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## IPA LAUNCHES 'MAGNA CARTA: THE TAX REVOLT THAT GAVE US LIBERTY'

The Institute of Public Affairs is delighted to announce the launch of *Magna Carta: The Tax Revolt That Gave Us Liberty* on the day of its 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In this accessible and engaging book, IPA Senior Fellow Chris Berg and Executive Director John Roskam explain what the Magna Carta is, where it came from, and why it matters.

"Magna Carta is a founding document of individual liberty, the rule of law and parliamentary democracy," says Chris Berg, co-author of the book.

"Our liberty, democracy, and human rights are all in some way related to what was inscribed on parchment at Runnymede in June 1215," says Mr Berg.

On 15 June 1215, the Magna Carta was agreed to by King John. This followed a rebellion by English barons against the King, in large part due to the King's tax policies.

"This is the history of Magna Carta that is often neglected in modern politics. At its heart, Magna Carta is first and foremost about tax," says Mr Berg.

"The Magna Carta established the fundamental link between tax and consent. 'No taxation without representation', and all similar claims throughout history, derives from this historical document," says Mr Berg.

The Magna Carta is one of the most important documents in the history of Western Civilisation. This book shows why it has remained so relevant, and why the lessons from the signing of the Magna Carta are more important now than they have ever been before.

*Magna Carta: The Tax Revolt That Gave Us Liberty* is available on Kindle at this link:

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