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are pleased to invite to the open lecture

"The Catalan conundrum: democracy and the challenge of secession in 21st Century Europe"

Speakers:
Professor Charles Powell, Real Instituto Elcano
and
Professor Miguel Otero-Iglesias, Real Instituto Elcano

The conference will take place on the 11th June 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw,
Collegium Iuridicum II at 4 Lipowa St. in Warsaw, room 1.2

Charles Powell read History and Modern Languages at Oxford University, where he later wrote a D. Phil. thesis on Spain’s transition to democracy. He was subsequently a Lecturer in History at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, the J. A. Pye Research Fellow at University College, Oxford, and a Junior Research Fellow at St. Antony’s College, Oxford, where he is currently a Member of the Senior Common Room.

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