

Join us at St George's House, Windsor Castle from 21- 24 June 2016 for a week of lectures, seminars and debates as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary.

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Tickets

Evening Lecture

£15 per person

Seminar

£40 per person
(includes a two-course lunch)

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Seminars

10am – 4.30pm,
Vicars' Hall,
St George's House,
Windsor Castle

Lectures

7pm (24th June 6.30pm),
St George's Chapel,
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Windsor Castle**

Tuesday 21 June - Friday 24 June

Melissa Benn and Patrick Derham
UK Education: Is it fair and fit for purpose?

Tuesday 21 June 7.00pm
St George's Chapel

What sort of education do we want for our children? Do we have an effective education system? Does it give all our children a fair start in life? Or does it reinforce privilege? How can we offer equality of opportunity? These are just some of the questions our distinguished speakers will address in this opening debate of the Festival of Ideas.

Patrick Derham has been Head Master of Westminster School since September 2014. He co-edited *Liberating Learning: Widening Participation* with Michael Worton (2010) and *Cultural Olympians* with John Taylor (2013) and is the editor of the forthcoming *Loyal Dissent* (2016).

Melissa Benn, educated at Holland Park School and the London School of Economics, is a full time writer and journalist. She is an outspoken campaigner for high quality comprehensive education and has written extensively on education matters.



Lord King of Lothbury, KG, GBE, FBA
Europe: Economics or Politics?

Wednesday 22 June 7.00pm
St George's Chapel

In or out? As the UK prepares to vote on the European question, Lord King looks at the motivations behind one of the most significant constitutional issues to face this island nation in recent times. Will the UK break ties with Europe? Is our future inextricably bound up with our European neighbours? Lord King's timely lecture will look in depth at this vexed question.

Mervyn King was Governor of the Bank of England from 2003 to 2013, and is currently Professor of Economics and Law at New York University and School Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Lord King was made a life peer in 2013, and appointed a Knight of the Garter by Her Majesty The Queen in 2014.



Shami Chakrabarti
On Liberty

Thursday 23 June 7.00pm
St George's Chapel

Shami Chakrabarti joined Liberty, the UK's leading civil rights organisation, on 10 September 2001. On 11 September 2001, our world changed. The West's response to 9/11 has moved the question of human rights centre stage. Are our rights under unprecedented pressures? Are our democratic institutions under threat? This evening's lecture looks at the relationship between human rights and a flourishing democracy.

Shami Chakrabarti was until recently Director of the human rights campaign group Liberty. She was a member of the panel of the Leveson Inquiry, a judicial inquiry into phone hacking in the UK. She was awarded a CBE in 2007 and she was one of eight bearers of the Olympic Flag at the opening ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics. *On Liberty* is also the title of her first book.



THE 2016 ST GEORGE'S HOUSE ANNUAL LECTURE

Dr Rowan Williams:
Reflections on Shakespeare

Friday 24 June 6.30pm
St George's Chapel

2016 marks the 400th anniversary of England's greatest playwright. Shakespeare's plays, as relevant as ever today, live through the beauty of their language and through their author's unique grasp of human nature in all its guises. This evening's Annual Lecture will offer an erudite, personal perspective on this most significant of writers.

Dr Rowan Williams was Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002-12. He became Master of

Magdalene College, University of Cambridge in 2013. Dr Williams is a noted poet, translator of poetry and author. Apart from Welsh, he speaks or reads nine other languages.



St George's House Seminars

Tuesday 21st June to Thursday 23rd June
10am - 4:30pm

Why not be part of a St George's House seminar during our Festival of Ideas? Taking each evening's lecture as its theme, this is an opportunity to look in depth at the issues involved. Limited to thirty participants, each seminar will begin with short provocations from experts in the field. These will set the scene for plenary discussions and group work throughout the day. Experienced facilitators will lead the sessions. Refreshments, including a two-course lunch, will be provided. The seminars will finish by 4:30pm to enable participants to attend Evensong in St George's Chapel at 5:15pm, followed by the Festival of Ideas Lecture at 7pm.

Tuesday 21 June
UK Education: Is it fair and fit for purpose?

Barnaby Lenon, Chairman of the Independent Schools Council and John Abbott, Director of the 21st Century Learning Initiative are our experts for this seminar on the state of education in the UK

Wednesday 22 June
Europe: Economics or Politics?

Laura Sandys, Chair of European Movement UK and CEO of Challenging Ideas and Stuart Coster, Director of the Democracy Movement go head to head as our seminar looks at the vexed question of Britain in Europe.

Thursday 23 June
On Liberty

Douglas Murray, Associate Director of the Henry Jackson Society and Matthew Rice, Advocacy Officer at Privacy International explore the intersection between personal freedom, security and human rights in a democracy.

