

RETHINKING OPEN SOCIETY: NEW ADVERSARIES AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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THE DEBATE:

“Does Open Society Have a Future?”

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BOOK LAUNCH AND DEBATE WITH:



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