

The Decline and Fall of Lawyers in the House of Commons and what it means for British Politics

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Chaired by Dr Belinda Brooks-Gordon

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The proportion of lawyers in the House of Commons has been falling over the past century. Why is this? What kind of MP has come in instead? What does the decline of lawyers mean for how the legislative process works and more generally for how we should see British politics? David Howarth presents the results of his research into these questions.

David Howarth teaches in the Department of Land Economy and the Faculty of Law at the University of Cambridge. He is Reader in Private Law and a Fellow of Clare College. From 2005 to 2010 was the Member of Parliament for Cambridge, during which time he served as a member of the Justice and Environmental Audit Select Committees and as Shadow Energy Minister and Shadow Secretary of State for Justice for the Liberal Democrats.

All welcome

To be followed by informal drinks for all attendees