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## Professor Vernon Bogdanor FBA CBE

Will political instability in Europe derail economic recovery?

**Thursday 16 October 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 Professor Vernon Bogdanor to speak to us on a subject which could have a crucial impact on both the economic and political fortunes of the EU including the UK. He has also promised to share his thoughts on the implications of the outcome of the Scottish referendum which will have been held just a month before.

Vernon Bogdanor is Research Professor at King's College London, a Fellow of the British Academy, Emeritus Gresham Professor of Law and is currently Visiting Gresham Professor of Political History. He has also been a Fellow of Brasenose College and Professor of Government at Oxford University.

He has been an adviser to a number of Governments, including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel and Slovakia. His books include *The People and the Party System*, *Multi-Party Politics and the Constitution*, *Power and the People*, *Devolution in the UK*, and most recently, *The New British Constitution*. He is a frequent contributor to TV, radio and the press and sometime special advisor to Parliamentary Committees. He is generally regarded as the academic authority on the British Constitution.

At a time when it is generally accepted that the Eurozone needs to tackle structural economic weaknesses and integrate further, both fiscally and politically, if it is to overcome its economic difficulties, or indeed survive, the political instability in many member countries makes it much harder for this to happen. Vernon Bogdanor's take on this will be fascinating as will his assessment of the referendum in Scotland depending of course on which way the vote goes.

**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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