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## Programme

# Special Relationships in Uncertain Times: how can US allies best prepare for outcomes of US elections

**10-12 October 2024**

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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, of invited speakers.

### **Legend:**

<b>PDT</b>	Pacific Daylight Time
<b>EDT</b>	Eastern Daylight Time
<b>BST</b>	British Summer Time
<b>CEST</b>	Central European Summer Time
<b>JST/KST</b>	Japan Standard Time / Korea Standard Time
<b>AEDT</b>	Australian Eastern Daylight Time

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Day 1	Thursday 10 October	
	<b>Arrivals:</b> Guests arriving by train will be collected from the 10.53 service from <b>London Paddington</b> , arriving at <b>Charlbury Station</b> at 12.05.	
1245 BST	Lunch	
	In-person participants	Remote participants
0555 PDT 0855 EDT 1355 BST 1455 CEST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .	Zoom call opened.  <i>Please mute your audio (to silence background noise) and keep your video on (for a more collaborative experience).</i>  <i>Ditchley telephone number, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline)</i>
<b>PLENARY I</b>	<b>Geopolitical consequences of the US presidential election: where do futures for international security and collective defence diverge, and where do they align?</b>  A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers	
0600 PDT 0900 EDT 1400 BST 1500 CEST	<b>Welcome</b> The Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold.  <b>Introductions</b> Director introduces the Speakers.	
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.	Please use the <b>'Hand Raise'</b> function in Zoom or raise 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>
0720 PDT 1020 EDT 1520 BST 1620 CEST	Closing remarks	
0730 PDT 1030 EDT 1530 BST 1630 CEST	Tea in the Saloon	Break
0755 PDT 1055 EDT 1555 BST 1655 CEST	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .	Participants rejoin the Zoom call.
<b>PLENARY II</b>	<b>Sustaining progress on climate change, and developing a coherent economic strategy towards China</b>  A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers	
0800 PDT 1100 EDT 1600 BST	<b>Introductions</b> James Arroyo introduces the Speakers.	

1700 CEST		
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0920 PDT 1220 EDT 1720 BST 1820 CEST	Closing remarks	
0930 PDT 1230 EDT 1730 BST 1830 CEST	Coffee in the Saloon	
0955 PDT 1255 EDT 1755 BST 1855 CEST	Participants take their seats in their <b>breakout groups</b> .	
<b>Working Group discussions – Session One</b>		
1000 PDT 1300 EDT 1800 BST 1900 CEST	Participants separate into three working groups.	
1125 PDT 1425 EDT 1925 BST 1825 CEST	Working Groups End	
1130 PDT 1430 EDT 1930 BST 1830 CEST	Close Drinks in the White Drawing Room	
2000 BST	Dinner <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i>	
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Friday 11 October</b>	
0830-0910 BST	Breakfast	
	<b>In-person participants</b>	<b>Remote participants</b>
0915 BST 1715 JST/KST 1915 AEDT	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .	Zoom call opened.  <i>Please mute your audio (to silence background noise) and keep your video on (for a more collaborative experience).</i>  <i>Ditchley telephone number, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline)</i>
<b>Plenary III</b>	<b>Global perspectives: views from the Indo Pacific and beyond</b>	

	A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers
<b>0920 BST</b> <b>1720 JST/KST</b> <b>1920 AEDT</b>	<b>Introductions</b> James Arroyo introduces the Speakers.
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.  Please use the <b>'Hand Raise'</b> function in Zoom or raise 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>1030 BST</b> <b>1730 JST/KST</b> <b>1930 AEDT</b>	Closing remarks
<b>1040 BST</b>	Coffee
<b>1100 BST</b>	Participants take their seats in their <b>breakout groups</b> .
<b>Working Group discussions – Session Two</b>	
<b>1105 BST</b>	Participants separate into their working groups.
<b>1235 BST</b>	Working Group discussion closes.
<b>1245 BST</b>	Buffet lunch
<b>1405 BST</b>	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .
<b>PLENARY IV</b>	<b>Reports from the Working Groups</b>
<b>0610 PDT</b> <b>0910 EDT</b> <b>1410 BST</b> <b>1510 CEST</b>	<b>Welcome</b> James Arroyo welcomes everyone back.  <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>  <i>Remote participants are welcome to rejoin.</i>
<b>1415 BST</b>	<b>Presentation of Group A's discussions</b>
<b>1445 BST</b>	<b>Presentation of Group B's discussions</b>
<b>1515 BST</b>	<b>Presentation of Group C's discussions</b>
<b>1545 BST</b>	Group photo, followed by afternoon tea
<b>0815 PDT</b> <b>1115 EDT</b> <b>1615 BST</b> <b>1715 CEST</b>	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .
<b>PLENARY V</b>	<b>Conference Rapporteur presentation</b>
<b>0820 PDT</b> <b>1120 EDT</b> <b>1620 BST</b> <b>1720 CEST</b>	The Conference Rapporteur will provide their 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 <i>Remote participants are welcome to rejoin.</i>	
1655 BST	Director's closing remarks	
0900 PDT 1200 EDT 1700 BST 1800 CEST	<b>Conference closes</b>	
<b>Conference Briefing</b>		
	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.	
	<b>In-person participants</b>	<b>Remote participants</b>
1715 BST	Panellists, and those wishing to participate, take their seats in the <b>Library</b> 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>
0930 PDT 1230 EDT 1730 BST 1830 CEST	Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&A: <b><i>Special relationships in uncertain times: how can US allies best prepare for outcomes of US elections?</i></b>	
1030 PDT 1330 EDT 1830 BST 1930 CEST	Briefing closes	
1915 BST	Drinks in the White Drawing Room	
2000 BST	Black-tie Dinner and overnight <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i>	
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Saturday 12 October</b>	
0800 BST	Breakfast <i>(please place your luggage outside your door <b>before</b> you go to breakfast)</i>	
0945 BST	Transport leaves Ditchley for Charlbury station for the 10.11 service to London Paddington, arriving at 11.23.	
	The House will remain open <b>until 11.30am</b> for those who would like to take a walk in the grounds or continue their conversation.	

**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 Bell:**

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.

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