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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am honoured to serve as President of New Direction, the political foundation leading the debate on European reform.

2020 marks a decade of ground-breaking research, in which the Foundation has shaped not only the political discussion in Europe but also the direction of the conservative movement around the world. We have produced more than two hundred reports and policy briefs, and hosted over a hundred conferences and seminars - and we have been honoured to have politicians, government ministers, advisers, academics, business leaders and journalists: participate and contribute.

In the coming years we will continue to offer further ideas for European reform and promote our message of change rooted in individual freedom and liberty for all Europeans. We will continue to champion the goals of the wider Conservative family and protect the values set out in the Prague and Reykjavik Declaration.

I would like to also pay tribute to New Direction's Board: **Rafaele Fitto** (Italy), **Karol Karski** (Poland), **Ruža Tomašić** (Croatia), **Valdemar Tomaševski** (Lithuania), **Aguilar Mazaly** (Spain), **Roberts Zile** (Latvia) and **Angel Dzhambazki** (Bulgaria), and of course, none of our work would be possible without our effective management and secretariat.

On behalf of all the New Direction team, thank you for your support and contributions. Our foundation is building the intellectual case for a popular Conservative movement, and we hope you will join us in our ambitious goal.

Yours truly,

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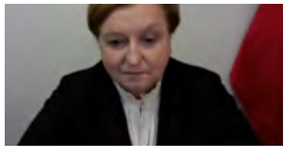

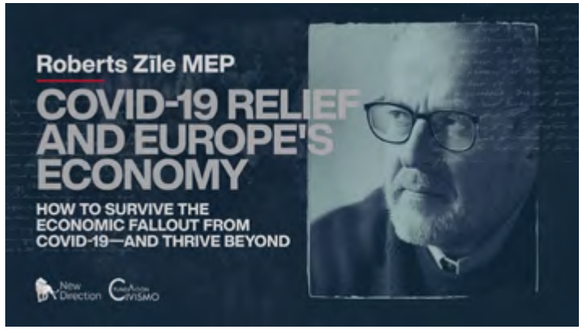

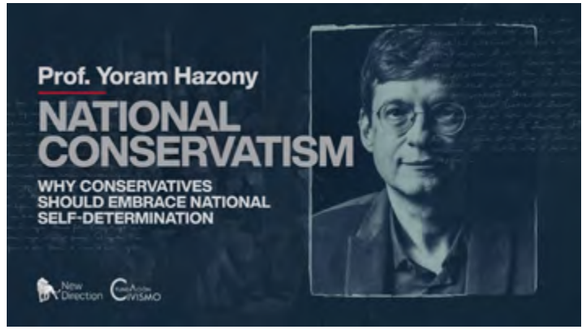

New Direction's opinion journal that gathers the thoughts of world-renowned experts, on the crucial issues facing Europe today.

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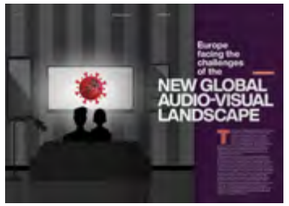
the-european-journal

We have published the second issue of our flagship magazine, devoted to providing Conservative answers to some of the greatest challenges we face. Policy makers around the world will focus on "**Building Back Better**" and it is a crucial time to be involved in this debate and to shape the nature of the recovery. Kickstarting our battered economies and creating jobs after months of rolling lockdowns and social distancing, and with Cop26 taking place later this year, we believe, recovery can be married with the need to invest in clean technologies and natural assets. Conservatives in particular, with our belief in intergenerational equity and our preference for market-based solutions, will have a critical role to play.



That's why, we invited James Cullimore and Lois Toole to write about the history of Conservative environmentalism. The challenge is too important to leave to the Left and is now time for Conservatives to reclaim their heritage as the original conservationists. We owe it to the next next generation to step up.

In this edition, we have invited the most influential conservative experts and reseachers such as Ted-Christie Miller who discusses how to put nature at the heart of the recovery from Covid 19, whilst, Dr Ben Cladecott writes about how private finance can deliver net zero, and Rachel Wolf writes about the pro-market case for carbon pricing. Royal United Services Institute's Michael Stephen's pens an article about why climate change is the greatest security challenge of our time, and the Managing Director of Iceland about how fragile our agricultural sector is. Alex Flint writes about why US Republicans are waking up the threat of climate change and Leo Shanahan writes about realising Australia's renewable energy potential.

