

Universal Peace Federation – UK



'Prevention of Radicalisation'

2 pm to 4.30 pm, Wednesday, June 28th

House of Lords

Hosted by Baroness Sandip Verma

It has been very sad that successive terrorist events have struck the United Kingdom and other European nations. One Universal Peace Federation response to terrorist events is that all the communities must strive for mutual unity and the extremes should be isolated. It is in the unity of the different communities that compose the United Kingdom that we find the strength to oppose violent extremism. That precious unity transcends the limitations of understanding of another faith, another nationality or another race. It is based on the significance of upholding each other's equal rights as citizens to participate in the public life of the UK.

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Speakers Include:

Mr. Humphrey Hawksley is an author, commentator and longstanding foreign correspondent. His work as a BBC foreign correspondent has taken him all over the world. He was expelled from Sri Lanka, opened the BBC's television bureau in China, arrested in Serbia and initiated a global campaign against enslaved children in the chocolate industry. The campaign continues today.

Emmanuel Dupuy is currently President of l'Institut Prospective et Sécurité en Europe. Furthermore, he works as journalist, consultant (Cabinet d'Ingénierie Stratégique pour la Sécurité), teacher in geopolitics

(Institut d'Etudes des Relations Internationales) and researcher in geopolitical issues for various institutions linked to the French defence policy. One of his key interests is geopolitics of the Mediterranean region.

Dr Afzal Ashraf is a Visiting Fellow of the Centre for Conflict, Security and Terrorism (CST) of the University of Nottingham. Afzal Ashraf is a Consultant Fellow at RUSI, following a diverse career spanning defence, national security, diplomacy, rule of law and delivery of training and education. After a start in combat aircraft research and development in UK industry, he was commissioned as an Engineer officer in the Royal Air Force (RAF), retiring three decades later as a Group Captain.

Keith Best is a qualified barrister and former Member of Parliament from 1979-87. He is the Chair of the international NGO based in New York, the World Federalist Movement, and Secretary and Trustee of the Parliamentary Outreach Trust. He was the former Chair of Electoral Reform International Services, Chair of Parliamentarians' Global Action and a member of the Inter Parliamentary Union. As Chief Executive of the Immigration Advisory Service he opened offices in Bangladesh, Nigeria and Pakistan and as Chief Executive of Freedom from Torture he provided services for those fleeing conflict zones around the world as well as using data to produce persuasive reports on the incidence of torture in different countries.

Sheikh Dr Hojjat Ramzy is the founder and director of Oxford Islamic Information Centre. He works with Thames Valley Police as Islamic chaplain and adviser for number of years and assists the police in integration and Islamic issues. He is the director of Tel-mama (Measuring anti Hate crime) in Thames valley assisting City and County Council and Thames Valley Police to reduce the Hate Crime in Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. He works as Chaplin and is on the advisory board of the directorate in Oxford Brookes University's student welfare. He is a national member of the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) and the former chair of education of MCB.

This event is being organised in coordination with the European UPF and the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace.

Yours sincerely,

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