

# How can government make better use of expertise and evidence from the humanities?

14 April 2015, Murray Edwards College and Churchill College, Cambridge

## Agenda

10:00 ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION – BUCKINGHAM HOUSE, MURRAY EDWARDS COLLEGE

10:20 WELCOME: Dr Robert Doubleday, CSaP Executive Director

10:30 SESSION 1: Enriching and informing society: what do the humanities have to offer?

**CHAIR: Professor Tim Lewens, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge**

- Professor Simon Szreter (Professor of History and Public Policy, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge)
- Professor Paul Cartledge (A.G. Leventis Professor of Greek Culture Emeritus, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge)
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This session will explore the potential for humanities research to inform better policy making.

12:00 LUNCH with Poster Session: Introduced by Dr Natasha McCarthy, Head of Policy, British Academy

13:30 SESSION 2: Humanities at the heart of government: what does policy making stand to gain?

**CHAIR: Lord Richard Wilson (Cabinet Secretary 1998 – 2002)**

- Jenny Dibden (Director, Research Base, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Head of the Government Social Research Service)
- Graham Pendlebury (Director of Local Transport, Department for Transport)
- Dr Fabrizio Sestini (Team Leader, Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation, and Internet Science, European Commission DG Connect)

The study of the humanities can provide context, meaning and narrative to many of the cultural considerations that frame policy making. How can the research in these disciplines deliver the greatest benefit to all citizens?

15:00 TEA

## 15:30 SESSION 3: Parallel seminars

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These three seminars will bring research perspectives to bear on 'wicked problems' defined by CSaP's Policy Fellows.

### ▪ Seminar 1: The multiple dimensions of climate change

**CHAIR: Professor James Wilsdon, Professor of Science and Democracy at SPRU, University of Sussex**

- Professor Arthur Petersen (Professor of Science, Technology and Public Policy, Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Public Policy)
  - Dr Paul Warde (Reader in Early Modern History, University of East Anglia)
  - Amy Mount (Senior Policy Adviser, Green Alliance)
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### ▪ Seminar 2: The place of the humanities in dealing with conflict

**CHAIR: Dr Tristram Riley-Smith (External Champion, RCUK's Partnership for Conflict, Crime & Security Research)**

- Dr Glenn Sujo (Senior Faculty, Royal Drawing School)
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### ▪ Seminar 2: Understanding the financial future with lessons from the past

**CHAIR: Dr David Cleevely (Founding Director, Centre for Science and Policy)**

- Dr William Janeway (Managing Director & Senior Advisor of Technology, Media and Telecommunications, Warburg Pincus)
  - Professor Barry Eichengreen (Professor of Economics and Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley)
  - Dr Rachel King (Head of Budget Project Management and Presentation, HM Treasury)
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**17:00 CLOSING REMARKS: Professor James Wilsdon, Professor of Science and Democracy at SPRU, University of Sussex**

## 17:30 TEA – WOLFSON LECTURE THEATRE, CHURCHILL COLLEGE

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**18:00 KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION: The role of evidence and analysis in effective policy making**

**CHAIR: Dame Athene Donald, Master Churchill College Cambridge**

- Lord Peter Hennessy (Atlee Professor of Contemporary British History, Queen Mary, University of London)
- Charles Clarke (Home Secretary 2004 – 2006)
- Sir Richard Mottram (former Chairman, Defence Science & Technology Laboratory)
- Lord Richard Wilson (Cabinet Secretary 1998 – 2002)

**19:15 DRINKS RECEPTION**

**20:00 CLOSE**