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## Programme

# Geopolitics & Business: Inevitably, the one about Trump

4-6 April 2025

A Ditchley conference at Greentree, building on global finance discussions inaugurated by Ditchley at Mill Reef in 2019

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**A note about the programme:**

An in-person Ditchley conference

**Legend:**

EDT Eastern Daylight Time

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Day 1	Friday 4 April	
	<b>Arrivals:</b> Individuals arriving at Greentree. <i>(Please see accompanying note on 'Travel Guidance')</i>	
1200 EDT	Light lunch for participants arriving early (Great Room, Main House)	
1500 EDT	Tea in the Living Room, Main House	
1525 EDT	Participants take their seats in the Main Meeting Room, Whitney Center	
1530 EDT	<b>Welcome</b> Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold.  <b>Introductions</b> Director introduces the Speakers (TBC)	
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.  Please use your nameplate if you are in the room, to indicate that you would like to speak. <i>Your active participation in the discussion is encouraged.</i>	
<b>PLENARY I</b>  1530 EDT	<b><i>What will be the impact of the Trump Administration's actions for the environment for business in the US?</i></b>  <b><i>Speakers: tbc</i></b>	
1700 EDT	Coffee (Whitney Center Gallery)	
<b>PLENARY II</b>  1730 EDT	<b><i>How will the impact of a changing environment in the US for trade and investment affect business globally, in terms of flows of capital and supply chains?</i></b>  <b><i>Speakers: tbc</i></b>	
1900 EDT	<i>Brief meeting of the Director, American Ditchley Chair, Working Group Chairs and Rapporteurs. (Main Meeting Room, Whitney Center)</i>	
1900 EDT	Drinks - Gallery, Whitney Center	

1945 EDT	Dinner - Whitney Center Dining Room (Seating plan displayed at the entrance to the dining room)
2115 EDT	After-dinner drinks (Whitney Center Gallery)

Day 2	Saturday 5 April
0815-0900 EDT	Breakfast, Whitney Center Dining Room <i>Coffee is available in the Whitney Center pantry 24/7 (self service)</i>  <b><i>Preparation for Departure</i></b> <i>Please take a moment today to speak with Ditchley staff to confirm your departure transfer.</i>
0915 EDT	<b>Working Group Discussions – Session One</b>  Discussion in Working Groups to consider detailed aspects of the terms of reference:  <b>GROUP A</b> will meet in Whitney Center Meeting Room A  <b>GROUP B</b> will meet in Whitney Center Meeting Room B  <b>GROUP C</b> will meet in the Whitney Center Living Room
1045 EDT	Coffee break and Group Photograph, Whitney Centre Gallery
1105 EDT	<b>Working Group discussions – Session Two</b>  <b>GROUP A</b> will meet in Whitney Center Meeting Room A  <b>GROUP B</b> will meet in Whitney Center Meeting Room B  <b>GROUP C</b> will meet in the Whitney Center Living Room
1245 EDT	Drinks (Weather dependent: Whitney Center Gallery or Main House garden)
1300 EDT	Lunch (Weather dependent: Whitney Center Dining Room or Main House garden)

1345 EDT	Time at leisure (see Notes, below)
1545 EDT	Tea (Whitney Center Gallery)
1615-1745 EDT	<p><b>Working Group discussions – Session Three</b></p> <p><b>GROUP A</b> will meet in Whitney Center Meeting Room A</p> <p><b>GROUP B</b> will meet in Whitney Center Meeting Room B</p> <p><b>GROUP C</b> will meet in the Whitney Center Living Room</p>
1900 EDT	Drinks (Main House Living Room)
1945 EDT	Black Tie Dinner - Great Room, Main House Seating plan displayed at the entrance to the dining room.
2130 EDT	After-dinner drinks (Main House Living Room)
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Sunday 6 April</b>
	<p><u>Before you go to breakfast, please:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take, or arrange with the Receptionist, for your luggage to be transferred to the Whitney Center. You will be leaving from the Whitney Center.</li> <li>• Deposit your key at Reception in the building in which you are accommodated.</li> </ul>
0730-0810 EDT	<p>Breakfast, Whitney Center Dining Room</p> <p><b>Please see Note about luggage, below</b></p> <p><b>Director, American Ditchley Chair, Working Group Chairs and Rapporteurs:</b> breakfast meeting in Whitney Center, Meeting Room A</p>
0825 – 0915 EDT	<p>Presentation and discussion of <b>Group A's</b> report Whitney Center Main Meeting Room</p>
0915-1005 EDT	<p>Presentation and discussion of <b>Group B's</b> report Whitney Center Main Meeting Room</p>
1005 EDT	Coffee, Whitney Center Gallery

