

# AS/A2 Politics Conference

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## The pre election conference: 2010 - a year of change?

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### Programme \*

We have posed a number of key questions and issues for our speakers as we approach the General Election:

### Jack Straw MP, Justice Secretary

#### What are Labour's new policy initiatives for 2010?

2009 has been a political year dominated by MPs expenses, Afghanistan, recession and speculation over plots against the Prime Minister. What about policy? What are the policy developments which will take the government into the next General Election?

### William Hague MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary

#### Do Tory policies meet the demands of 2010?

Will Tory policy persuade enough Lib Dems to defect and persuade enough Labour voters to stay at home? Serious questions are still asked about Tory policy on the NHS, Europe, education and the economy. Is the party united in these areas?

### Nick Clegg MP, Leader, Liberal Democrats

#### Lib Dem Policies and avoiding the Tory squeeze

Electoral success for the Lib Dems is not only about policies but also about avoiding the electoral squeeze if protest voters return to a 'progressive' Conservative Party. What can Nick Clegg do to stop a return to a traditional two party system?

### Hilary Benn MP, Environment Secretary

#### Can Labour win with Gordon Brown in 2010?

Is the Labour government going through a process of terminal disintegration - a replay of the Tories in 1997? What can the government do to counter the tide of discontent and bad news? Will Gordon Brown lead Labour into General election victory?

### Eric Pickles MP, Chair, Conservatives

#### Can David Cameron's Conservatives really topple Labour in 2010?

For the first time in a generation, the Conservatives look to have a reasonable prospect of government. Party Chairman Eric Pickles will have a key role in delivering a victory. What are the plans and the possible pitfalls for David Cameron on the road to Downing Street?

### Simon Hughes MP, Chair, Liberal Democrats

#### 'Official opposition' - is it still a realistic prospect for 2010?

A resurgent Tory party may leave the Lib Dems floundering again with low poll ratings and poor prospects for 2010. As Chair, Simon Hughes has the responsibility to galvanise the party for the election. What electoral progress can the Lib Dems realistically hope for in 2010?

### George Galloway MP, Leader, 'Respect'

#### How relevant are single MP parties?

When George Galloway left the Labour Party he founded 'Respect' and defeated a sitting Labour MP to become the new party's only MP. What does respect stand for? How does he see the future of New Labour? What is his role as the sole MP for his party?

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- **What's happening to families?** Professor Ros Edwards, London South Bank University
- **Important changes happening in education today?** Sophie Moullin
- **The state of religion 2009,** Dr Kristin Aune, University of Derby
- **Gender/women,** Dr Alison Phipps, University of Sussex
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- **How to achieve your best in Sociology,** Jonathan Blundell, Senior Examiner

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- **The causes of the credit crunch and recession,** Stephanie Flanders, Economics Editor BBC
- **Consequences of and cures for recession,** Hugh Pym, Chief Economics Correspondent BBC
- **How to lie with economic statistics!** Tim Harford- 'the Undercover Economist', the FT
- **Is it now time for Britain to join the Euro?**  
Professor John Sloman, the Economics Network
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