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## **THE COMMONWEALTH AND CHALLENGES TO MEDIA FREEDOM**

**The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Registration & coffee: 10.30am**

**11.00am:** Welcome by the Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, Professor Philip Murphy

**11.15 – 12.45am: Panel 1: Media and Governance across the Commonwealth - new policy directions?**

**Chair: David Page, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

William Horsley, International Director, Centre of the Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield

Mark Stephens, Commonwealth Lawyers Association

Lawrence McNamara, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

Lord Black, Commonwealth Press Union Media Trust

**12.45 – 1.45pm: Lunch**

**1.45 – 3.15pm Panel 2: Government channels and information flows**

**Chair: Keith Somerville, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

South Africa: Martin Plaut, former Africa Editor, BBC World Service

Botswana: Sonny Serite, The Telegraph

Sri Lanka: Kishali Pinto Jayawardene, Legal analyst on civil liberties, and Columnist, Sunday Times (written presentation)

**Discussant:** Gwen Lister, Executive Chair: Namibia Media Trust (NMT)

**3.15 - 3.30pm: Break**

**3.30 – 5.00pm: Panel 3: Media, Elections and Post-Election Contests:**

**Chair: Nicholas Cheeseman, University of Oxford**

Uganda: Irene Ovonji Odida, Executive Director, Executive Director, Uganda Association of Women Lawyers

Kenya: Seth Ouma, U/Oxford

Nigeria: Kayode Samuel, ICWS, School of Advanced Study, U/London

**Discussant: Dan Branch, University of Warwick**

**5.30: Keynote lecture: Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland**

**6.30: Reception**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**10.30 – 12.00 noon: Panel 4: Journalists, Bloggers and Social media in conflict zones**

**Chair: William Crawley, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

Kashmir - perpetual 'Un-peace': Victoria Schofield

Pakistan - low intensity war?: Kiran Hassan, SOAS

Bangladesh: Syed Badrul Ahsan

**Discussant:** Elisabeth Witchel, Committee to Protect Journalists

Break: 12.00 – 12.15pm

**12.15 – 1.15pm Round Table**

**Chair: Rita Payne, President Emeritus, Commonwealth Journalists Association**

Nupur Basu (The Indian issues)

Jonathan Grun, (The British media-scape)

Peter Wickham (The Caribbean challenges)

Kayode Soyinka (The Nigerian environment)

**Closing Remarks: Sue Onslow, Deputy Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

**Lunch will be provided**

To register, please visit <http://commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/events/event/6746>

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