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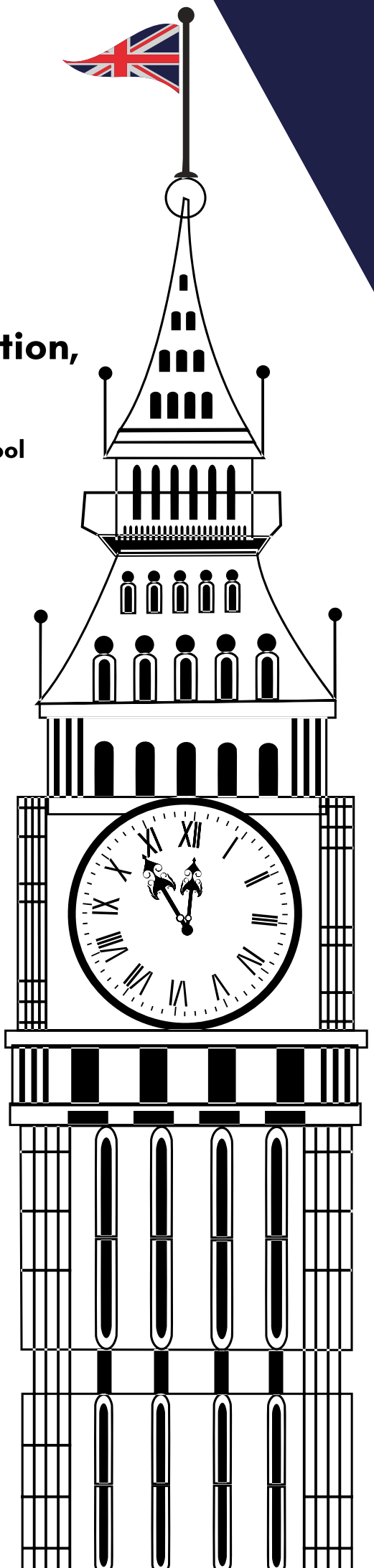

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PROGRAM

6:00pm	Reception
6:30pm	Dean Quelch's Welcome
6:35pm	British Consul's Opening Remarks and Introduction of Panelists
6:45pm	Panel Discussion - Samantha Knights - John Rodriguez - Manuel Santos - Sean Yazbeck
7:30pm	Q&A
7:50pm	Closing Remarks

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PANELISTS

David Prodger
Her Majesty's Consul General Miami

Sean Yazbeck
Founder of Scopeworker

Samantha Knights
QC - Barrister, Matrix
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Dr. Michele Boldrin
Joseph Gibson Hoyt Distinguished Professor in Arts and Sciences, and Chair, Department of Economics

John Rodriguez
FIG Director, Banks and Multi-Lateral Agencies, Latin America and Caribbean, Barclays Bank

David Prodger
Her Majesty's Consul General Miami

David has served in a number of roles at home and overseas, both with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and in the private sector.

Before taking his current post, David served as Head of European Security Policy in FCO London leading on NATO and EU defence policy. Previously, David was Deputy Head of Mission and Consul General at the British Embassy, Brussels, and Head of the Commercial Team at the Embassy in Buenos Aires. He has also held other posts in the FCO covering the Middle East and Latin America.

Prior to joining the FCO, David was a Chartered Surveyor where he worked for the UK’s national mapping agency, Ordnance Survey. He also held other private sector positions as a market research analyst, and previously as a surveyor in the upstream oil and gas industry.

Sean Yazbeck
Founder of Scopeworker

Sean Yazbeck is a British businessman with business interests in both the US and UK.

He owns the technology services company, Wavsys, which is an 'Inc. 500 Fastest Growing Company in America' and employs over 500 people. In 2017, he launched the digitized supply chain software, Scopeworker, which is automating the way companies like T-Mobile and Sprint procure and manage their billion-dollar supplier chains

Yazbeck graduated with a First Class Honours Bachelors Degree from Southampton Solent University in the UK where he is currently a Visiting Fellow. He was awarded the EB-1 visa green card for "persons of extraordinary ability". In 2006, the Mayor of Miami-Dade, Carlos Álvarez, designated a Proclamation Day for Yazbeck's achievements. In 2008, the Governor of Kentucky, Steve Beshear, bestowed the honorary title of Kentucky Colonel on Yazbeck.

