



Speakers Biographies

Professor Nigel Biggar, Professor of Theology and Ethics, Trinity College Dublin; Associate Director, Institute for Advanced Research in Religion, Ethics, and Public Life, University of Leeds; and President of Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (UK). Author and editor of many books and article, including *Aiming to Kill: The Ethics of Suicide and Euthanasia* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, spring 2004) and *Good Life: Reflections on What We Value Today* (London: SPCK, 1997).

Amb. Bruno Bottai, he joined the diplomatic service in 1954, covering prestige roles both in Italy than abroad. Among others: he was Ambassador of Italy to London from 1985 to 1987, General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1987 to 1994, Italian ambassador to the Holy See. Member of the National Commission for the promotion of Italian Culture in the world, presently he is also member of the diplomatic Institute "M.Toscana" to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 1997 he was appointed Chairman of the Società Dante Alighieri, the most important institution devoted to the spread of Italian language and culture all other the world.

Giulietto Chiesa, is one of the most famous Italian journalists. Correspondent for several years for the national newspaper La Stampa from Moscow, he presently is one of it's most prestigious columnists. Among his last books he published *Superclan* (Feltrinelli 2003); *The Infinite War* (Feltrinelli 2002); *Afghanistan* (Guerini 2001) and reportage on the recent facts of Genoa, published from Einaudi in 2001. In 2002 he has received the Prize Culture of Peace.

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Matthew Kukah, Catholic Reverend Father; Visiting Fellow, Harvard University; Member, Human Rights Commission, Government of Nigeria; former Secretary-General of the Catholic Secretariat in Nigeria. He served on Nigeria's Presidential Truth Commission into Past Human Rights Violations. Until recently a Senior Fellow at St Antony's College, University of Oxford, Dr Kukah is a rigorous scholar and respected commentator, Dr Kukah received his PhD from the University of London. He is the author of the critically acclaimed work, *Religion and Politics in Northern Nigeria since Independence* (Spectrum, 1994), and most recently of *Democracy and Civil Society in Nigeria* (Spectrum, 2002).

Mark Littman QC, a practicing barrister and former Master Treasurer of the Middle Temple. He is a member of the Court of Governors of the London School of Economics. He is on the council of Index on Censorship and is a trustee of the Aids Crisis Trust. He was formerly a director of several companies in the UK and USA including the British Steel Corporation (Deputy Chairman), RTZ, Commercial Union (Vice-Chairman), the Granada and Burton Groups, the Amerada Hess Corporation and the Envirotech Corporation. Author of *Kosovo – Law and Diplomacy* (Centre for Policy Studies, 1999).



Lord David Owen entered Parliament in 1966 as Labour MP for Plymouth Sutton, a seat he held until 1974, when he became MP for Plymouth Devonport. He retired from the Commons in 1992 and was given a life peerage. He served as Opposition Spokesman on Defence (1970-72), Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (1974), Minister of State (1974-76), Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (1976-77), Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs (1977-79) and Principal Opposition Spokesman on Energy (1979-80). In 1981 he was one of the 'Gang of Four' who left the Labour Party to found the Social Democratic Party and he was Leader of the SDP (1983-87). He was member of Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues (1983-88), Chairman of Humanitas and EU Co-Chairman, International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia (1992-95). Author of many publications, including *Balkan Odyssey*, 1995, *Human Rights*, 1978 and *The Politics of Defence*, 1972.

Professor Lord Robert Skidelsky has had both academic and political careers. He is currently professor of political economy at the University of Warwick, UK. He wrote *The World After Communism* in 1995, and his internationally acclaimed biography of the economist John Maynard Keynes (1983, 1992, 2000) received 5 prizes, including the Council of Foreign Relations Prize for International Relations. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1994. He was elevated to the House of Lords in 1991 and served as Chief Opposition Spokesman on Culture, Media and Sport (1997-8) and Treasury Affairs (1998-1999). Professor Lord Skidelsky has been a non-executive director first of Stilwell Financial, then of Janus Capital Management since 2001, serving on both the Audit and Nominations and Governance Committees. He has been chairman of several not-for-profit organisations, including the Social Market Foundation, the Charleston Trust and (currently) the Centre for Global Studies and Brighton College. He is also a Trustee of the Manhattan Institute, which is concerned with issues of urban regeneration.

Marc Weller, Assistant Director of Studies at the Centre of International Studies, Cambridge; Project Director of the Cambridge-Carnegie project on the resolution of complex self-determination disputes through power-sharing arrangements; Fellow of the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law; Fellow of Hughes Hall. He frequently serves as a legal advisor to governments and occasionally as counsel in international litigation. His latest work is a three volume collection of documents and analysis on the Kosovo crisis.