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13th Dahrendorf Memorial Lecture

Timothy Garton Ash

Europe Whole and Free

(June 27, 17:00-18:30)

(Host: Luísa Leal de Faria; Chair: JCE; Discussants: Wilhelm
Hofmeister; José Miguel Sardica)

Dear Professor Luísa Leal de Faria,

Thank you very much for your kind words. It is always a great privilege and pleasure to have you with us at the Estoril Political Forum – not only as our former vice-rector, as well as our present president of the Scientific Society of the Catholic University, and above all as our long-time friend and colleague.

It is indeed our mutual privilege and pleasure today to host our very distinguished guest and friend Professor Timothy Garton Ash. Tim needs of course no presentation as he is indeed known worldwide. He is Professor of European Studies in the University of Oxford, Isaiah Berlin Professorial Fellow at St. Antony’s College, Oxford, and a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. His essays appear regularly at the *New York Review of Books*. He writes a column in international affairs in *The Guardian* of London which is

widely syndicated in Europe, Asia and the Americas, and he also contributes to *Prospect* and *Financial Times*. In the late 1980's he was Foreign Editor of the *Spectator*, then edited by another good friend of ours who is also with us in Estoril, Charles Moore. He was also editorial writer on Central European affairs for the London *Times* and a columnist on foreign affairs in the *Independent*.

Tim is the author of eleven books and the recipient of many international distinctions. In 2005, he featured in a list of 100 top global public intellectuals chosen by the journals *Prospect* and *Foreign Policy*, and in *Time* magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people.

Last, but for us certainly not least, Tim, together with his very kind Polish wife, Danuta, have also given us the rare privilege and pleasure of having been with us at several previous very special occasions. Tim kindly delivered our Distinguished Alexis de Tocqueville Annual Lecture in 2006, under the inspiring title "Are you a European?". And he kindly delivered the Ralf Dahrendorf Memorial Lecture here in Estoril in 2016, under the title "Free Speech: Ten Principles for a Connected World", the title of another famous book of his, published in that very same year. In 2017, Tim kindly returned to Estoril as the Guest-Speaker of our traditional Winston Churchill Memorial Lecture, under the inspiring title "Churchill, Brexit and Europe".

And we now have the renewed privilege and pleasure of having Professor Timothy Garton Ash again with us in Estoril to deliver the Ralf Dahrendorf Memorial Lecture. His presentation will be followed by comments by two great friends of ours, the distinguished scholars and public intellectuals Wilhelm Hofmeister and José Miguel Sardica, who have also been with us in Estoril for several years now.

Dahrendorf is indeed a crucial reference for all of us at IEP, as I have mentioned in my opening address yesterday. To make a long story short, Dahrendorf simply recalled us of the crucial difference between imperfect liberal democracies and perfect illiberal dictatorships.

I hope this brief reference to Dahrendorf can be an inspiring introduction to the presentation of Tim Garton Ash's latest book, *Homelands: A Personal History of Europe*. It was published in English in March and is being translated in at least 15 other languages. We are indeed delighted to let you know that Portuguese is one of those 15 other languages and that the book has just been published in Portugal under the title *Pátrias: Uma História Pessoal da Europa* – and it is available at our Estoril Political Forum.

It is now my pleasure and privilege to give the floor to the Portuguese publisher, Ms Guilhermina Gomes, from the publishing house “Temas e Debates”.

Thank you.