Yazbeck lives between Miami Beach and Kensington in London. He is a member of the Miami Chapter of The Young Presidents' Organization (YPO).

Samantha Knights
Adjunct Faculty, J.D. Program,
University of Miami School of Law

Samantha Knights is a practicing barrister at Matrix in London, United Kingdom. Knights has been appointed Queen's Counsel in 2018. She is highly recommended in the legal directories and has a broad practice but focusing on civil liberties, immigration and asylum, public law, and international law. Her cases involve ground breaking developments in law before the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, and European Court of Human Rights and Court of Justice of the European Union. She has particular expertise in national security cases.

In addition to her role as Visiting Researcher at Harvard University working on her book Freedom of Religion, Minorities and the Law (OUP 2007), she has written for numerous academic journals including on issue of law and religion, diversity, and the human rights. She is a consultant to the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre which takes test cases to the European Court of Human Rights; an independent reviewer of police stop and search powers in the UK; and is working on a new publication Religion and Law (OUP) to be published in 2019.

At Miami Law in Spring 2018 Knights is teaching Legal Communication and Research Skills II as part of the international LL.M. program.

Dr. Michele Boldrin
Joseph Gibson Hoyt Distinguished Professor in Arts and Sciences, and Chair, Department of Economics

Michele Boldrin is the J.G. Hoyt Distinguished University Professor and Chair at the Department of Economics, Washington University in Saint Louis. He was an External Faculty member at the Santa Fe Institute from 1987 to 1997, where he served as Director of the Economics Program during 1989-1990. He has also held visiting positions at Stanford University, the University of Pennsylvania, UCLA, Academia Sinica, HKUST, Chinese University of HK, University of Chicago, Universita' Bocconi, IAS at Wuhan University, Beijing University, Kyoto University, and University of Tokyo, among others. His research focuses on the theory and application of Dynamic General Equilibrium models. He has written on economic growth, business cycles, asset pricing, the welfare system, innovation theory and technological progress, search theory, the labor market, intellectual property, fertility, and international trade. He has published three books; the fourth one, written in cooperation with David K. Levine, was published in August 2008 by Cambridge University Press, under the title Against Intellectual Monopoly.

He is currently a Fellow of the Econometric Society, an Associate Editor of Econometrica, an Editor of the Review of Economic Dynamics, and the Book Review Editor of Macroeconomic Dynamics. He is also a Research Fellow of CEPR (London) and FEDEA (Madrid), and an economic advisor to the Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis and to the Bank of Japan. In the past, he has held advisory positions with various governments, international organizations, central banks and private companies. He spends his time between Saint Louis (MO, USA) and Madrid (Spain) with his wife, Emanuela Corbetta.

John Rodriguez
FIG Director, Banks and Multi-Lateral Agencies, Latin America and Caribbean, Barclays Bank

John Rodriguez is a Director of Financial Institutions, Global Transaction Banking for Barclays Corporate Banking for the Latin America and Caribbean region.

He is based in Miami and leads a team that coordinates the banking requirements of Latin American institutions through the provision of trade finance, cash and liquidity management, FX, as well as localized support.

John joined Barclays in 2012 to provide FIG coverage for the Latin Americas region. He has extensive experience in a range of institutional and corporate coverage roles, including trade financing, commercial lending, cash management sales, institutional and corporate trust sales. He has a wealth of experience in the financial institutions space, having joined Barclays from HSBC and Wells Fargo, where he spent 17 years combined in a range of roles including trade and global transaction banking. He is a formally credit trained banker, having completed the credit management training program at Bank of New York Mellon (Irving Trust) at the onset of his career.

John holds a BA in Business Administration from Rutgers University and is a Graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking held at Georgetown University.

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