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Media, and Society**

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We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.

Marcel Proust

Monday, 23 January

Investcorp Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, Woodstock Road, Oxford

09.00–09.30 Opening ceremony:

Lena Nemirovskaya

FOUNDER, MOSCOW SCHOOL OF CIVIC EDUCATION

Baroness Shirley Williams

FOUNDER, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP), UK

Matjaž Gruden

DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL PLANNING, COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Kalypto Nicolaïdes

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

09.30–11.00 Session:

The Age of Confusion: The Consequences of Brexit, Trump and the Eurocrisis

Baroness Shirley Williams

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 Session:

What do the Rule of Law and its Promotion Mean?

Kalypto Nicolaïdis

Adis Merdzanovic

13.00–14.30 Lunch

14.30–16.00 Panel discussion:

Western Organisations Based on Practitioner Knowledge

The Role of Diplomacy John Beyer

The Role of Foreign Policy Think Tanks Roy Allison

The Role of NGOs Dennis Sammut

Chair: Paul Chaisty

16.00–16.30 Coffee break

16.30–18.00 Session:

State and Religion

Raymond Asquith, the Earl of Oxford and Asquith

18.00–18.30 Coffee break

18.30–20.00 Session:

Is a Motherland Worth More Than the Truth?

Sergei Petrov

21.00 Dinner

Two things are important in life – purpose and meaning; however, citizenship and public welfare simply provide the necessary conditions for them. If one thinks about this properly, a modern civic society isn't the worst place we can live our lives in, as long as the will to improve our way of life has not been extinguished.

Ralf Dahrendorf

Tuesday, 24 January

Hawkwell House Hotel, Church Way, Iffley Village, Oxford

MEDIA MATTERS

10.00–11.30 Session:
Reinventing Russia
Arkady Ostrovsky

11.30–12.00 Coffee break

12.00–13.30 Session:
Twin Nightmares and the Inexorable Rise of Populism: Where Does it Come From, Where Does it Take Us?
Quentin Peel

13.30–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.30 Session:
Media and the Challenge of Post-Truth Politics
Sylvie Kauffmann

16.30–17.00 Coffee break

17.00–18.30 Session:
Trust me, I'm a Reporter
Shelby Coffey

18.30–19.00 Coffee break

19.00–21.00 Round table:
Journalism and Propaganda
Leon Conrad
Alexander Shmelev

21.00 Dinner

Wednesday, 25 January

Hawkwell House Hotel, Church Way, Iffley Village, Oxford

THE GLOBAL WORLD

10.00–11.30 Session:
Russia: Traditionalism or Modernity?
Alexey Makarkin

11.30–12.00 Coffee break

12.00–13.30 Session:
Can the Social Framework of Russian Society be Understood?
Lev Gudkov

13.30–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.30 Session:
The Traumatic Birth of Russian Free Media 1990-91
Vladislav Zubok

16.30–17.00 Coffee break

17.00–18.30 Session:
The World's Order and Disorder
Bobo Lo

18.30–19.00 Coffee break

19.00–21.00 Session:
Hackers and Democracy
Irina Borogan
Andrey Soldatov

21.00 Dinner

Thursday, 26 January

Hawkwell House Hotel, Church Way, Iffley Village, Oxford

ETHICS AND POLITICAL LIFE

10.00–11.30 Session:
Ethics in Politics
Edward Skidelsky

11.30–12.00 Coffee break

12.00–13.30 Session:
Ethics in Politics
Nikolay Epple

13.30–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.30 Session:
The Liberal Press: Under Attack, East and West
John Lloyd

16.30–17.00 Coffee break

17.00–18.30 Session:
Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech
Miguel Beltrán de Felipe

18.30–19.00 Coffee break

19.00–21.00 Round table:
What is True Journalism?
Leon Conrad
Alexander Shmelev

21.00 Dinner

Friday, 27 January

Hawkwell House Hotel, Church Way, Iffley Village, Oxford

FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

10.00–12.00 Session:
**The Age of Enlightenment: Charles-Louis de
Secondat, Baron de La Brède et de Montesquieu
and François-Marie Arouet Voltaire**
Andrey Zakharov
Vasily Zharkov

