CITIZENS AND POLITICS IN BRITAIN TODAY: STILL A ‘CIVIC CULTURE’?

One day conference, 26th September 2013, London School of Economics

11.00 Welcome and introduction
Peter Kellner, President YouGov (Chair)

11.10 Outline and purpose of conference
Dr Ben Seyd, University of Kent

11.20 The nature and causes of political discontent
Why do governments in Britain lose trust?
Professor Paul Whiteley, Co-Director, British Election Study, University of Essex

11.40 What is it about the political system that dissatisfies citizens?
Dr Nicholas Allen, Royal Holloway, University of London;
Professor Sarah Birch, University of Glasgow

Responding to political discontent

12.00 Will reform of the political system re-engage dissatisfied citizens?
Professor John Curtice, University of Strathclyde;
Dr Ben Seyd, University of Kent

12.20 Audience discussion
1.00 Lunch

What does the public want from politics?
What is it about politics in Britain that citizens dislike?
Professor Colin Hay, University of Sheffield;
Professor Gerry Stoker, University of Southampton

2.20 Attitudes to democracy and participation among British citizens
Professor Paul Webb, University of Sussex

2.40 What type of politics do citizens like and dislike?
Professor Christopher Carman, University of Glasgow

3.00 Audience discussion
3.45 Closing remarks
Peter Kellner; Dr Ben Seyd

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