



## Chatham House Annual Members Conference Democratic Futures

Friday 18 January 2013  
09:15-13:00

*This conference is held in association with The World Tonight, BBC Radio 4*

*This conference will be held on the record.*

### Session One Is European Democracy in Crisis?

- To what extent have the demands of financial markets undermined national democratic processes?
- Do populist parties on both the far right and far left pose a threat to European democracies and to what extent have mainstream parties already accommodated more extreme views?
- What does voter apathy mean for the future of European democracy?
- Would a more democratic EU enhance the legitimacy of the Union and make supranational decision-making easier or more difficult?

09.15 **Chair**

David Eades, Presenter, *The World Tonight*, BBC Radio 4; Anchor, BBC World News

09.20 **Keynote Speakers**

Anna Diamantopoulou, Former European Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs; Former Minister of Development, Former Minister of Education, Greece

09.30 Questions and Discussion

09.50 **Panel Discussion**

Peter Kellner, President, YouGov

Paul Alexandre Martin, Front National, France

Lord Liddle, Economic Adviser to the President of the European Commission (2004-07); Chair, Policy Network

Professor Anand Menon, Associate Fellow, Europe, Chatham House;  
Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs, Kings College London

10.40 Questions & discussion

11.10-11.30 Refreshments

**Session Two**  
**Transitions to Democracy Beyond Europe**

- What is now meant by 'democracy'? Is there a blueprint, or does it come in many different forms?
- Do democratic movements in the Middle East and North Africa reflect a desire for different democratic models from the West?
- Is the initial popular enthusiasm for democracy falling away in the Former Soviet Union? If so, what factors might be undermining it?
- Is it reasonable to expect rapid moves toward democratization?

**11.30 Chair**

David Eades, Presenter, *The World Tonight*, BBC Radio 4; Anchor, BBC World News

**11.35 Panel Discussion**

Vladimir Milov, Chairman, Democratic Choice, Russia

Olexiy Solohubenko, News and Deployments Editor, Languages, BBC World Service

Jane Kinninmont, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme, Chatham House

Nadia Logab, Co-Founder, Algerian Network for Policy Development; Project Coordinator, Algerian Network of Youth and Students

12.10 Questions and discussion

13.00 *End of Conference*