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“What we fight for is not simply the integrity of democracy, but the Rule of Law itself. Since the 2016 Referendum both have come under attack from foreign money and the ever more sophisticated use of social media. Only when we recognise the extent of this crisis can we defend our values and democracy. Understanding precedes action, but action there must be.”

Henry Porter, June 2019

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THE CONVENTION PROGRAMME

How we protect British democracy from social media and dark money

Host: Naomi Smith of Remainiacs Podcast & COO of Best for Britain

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| 6.00pm | Arrival/Registration | 7.50pm | Lord Neuberger keynote speech
The Threats to the Rule of Law in Britain
Followed by questions from the audience |
| 6.25pm | Welcome by Henry Porter, Director of The Convention | 8.15pm | Professor Tanja Buelmann keynote speech
The Denied Vote Scandal of the European Elections and Why We Should All Worry |
| 6.30pm | Dominic Grieve QC MP opening keynote speech
The Threats to Our Democracy and the Rule of Law | 8.20pm | Joanna Cherry QC MP keynote speech
Safeguarding our Constitution |
| 6.40pm | Jo Swinson MP keynote speech
The Future of Liberal democracy in the Trump era | 8.30pm | Can Our Democracy Survive a British Trump?
With Nick Cohen (Observer columnist), Ian Dunt (editor of politics.co.uk and author of Brexit: What The Hell Happens Now?), Femi Oluwole (co-founder Our Future; Our Choice) and Sonia Purnell (commentator and author of Just Boris: A Tale of Blond Ambition).
Chair: Jessica Simor QC (expert in human rights and public law). |
| 6.50pm | Carole Cadwalladr keynote speech
The Landscape of Corruption | 8.50pm | Stephen Kinnock MP keynote speech
The Way Forward: Do We Need a New Constitution as Well as New Laws. |
| 7.00pm | Subversion by Social Media
With award-winning investigative journalist Carole Cadwalladr, Paul Hilder (campaign expert), Jonathan Sabire (head of Signify, social media monitoring company) and Shahmir Sanni (whistleblower ex-Leave campaigner).
Chair: Peter Jukes (editor Byline Times) | 9.00pm | Conclusion and thanks from Henry Porter |
| 7.25pm | Subversion by Dark Money
With Tom Baldwin (Director of Communications for People's Vote), Mary Fitzgerald (editor-in-chief Open Democracy) and Adam Ramsay (editor and writer for Open Democracy).
Chair: Naomi Smith | | |

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