It's not all about politics in the European Journal. We have an essay on the artistic movements that died with the spanish flu, and a travel guide to Odessa, Cilento and Delft. Professor Pogorel discusses, the new global audio-visual landscape, Dr Jo Twist writes about what video gaming and e-sports, while Lord Ashcroft discusses how we can put a stop to the barbaric lion trade. We also have further exciting coverage of art, music, technology, media, economics, sport, travel and lifestyle.

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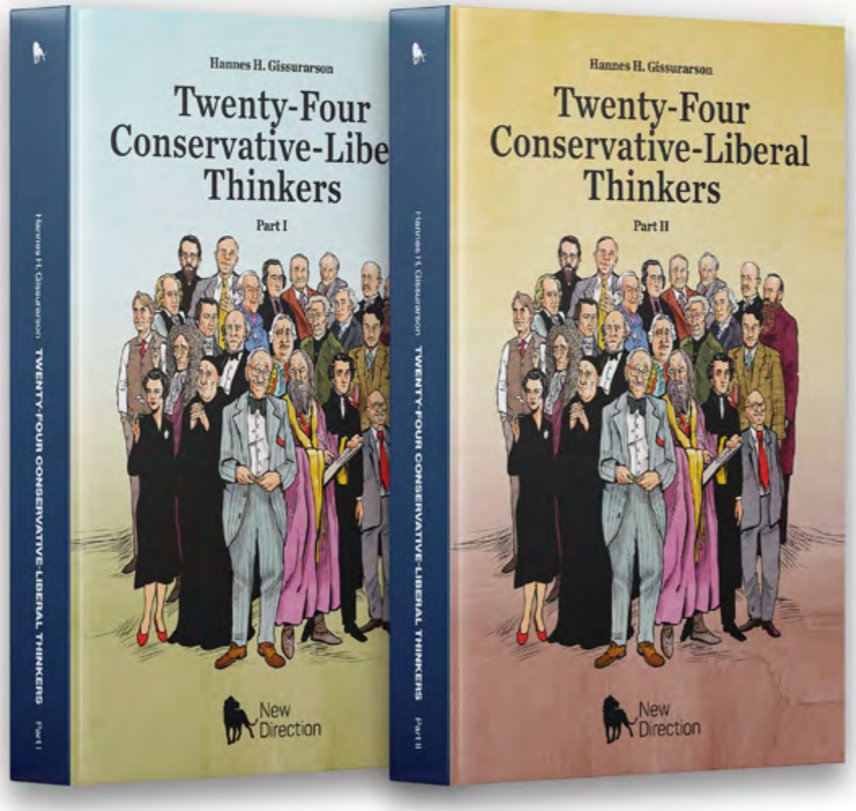
This year, as part of our project on *(Re)Discovering Conservatism*, we started publishing classic books from conservative thinkers with the aim to look for inspiration in the heritage of conservative thought.



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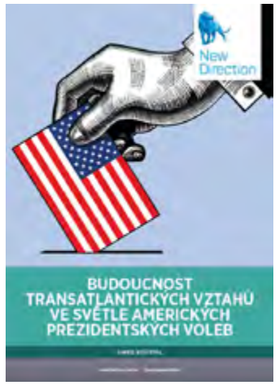

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THE EUROPEAN JOURNAL

New Direction's opinion journal that is devoted to fresh thinking on the big subjects, by some of the finest writers at work today.

(RE)DISCOVERING CONSERVATISM

Webcast series that will seek to revisit conservative approaches to the most pressing policy and political issues of our time, in Europe and beyond.

LA CONVENCIÓN AZUL

Pre-eminent free market forum brings together the foremost free market advocates and thought-leaders from business, government, academia and the not-for-profit sector in order to shape the debate on global growth.

ACADEMIES & UNIVERSITIES

New Direction is investing in Europe's next generation by training young academics in strategic leadership, research techniques and effective communications.

WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT

New Direction hosts annually its Western Balkans Summit bringing together politicians and experts from countries across the EU and the Western Balkans to discuss the progress made in recent years, current situation and challenges, as well as future priorities of the EU in the Western Balkans.

THE ANNUAL MARGARET THATCHER DINNER

New Direction's annual dinner is held in the honour and memory of our founding patron, Baroness Thatcher.

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