



**LCF ‘Meet The Authors’ forum  
Lunchtime Roundtable Seminar  
Series, Seminar 5 - Friday, 18  
June 2021, 3pm -4:30pm (UK  
time)**

**LCF 2021 Forum Series 2:  
Meet The Authors – Seminar 2**

**– Programme –**

**The Aristocracy of Talent  
– How Meritocracy Made the Modern World  
(Penguin 2021)  
by Adrian Wooldridge**

Welcome and opening remarks by Professor Mads Andenas, QC  
and Dr. Maren Heidemann, LCF (host)

Book presentation of about 10-15 minutes by the author  
followed by discussion of the issues covered by the book  
facilitated by the moderator

**Audience participation is invited throughout the seminar**

**About the participants:**

**Guido Alpa** is Professor of Civil Law at the University of Rome 'La Sapienza'. He has held numerous visiting chairs at universities around the world, honorary degrees, and appointments and honours too many to mention. Having been the President of the Italian Bar Council for many years, he is a leading scholar of private and commercial law, but also covers many constitutional and regulatory topics, moving freely across the boundaries that divide the law. He is recognized internationally as a leading comparativist but also as one of the parents of European private law.

**Mads Andenas, QC** holds a Chair in the Faculty of Law, the University of Oslo, Norway. He is a founding director of the London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law and remains a Visiting Research Fellow of the Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford and a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London. He has held senior academic appointments in the United Kingdom, including as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London and Director of the Centre of European Law at King's College, University of London.

**Erika Barros Sierra Cordera** is a seasoned policy expert, with over 10 years of experience helping companies across all regions navigate the challenging landscape of international tech policy and regulation. She is currently Director of Policy at Vimeo, a global video platform, having previously worked as Head of Multinational Organisations at Access Partnership, a London-based leading tech policy consultancy, and as Policy Manager at Ernst & Young in New York and London. Earlier in her career, Erika also worked as a consultant for various companies and organisations and co-founded the Digital Leadership Council, a ground breaking multi-stakeholder platform aimed at developing and leading public policy campaigns in all areas that impact companies in the tech and digital space. Erika is a trained lawyer and Harvard Law School graduate.

**Maren Heidemann** is a founding director of the London Centre of Commercial and Financial Law. Dr. Heidemann is a fully qualified German lawyer and holds the degrees of LLM and PhD in commercial law from the University of Nottingham. She has held a number of full time and visiting academic appointments in the UK and abroad since 2007 including at the Universities of Westminster, Glasgow, Oslo, Berlin and Lisbon. Dr Heidemann has been working for the University of London since 2010 in various roles including as research fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), School of Advanced Studies, University of London and as Teaching Fellow and tutor at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) at Queen Mary, University of London. She is

the author of numerous books and articles including *M Heidemann, Transnational Commercial Law* (MacMillan Higher Education, London 2018). She has also worked as a manager in the non-profit sector since 1989.

**Garett Jones** is Associate Professor of Economics and BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University. Previously he held the positions of assistant professor at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville and visiting scholar at the University of California, San Diego. His research interests include macroeconomics, monetary economics, and the microfoundations of economic growth. His work has appeared in journals such as the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, the *Journal of Economic Growth*, and *Critical Review*. He has served as an associate editor of the *New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, and wrote the preface to the Dictionary's 3rd edition. His first book, published in 2015 by Stanford University Press, is entitled *Hive Mind: How Your Nation's IQ Matters So Much More Than Your Own*, and was reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal*. His second book, also with Stanford, published in 2020, is entitled *10% Less Democracy: Why You Should Trust Elites a Little More and the Masses a Little Less*, and was reviewed in *The Economist*. In addition to his academic work, Garett has also served as Economic Policy Adviser to Senator Orrin Hatch and as a staff economist to the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress. Prior to earning his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, San Diego, Garett earned a BA in history from Brigham Young University, a Master of Public Administration degree from Cornell and an MA in political science from UC Berkeley.

**Ettore Maria Lombardi** is Professor of Private Law and International Business Law at the University of Florence School of Law, where is also Director of the Executive Course on Alternative Investment, which is co-organized by the University of Florence School of Law and the Queen Mary University of London (Centre for Commercial Law Studies - CCLS), co-leading with Professor Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal of QMUL, and Director of the Mediation Advanced Course. He is currently Visiting Professor at Birkbeck College - University of London, Distinguished Scholar in Residence at St. John's University School of Law, New York City, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Visiting Fellow of the Institute for Global Law, London. Prior to opening his law firm, he was of counsel at DLA Piper (Rome-Milan), and is actually Member of the Arbitro Bancario Finanziario by appointment of Bank of Italy (Bologna, Italy) and President of the Supervisory Board on "231 Model" at Nuovo Pignone Holding S.p.A. (global holding of the Baker Hughes Company), Florence. Prof. Lombardi has been teaching and researching in the most prestigious American, British and German universities.

