

Churchill and De Gaulle: Statesmanship in a Democratic Age

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Thursday, June 18

9:30 Breakfast at the Alexander Hamilton Institute

10:45 Welcome and Introduction – Robert Paquette and Mary Nichols

11:00-12:30

Session 1: The Statesman as Writer and Thinker

Churchill, “The Dream,” 1947 (from Oxford Book of Essays)

Churchill, “Consistency in Politics” (from *Thoughts and Adventures*, ed. James W. Muller)
(first published in 1932)

De Gaulle, “Foreward,” and “On the Man of Character” (1932), from *The Edge of the Sword*

De Gaulle, “Foreward,” and “The Declaration of Unlimited Submarine Warfare” (1924), in *The Enemy’s House Divided*, trans. and intro. by Robert Eden

12:30-1:30 Lunch, Alexander Hamilton Institute

1:30-3:00

Session 2: Great Speeches

Churchill, “Bolshevik Menace” (1919) (from *Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat*)

Churchill, “Munich Pact Speech” (1938) from *Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat*

Churchill, “Finest Hour Speech” (1941) (from *Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat*)

Churchill, “Iron Curtain Speech” (1946) (from *Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat*)
Churchill, “Zurich Speech on European Unity” (1946) (from *Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat*)
De Gaulle, “Bayeux Address” (1946) (from *Major Addresses*)
De Gaulle, press conference on “Europe of Nations” (1962) (from *Major Addresses*)

3:30-5:00

**Session 3:
The Gathering Storm: The Statesman on Impending Danger**

Churchill, selections from *The Gathering Storm*
De Gaulle, selections from *The Complete War Memoirs of Charles de Gaulle*

**6:30 – Picnic at Hatch Lake,
at the Nichols Cottage
sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Institute**

Friday, June 19

9:30 Breakfast at the Alexander Hamilton Institute

11:00-12:30

**Session 4:
The Statesman as Critic of Mass Society**

Churchill, “Mass Effects in Modern Life” (1932) (from *Thoughts and Adventures*)
De Gaulle, “Call to Honor” (Oxford Address) (1941)

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**Session 5:
Three Churchillian Essays**

Churchill, “Shall We Commit Suicide?” (from *Thoughts and Adventures*) (1932)
Churchill, “Fifty Years Hence” (from *Thoughts and Adventures*) (1932)
Churchill, “Painting as a Pastime” (from *Thoughts and Adventures*) (1932)