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Lunch

chaired by

**Sir Ronald Halstead CBE, President of the
Conservative Foreign & Commonwealth Council**

and

Roundtable

chaired by

Rehman Chishti MP

Discussion : "Britain's Place in the World"

Thursday 29 September 2016

Carlton Club

69 St James's Street, London SW1A 1PJ



12.15-12.45 Welcome drinks at bar available in Morning Room

12.45 - 2.00 Lunch in Churchill Room

2.15 - 3.30 Coffee and roundtable in Morning Room



Three course lunch including wine:

Seasonal Asparagus

with Quails Eggs, Lambs Lettuce,
Dehydrated Tomatoes, Cheddar Brûlée,
Baby Leaves and a Lemon Dressing

Fillet of Seabass

with Thai Fish Cake,
Roasted Baby Fennel and
a Lemon Balm and Vermouth Cream

Elderflower and Prosecco Berry Jelly,

Raspberry Gel and
Chocolate Shortbread Finger



❖ **Key speaker : Lord Jay of Ewelme, GCMG** ❖

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Lord Jay of Ewelme has been an independent Crossbench member of the House of Lords since 2006. He has served on a number of House of Lords Select Committees and is currently a member of the Select Committee on the EU, and of its sub-committee on Home Affairs. He was Chairman of the House of Lords Appointments Commission from 2008 to 2013, and has been a non-executive director of a number of British and French companies, including Associated British Foods (ABF), EDF and Credit Agricole. Lord Jay was a member of the Diplomatic Service until 2006, serving as Ambassador in Paris from 1996 to 2001, and Permanent Under Secretary from 2002 to 2006. He was also the Prime Minister's Personal Representative for the G8 summits at Gleneagles in 2005 and St Petersburg in 2006. From 2007 to 2013 he was Chairman of the international medical charity Merlin, until it merged with Save the Children.

Education

1959 – 1964	Winchester College
1965 – 1968	Magdalen College, Oxford (Philosophy, Politics, Economics)
1969	SOAS, University of London (MSc in Economic Development)
1996	Senior Associate Member, St Antony's College, Oxford
2004	Honorary Fellow, Magdalen College, Oxford

Languages

French - extensive
German - basic

Honours

CMG 1992
KCMG 1997
GCMG 2006
Peerage 2006

❖ Roundtable Chairman and speaker: Rehman Chishti MP

Rehman grew up in Gillingham where he attended Richmond Infant School, Napier Primary School, Fort Luton High School, Rainham Mark Grammar School and Chatham Grammar School for Girls. After completing a Law degree at the University of Wales Aberystwyth, he was called to the Bar of England and Wales at Lincolns Inn.

Rehman represented both Gillingham and Rainham as a Councillor before standing for Parliament. He cares passionately about the community where he grew up.

Rehman has completed several half-marathons raising money for local good causes and charities.

Rehman's Experience

- Parliamentary Private Secretary to Rt Hon Jeremy Wright QC MP, Attorney General 2015-16
 - Parliamentary Private Secretary to Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Education 2014-15
 - Special Adviser to the Rt Hon Francis Maude (Chairman of the Conservative Party) 2006-07
 - Special Adviser to Benazir Bhutto (Former Prime Minister of Pakistan) 1999-2007
 - Member of the Justice Select Committee 2012 - 2015
 - Barrister, Goldsmith Chambers 2003-10
 - Member of the Justice Select Committee 2012 - 2015
 - Member of the Joint Committee On Human Rights 2011-2014
 - Parliamentary Fellow for The Football Association 2013-2015
 - A Parliamentary Fellow for Sport England 2010 - 2012
 - Councillor for Gillingham North 2003 - 2007
 - Councillor for Rainham Central 2007 - Present
 - Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Enforcement, Medway Council 2007 -2010
- Outside Politics : Away from work, Rehman enjoys going to the gym, running, watching the Gills, playing cricket and squash, catching a movie and spending time with friends and family.



❖ **Roundtable speaker: Michael McManus – author of *Edward Heath: A Singular Life***

Michael McManus is a writer and political consultant. His most recent book, published in July 2016, is *Edward Heath: A Singular Life*, written to mark the centenary of the birth of Sir Edward Heath and including first-hand testimony from over seventy of Heath's closest friends, advisers and colleagues.

Between February 2012 and September 2014, Michael was the Executive Director (Transition) at the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), reporting directly to the chairman and the board of directors. He had executive responsibility both for day-to-day management, including all financial and operational matters; and also for developing the new structure of independent, voluntary self-regulation of the press (IPSO).



