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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**