

## **The Honorary Graduate: Jonathan Dimbleby**

The Orator: Lynn Barlow

## Jonathan is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters

Jonathan Dimbleby is a writer, broadcaster and film-maker. He has presented Any Questions? for BBC Radio 4 since 1987. He presented ITV's flagship weekly political programme, Jonathan Dimbleby, from 1995 to 2006 and anchored the network's coverage of the 1997, 2001 and 2005 General Elections.

His latest book 'The Battle of the Atlantic' was published in October 2015. Prior to that Destiny in the Desert: The Road to El Alamein was published in October 2012 followed by the documentary Churchill's Desert War – The Road to El Alamein for BBC2. In 2008 his book Russia – A Journey to the Heart of a Land and its People was published to accompany the series Russia – A Journey with Jonathan Dimbleby for BBC2.

Other books include Richard Dimbleby; The Palestinians; Charles: The Private Man, The Public Face; and The Last Governor. In 2010 An African Journey with Jonathan Dimbleby was broadcast on BBC2 followed by A South American Journey in 2011. In 2015 his two part documentary The BBC at War was shown on BBC2.

His is currently working on a number of other projects including a book about Operation Barbarrossa, the German invasion of Russia in World War Two.

He is Chair of Dimbleby Cancer Care.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Jonathan's Contribution as a writer, broadcaster and historian.