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**Guest Lecture**

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Dr David Maurice Landsman OBE wrote his PhD thesis at Cambridge on the topic of Diglossia in Modern Greek. He has served in the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office since 1990. His previous postings include Athens 1991-1994, where he was Second Secretary with responsibility for Economic and EU affairs; Belgrade where he served twice, first as Deputy Head of Mission 1997-1999 and again as Charge d’ Affaires 2000-2001; Banja Luka where he was Head of the British Embassy Office in Republika Srpka 1999-2000 (while concurrently serving as First Secretary (Regional Affairs) in Bucharest; and Tirana, where he served as British Ambassador, 2001-2003. In 2008 he served as Balkans Director of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. He was appointed British Ambassador to Greece in January 2009. In addition to his extensive Southeast European experience, Dr Landsman has served in London as Head of the Nuclear and UN Disarmament Section of the Foreign Office (1994-1996) and Head of the Counter-Proliferation Department (2003-06).