In the 1990s Michael worked with David Cameron at Conservative Central Office and went on to be a special adviser in three government departments – the Welsh Office, the Department of Employment and the Cabinet Office. Then for five years he ran the private office of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath. In 2001 he was the Conservative candidate for Watford. After working briefly as a freelance writer, editor and reviewer, he jointly instigated and ran Vote 2004, the first ever national campaign for a referendum on the UK's relationship with the EU. Between 2004 and 2010 he worked for the national, commercial law firm Beachcroft LLP (now DAC Beachcroft LLP), advising clients including a number of leading insurers and professional bodies, on a wide range of regulatory matters, including work with Lord Hunt of Wirral on two major reports, for the Financial Ombudsman Service and the Law Society of England and Wales. In 2010-12 he was a director of Bell Pottinger Public Affairs.

Michael has written for a range of publications including *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Telegraph*, the *Mail on Sunday*, the *Sunday Post*, *The Independent* and *Gramophone* magazine. He is the author, co-author or editor of several books, including the first biography of one-time Liberal leader Jo Grimond (*Towards the Sound of Gunfire*, 2001), a biography of the actor Nicholas Courtney (*Still Getting Away With It*, 2005) and *Tory Pride and Prejudice*, which was published in October 2011.

Praise for Edward Heath: A Singular Life:

'*Edward Heath: a Singular Life* is not a narrative history of Heath's times, nor does it set out to replace the pre-eminent biographies by John Campbell (1993) and Philip Ziegler (2010). McManus attempts, and achieves, something different: an assessment of Heath's motivation and psychology. Since Heath deliberately built around himself a carapace thicker than a rhinoceros's hide to protect his privacy and rebuff intimacy, perhaps especially sexual intimacy, this is no easy task. McManus writes it very well. Movingly, and often comically, he tells the story of his own complicated relationship with Heath, whom he cannot quite bring himself to say he liked. The skill he demonstrates is closer to that of a novelist or portrait painter than that of a journalist.' William Waldegrave, *Daily Telegraph*

'In this lucid, often amusing, compilation of anecdotes and insights, McManus captures extremely well what a strange and self-contained man Heath was ... McManus's book is far from a hagiography; precisely because he worked for Heath for many years, he is admirably clear-sighted about his employer's monumental insensitivity and self-absorption.' Dominic Sandbrook, *Sunday Times*

'Heath was, by all accounts, a difficult and troubled man. The main virtue of this book is the portrait of him that emerges like a bust coming out of marble ... It's an odd book but a strangely enjoyable one because of its maddening, mysterious subject.' Philip Collins, *Prospect* magazine

❖ HE Mazen K Homoud – Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Before entering the Foreign Service in 1986, the Ambassador completed two years army conscription. His first posting was at Jordan's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. He was then seconded to the Royal Hashemite Court where he was Deputy Chief of Royal Protocol until December 1999. Between 2000 and 2007 the Ambassador became involved with economic sectors of the government. He was deputy CEO of the Jordan Investment Board and General Manager of the Jordan Tourism Board. In 2007 he took up the position of CEO of a major public shareholding company in the real estate development field in the port city of Aqaba.



The Ambassador carries several decorations: The Grand Cordon of the Order of Independence (Jordan); Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassau (Netherlands); Officer of the National Order of Merit (France); Knight of the Grand Cross (Austria); Grand Officer of Legion of Honor (France).

Born in 1962, he received school education in several cities such as New Delhi, Baghdad, Cairo and Moscow. He later attended boarding school at Dover College and Greylands College in the Isle of Wight. He graduated in Political Science and Sociology from the University of North Alabama in 1984 and completed Senior Executive Education from Harvard Business School in 2003 and is a 2004 Eisenhower Fellow.

The Ambassador is married to Alia Mohammad Armouti since 1988 and together they are blessed with a son and daughter.

❖ Roundtable speaker - Katy Bourne, Police Commissioner



Katy Bourne was re-elected (after her first term of office which started in November 2012) by the public in May 2016 to hold the Chief Constable of Sussex Police to account for the performance of the police force, effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve. She is responsible for setting the strategic direction and priorities for Sussex Police through the Police & Crime Plan. This includes setting the police budget and local police precept – the amount residents pay for policing in their council tax. She also has a statutory duty to commission support services for victims of crime and to deliver community safety initiatives including restorative justice and crime reduction grants.

Katy is a Director of the Board of the College of Policing and Chair of the Sussex Criminal Justice Board. In 2015, she was appointed as an advisor to the editorial board of the Guardian Public Leaders Network.

Katy is a graduate of Aberystwyth University and is married with two sons.

❖ **Roundtable speaker: Brooks Newmark, Research Associate in the Department of Politics & International Relations at Oxford University**

Brooks is currently a Research Associate in the Department of Politics & International Relations at Oxford University, writing a book on Bashar Assad. In addition Brooks is Chairing a report on Homelessness in the UK with Crisis and the Centre for Social Justice (due to be published in 2017).

Brooks was the Member of Parliament for Braintree (2005-15). Brooks served in the Coalition Government as Minister for Civil Society, with responsibility for charities, the voluntary sector and youth (2014) having previously served on the Treasury Select Committee (2012 -14 and 2006-7) and as a Government Whip and Lord Commissioner HM Treasury (2010 - 12). In Opposition Brooks also served as a Whip (2007-10).

