the media.

Professor Guy Sorman:

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