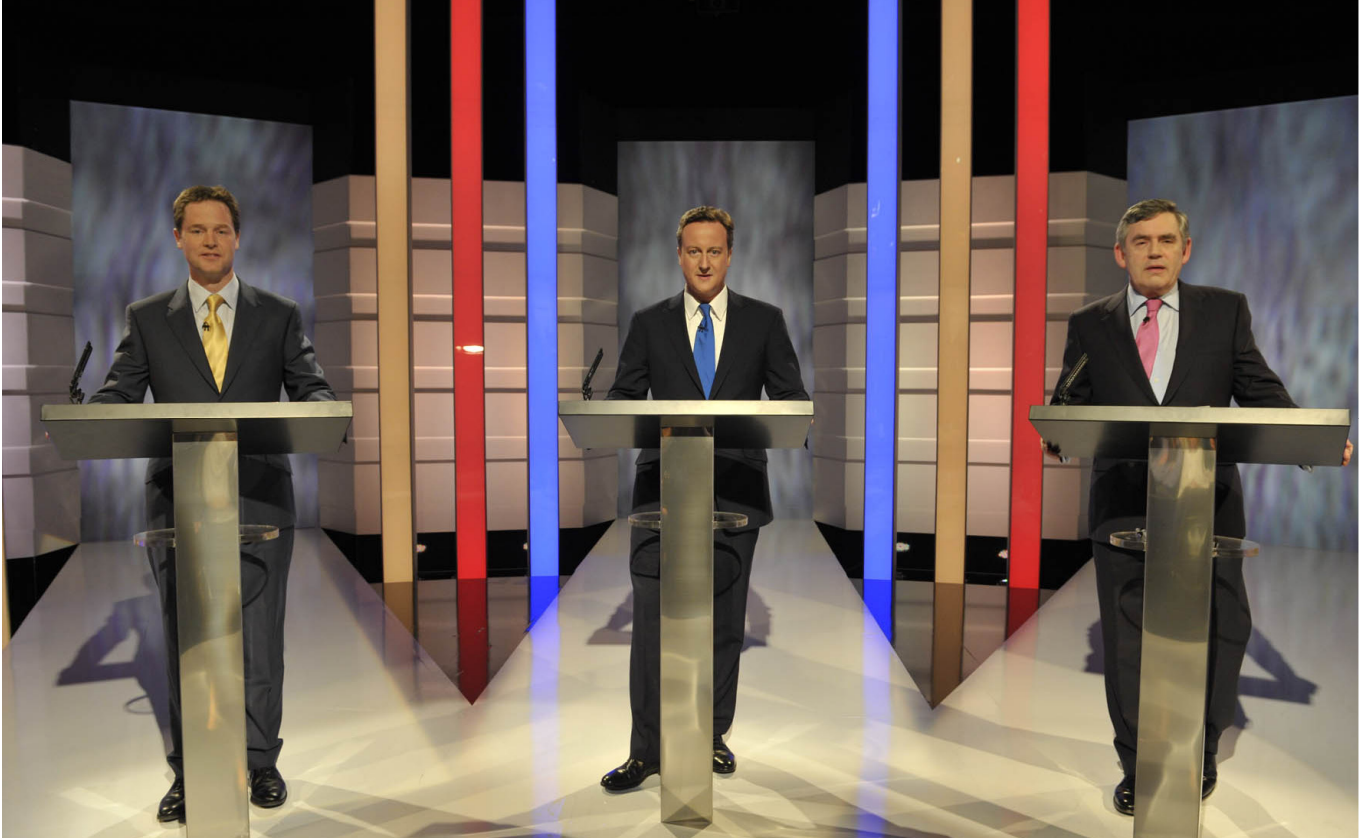




# ACADEMY EVENTS



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## Election 2010 – The TV Debates

### Panel Biographies:

#### **Andrew Neil (Chair)**

Andrew Neil is Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Press Holdings Media Group, Chairman and joint owner of Peters, Fraser & Dunlop, Chairman of ITP, and Chairman and joint owner of World Media Rights (WMR). In addition to his business responsibilities, Andrew is a well-known anchorman on BBC TV. He currently presents four editions of the Daily Politics on BBC2 every week, the award-winning This Week on BBC1 every Thursday night and Straight Talk with Andrew Neil on the BBC News Channel. During his career, Andrew has been lobby correspondent in the British Parliament, White House correspondent in Washington DC, then British Editor of The Economist, Editor of The Sunday Times of London and Executive Chairman of Sky Television, which he launched in 1989 as Britain's first multi-channel satellite TV platform.

**Adam Boulton** is political editor of the British television channel Sky News and former political editor for TV-AM. He presents Sunday Live and PMQ's. He has written for newspapers and magazines including The Times, Sunday Times, Guardian, Spectator, New Statesman and Independent. He is a winner of the Royal Television Society's Supreme Judge's Award and was elected 2007 Chairman of the Parliamentary Lobby.

Adam was moderator for the Leaders' Debate on Sky News.

**Sue English** is Head of Political Programmes, BBC News. She chaired the panel of broadcasters and political party representatives which negotiated the agreement for the Prime Ministerial debates and is responsible for the BBC's election results programme. Political Programmes produces political news on BBC TV, radio and online; Question Time, The Politics Show and This Week on BBC1; Today and Yesterday in Parliament on Radio 4 and BBC Parliament. Before joining the BBC, Sue was Deputy Editor of Channel 4 News.

**Michael Jerme**y is Director of News, Current Affairs and Sport at ITV. He represented ITV in the negotiations that led to the leaders' debates. He was commissioning editor of ITV's 'The First Election Debate' and chaired the panel that selected the audience questions for the programme. Michael has been a television news executive for the past 20 years.

**Alastair Stewart** is one of the UK's most experienced and respected newscasters, having presented national news bulletins since 1983. Alastair anchors the ITV Lunchtime News and co-presents the ITV Evening News. Alastair was awarded the OBE for his work in broadcasting and for charity. Alastair Stewart was moderator for the ITV Leaders' Debate

**David Muir** was Director of Political Strategy and Special Adviser to the British Prime Minister, The Rt Honourable Gordon Brown MP and played a leading role in the debate negotiations.

**Peter Luff MP** Peter was first elected as MP for Worcester in 1992 and then for the new Mid Worcestershire seat in 1997. In 1997, Peter was appointed chairman of the Commons Agriculture Committee. In 2000, he joined the frontbench as an Opposition Whip. He served as Assistant Chief Whip from 2002 to 2005. Since the 2005 election, Peter has been Chairman of the influential Business, Innovation and Skills Committee and its predecessors (the Trade & Industry and subsequently Business & Enterprise Committees).

**Olly Grender** - former press secretary to Paddy Ashdown. Olly didn't go to university, she says that Westminster was her training ground. There she became a master of the art of 'covert' persuasion, of fixing and lobbying behind the scenes.

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