



**John Simpson, CBE**

*BBC World Affairs Editor, Broadcaster, Author and Columnist*

John Simpson is an accomplished journalist, broadcaster, columnist and author and is currently the World Affairs Editor at the BBC. An enthralling and engaging public speaker, Simpson uses his extensive journalistic experience to entertain audiences across the globe. He speaks on a variety of topics, including current affairs and world politics, as well as using personal anecdotes to discuss his experience within the broadcasting industry.

John Simpson, who was born in London in 1944, is an acclaimed foreign correspondent and has spent his entire working life at the BBC. Joining as a trainee sub-editor in 1966 and becoming a reporter in 1970, he is now a senior member of the London-based foreign and specialist correspondents Team for BBC News. During his career, he has reported from more than 125 countries, including 41 active war zones, and has interviewed some of the world's most famous and controversial leaders, such as Osama Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and Colonel Gaddafi.

Simpson is an acclaimed author and has written several non-fiction best-sellers as well as a number of autobiographical pieces, documenting his time as a correspondent, of the same calibre. His works include *Strange Places*, *Questionable People*; *Unreliable Sources: How the Twentieth Century was Reported* and *A Mad World, My Masters: Tales from a Traveller's Life*.

Throughout his career, John Simpson has received a number of awards, cementing his position as one of the world's most experienced and authoritative journalists. He received a CBE in the Gulf War honours list in 1991, won an Emmy for his BBC Ten O'Clock News report on the fall of Kabul, has received three BAFTAs and was presented with the International Ischia Journalism Prize, Italy's most prestigious media award, in 2010. John has received a host of honorary doctorates and became an honorary fellow at Magdalene College, Cambridge as well as the Chancellor at Roehampton University, in 2005.

Following John's deep intrigue in the East and more notably, Russia, he was one of the first to jump at the opportunity to report on the Federation's invasion of Crimea. As a result of these reports, in the last few weeks alone, John has appeared on more than a million television screens.