



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**AFZAL AMIN** was selected to attend the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 2001. As an officer in the British Army for 11 years he saw operational service in Iraq and in Afghanistan where he was employed as a Strategist in the HQ of the International Joint Command. Afzal was most recently employed at the British Army's Counterinsurgency and Stabilization Centre where his main focus was developing Conflict Termination Strategy through a civic engagement model in Afghanistan, a model which has continuing utility in Syria, Mali and Somalia. Prior to this, Afzal was employed in the Army Education and Training branch where he was responsible for the delivery of Command, Leadership and Management promotion courses for officers. Additionally he was also employed as a visiting researcher and lecturer for the UK Defence Academy's Research and Assessment Branch where he specialised in political and social analysis of the Middle East and South Asia regions. Afzal has served on a number of tours in Iraq and Afghanistan where his cultural, linguistic and religious affinity with partners and local populations has been utilized for the promotion of peace and reconciliation. As one of the appointed subject matter experts he was frequently called upon to deliver lectures and briefings to senior military and other Government Departments' personnel preparing for overseas deployments. Afzal gained an MSc in International Conflict examining in leadership in war in the contemporary Middle East, having previously studied Classical Arabic, Modern Middle Eastern History and Islamic Law in London, Egypt and Mauritania. Keen to develop his knowledge and analysis even further he is currently researching how military and policing organizations adapt to new challenges in environments beset with instability and conflict. Selected as a Prospective Member of Parliament Afzal is embarking on a career in Politics in order to contribute to the collective national effort to improve education opportunities, social cohesion and integration; and in the international effort to bring about a world that is safer, fairer and has greater prosperity and harmony. Afzal is keen to utilize his experiences working with soldiers in the British Army and with young people in youth work to reach out to all British communities to assist in the promotion of mutual understanding and collective progression that is so urgently needed in many of our inner-city areas.

**DAVID ANDERSON** is a Queen's Counsel practising from chambers in London, a Visiting Professor at King's College London and a Bencher of the Middle Temple. In addition to appearing at all levels of the English court system, he is an experienced advocate in the EU courts and European Court of Human Rights. From 2004 to 2013 he served as a Recorder (part-time criminal judge) in the Crown Court. He grew up in Scotland and England and has worked for short periods in several other countries, including as a lawyer in Washington DC and in the private office of an EU Commissioner in Brussels. While at the Bar, he has conducted human rights monitoring for the Council of Europe (Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Turkey), written and



lectured extensively on legal topics and served as Trustee or on the Board of a number of charitable, educational and professional organisations including the British Association for Central and Eastern Europe, the School for Slavonic and East European Studies, the King's College Centre of European Law, the Slynn Foundation, the Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association and the British Institute for International and Comparative Law. He is General Editor of the Oxford EU Law Series and a member of the Editorial Board of the European Human Rights Law Review. In 2011 David was appointed by the Home Secretary to be the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, a part-time role which he combines with his practice commitments. He was named by *The Times* in 2012 as one of the UK's 100 most influential lawyers.

**RICHARD BARRETT CMG OBE** is a Senior Vice President at The Soufan Group, a strategic security consultancy based in New York. He is also a Fellow at the New America Foundation in Washington, the Royal United Services Institute in London, and the Centre for Research and Security Studies in Islamabad. He is a board member of various institutions including the International Centre for Counter Terrorism – The Hague and the Global Center on Cooperative Security in Washington. From March 2004 to December 2012 he was Coordinator of the Al-Qaida and Taliban Monitoring Team at the United Nations in New York and in 2005 he helped establish what became the United Nations Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force following adoption by the General Assembly of the Global Strategy to Counter Terrorism in 2006. He remains a consultant to its Director. Before joining the United Nations, he worked for the British Government both at home and overseas with postings in Canada, Jordan, Turkey and the United States.

