

# Shaping higher education fifty years after Robbins

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London School of Economics and Political Science  
Shaw Library, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Old Building, Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE

**10:00 Registration and coffee**

**10:30 Session 1: The Robbins Report: Then and now**

Welcome and introduction – Professor Craig Calhoun (LSE)

Chair: Professor Craig Calhoun

**What was the world like then? The context in 1963** - Professor Lord Layard (LSE)

**The Report** – Lord Moser

**What happened later? The British road to mass higher education** – Professor Sir David Watson (University of Oxford)

**Conclusion** - Simeon Underwood (LSE)

**12:15 LUNCH**

**13:05 Session 2: Competing visions: What structure for higher education?**

Chair: Baroness Blackstone

**Intellectually autonomous and democratically accountable?** – Professor Stefan Collini (University of Cambridge)

**A European vision** – Professor Georg Winckler (University of Vienna)

**The private sector** – Roxanne Stockwell (Pearson)

**Conclusion: Should there be a ‘system’ of higher education?** - Graeme Wise (NUS)

**14:50 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:15 Session 3: How should higher education be financed?**

Chair: Professor Howard Glennerster (LSE)

**What is happening elsewhere on finance?** - Richard Yelland (OECD)

**Widening participation: What does the evidence show?** Professor Anna Vignoles (University of Cambridge)

**Financing teaching: the 2006 and 2012 reforms in England: Where are we? Where should we be?** – Professor Nicholas Barr (LSE)

17:00 End of sessions 3

**17:30 Session 4: Shaping higher education fifty years after Robbins: What views to the future?** (Old Theatre, ground floor, Old Building)

Chair: Professor Craig Calhoun

Speakers: Bahram Bekhradnia (Higher Education Policy Institute)

Rajay Naik (The Open University)

David Willetts MP (Minister of Universities & Science)

19:00 **Summary** – Professor Craig Calhoun (LSE)

**19:15 DRINKS RECEPTION**

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