Much was talked about the “special relationship” between the United Kingdom and the United States of America, during David Camerons recent visit to Washington. Many newspapers reminded their readers that the term was coined more than sixty years ago by Winston Churchill. On the occasion of the opening of the academic year 2010/2011 Professor Cannadine will talk about the relationship between the US and the UK in the twentieth century, examined through both the eyes and life of Winston Churchill.

Professor Sir David Cannadine is one of the leading British historians, best known for his books The Decline and Fall of the British Aristocracy and Ornamentalism. His book In Churchill's Shadow was published in 2002. Professor Cannadine was director of the Institute of Historical Research from 1998 to 2003 and was selected as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Professor of British History there in 2003. He was knighted in 2009.

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