**RT HON ALISTAIR BURT MP** entered Parliament for the first time in 1983 for Bury North and since 2001, he has been the Member of Parliament for North East Bedfordshire. Born in 1955, he was educated at Bury Grammar School, and studied at St John's College Oxford. He became a solicitor and served on Haringey Council in London. From 1985 to 1990, he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for the Environment, for Education and Science and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He was subsequently appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and then Minister of State at the Department of Social Security (1992-1997). In Opposition, he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition (2002-2005), Shadow Minister for Communities and Local Government (2005-2008) and Opposition Assistant Chief Whip (2008-2010). From May 2010 to October 2013, he served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Foreign & Commonwealth Office with responsibility for Counter Terrorism, Counter Proliferation, Counter Piracy, North America, Middle East and North Africa, the Maldives and Sri Lanka. Alistair was appointed a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council in November 2013. Alistair is Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) and Chairman of the United Kingdom-United Arab Emirates All-Party Parliamentary Group. He is married to Eve



Burt, has two grown up children and a granddaughter. He has run nine London Marathons, and plays football for UKPFC.

**SIR JEREMY GREENSTOCK**'s principal career was with the British Diplomatic Service, culminating in his appointment as UK Permanent Representative at the United Nations in New York (1998-2003) and then, after a suspension of his retirement, as the UK Special Envoy for Iraq (September 2003-March 2004). He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1969 and the two themes of his career were the Middle East and US/Western European Relations. He left government service in March 2004 and from August 2004-August 2010, he was Director of the Ditchley Foundation. He was also a Special Adviser to the BP Group from 2004 to 2010. He now works as Chairman of the UN Association-UK and of two advisory companies, Lambert Energy Advisory and Gatehouse Advisory Partners. He is also a Special Adviser to the NGOs Forward Thinking and IRC-UK and a Member of the Chatham House Council.

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR GRAEME LAMB** is a former Director of UK Special Forces and Commander of the British Field Army. With a reputation for 'blasphemous plain speaking', he is widely recognised for his intimate appreciation for Hobbes's view of man with his articulation of 'reconcilable and irreconcilable' actors in modern conflict. He graduated from The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1973 and went on to command at every rank on operations leading Conventional, Airborne and Special Forces. Working with others: Lamb has, by dint of his appointments, found himself not only operating overseas but nearly always with and alongside others, in particular the United States Special Forces. This ranged from small-scale Counter-Narcotics operations in South America, Persons Indicted for War Crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina to Deputy Commanding General Multi-National Forces Iraq under US General David Petraeus. Working for himself: A trustee of Walking with The Wounded (WWTW), a UK based charity that supports disabled Servicemen and women, and Colonel Commandant of the Special Air Service are Lamb's two unpaid commitments. He operates as a limited Company and occupies his time as a Senior Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, is a member of the RUSI Advisory Council, chairman of the Advisory Council to C5 Capital, a NED with AEGIS Private Security and enthusiastic supporter of Palantir Technologies. Lamb also undertakes work for HMG in the Middle East.

**SIR WILLIAM PATEY KCMG** has had a long and distinguished career with the British Diplomatic Service including four Ambassadorial postings, with a focus on the Middle East and Africa. Sir William has been the Government and International Affairs Adviser at Control Risks since July 2012. He is a Director at WCP Consultants and Partner at The Ambassador partnership LLP. He advises businesses entering and operating in the Gulf region, in particular in the oil and gas sector and financial services and defence industries. He is a non-executive director of HSBC



Bank Middle East. He was British Ambassador to Afghanistan until his retirement from HM Diplomatic Service in April 2012. He also served as British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (2007-2010), Iraq (2005-6) and Sudan (2002-5). He was Head of the Middle East Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office from 1998-2002. He has also had diplomatic postings in Tripoli, Abu Dhabi and Canberra and served as Deputy Head of the United Nations Department. He was also Non-Executive Chairman at Swindon Town Football Club from October 2012 to February 2013 until the sale of the club to Seebeck97 Ltd in February 2013.