

Human Rights and Political Wrongs

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A lecture by Oxford historian Sir Noel Malcolm in Budapest on June 21 at the MTA.

HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICAL WRONGS & INTERNATIONAL LAW

SIR NOEL MALCOLM, OXFORD
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JUNE 21, 2018 16:00-18:00
Hungarian Academy of Sciences/MTA

On June 21st, the **EPP Group of the European Parliament** and the **Danube Institute** will co-host a stimulating discussion featuring some of the sharpest minds of the day on the issue of Human Rights.



In his new book, *Human Rights and Political Wrongs*, Sir Noel Malcolm, All Souls, Oxford, one of Britain's most distinguished historians, examines how the concept of human rights has been expanded by the decisions of international courts in ways that encroach on matters that should be decided by democratic legislatures. He shows in particular that the European Court of Human Rights has expanded the scope of the European Convention beyond the intentions of the signatory states, deduced laws from uncertain abstractions, and invented rights that the Convention does not contain. Human rights, he argues, need to be re-thought. They are essential political statements about the limits of state power – the things that governments absolutely must not do to their people, and they should be used to protect democracy, not to erode it – he says.

Responding to Sir Noel's arguments will be **Dr. György Schöpflin**, MEP, the former Jean Monnet Professor of Politics at University College London and **Dr. Andrzej Byrk**, Jagellonian University in Poland.

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DATE: June 21, 2018

TIME: 16:00-18:00 (registration starts at 15:30)

PLACE: Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA), 1051 Budapest, Széchenyi István tér 9.