12.00–12.30 Coffee break

12.30–14.00 Session:
**Nothing Is True and Everything Is Possible:
The Surreal Heart of the New Russia**
Peter Pomerantsev

14.00–15.30 Lunch

15.30–16.00 Closing remarks
Yury Senokossov
Quentin Peel

16.00–17.00 Final observations
Participants

21.00 Dinner

Experts

Roy Allison (United Kingdom)	Professor of Russian and Eurasian International Relations; Director of the <i>Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre</i> , St Antony's College, <i>University of Oxford</i> ; Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme, <i>Chatham House</i> (1993-2005)	Matjaž Gruden (Council of Europe)	Director of Political Planning, <i>Council of Europe</i>
Raymond Asquith, the Earl of Oxford and Asquith (United Kingdom)	Member of the House of Lords, UK Parliament	Lev Gudkov (Russia)	Director, <i>Levada-Center</i>
Miguel Beltrán de Felipe (Spain)	Professor of Administrative Law, <i>University of Castilla-La Mancha</i>	Sylvie Kauffmann (France)	Journalist, Editorial Director, <i>Le Monde</i>
John Beyer (United Kingdom)	Academic Visitor, St Antony's College; Tutor, Foundations of Diplomacy, Department of Continuing Education, <i>University of Oxford</i>	John Lloyd (United Kingdom)	Contributing Editor, <i>The Financial Times</i>
Irina Borogan (Russia)	Investigative Journalist, Author, Co-Founder and Editor of the <i>Agentura.Ru</i> Website	Bobo Lo (United Kingdom)	Associate Fellow with the Russia and Eurasia Programme, <i>Chatham House</i> ; Associate Research Fellow with the Russia and New Independent States Center, <i>French Institute of International Relations</i>
Paul Chaisty (United Kingdom)	Associate Professor in Russian Government at the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies (SIAS) and the Department of Politics and International Relations, <i>University of Oxford</i>	Alexey Makarkin (Russia)	First Vice-President, <i>Center of Political Technologies</i>
Shelby Coffey (USA)	Vice Chair, <i>Newseum</i>	Adis Merdzanovic (United Kingdom)	Junior Research Fellow, St Antony's College, <i>University of Oxford</i>
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		Arkady Ostrovsky (Russia)	Russia and Eastern Europe Editor, <i>The Economist</i>
		Quentin Peel (United Kingdom)	Mercator Senior Fellow, Europe Programme, <i>Chatham House</i>
		Sergei Petrov (Russia)	Founder, <i>ROLF Group</i>

Peter Pomerantsev (United Kingdom)	Journalist, Author, TV Producer
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Andrey Soldatov (Russia)	Investigative Journalist; Author; Co-Founder and Editor of the <i>Agentura.Ru</i> Website
Baroness Shirley Williams (United Kingdom)	Politician; Founder of the <i>Social Democratic Party</i> (SDP), Adviser on Nuclear Proliferation to Prime Minister Gordon Brown (2007 - 2010), Professor Emerita of Electoral Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, <i>Harvard University</i>
Andrey Zakharov (Russia)	Editor, <i>Neprikosnovennyi Zapas: Debates on Politics and Culture</i> Magazine
Vasily Zharkov (Russia)	Programme Director; Head of the International Politics Master's Programme, <i>The Moscow School of Social and Economic Studies</i>
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ARMENIA

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Enlightenment is man's emergence from his self-imposed nonage. Nonage is the inability to use one's own understanding without another's guidance. This nonage is self-imposed if its cause lies not in lack of understanding but in indecision and lack of courage to use one's own mind without another's guidance. *Sapere aude!* "Have the courage to use your own understanding", is therefore the motto of the enlightenment.

Immanuel Kant "Answering the Question: What Is Enlightenment?"

