



Harkness Fellows Association

# Harkness Events

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HARKNESS ANNUAL LECTURE

**Mark Damazer**

OXFORD AND THE BBC;  
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND PRESSURE

**Monday October 31st 2011. Picture Room, Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall.  
6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets: £20 (HFA members) £23 (non-members)**

**We are delighted that Mark Damazer CBE has agreed to give the Harkness Annual lecture.**

Mark Damazer took a double starred First Class Honours Degree at Cambridge University, followed by a Harkness Fellowship at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, where he met his wife, also a Harkness Fellow. He began his career as a trainee at ITN (now ITV News). He had a brief stint at TV-am before he joined the BBC where, in a distinguished career, he edited the Nine O'Clock News and was in charge of TV News, Current Affairs and Political Programmes. He concluded his BBC career as Controller of Radio 4 between 2004 and 2010. When he left that post to take up his present position as Master of St Peter's College Oxford, heartfelt tributes were paid to his achievements with the BBC.

He has chosen as the topic for the Annual Lecture the types of pressure that are brought on two great British Institutions, Oxford University and the BBC, and how they react to these pressures. The lecture will raise issues of significance and contemporary relevance, and should prove a stimulating and fascinating occasion.

The Picture Room at the Athenaeum is where we held the debate between Republicans Abroad and Democrats Abroad in the run-up to the US presidential elections, and should provide a very pleasant setting. Dress code for the Athenaeum is jackets and ties for men, no jeans, no trainers, and mobile phones to be switched off, please!

There will be a reception before the lecture at 6.30pm with wine and crisps etc, and guests will have an opportunity to continue to drink after the lecture. 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 cost for the first guest is £23, but if Fellows wish to bring additional guests we are anxious to make the Annual Lecture widely accessible, so for second and further guests the charge will be only £15.

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