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After reading Modern History at Oxford, his research into the German resistance to Hitler took him to Berlin, where he lived, in both the western and eastern halves of the divided city, for several years. From there, he started to travel widely behind the iron curtain. Throughout the nineteen eighties, he reported and analysed the emancipation of Central Europe from communism in contributions to the New York Review of Books, the Independent, the Times and the Spectator. He was Foreign Editor of the Spectator, editorial writer on Central European affairs for the London Times, and a columnist on foreign affairs in the Independent. In 1986-87 he was a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC.

Professor Timothy Garton Ash has written extensively about the recent history and politics of Europe, including the books *The Magic Lantern: The Revolution of '89 Witnessed in Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin, & Prague*, *The File: A Personal History*, *In Europe's Name* and *Facts are Subversive*. He writes a column on international affairs in the Guardian, which is widely syndicated, and is a regular contributor to the New York Review of Books, amongst other journals.

He directs the 13-language Oxford University research project freespeechdebate.com, and his latest book is *Free Speech: Ten Principles for a Connected World*. Awards he has received for his writing include the Somerset Maugham Award, Prix Européen de l'Essai and George Orwell Prize. In May 2017 he was awarded the Charlemagne Prize.

Topics (Selection):

- Free World - America, Europe and the Future of the West
- The Future of Europe
- The Relationship between the USA and Europe
- The Transatlantic Community: Conflicts and Opportunities