

The Rt Hon. Lord Patten of Barnes

Former Governor of Hong Kong

"Arriving in Hong Kong, more than anything else in my life, affected my views – both my views on political life and my views on leadership"

As the former Governor of Hong Kong, Lord Patten oversaw the handover to China in 1997. He was also the former Chairman of the BBC Trust, served as a Chairman of the Conservative Party and was involved in setting up the Good Friday Peace Agreement in Northern Ireland.

TOPICS:

- Dealing with the Chinese
- The Future of Europe
- European Politics and Economics
- World Affairs
- Leadership
- Crisis Management

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English.

PUBLICATIONS:

2008	What Next?: Surviving the Twenty-First Century
2006	Cousins and Strangers: America, Britain, and Europe in a New Century
2005	Not Quite the Diplomat: Home Truths about World Affairs
2004	The European Dream
1998	East and West: China, Power, and the Future of Asia
1983	Tory Case

IN DETAIL:

Lord Patten began his career in the Conservative Party, serving as Member of Parliament for Bath and joining the Cabinet. He served as Minister for Overseas Development at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was appointed to the Cabinet as Secretary of State for the Environment. Lord Patten chaired the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland, and in 1999, he was appointed as one of the United Kingdom's two members to the European Commission as Commissioner for External Relations.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Using the lessons learned in Hong Kong, Lord Patten is able to offer audiences tremendous insights into dealing with the Chinese. As a recent EU Commissioner he also has a wealth of expertise in European as well as global politics and economics.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Lord Patten is an eloquent speaker with a wealth of experience as a diplomat on the world stage, this together with his expansive knowledge of international relations, provides an excellent source for his witty and erudite presentations on the current worldview.

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