EVROPAEUM CONFERENCE

Academic Freedom :
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Friday 29th September, 2017, 17:00
Nissan Theatre, St Antony’s College, Oxford

Leader of the ‘Umbrella Movement’, grassroots pro-democratic movement that spontaneously formed during the 2014 Hong Kong protests, whose leaders have now been sentenced to prison for their activism earlier this year.

RADOSŁAW SIKORSKI, former Polish Speaker of Parliament, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defence, former journalist, and author of numerous books and articles.

ZSOLT ENYEDI, Pro-Rector for Hungarian Affairs, Central European University, which has been resisting punitive laws pursued by the Hungarian Government.

Chair: Lord (Chris) Patten is Chancellor of Oxford University, former Governor of Hong Kong (1992-97), and former EU Commissioner for External Affairs (1999-2004).

— Please note: Friday seminar only open to those registered —

ALL WELCOME to the Conference which continues on Saturday on September 30th with further sessions and discussions, from 09:30 to 16:00, also at Nissan Theatre, St Antony’s College, Oxford, with keynote speakers including additional speakers and VOLDEMAR TOMUSK (Open Society Institute), DENIS NOBLE (Founder, Campaign for Science & Engineering), BAHRAM BECKHARADNIA (Higher Education Policy Institute), and ALAN RUSBRIDGER (Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, former editor-in-chief of The Guardian). Sessions will focus on ‘How do we safeguard free speech on campus?’, ‘How do we resist new forms of government control?’, ‘How do we face new challenges from the rise of illiberalism?’, and ‘How do we ensure research remains independent and blue sky?’, involving other leading speakers from the universities of Leiden; Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; Graduate Institute, Geneva; Helsinki; Charles University, Prague; Jagiellonian, Krakow; Ludwig-Maximilians, Munich; St Andrews; Oxford - and others.
- Speaker Biographies –

**Derek Lam Shun-Hin** is one of the leaders of the Hong Kong ‘Umbrella Movement’, a pro-democracy movement that spontaneously formed during the 2014 Hong Kong protests. Many of his colleagues, including other leaders of the Umbrella Movement and their political party Demosisto, have recently been imprisoned for their activism. Derek is a theology student and the current spokesperson of the Movement.

**Radosław Sikorski** was elected Senator for Bydgoszcz in 2005. He served as Minister of National Defence of Poland (2005-7), Minister of Foreign Affairs (2007-14), and Marshal of the Sejm, Speaker of Poland’s Parliament (2014-5). Sikorski is the author of several books, including *Dust of the Saints* and *The Polish House: An Intimate History of Poland*. In 2012, he was named one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers by *Foreign Policy* magazine “for telling the truth, even when it’s not diplomatic”.

**Zsolt Enyedi** is Pro-Rector for Hungarian Affairs at the Central European University, Budapest. He also is a political scientist who has published extensively on party politics, comparative government, church and state relations, and political psychology (especially authoritarianism, prejudices and political tolerance). He received the Rudolf Wildenmann Prize in 2003 and the Bibó Award in 2004.

**Lord (Chris) Patten of Barnes** is Chancellor of the University of Oxford, a post he holds since 2003. He was a Conservative MP for Bath (1979-92), the last Governor of Hong Kong (1992-7), and European Commissioner for External Affairs from (1999-2004). He also served as Chair of the BBC Trust (2011-4) and has a seat in the House of Lords since 2005. His publications include *What Next? Surviving the 21st Century* (2008); *Not Quite the Diplomat: Home Truths About World Affairs*, and *First Confession: A Sort of Memoir* (2017)