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EDUCATION, SECURITY and SOCIETY

Venue: *University of Bath*

Date: *Tuesday 28th June 2016, 10.00-15.00*

Following on from last year's Society for Educational Studies Seminar held at the British Academy, during which the role of education as an increasingly integral element of the security landscape was considered, this event - the first of the 2016 Seminar Series - will examine the broader educational and cultural context within which an apparent securitization has emerged.

The government's Prevent Duty mandates specified authorities to safeguard those at risk of becoming radicalized or drawn into terrorism. This raised concerns about its possible effects on free speech and education. But it emerged in a Higher Education context already highly sensitized to the possibility of causing offence and increasingly focused on protecting students' wellbeing.

Asking challenging questions from why British-born youths may wish to join ISIS, through what safe-space policies and trigger-warnings appear to tell us about the state of Higher Education today, as well as how these developments may be linked to broader cultural trends, this event brings together a leading cast of practitioners and scholars to encourage and engage in open inquiry.

Agenda:

- 09.30 Coffee and Registration (Chancellor's Building, Level 2 Lobby)
- 10.00 Welcome and Introduction, **Professor Bill Durodie**
Head of Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies
University of Bath
- 10.15-12.30 Keynote lectures (Chancellor's Building, Lecture Theatre 2.6)
- 10.15 **'Understanding the possible attractions of ISIS to British youths'**
Dr Faisal Devji, University Reader in Modern South Asian History
University of Oxford, author *Landscapes of the Jihad* and
The Terrorist in Search of Humanity: Militant Islam and Global Politics.
- 11.00 **'Academic Freedom and other challenges in Higher Education today'**
Dr Joanna Williams, Senior Lecturer in Higher Education
University of Kent, author *Consuming Higher Education* and
Academic Freedom in an Age of Conformity.

11.45 **‘What is the real problem – Security, Education or Culture?’**
Professor Frank Furedi, Emeritus Professor of Sociology
University of Kent, author *Politics of Fear: Beyond Left and Right* and
Invitation to Terror: The Expanding Empire of the Unknown.

12.30-13.30 Lunch (Lime Tree Restaurant)

13.30-15.00 Panel Session (Chancellor’s Building, Lecture Theatre 2.6)

Roundtable Presentations and Discussants

‘Engaging Young Muslims – A View from the Frontline’
Mohsen Ojja, Principal, The Crest Academy, London

‘Campus Trends: Protection or Infantilisation?’
Mick Hume, former Times columnist, author
Trigger Warning: Is the Fear of Being Offensive Killing Free Speech?

‘The Rise of Therapy Culture in Higher Education’
Professor Kathryn Ecclestone, University of Sheffield, author
The Dangerous Rise of Therapeutic Education

15.00-15.15 Close and Tea (Chancellor’s Building, Level 2 Lobby)

Admission: Free. To book, email: h.m.g.cook@bath.ac.uk or b.durodie@bath.ac.uk

