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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 residential conference, held at Ditchley Park.

Legend:

BST British Summer Time

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Day 1	Thursday 10 October
	<p>Arrivals: Guests arriving by train will be collected from the 10.53 service from London Paddington, arriving at Charlbury Station at 12.05.</p>
1245 BST	Lunch
1355 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY I	<p>Alignments and divergences in US policy futures under Presidents Harris and Trump: what can we expect them respectively to prioritise?</p>
1400 BST	<p>Welcome The Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold.</p> <p>Introductions Director introduces the Speakers.</p> <p>Mr Steven Erlanger Mr James Arroyo – reflections from Washington discussions</p> <p>After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.</p>
1520 BST	Closing remarks
1530 BST	Tea in the Saloon
1555 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY II	<p>Developing a coherent economic strategy towards China whilst sustaining action on climate</p>
1600 BST	<p>Introductions James Arroyo introduces the Speakers.</p> <p>The Rt Hon the Lord Hill of Oareford CBE Ambassador João Vale de Almeida Ms Rachel Samson</p> <p>After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.</p>
1720 BST	Closing remarks
1730 BST	Coffee in the Saloon
1755 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .

PLENARY III	Revitalising security alliances and defending Ukraine
1800 BST	Introductions James Arroyo introduces the Speakers. The Rt Hon James Heappey Dr Jana Puglierin Mr David Angell After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.
1925 BST	Closing remarks
1930 BST	Close Drinks in the White Drawing Room
2000 BST	Dinner <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i>

Day 2	Friday 11 October
0830-0910 BST	Breakfast
0915 BST	Participants take their seats in their breakout rooms .
Working Group discussions – Session One	
0920 BST	Group A Deterrence and defence: maintaining transatlantic security in an Indo-Pacific decade Group B Geopolitics of climate: technology, industrial strategy and approaches to China Group C Building global economic security and prosperity
1030 BST	Coffee in the saloon and a group photograph .
1100 BST	Participants take their seats in their breakout groups .
Working Group discussions – Session Two	
1105 BST	Group A Deterrence and defence: maintaining transatlantic security in an Indo-Pacific decade

	<p>Group B Geopolitics of climate: technology, industrial strategy and approaches to China</p> <p>Group C Building global economic security and prosperity</p>
1235 BST	Working Group discussion closes.
1245 BST	Buffet lunch
1405 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY IV	Reports from the Working Groups
1410 BST	<p>Welcome James Arroyo welcomes everyone back.</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.</i></p> <p><i>Remote participants are welcome to rejoin.</i></p>
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	Tea in the Saloon
1615 BST	Participants take their seats in the Library .
PLENARY V	Conference Rapporteur presentation
1620 BST	<p>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.</p> <p>Brief final interventions from the participants.</p>
1655 BST	Director's closing remarks
1700 BST	Conference closes
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.

1715 BST	Panellists, and those wishing to participate, take their seats in the Library for a post-conference presentation to a wider Ditchley audience.
1730 BST	Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&A: <i>Special relationships in uncertain times: how can US allies best prepare for outcomes of US elections?</i>
1830 BST	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>

Day 3	Saturday 12 October
0800 BST	Breakfast <i>(please place your luggage outside your door before you go to breakfast)</i>
0945 BST	Transport leaves Ditchley for Charlbury station for the 1011 BST service to London Paddington, arriving at 1123 BST
	The House will remain open until 1130 BST 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 0800 BST** 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 by train, 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.