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THE 2014 MARGARET THATCHER CONFERENCE ON LIBERTY

The Guildhall, Wednesday 18 June 2014

(note: speakers with an asterisk are not confirmed)

8.30am to 9.00am: Registration etc

9am to 9.05: GREAT HALL – Ipad induction

9.05 to 9.10: GREAT HALL – Welcome from the City of London and Lord Saatchi

9.10: GREAT HALL – Introductory speech from V S Naipaul

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.

10.15 to 10.30: GREAT HALL – The launch of CapX by Tim Knox, Susan Walton, Iain Martin and David Benigson (Signal Ltd)

10.30am to 11.00: THE CRYPT – REFRESHMENTS

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

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

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

12.30 to 13.30: BREAK OUT 1

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

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

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



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13.30 to 14.40: Buffet Lunch – THE CRYPT

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

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

16.15 to 16.45 THE CRYPT – REFRESHMENTS

16.45 to 17.40 BREAK OUT 2:

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.

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

17.40 to 18.40 BREAK OUT 3

EITHER: GREAT HALL – New media and liberty

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

OR THE LIVERY HALL – Whatever happened to Liberté?

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

EITHER: 18.40-19.40: THE GREAT HALL – A CONVERSATION: What does it mean to be a Conservative? Michael Gove MP, Roger Scruton, Rich Lowry, Charles Moore

OR: RECEPTION IN THE CRYPT

20.00 – 20.05: THE OLD LIBRARY – Lord Vinson on Four Speeches that changed the World

20.05 to 22.00: THE OLD LIBRARY– dinner for 250 with a speech from a major Government figure. Note by private invitation only.