

**The future of the modern Commonwealths: Widening vs. deepening?
Pre-CHOGM seminar, 10 October 2005
Institute of Commonwealth Studies**

Draft Programme

- 14:00-14:10** Welcome and opening words: **Dr Michael Refalo**, Maltese High Commissioner
- 14:10-15:10** Commonwealth membership: the rules, the trends, the future
Chair: Richard Bourne, Senior Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies and lately Head, Commonwealth Policy Studies Unit
Peter Lyon, Reader Emeritus, Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Professor David Killingray, Research Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Mark Collins, Commonwealth Foundation (tbc)
Matthew Neuhaus, Political Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat
- 15:10-15:20** Tea break
- 15:20-16:20** Deepening of the Commonwealth and membership issues of Commonwealth NGOs
Chair: Dorothy Garland, Association of Commonwealth Universities
Elizabeth Smith, Commonwealth Broadcasters Association
Stephanie Aiyagari, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
Barry Lowe, Commonwealth Journalists Association
Dr. Claire Auplat, Imperial College
- 16:20-16:30** Tea break
- 16:30-17:30** Widening of the official Commonwealth: an applicants' view of accession
Chair: Stuart Mole, Director General, Royal Commonwealth Society
James Wizeye, Charge D'Affairs Rwandan embassy, London
Osman Ahmed Hassan, Head of Somaliland Mission, London
Yemeni representative (tbc)
Palestinian representative (tbc)
- Closing Remarks: **Professor Tim Shaw**, Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies
- 17:30-** Reception

Free entry. To book a place please contact: barry.lowe@tvu.ac.uk

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