1025 EDT	<i>Presentation and discussion of <b>Group C's</b> report</i> Whitney Center Main Meeting Room
	<b>Conference Rapporteur presentation</b>
1115 EDT	The Conference Rapporteur will provide his/her 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.
1155 EDT	Director's closing remarks
1200 EDT	<b>Conference closes</b>
1200 EDT	Drinks, Whitney Center Gallery
1230 EDT	Lunch (Whitney Center Dining Room)
<p><b>Departures</b></p> <p>You are asked to arrange flights departing no earlier than <b>3pm (from JFK)</b> or <b>3.15pm (from LaGuardia)</b> in order to allow for the journey from Greentree to the airport plus sufficient time for checking in. The following <b>group transfers</b> will be provided:-</p> <p><b>12.15pm</b> For those with flights leaving from <b>JFK after 3pm</b> or from <b>LGA after 3.15pm</b>, first vehicles depart for JFK and La Guardia <u>from the Whitney Center</u> – see note about luggage below.</p> <p><b>1.30pm</b> For those with flights leaving from <b>JFK after 4.15pm</b> or from <b>LGA after 4.30pm</b>, second vehicles depart <u>from the Whitney Center</u> – see note about luggage below.</p> <p><b>1.30pm</b> For those travelling by train, vehicle departs for Penn Station, from the Whitney Center – see note about luggage below.</p>	

## **Notes**

### **Saturday afternoon**

You will see that Saturday afternoon is free between lunch and 3.45pm for catching up with personal work, rest or to enjoy Greentree's facilities. These include a walking trail through landscaped grounds (guests must register with the Receptionist before using the 30-45-minute trail), taking in the Palm House and walled garden (please bring suitable footwear).

Facilities include a swimming pool (unsupervised: a minimum of two guests must swim together), a squash court, an outdoor tennis court as well as exercise equipment. There is also a Real Tennis – known in the U.S. as Court Tennis – court. Squash and outdoor tennis equipment is provided; guests wishing to play Real/Court Tennis will need to bring their own equipment. Black-soled shoes are not permitted on court.

A tour of the interior of the Main House may be arranged.

### **Transport around the Greentree estate**

The buildings on the beautiful 400-acre Whitney estate are between 5- and 15-minutes' walk apart. If you require assistance moving between the buildings, please speak with the Receptionist in each building to arrange an on-site driver for you. This service ends at 11pm. If you wish to avail yourself of transport to your accommodation after dinner, please bear this in mind.

### **Boxed lunch on Sunday**

Guests leaving Greentree before lunch on Sunday who would like a boxed lunch to take with them should make this known to Greentree staff on **Saturday morning**. The boxed lunches will be available to collect as you depart from the Whitney Center. Requests received after **12 noon on Saturday** may not be fulfilled.

### **Luggage/Checking out**

**Please bring your luggage** to the Reception area of the Whitney Center before the first conference session on Sunday morning (on-site transport is available upon request from Main House and Whitney Center Reception) and it will be stored until your departure. Please ensure your luggage is tagged with your name.

**Room Key:** please deposit your room key in the basket in the Reception area of your building (Main House, Whitney Center or Chester House) by the end of breakfast on Sunday morning.

**Please take a moment to re-confirm your departure plans** with Ditchley staff, to ensure that we have the latest information about how you plan to travel on Sunday.