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Weds 13th Sept, 7pm, Emmanuel Centre

It was 'back to school' for our MPs yesterday as they returned to Parliament after the summer break. Next week, Intelligence Squared brings to our stage a stellar panel of senior MPs and expert commentators to examine the current state of UK politics. As power has migrated to the more hardline elements of the two main parties, where does that leave the millions of centrist voters who are feeling politically homeless? And how will the country deal with the new alignments of metropolitan liberals versus the 'left behinds', graduates versus the uneducated, the young against the old, which revealed themselves so clearly in the vote for Brexit?

Coming to our stage to delve into these issues and bring us the insiders' perspectives will be **Ken Clarke**, the most senior Conservative voice in Parliament; **Hilary Benn**, Labour MP and Chair of the Brexit Select Committee; and **Helen Lewis**, deputy editor at the New Statesman and prominent voice on the left. Alongside them will be **David Goodhart**, author of one of the most talked about analyses of post-Brexit Britain, and **Anand Menon**, a leading academic thinker on Britain's fractious relations with the EU. In the chair will be **Stephen Sackur**, one of the BBC's most highly regarded journalistic heavyweights.

Looming over the current turmoil is the biggest question of all: What kind of Britain do we want to live in? What are the values that should hold together our society?

Come to the Emmanuel Centre on [September 13th](#) and hear the country's most senior politicians and original thinkers discuss the new political realities.

Speakers



Hilary Benn

Senior Labour Party MP representing Leeds Central, who has served in various Labour cabinets and shadow cabinets since 2003, most recently as shadow foreign secretary. He is currently chair of the Brexit Select Committee. His speech on military intervention in Syria was described as 'one of the truly great speeches in Commons history'.



Kenneth Clarke

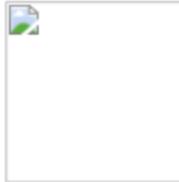
Former chancellor under John Major who has also served in various Conservative governments as home secretary, Lord Chancellor and justice secretary, education secretary and health secretary. He was made 'Father of the House' earlier this year as parliament's longest-serving MP, representing the constituency of Rushcliffe since 1970. A staunch Remainer, he was the sole Conservative MP to vote against article 50.



David Goodhart

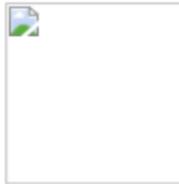
Founding editor of Prospect magazine who is currently head of the Demography, Immigration and Integration Unit at the think tank Policy Exchange. His recent book *The Road to Somewhere: The Populist Revolt and the Future of Politics* is one of the most influential post-Brexit analyses and was a Sunday Times top ten bestseller. His previous book *The British Dream: Successes and Failures of Post-War Immigration* was runner-up for the Orwell Prize in 2014 and was a finalist for 'Political Book of the Year' in the Paddy Power Political Book

Awards.



Helen Lewis

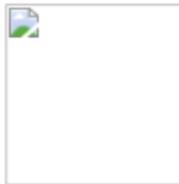
Deputy editor at the New Statesman and prominent journalist on the left, who also writes a weekly technology column for the Sunday Times magazine and has written for the Financial Times and New York Times.



Anand Menon

Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs at King's College London, and Director of UK in a Changing Europe, an authoritative, non-partisan initiative researching the complex relationship between the UK and the European Union.

Chair



Stephen Sackur

Award-winning broadcaster and presenter of HARDtalk, BBC World News' flagship current affairs interview programme. He has interviewed major international figures, from Al Gore to Hugo Chavez to Marine Le Pen.



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