



***Democracy and the Commonwealth
Conference 22-25 June 2010, London, SOAS***

<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 22 June</p> <p>Inaugural Meeting: Democracy and Commonwealth Scholars' Network</p> <p>London University Senate House 2.00-5.00pm</p>	<p>Introduction: Dr Melanie Torrent (Paris Diderot)</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Philip Murphy, Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Venkat Iyer, Editor, <i>The Round Table</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 1 Wednesday 23 June</p> <p>Welcome Session <i>Perspectives on the Role and Future of Democracy in the Commonwealth</i> 9.30-11.00am</p> <p>Tea and Coffee 11.00-11.30am</p> <p>Youth, Democracy and the Commonwealth Field Work Perspectives 11.30-1.00</p> <p>Lunch 1.00-2.00pm</p> <p>Panel I: State of the Art: Defining Democracy, Exploring its Evolutions + Commonwealth Scholarship 2.00-3.30</p> <p>3.30-4.30</p>	<p>Chair: Mr Richard Bourne, Chairman of The Round Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Secretary-General Kamalesh Sharma • Commonwealth Secretariat Representative, tbc <p>Chair: Dr Amelia Hadfield <i>The Round Table</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ruth Craggs: Defining Democracy: The Evolutions of Commonwealth Scholarship and Ideas of Democracy • Melanie Bunce: The Narrative of Democracy • Alex Henderson: Damaging Democracy in Africa • Lara de Klerk: Democracy and the People <p>Chair: Kayode Soyinka, Editor of <i>Africa Today</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajeev Bhargava (Director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi) Democracy and Development • Professor James Mayall (University of Cambridge) Democracy and Nationalism • Professor Marcus Andre Melo (Federal University of Pernambuco) Comparative View of Democracy and Developing Countries <p>Q&A</p>
<p>6.00-8.00 Evening Reception, Brunei Gallery</p>	<p>Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, tbc</p>



**Day 2
Thursday 24 June**

**Panel II: The Narrative of
Democracy at Work
10.00-11.30**

11.30-12.00

Lunch
12.00-1.30 pm

**Panel III: Damaging Democracy
1.30-3.00pm**

3.00-3.30

Tea & Coffee
3.30-4.00

**Roundtable
4.00-5.30**

Tea & Coffee
5.30-6.00

**ERIS (Electoral Reform
International Services)
Inaugural Democracy Lecture
6.00-7.00**

ERIS Reception 7.00-9.00

Chair: **Mr Richard Bourne**, Chairman of The Round Table

- **Syed Sharfuddin**: A Comparative Study of Nigeria, Pakistan, Ghana, Bangladesh and Fiji
- **James Akampumuza** (Makerere University Business School): A Comparative Study of Africa/East Africa
- **Dr Cynthia Barrow-Giles** (University of the West Indies) A Comparative Study of the Caribbean States
- **Dr Melanie Torrent** (Paris Diderot) Commonwealth-*Francophonie* Comparisons

Q&A

Chair: **Dr Amelia Hadfield** *The Round Table*

- **Corruption: Prof Mushtaq Khan**, SOAS
- **Media and Democracy: Lindsay Ross** Former Executive Director of the Commonwealth Press Unit & Consultant to the CPU Media Trust
- **West Africa: Professor Sola Akinrinade**, Vice-Chancellor Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria

Q&A

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, former Commonwealth Secretary-General

Mr Amitav Banerji, Director of Political Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat

Ms. Asma Jahangir, Special Rapporteur, United Nations Human Rights Council

Dr William Shija, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Speaker: Ms. Asma Jahangir, Chairperson, Human Rights Commission of Pakistan

Q&A Moderator: Mr Sam Younger, Member of ERIS Board, and Former Chairman of the UK electoral Commission, Former Head of BBC World Service

RT members invited



<p>Day 3 Friday 25 June</p> <p>Panel IV: Democracy and the People 9.30-11.30</p> <p>Rapporteurs' Conclusions on Panels I-IV 11.30-12.00</p> <p>Concluding Remarks 12.00-12.30</p> <p>Lunch</p>	<p>Chair: Dr William Shija, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association</p> <p>Sir Simon Jenkins: Localism Professor James Manor (Institute of Commonwealth Studies) Devolution Prof Alison Duxbury (Melbourne University) Human rights</p> <p>Chair: Dr Amelia Hadfield, The Round Table</p> <p>Daisy Cooper (I), (II) Ruth Craggs Beth Kreling (III), Zoe Ware (IV)</p> <p>Dr Venkat Iyer, Editor, <i>The Round Table</i>, Mr Richard Bourne and Dr Amelia Hadfield</p>
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