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## 216th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 14th February 2018

### **Peter Hennessy** **Writing the history of one's own times**



#### **ABSTRACT**

Peter Hennessy will take us on a journey examining the pleasures, the pains, the pluses and the pitfalls of writing the history of your own country in your own times.

Peter will be looking at all the big geopolitical shifts in the UK's position in the world since 1945 and setting Brexit in the context of that. He will also be giving an assessment of the current condition of UK politics.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

*Peter Hennessy, Baron Hennessy of Nympsfield, is an English historian and academic specialising in the history of government. As journalist for over 20 years – with spells on The Times, The Financial Times and The Economist – he unearthed the hidden wiring of the constitution and the power of the machinery of government in Britain. Those themes remained at the heart of his research and teaching at Queen Mary. Since moving to academia in 1992 his aim has been to write the history of his own country, in his own times, for academic and public audiences alike.*

*He has been Attlee Professor of Contemporary British History at Queen Mary College, University of London since 2001*

#### **LINKS**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04fd8md>

<http://www.parliament.uk/biographies/lords/lord-hennessy-of-nympsfield/4189>

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,  
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East.  
Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.

*Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.*

**Visitors Welcome**