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## 216th Lecture Series 7.30pm - 29th November 2017

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**Public Intellectuals: what they are and why we need them**



### ABSTRACT

Over the centuries there have been intellectuals who have operated with great distinction, as intellectuals, in the public domain. From Enlightenment times on, one might instance Voltaire, Mill, Russell, Sartre, Chomsky. I shall discuss the role of the public intellectual, and wonder how far it has changed during the past century, and wonder whether public intellectuals still have a valuable role to play.

### BIOGRAPHY

*Alexander Broadie was raised in Edinburgh, and educated at the Royal High School and at Edinburgh University (MA philosophy). After a period of study at Balliol College, Oxford, he joined the philosophy department at Glasgow University. He holds a PhD and a DLitt from GU, and a doctorate honoris causa from Blaise Pascal University (Clermont-Ferrand). The Royal Society of Edinburgh appointed him Henry Duncan Prize Lecturer in Scottish Studies (1990-1993) and in 1991 elected him FRSE. He is now emeritus professor of logic and rhetoric and an honorary professorial research fellow at GU, where he works on the Scottish philosophical tradition, a field in which, over the past three decades, he has written or edited about twenty books.*

### LINKS

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/staff/alexanderbroadie/>

<https://existentialnetwork.wordpress.com>

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

**Non-members welcome**

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.*

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