Among is over fifty minor publications both in Italy and abroad, Prof. Lombardi's most important Italian books are 'Warranty and Liability in the Sale of Consumer Goods', (Giuffré, 2010), 'The Financial Authorities' "Responsibilization": Models and Functions' (ESI, 2016) and 'The Impact of Digitalization on Intellectual Property: the Copyleft' (ESI 2020).

**Judge Ret. Marcello Marinari** is President of the Arbitro Bancario Finanziario in Bologna. A former judge, he is the Head of Secretariat – Office of the State's Undersecretary for Justice in Italy and Member of the Italian Ministry's Executive Office – Coordination Service for International Affairs. He was the Counsel in charge of the civil service at the Milan Court of Appeals and later, in 2008, he was appointed as President of the Montepulciano Tribunal (Italy). He was the President of the Institutions' Committee for the Development of the Conciliation (CISCON), promoted by the Milan Court of Appeals and other district institutions. He has conducted numerous research activities in Comparative Law at the English and French criminal judicial offices and he has participated in various seminars on ADR at the Federal and State Courts of California (USA). In May 2007 he acted as a Lecturer in the IV Module of the second level Master in "Conflict Management and Resolution. Legal framework, relational theories and ADR techniques", at the Law School of Roma Tre University (Italy), and he was a trainer of many other ADR courses. He is author of various ADR publications.

**Michele Papa** is full professor of Criminal law and Comparative Criminal law at the University of Florence. He was the Dean of the Law School (2006-2009) and Vice President of the University from 2009 to 2011. He was a visiting professor at Stanford University (2014-2020) and Columbia Law School (2011). Among his most recent publications are "Fantastic Voyage. A través de la especialidad del derecho penal" (2021) and many articles and essays including "Federalization of Criminal Law in the US" (2014), "Criminal Complicity" (2013), "Single or multiple offenses" (2013), "Comparative Criminal Law" (2012), "Crimes against property" (2011), "Enemy Criminal Law" (2009). He is co- director of the Italian major Criminal Law treatise "Trattato di diritto penale" (Utet); he is member of the editorial board of the Law review *Criminalia* and co-director of the law books Series "Quaderni di diritto comparato, internazionale ed europeo" (Giappichelli). His present research interests focus on Criminal law and Art, Legal design, the Theory of Comparative Criminal Law. He has been scientific consultant for the UN and the European Union Commission.

**Diana Philip** is a lawyer with extensive experience in the field of Public International Law and foreign policy. She has done cutting edge work on

promoting peace and security between nations and has to her credit an eclectic cross-sectoral experience spanning across 5 continents. A Masters of Law (LL.M) from Harvard Law School, Diana is the co-founder of the Harvard Law School Women's Alliance in India. She is also an Advisory Board Member at Open Minds. At present she serves as Senior Advisor-Government Relations for Dell Technologies engaged on policy issues ranging from cybersecurity, data governance, AI and digitization. Prior to joining Dell, she worked with Strategic Foresight Group (SFG), a foreign policy think tank, engaged in track-two diplomacy. She speaks 5 languages and her global work spans across leading organizations including the World Economic Forum (WEF-ASEAN), United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR) in Tanzania, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in India, Supreme Court of India and Independent Diplomat in USA

**Adrian Wooldridge** is The Economist's political editor and writes the Bagehot column; an analysis of British life and politics, in the tradition of Walter Bagehot, editor of The Economist from 1861-77. Adrian also used to write the Schumpeter column on business, finance and management. He was previously based in Washington, DC, as the Washington bureau chief where he also wrote the Lexington column. Prior to his role in Washington, he has been The Economist's West Coast correspondent, management correspondent and Britain correspondent. He is the co-author of "The Company: A Short History of a Revolutionary Idea", "A Future Perfect: The Challenge and Hidden Promise of Globalisation", "Witch Doctors", a critical examination of management theory, and "The Right Nation", a study of conservatism in America. His most recent books are "The Great Disruption: How Business Is Coping With Turbulent Times (2015) and "Masters of Management: How the Business Gurus and their Ideas have Changed the World—for Better and for Worse" (2011).