Brooks was Co-Chairman and Founder of Women2Win; Founder of the Million Jobs Campaign; and Chairman of the United & Cecil Club.

Brooks has served on the Board of the Harvard Alumni Association (Harvard University) and has served on the Advisory Board of London Business School's Private Equity Institute.

Prior to entering politics Brooks was a Senior Partner at Apollo Management LP, a leading International Private Equity firm.

Brooks was educated at Harvard College (AB History) and Harvard Business School (MBA Finance). He was also a Politics Research Graduate at Worcester College Oxford.

Brooks founded the charity A Partner In Education in 2010 and has built a Primary School for 300 children in Rwanda.



❖ **Roundtable speaker: James Cleverly MP**



James Cleverly is the Member of Parliament for Braintree having been elected in May 2015. He was, until May 2016, also the London Assembly Member for Bexley and Bromley, and ran the Fire & Emergency Planning portfolio at City Hall.

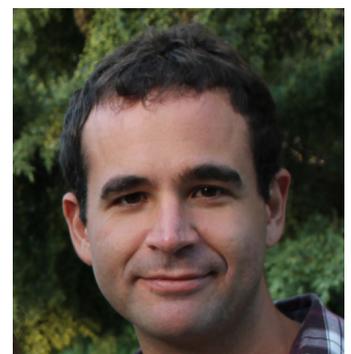
James has previously served on the Metropolitan Police Authority including the counter terrorism committee and professional standards committee.

James comes from a background in web and print publishing. He has a business degree from the University of West London and before being elected was the co-founder of a company that runs websites helping entrepreneurs and small businesses grow and develop.

James is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserve Forces with over 20 years' experience.

❖ **Roundtable speaker - Dr Mark Stanford**

Mark Stanford is a teaching fellow in international development at King's College, London. His research explores the social and cultural institutions underpinning the rise of China. He is an occasional contributor to the Telegraph and a variety of political blogs, writing on issues of geopolitics and the economy.



❖ Dr Rem Korteweg – Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform



Rem Korteweg is a senior research fellow at the Centre for European Reform (CER). He covers European foreign and security policy, and the geopolitics of energy and trade. In 2012, he had a placement within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands as strategic policy advisor. Before joining CER, Rem worked at The Hague Center for Strategic Studies (HCSS). In 2006-2007 he was a Fulbright scholar at the Johns Hopkins-SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations in Washington DC. Rem has a PhD in International Relations from Leiden University, a masters in the History of International Relations from Utrecht University and a bachelors in Social Sciences from University College Utrecht. He is a committee-member of the Netherlands' Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV), which advises the Dutch government and parliament on foreign policy questions.

He has published in a variety of newspapers and academic journals, and is the author of *The superpower, the bridge-builder and the hesitant ally: How defence transformation divided NATO 1991-2008* (2011).

Rem regularly blogs (in Dutch) about European energy politics at Energiepodium.nl.

He can be followed on Twitter at [@CER_Korteweg](https://twitter.com/CER_Korteweg)

Languages spoken: English, French, German and Dutch

❖ HE Dr Rizal Sukma – Indonesia Ambassador

Before assuming his position as the Indonesian Ambassador to the UK and Ireland in February 2016, Dr. Rizal Sukma was Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta and a member of the Board of Advisors of the Institute for Peace and Democracy (IPD).

Since receiving a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1997, he has worked extensively on such issues as Southeast Asian security, ASEAN, Indonesia's defence and foreign policy, military reform, Islam and politics, and domestic political changes in Indonesia.

Dr Sukma has served as a member of the National Committee on Strategic Defence Review at the Ministry of Defence, and as a member of the National Drafting Committee for the National Defence Bill (2000–2002) and the Armed Forces Bill (2002–2003). He was the first Indonesian to receive the Nakasone Award, in July 2005, and named one 100 Global Thinkers in 2009 by Foreign Policy magazine.

His many publications include, most recently, "The ASEAN Political and Security Community (APSC): Opportunities and Constraints for the R2P in Southeast Asia", appears in *The Pacific Review*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (March 2012), and "Indonesia Finds a New Voice," *Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 22, No. 4, (October 2011).

He has also published three books: *Security Operations in Aceh: Goals, Consequences, and Lessons* (Washington, DC: East-West Centre, 2004); *Islam in Indonesia's Foreign Policy* (London: Routledge, 2003), and *Indonesia and China: The Politics of a Troubled Relationship* (London: Routledge, 1999).



❖ Further Roundtable participants :

❖ HE Mr Miguel A. Solano López – Ambassador of Paraguay

❖ Thomas Kalaris – Saranac Partners

❖ Baroness Stedman-Scott



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**Drinks and Briefing
with the Austrian Ambassador
on
Wednesday 12th October, 2016
at
The Austrian Embassy Residence**

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