



Harkness Fellows Association

# Harkness Events

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## SIR TOM RICHARDSON KCMG

### THE REFUGEE CRISIS

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**The Athenaeum, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ER**

**6.30pm for 7.00pm Tickets: £20 (HFA members) £23 (non-members) £15 (special price for second and further guests)**

Issues about refugees remain firmly in the news. There are legal issues, humanitarian issues, and difficult political ones. How many refugees can Europe absorb? Can Angela Merkel retain the welcoming approach? What is Britain's role in this? Are we being too restrictive, or is there a genuine argument over concern on the strains on social cohesion and public services? And is there a degree of Islamophobia in the public reaction?

We are fortunate in having Sir Tom Richardson to speak to us and guide us through this jungle. He was our Ambassador to Italy 1996 – 2000 and after a secondment to Rothschilds and the Central Policy Review Staff, he acted as UK Deputy Representative to the UN from 1989 -1994

**There will be a reception with drinks and canapés at 6.30pm. The talk will begin at 7.00pm;. This should be an interesting and highly topical event so please put the date in your diary, and let Lizzie know as soon as possible if you can attend. Guests are, of course, most welcome. The dress code at the Athenaeum is jackets and ties for men and 'smart' for women.**

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