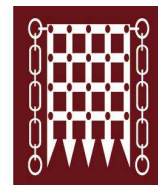


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:  
The future of Modern Foreign Languages in Higher Education**

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017*

*Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Dykes**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the European Union
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Modern Foreign Language (MFL) study in Britain - the state of play, latest trends and challenges**  
**Rebecca Hughes**, Director of Education, British Council  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.15 **The Routes into Languages programme - lessons learnt so far and next steps for languages policy**  
**Professor Michael Kelly**, Emeritus Professor of French, University of Southampton and former Director, Routes into Languages Programme  
**Fiona Waye**, Senior Policy Lead, Inclusion, Equality and Diversity, Universities UK and Manager, Routes into Languages Programme  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 11.10 **Increasing participation in MFL - addressing issues in the pipeline from primary school to university**  
**Angela Sterling**, Founder and Managing Director, Lingotot  
**Jane Driver**, Assistant Principal and Head of Languages, The Voyager Academy, Cambridgeshire  
**Dr Shirley Lawes**, Lecturer in Modern Foreign Languages and Teacher Training Coordinator, University College London  
**Dr Simon Coffey**, Senior Lecturer in Education (Modern Foreign Languages), King's College London  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lord Dykes**, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the European Union
- 11.15 - 11.45 Coffee
- 11.45 - 11.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Donaghy**, Member, House of Lords EU Internal Market Sub-Committee
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Study abroad as a component of language degrees - new non-EU partnerships, increasing participation rates and what next for the UK and Erasmus+**  
**Stephanie Marie Black León**, Head of Culture and Education, Embassy of Mexico in the United Kingdom
- 12.00 - 12.55 **Rethinking language departments in a time of financial pressure - short courses, joint honours provision and responding to Brexit**  
**Professor Claire Gorrara**, Founding Head of the School of Modern Languages and Professor of French Studies, Cardiff University  
**Professor Chris Pountain**, Chair, IoL Educational Trust and Emeritus Professor of Spanish Linguistics, Queen Mary University of London  
**Dr Lucia Aiello**, Lecturer in Italian and former Deputy Director and former Acting Director of Languages for All, University of York  
**Mark Critchley**, Vice Chair, Association of University Language Centres and Director, Centre for Foreign Language Study, Durham University  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Stephanie Marie Black León**, Head of Culture and Education, Embassy of Mexico in the United Kingdom
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Donaghy**, Member, House of Lords EU Internal Market Sub-Committee  
**Amy Cutter**, Producer, Westminster Higher Education Forum