

“Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination”

Keynote Speaker:

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Simon Baron-Cohen is Professor of Developmental Psychopathology, University of Cambridge and Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge. He is Director of the Autism Research Centre in Cambridge. He is author of *Mindblindness*, *The Essential Difference*, *Prenatal Testosterone in Mind*, and *Zero Degrees of Empathy*. In 2016 he appeared in the BBC2 documentary *Employable Me*, revealing the remarkable strengths in people with autism and discussing how to promote inclusion. He has received awards from the British Psychological Society, the American Psychological Association, and received the Kanner-Asperger Medal from the German Society for research into autism. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, Vice-President of the National Autistic Society, and President-Elect of the International Society for Autism Research. He was Chair of the NICE Guideline Development Group for Autism (Adults) and is co-editor in chief of the journal *Molecular Autism* and a National

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