



Harkness Fellows Association

Harkness Events

Baroness Patricia Scotland PC QC

Anti- Corruption

Tuesday 2 September 2014

North Library, Athenaeum, Pall Mall

6.30pm for 7.00pm Tickets: £20 (HFA members) £23 (non-members)

Special price of £15 per head for second and further guests.

We are privileged in having Lady Scotland speak to us on a topic of worldwide importance.

Patricia Scotland was born in Dominica, and called to the bar in 1977, specialising in Public, Family and Children's Law. Between 2003 and 2007 she was a Minister at the Home Office, and in 2007, became Attorney General with, among other things, special responsibility for fraud policy. She has been the Peer of the year, is a President of Chatham House, and Chancellor of the University of Greenwich. She has lectured extensively, and appeared on a large number of television and radio programmes.

Corruption has been defined as the abuse of power for private gain. It is one of the world's major challenges, distorting economic activity and corrosive of society. It has been estimated it costs EU countries €120 billion a year. Recent polls indicate that three quarters of EU citizens think that corruption is widespread. Transparency International say that 27% of those polled had actually been asked to pay a bribe in the last 12 months. The City of London anticorruption police unit set up in 2006 has already pursued 155 cases. Recent high profile cases in politics and sport have attracted widespread media attention. Baroness Scotland will discuss the pressures in Government, the private sector, and institutions which lead to corruption and the various international efforts made to combat it.

There will be a reception from 6.30pm; wine, soft drinks and light snacks will be on offer. This should be an interesting and highly topical event so please put the date in your diary, and let Peter know as soon as possible if you can attend. Guests are, of course, most welcome. The dress code at the Athenaeum is suits and ties for men and "elegant" for women (no jeans, no trainers, no leggings).

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