



Deputy Chief Minister

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Ten Speakers at Self-determination Symposium

A total of ten speakers from Gibraltar and abroad will address the seminar “Understanding self-determination in a Post World War Europe”. The symposium, which is being held at the Garrison Library, will be opened by the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia on Thursday at 10am.

On the Friday, former Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Development Joe Bossano will be one of the panellists who will address the symposium on the subject of “Gibraltarian self-determination in Post-War Europe.”

The papers which will be presented during the event will consider self-determination in its wider European context and will also include specific case studies from a Gibraltar perspective.

On Thursday, after the opening, Dr Jennifer Ballantine-Perera, the Director of the Garrison Library will discuss “Expressions of self-determination in Post-War Gibraltar”. The wartime angle will be covered by Dr Alfonso Escuadra from the Instituto de Estudios Campogibraltaenos who will cover “Unternehmen Felix: The military operation and its consequences”. He will be followed by Dr Kevin Lane, University of Cambridge and Institute for Mediterranean Studies of the University of Gibraltar on the subject of “Finding Felix: Understanding Gibraltar’s World War II Defences”. The final speaker on Thursday will be Tommy Finlayson MBE, local historian and former Gibraltar Archivist who will present a paper entitled “The Evacuation: A Life Changing Event”.

The Friday session will be opened by Sir Graham Watson and he will cover the “Declaration of Human Rights and its impact on current policies”. He will be followed by the Minister for Economic Development Joe Bossano on “Gibraltarian self-determination in Post War Europe”. The next speaker, Dr James Irving from the London School of Economics, will deal with “The Theory of colonial enclaves in international law”. Professor Jesus Verdu Baeza Professor of International Law and International Relations at the Algeciras Campus of the University of Cadiz will talk about “The end of World War II and Spain: Franco’s dictatorship and the decolonisation process of Spanish territories in Africa”. He will be followed by Dr Jamie Trinidad from Wolfson College, University of Cambridge who will focus on “Territorial integrity and the limits of self-determination”. The last speaker on the Friday will be Professor Marc Weller, Professor of

International Law and International Constitutional Studies in the University of Cambridge and Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. He will address the symposium on the subject of "Self-determination in the Post Colonial era".

There will be a number of question and answer sessions during the two days.

The symposium will take place on Thursday 22 (10am-5.40pm) and Friday 23 October (9.30am-5.40pm) at the Garrison Library and is free of charge. Members of the public who may be interested in attending should register with the Garrison Library.