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Dr. William Newton-Smith

Head of the Academic Advisory Council

William Newton-Smith recently retired from Balliol College, University of Oxford, where he had been Fairfax Fellow and Lecturer in the Philosophy of Science since 1970. He has held visiting appointments at universities in Canada, China, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Malaysia, and the Netherlands. He holds a master's in philosophy from Cornell University and a doctorate in philosophy from University of Oxford. He is the author of *The Structure of Time*, *The Rationality of Science*, and *Logic*. Newton-Smith serves as a board member of many educational and not-for-profit institutions around the world. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of St. Petersburg in June 2003 for service to Russian education.

Dr. Kathryn Conroy

CEO of Hedge Funds Care, Preventing and Treating Child Abuse

Kathryn Conroy has both a master's in social work and a doctorate in social welfare. She began her career in direct service to clients specifically working in child welfare and with battered women, two interests she has sustained throughout her career. She has also worked in New York City government, in social policy, and in academia at the Columbia University School of Social Work. Currently, Conroy is the executive director and CEO of Hedge Funds Care, an international charity that raises money in the finance industry and gives it to programs that prevent and treat child abuse.

Dr. Liviu Matei

Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Central European University

In addition to his work as Central European University's vice-president and CEO, Liviu Matei teaches higher education policy in the university's Department of Public Policy. His work in higher education policy combines research, teaching, professional activities, and civic engagement. Liviu has also worked as a director general for International Relations at the Romanian Ministry of Education, consulted for UNESCO, the OSCE, and the Council of Europe. He has served as an expert on European University Association projects, as co-chair of the Working Group for Higher Education of the

Stability Pact for South East Europe and on the steering committee of the UNESCO-EU Project on Management of Higher Education in South East Europe.

Dr. Howard Robinson

Department of Philosophy, Central European University

Howard Robinson is a professor in the Department of Philosophy at Central European University. From 2007 to 2010 he served as provost and academic prorector of the university. He is also an honorary visiting professor at the University of York, U.K., and was recently named as a visiting fellow at Oriel College, University of Oxford and as a visiting scholar at Fordham University, New York. Robinson specializes in the philosophy of metaphysics and the mind, including the philosophy of religion. His writings include publications on the history of philosophy.

Dr. Gwendolyn Sasse

Department of Politics and International Relations and the School for Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford

Gwendolyn Sasse is a professorial fellow at Nuffield College, University of Oxford and a university reader in Comparative Politics in the Department of Politics and International Relations and the School for Interdisciplinary Area Studies. Prior to arriving at Oxford in 2007, Sasse had been a lecturer and senior lecturer at the European Institute and the Department of Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she earned her PhD. Her first academic post was an assistant professorship at Central European University. Sasse's research interests include post-communist transitions, comparative democratization, ethnic conflict, minority issues, migration, EU enlargement, and the European Neighborhood Policy.

Dr. Shlomo Weber

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Shlomo Weber is the Dedman Trustee Professor of Economics at Southern Methodist University and a professor of economics at the New Economic School in Moscow. He holds an MSc. in mathematics from Moscow State University and a PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Weber has held positions in universities in Asia, Europe, and North America, and was the holder of the Alexander von Humboldt Research Award for Outstanding Foreign Scientists. His main research is in political economics and game theory. His recent books are *The Economics of Linguistic Diversity: How Many Languages Is Enough?* (with Victor Ginsburgh, Free University of Brussels, Belgium), Princeton University Press, forthcoming in the beginning of 2011; and *Handbook on the Russian Economy* (with Michael Alexeev, Indiana University, USA), Oxford University Press, forthcoming at the end of 2011.