Shaping higher education fifty years after Robbins

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London School of Economics and Political Science
Shaw Library, 6th 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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