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OPEN LEFT, NEXT LEFT CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday, 7th - 8th of September 2018

Venue and accommodation: St Catherine's College, Oxford

The event is the 6th annual symposium organised by FEPS and Policy Network. As in the past, this year's event consists of a conference, in a participatory workshop format, of 30-40 invited guests, who will be a mix of academics, commentators and political practitioners drawn from the EU and the UK.

The theme of the event will be to explore the possibilities for a new progressive project for Britain and comparable European democracies, and to make a start on defining the policy agenda for centre left politics in what in Britain's case, is likely to be the post Brexit era.

It follows the publication by Policy Network on June 9th of a new book entitled 'Open Left' by Andrew Gamble, Emeritus Professor of Politics at Sheffield, which discusses the principal challenges facing progressive politics. It also builds on the FEPS Next Left Research Programme – which supported especially by Renner Institut, has been the longest, largest pan-European reflection process on the future of the centre left and recently has been summarised in a pamphlet by Dr Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Senior Research Fellow "Next Left, New Social Deal. 10 Strategic Proposals for the Progressives to become the Movement of the Future";

Each session of the conference will debate political challenges that are common to most of the member states of the European Union.



Friday, 7th of September

10h30

Introductions

Roger Liddle, Co-Chair Policy Network and Labour peer

Ernst Stetter, Secretary General FEPS

The following sessions will be chaired by:

Roger Liddle, Co-Chair Policy Network and Labour peer

Ania Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow, FEPS

10h45 - 12h45

OPENING SESSION

SESSION 1: WHERE WE ARE

- *Andrew Gamble, author of Open Left.*
- *Tony Giddens, author of The Third Way and Labour peer*
- *Peter Kyle, Labour MP for Hove*
- *Ernst Stetter, Secretary General FEPS*
- *Florence Sutcliffe-Braithwaite, lecturer, department of history, UCL.*

12h45 – 13h30

Buffet Lunch

13h30 – 15h00

SESSION 2: CHANGING CLASS STRUCTURES AND NEW IDENTITIES: WHO SHOULD PROGRESSIVE POLITICS REPRESENT?

- *Craig Berry, reader in political economy, Manchester Metropolitan University*
- *Klara Boonstra, Director of Wiardi Beckman Stichting (WBS), Amsterdam*
- *Danny Dorling, University of Oxford*
- *Will Jennings, University of Southampton*
- *Deborah Mattinson, Britain Thinks*
- *Tomás Petricek Deputy Minister, Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic*

15h00 – 17h00

**SESSION 3: MANAGING THE CONSTRAINTS OF INTERDEPENDENCE:
WHAT IS TODAY'S PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONALISM?**

- *Liv Bailey, Deputy General Secretary, Fabian Society*
- *Pat McFadden Labour MP for Wolverhampton South East*
- *Lisa Pelling, Arena Group think tank, Stockholm*
- *Ed Turner, Aston University*

17h00 – 18h30

**SESSION 4: TACKLING INJUSTICES: WHAT SHOULD BE THE MAIN
PROGRESSIVE PRIORITIES?**

- *Romana Brait, Austrian Chamber of Labour*
- *Andrew Harrop, General Secretary, Fabian Society*
- *Julian Le Grand, London School of Economics*
- *Gerry Stoker, University of Southampton*
- *Martina Vuk, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia*

19h00

Reception drinks

19h30

Dinner at the Main Hall

Speaker: Will Hutton, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, author and columnist

Saturday, 8th of September

08h00

Breakfast

08h45 – 10h15

SESSION 5: TAKING BACK CONTROL: WHAT SHOULD BE THE PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM FOR REBUILDING PUBLIC FAITH IN DEMOCRACY?

- *Mafalda Damaso, FEPS Young Academics Network*
- *Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council*
- *Darren Hughes, Chief Executive, Electoral Reform Society*
- *Julie Mellor, Chair of the Young Foundation and Trustee at Involve*
- *Ania Skrzypek, Senior Research Fellow, FEPS*

10h30 – 12h00

SESSION 6: STRENGTHENING A SENSE OF SHARED COMMUNITY IN A MOBILE OPEN SOCIETY WITHOUT LIMITING PERSONAL FREEDOMS

- *Jon Cruddas, Labour MP for Dagenham*
- *Helen Goulden, Chief Executive of the Young Foundation*

12h00 – 13h15

SESSION 7: CREATING ROOM FOR FISCAL MANOEUVRE; REFORMING/TRANSFORMING CAPITALISM; COPING WITH THE NEXT WAVE OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE: WHAT CAN A PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT CREDIBLY DO?

- *Torsten Bell, Resolution Foundation*
- *Peter Bofinger, German Council of Economic Experts*
- *Sebastian Schublach, Hed of Department of International Affairs, Renner Institut, Vienna, Austria*

13h15– 13h45

Buffet lunch



early departures

13h45 – 15h00

final debate:

WHAT IS A PROGRESSIVE 'NATIONAL STRATEGY' FOR POST BREXIT BRITAIN? IS LABOUR CAPABLE OF CREATING A BROAD-BASED MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE? HOW DOES THE CENTRE LEFT MARRY A STRATEGY FOR ELECTORAL VICTORY WITH A PLATFORM FOR GOVERNING SUCCESS?

- *Andrew Adonis, Labour peer and former Secretary of State for Transport*
- *Lise Butler, City University, Commissioning Editor Renewal*
- *Vince Cable, Liberal Democrat Leader and MP for Twickenham, former Secretary of State for Business*
- *Patrick Diamond, Queen Mary, Co-Chair Policy Network*
- *Wes Streeting, Labour MP for Ilford North*