Poland, Polarisation and the Diaspora Community in the UK

The Shift Towards the Right: What Now for Minority Communities?

Thursday 26th April 2018, 9am-1pm.
20 Bedford Way, London

Programme

09.00: Registration

09.10: Opening Address by Fiyaz Mughal OBE, Director of Faith Matters

09.20: Key note address by Sir Malcolm Rifkind

09.35: Panel One, Poland’s Shift to the Political Right (Chair: Arek Miernik)
Professor Aleks Szczerbiak (Sussex): Why does Poland’s Law and Justice government oppose the EU’s migrant relocation scheme - and why does this matter?
Dr Konrad Pedziwiatr (Krakow): The Catholic Church as an instrument of nation-building and the social transfer of Islamophobia/the religious dimension of the Polish fear of Islam.
Dr Michal Garapich (Roehampton): The historical-anthropological context regarding links between the diaspora and nationalism in Poland.

10.30: Tea Break

10.45: Panel Two, Anti-Semitic, Anti-Muslim and Anti-Migrant Hate (Chair: Steve Rose)
Dr Jon Fox (Bristol): Eastern Europeans, migration and racism.
Magda Mogilnicka (Bristol): Racism amongst Polish migrants in Bristol.
Dr Gabriella Elgenius (Oxford/Gothenburg): The Polish Diaspora and its Civil Society Trajectory Over Time: The Discourse of Social Solidarity vs. Internal Division

11.40: Q&A Session

13.00: Close