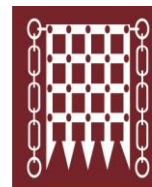


**Westminster Higher Education Forum keynote seminar:
The future for freedom of speech in UK higher education**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26th April 2023

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness D'Souza
- 9.05 **Freedom of speech and the higher education policy landscape**
Lord Willetts, former Minister for Universities and Science (2010-2014)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Key issues for freedom of speech in higher education - definition of new duties and compliance with statutory requirements, provider governance and decision making structures, processes, and balancing competing duties**
Dr Bryn Harris, Chief Legal Counsel, Free Speech Union
Gary Attle, Partner Head of Education and Governance, Mills and Reeve
Dr Naomi Waltham-Smith, Reader and Chair, Academic Freedom Review Committee, University of Warwick
Harry Anderson, Policy Manager, Universities UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness D'Souza
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Janet Royall of Blaisdon
- 10.50 **Campus conduct and culture - understanding the nature and drivers of expression on campus, trends in student views and culture, providing avenues for debate and protest, and addressing harassment and discrimination**
Professor Bobby Duffy, Director, Policy Institute, King's College London
Jordan Kiss, President, Durham Union Society
Sabahat Khan, President, Sheffield Hallam Students' Union
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Academic freedom, teaching and research - curricular design and reading lists, and considering possible implications for quality assurance and impacts on academic enquiry and debate**
Dr Alex Bols, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Guild HE
Oscar Minto, Education Officer, University of Reading Students' Union
Professor Tariq Modood, Professor of Sociology, Politics and Public Policy and Director, Research Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship, University of Bristol
Professor George Letsas, Reader in Philosophy of Law and Human Rights, University College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Regulation and freedom of speech in Higher Education going forward - registration conditions, complaints procedures, and the role of the director for freedom of speech**
Andrew Boggs, Visiting Fellow, Oxford Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Janet Royall of Blaisdon
Jessica Lear, Producer, Westminster Higher Education Forum