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Programme

Russia and Ukraine: how will the counter offensive impact on our short- and long-term strategy for security in Europe and beyond?

1-2 June 2023

(with departure after breakfast on 3 June)

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A note about the programme:

A largely in-person/residential Ditchley conference, with Ditchley's bespoke 'Bridge' technology permitting the inclusion, via Zoom, in sessions to be specified of invited speakers or participants.

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Day 1 – Thursday 1 June

	<p>Arrivals: Guests arriving by train will be collected from the 1006 service from London Marylebone, arriving at Oxford Parkway at 1120.</p>
1245 BST	Lunch
1355 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY I	Prospects for the counteroffensive and its impact on the war
1400 BST	<p>Welcome Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold.</p> <p>Introductions Director introduces the Speakers. General Christopher G. Cavoli Mr Jeremy Bowen General Sir Richard Barrons</p>
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.
1525 BST	After closing remarks from the Speakers, Director provides explanation for the remainder of the day's programme.
1530 BST	Tea in the Saloon
1555 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY II	Longer-term security strategy in Europe: containing Russia and deterring China
1600 BST	<p>Introductions Director introduces the Speakers. The Rt Hon. James Heappey MP The Hon. Stephen Biegun Professor Timothy Garton Ash CMG</p>
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.
1725 BST	After closing remarks from the Speakers, Director provides explanation for the remainder of the day's programme.
1730 BST	Coffee in the Saloon
1755 BST	Participants take their seats in their break-out rooms .

Working Group discussions – Session One	
1800 BST	<p>Group A A breakthrough counter offensive: impact on short-term and long-term strategy</p> <p>Group B Moderate Ukrainian success: impact on short-term and long-term strategy</p> <p>Group C A stalled or failed counteroffensive: impact on short-term and long-term strategy</p>
1930 BST	Drinks in the White Drawing Room
2000 BST	Dinner <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall.</i>
2215 BST	For those guests who have been notified that they will be accommodated at The Bear hotel, transport leaves Ditchley for Woodstock.

Day 2 – Friday 2 June

0815 BST	Transport leaves The Bear for Ditchley
0830-0910 BST	Breakfast
0915 BST	Participants take their seats in their break-out rooms .
Working Group discussions – Session Two	
0920 BST	<p>Group A A breakthrough counter offensive: impact on short-term and long-term strategy</p> <p>Group B Moderate Ukrainian success: impact on short-term and long-term strategy</p> <p>Group C A stalled or failed counteroffensive: impact on short-term and long-term strategy</p>
1045 BST	Working Group discussion closes
	Coffee
1110 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .

PLENARY III	Russia: the impact of the war. Can President Putin deliver a long war? (a hybrid session, with invited remote speakers)
1115 BST	Director introduces the Speakers. Mr Alexander Gabuev Mr Sergey Vakulenko Ms Alexandra Prokopenko
	After remarks from the Speakers, comments and questions are invited from the participants.
1245 BST	Buffet lunch
1405 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY IV	Reports from the Working Groups
1410 BST	Welcome Director, James Arroyo, welcomes everyone back and explains the procedure. <i>The Rapporteur and Chair of each working group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before the remaining members of that group are invited to add their comments.</i> <i>Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.</i>
1415 BST	Presentation of Group A's discussions
1445 BST	Presentation of Group B's discussions
1515 BST	Presentation of Group C's discussions
1545 BST	Group photo, followed by afternoon tea
1615 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY V	Conference Rapporteur presentation
1620 BST	The Conference Rapporteur, Professor Joseph S. Nye , will provide his reflections on the discussions over the course of the conference, identify unresolved questions or areas where agreement was not reached; and highlight any conclusions or concrete recommendations that may have emerged. Brief final interventions from the participants
1655 BST	Director's closing remarks
1700 BST	Conference closes Brief break (coffee available in the Saloon)
1720 BST	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Bear for those who wish to change for dinner

	Conference Briefing	
	The following session will bring an invited audience from the wider Ditchley community, via Zoom, to hear a presentation of the of the main findings, lines of discussion and conclusions (if any) from the conference, and to participate in a Q&A, all subject to the Ditchley Rule.	
	In-person participants	Remote participants
1720 BST	Panellists, and those wishing to participate, take their seats in the Library for a post-conference presentation to a wider Ditchley audience.	A Zoom Waiting Room will be in operation until the formal start time of 1730 BST. <i>You will be sent a separate Zoom link for this briefing.</i>
1230 EDT 1730 BST 1830 CEST 1930 EEST	Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&A: <i>Russia and Ukraine</i>	
1330 EDT 1830 BST 1930 CEST 2030 EEST	Briefing closes	
1900 BST	Transport leaves The Bear for Ditchley	
1915 BST	Drinks in the White Drawing Room	
2000 BST	Black-tie Dinner and overnight <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall.</i>	
2230 BST	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Bear.	

Legend:

EDT	Eastern Daylight Time
CEST	Central European Summer Time
EEST	Eastern European Summer Time

Day 3 – Saturday 3 June

Guests accommodated at The Bear

- 0800 BST** Breakfast at The Bear
- 0925 BST** Transport leaves The Bear for London, stopping at Uxbridge Underground station and at London Marylebone station.

Guests accommodated at Ditchley

- 0800 BST** Breakfast
(please place your luggage outside your door before you go to breakfast)
- 0910 BST** Transport leaves Ditchley for London, stopping at The Bear, then at Uxbridge Underground station and at London Marylebone station.

NOTE 1: Luggage

It is helpful if your luggage is labelled with your name, so that your luggage may more easily be directed on arrival and departure.

If you are staying at The Bear:

On Thursday afternoon, your luggage will be transferred to the hotel, and our Staff will arrange your check in. You will receive your room key on Thursday afternoon and will have immediate access to your room on arrival after dinner on Thursday evening.

If you are staying at Ditchley:

Please place your baggage (other than hats, coats and hand luggage) outside your bedroom **by 8am** on Saturday, so that it may be collected and brought to the Hall ready for departure. Individual arrangements will be made should anyone need to leave earlier.

Please note: Luggage will be arranged in the Hall according to whether you are travelling to central London, to the airport or by car. Please check that your luggage is in the correct place prior to your departure and avoid placing belongings in the vicinity of luggage destined for the station or airport if that is not where you are travelling.

NOTE 2: Internet Access

Wi-fi is available throughout the main house and Lower House. The network name is 'Ditchley Guest' and no password is required.