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Our team



The sound of Free Speech Debate

The Free Speech Debate team gathered around a microphone to attempt a "free speech Mexican wave" at our mid-year meeting. Starting with Urdu and finishing with Persian, we recited principles [two](#) and [three](#) in an overlapping round in our native tongues. Try to guess the other languages as you listen along [here](#).

Executive team

[Timothy Garton Ash](#), *Director*

Timothy Garton Ash is the Director of the Dahrendorf Programme for the Study of Freedom and leads the Free Speech Debate project. He is Professor of European Studies in the University of Oxford, Isaiah Berlin Professorial Fellow at St Antony's College and a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

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Neil Dullaghan is an MPhil candidate in Politics (European Politics and Society) at Mansfield College, Oxford. He has previously completed a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations. He has worked with the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect, the United Nations University, and Castleford Media.

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Translators and hosts

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Fouzia Farooq is a historian of Medieval India, she is completing her post-doctorate in Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. She is a lecturer in Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad. Her book *Muslim Rule in India: Power and Religion in the Delhi Sultanate* is due in June 2016 from I. B. Tauris London.

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Zaha Kheir was born in Germany and raised and educated in Spain, where she completed her BA and MA in Political Science and Administration in 2010. Upon completing her studies she founded her own translation business in Frankfurt, Germany, with a specialization on medical translation and bilingual transcription services. Zaha is a certified German - English and German-Spanish translator by the German Chamber of Commerce (IHK). In 2014, she returned to her academic activities and begun her doctoral studies in Politics at St Antony's College, Oxford. Her thesis studies political dynamics in mandate period Palestine and Lebanon.

Kimiko Kuga is a DPhil student in the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford. She currently concentrates on the cases of human trafficking in Japan.

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In our first three years

Maryam Omid was our online editor 2011-2012. Before joining Free Speech Debate, she worked at Financial News, a Dow Jones-owned magazine, where she was an online reporter. Prior to that, she worked in the Maldives both as editor of *Minivan* (Independent) News and a stringer for Reuters.

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Graham Reynolds (Intellectual Property) was an Assistant Professor at Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law in Halifax, Canada, where he teaches and researches in the areas of intellectual property law, property law, and copyright law. Graham is currently on academic leave from Dalhousie, pursuing doctoral studies in law at St Peter's College, Oxford. His thesis focuses on the intersection of freedom of expression and copyright.

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Hebatalla Taha was a MPhil candidate in Middle Eastern Studies at St Cross College, Oxford. She focuses on political Islam and Islamic feminism in the Arab world. She has previously completed a BA in International Affairs with a focus on the Middle East and International Development.

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Maximilien von Berg was reading for an MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government) at St Cross College, Oxford. Max holds a BA in International Relations (first class) and has worked in the Middle East. His thesis aims to study the evolution of public debt in OECD countries. Max is a former triathlon world champion and rows for Wolfson College's First VIII boat.

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why black America is silent about the challenges it faces.

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