

# Democracy debate this Thursday – book your place now

The John P. Mackintosh Memorial Debate

‘Where Now for Democracy?’

Main Debating Chamber, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh,  
EH99 1SP

Thursday 6th September 2018

6.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

(Doors Open 5.30 p.m.)



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The event will be chaired by the Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament and will be followed by a reception in the Garden Lobby of the Scottish Parliament which will be addressed by Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh and Iain Gray MSP for East Lothian.

### **Panellists:**

Lord Campbell of Pittenweem, former leader of the Liberal Democrats

Angus Robertson, former Deputy Leader of the Scottish National Party

Professor Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies, The University of Edinburgh

Catherine Stihler, Labour MEP

**Timings:**

6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Panel Debate and Audience Discussion

7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Reception (Wine and Canapes will be served in the Garden Lobby of The Scottish Parliament to which you are also invited).

Those attending will have an opportunity to view an exhibition on the life of John P. Mackintosh. During the reception, Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University and Iain Gray MSP will address the audience.

Registration:

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