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Facing the Future

Moral challenges in post-truth times

'We're left out and left behind!' Commentators see this sense as a common thread running through the election of Donald Trump, the Brexit debates and the political turbulence elsewhere in Europe — people feeling deeply disconnected from mainstream politics and economics and ready to turn to unconventional new leaders. But this prompts dark questions. Are we seeing the very ideas of objective facts, truth and reasoned debate under threat? And what next, if the new leaders and configurations do not deliver on their promises?

This series of free-standing discussion events will explore the causes and consequence of the current crisis in public life. It brings together academic experts and leading practitioners to provide a practical analysis. Why has the disconnection happened? And how can trust be rebuilt?

Thursday 12th October: POLITICS AND SOCIETY

Speaker: **Magnus Ryner**, Professor of International Political Economy, King's College London

Respondent: **Sir Ed Davey MP**, Kingston & Surbiton

Thursday 19th October: THE ECONOMY AND GLOBAL FINANCE

Speaker: **Steve Keen**, Professor of Economics, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Kingston University

Respondent: **Sir Vince Cable MP**, Twickenham and Liberal Democrat Leader.

Thursday 26th October: THE ENVIRONMENT

Speaker: **Dr Stuart Downard**, Associate Professor, School of Natural & Built Environments, Kingston University

Respondent: **Baroness Jenny Jones**, Green Party and former London Assembly Deputy Leader

All sessions: **6.00-7.15pm, John Galsworthy Building, Kingston University, Penrhyn Road Campus, Kingston, KT1 2EE.**

The events are free and un-ticketed. All are welcome. Tea/coffee from 5.30pm.

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