



NIGHT OF IDEAS

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Hosted by the London School of Economics and Political Science as part of a worldwide series of events coordinated by the Institut français, the Night of Ideas will bring together leading researchers from France, the UK and Europe to discuss changing ideas of democracy, citizenship, and truth. What conceptual frameworks can we apply to understand “post-truth politics”? What light can an exercise in comparison shed on the questions that have recently emerged in our different democratic contexts? Throughout the evening three parallel series of panels will address issues of post-truth politics, contemporary urban policies in Europe’s “open cities”, the intellectual history behind our European ideals, changing models of citizenship and transnationalism, questions raised by different constitutional models, generational difference and generational injustice, the philosophy of cosmopolitanism, and the narrative and emotional aspects of contemporary politics.

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EUROPEAN IDEAS AND IDEALS

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CITIZENSHIP AND TRANSNATIONALISM

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EUROPEAN NARRATIVES AND EMOTIONS

9PM-10PM

DEMOCRACY NOW

OPENING DIALOGUE

What conceptual frameworks can we apply to understand the idea of Post-Truth, as it unfolds into a global phenomenon?

Speakers include Sylvain Bourmeau (EHESS, former editor-in-chief of *Libération*) and Richard Bronk (LSE). Chaired by Faisal Islam (Sky News).

6pm – 7pm

OPEN CITIES, WORLD CITIES

#Londonisopen, #FluctuatNecMergitur: a number of major European cities have been forced recently to restate key values in real time. What do “open”, and “world” cities mean in our contemporary culture, politics and economy? How do urban policy and development planning reflect issues related to multiculturalism or migration? Can those cities be seen as laboratories for intercultural dialogue and/or civic engagement?

Speakers include Martine Drozd (CNRS), Barbara Lipietz (UCL), David Mangin (SEURA architectes) and Richard Sennett (LSE).

7.30pm – 8.30pm

EUROPEAN IDEAS AND IDEALS

Researchers, writers and philosophers are called upon in various contexts to discuss the challenges that face the European intellectual public sphere. Are these challenges comparable to those of previous decades? What was the role of intellectuals in the historical construction of our European ideals? How did and does that intellectual sphere deal with the challenges of inclusivity? With those of anti-intellectualism?

**Speakers include Christophe Charle (Université Paris 1), Sudhir Hazareesingh (Oxford), Laurent Jeanpierre (Université Paris 8) and Ludovic Frobert (Maison française d'Oxford).
9pm – 10pm**

CITIZENS OF NOWHERE

POST-TRUTH POLITICS

The idea of Post-Truth politics has become ubiquitous, repeatedly used to describe the changing role of media and information in political contexts in which debates are increasingly framed by appeals to emotions and often disconnected from the details of policies. What do post-truth politics imply, in differing national contexts? What light can an exercise in comparison shed on what seems to have become a global trend?

**Speakers include Mukulika Banerjee (LSE) and Jean-Claude Monod (ENS/CNRS).
Chaired by Damian Tambini (LSE).
6pm – 7pm**

CONSTITUTIONS UNDER STRESS

A panel of academic researchers working in the areas of law, constitutional history and reforms, and democratic communication will discuss current constitutional challenges faced by Europe and the United States. What are the constitutional implications of the Brexit vote? How can democracies react to the rise of populist, anti-systems parties, or pro-independence movements? To what extent do new technologies open up new constitutional perspectives?

Speakers include Jo Murkens (LSE), Scot Peterson (Oxford), Nicolas Roussellier (Sciences Po) and Richard Toye (Exeter). Chaired by Bénédicte Paviot (France 24).

7.30pm – 8.30pm

CITIZENSHIP AND TRANSNATIONALISM

Social historians and political philosophers are asked what impact migration and transnationalism have on European social and economic policy. What is the current position of transnational citizens, confronted with different models of multiculturalism and different responses to minority claims? Have recent circumstances changed reactions to gender, ethnic or religious difference and/ or discrimination?

Speakers include Simon Glendinning (LSE), Nancy Green (EHESS) and Pap Ndiaye (Sciences Po). Chaired by Simon Hix (LSE).

9pm – 10pm

CHANGING NARRATIVES

ENLIGHTENMENT MEMORIES

What are the intellectual, cultural and political legacies that shape our contemporary European conscience? Is there a shared memory of the Enlightenment in today's Europe? Is the concept of cosmopolitanism that was developed at that time still relevant? Are a cosmopolitan democracy, a cosmopolitan education possible?

Speakers include Catriona Seth (Oxford), David Reynolds (Cambridge), Florence Robine (French Ministry for Education) and Lea Ypi (LSE).

6pm – 7pm

GENERATIONS, VOICE AND ACTION

Contemporary forms of voice and action seem to be challenging the way political activism is traditionally understood. With each new generation bringing in its wake new preferential modes of expression, is the political action of previous generations made irrelevant and obsolete? Are some generations outvoted? Do the younger generations, those on social media, those of the “Generation 89”, have a specific role to play?

Speakers include Michael Cottakis (LSE) and representatives of “Generation 89”, Bart Cammaerts (LSE) and Jiřina Šiklová (Charter 77).

7.30pm – 8.30pm

EUROPEAN NARRATIVES AND EMOTIONS

Recent political trends seem to have challenged the idyll of a common European adventure. How do economic realities and political narratives influence the way citizens make their electoral choices? What does this tell us about their conception of Europe as a legitimate political entity? And what kind of new cultural, intellectual or political constructions and mythologies can contribute to bringing Europe closer to its citizens?

Speakers include Michael Bruter (LSE), Kalypso Nicolaïdis (Oxford), Jonathan White (LSE) and Cécile Alduy (Stanford). Chaired by Sonia Stolper (Libération).

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