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Living with COVID-19: what are the implications for the world if a vaccine remains elusive?

15-16 October 2020

Programme

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A Note about the programme:

This programme encompasses programmes for guests in multiple time zones, as shown (these are not entirely comprehensive, due to space limitations). Please note the timings that relate to you. The intention is a discussion open to all countries throughout: insofar as possible we will include Far Eastern, Australasian and North American representatives who are resident in the Western Hemisphere time zones in those parts of the discussion. The purpose of the sessions with the Eastern Hemisphere are to allow us to include voices resident in the Far East and Australasia.

Legend:

BST: British Summer Time; CEST: Central European Summer Time; CST: China Standard Time; EDT: Eastern Daylight Time; JST: Japan Standard Time; PDT: Pacific Daylight Time.

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Day 1 – 15 October

Discussion in Western Hemisphere time zones:

	In-person guests	Remote guests
2.45pm BST	Tea in the Saloon	
3.30pm BST 4.30pm CEST 10.30am EDT 7.30am PDT		Ditchley host opens Zoom call (use the link sent to you via email) Ditchley telephone numbers, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline) +44 (0)7864 787995 (mobile)
3.40pm BST	In-person guests take their seats in the White Drawing Room	
3.45pm BST 4.45pm CEST 10.45am EDT 7.45am PDT	Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference. <i>Director invites everyone to mute their microphones and explains how the event will work, day by day</i>	
	PLENARY SESSION I <i>Perspectives on living with COVID-19</i>	
	Floor is opened for interventions from participants. <i>Director will call on participants who indicate a wish to speak, using the 'Hand Raise' function in Zoom, or by raising their placard in the room.</i>	
5.10pm BST/6.10pm CEST/ 12.10pm EDT/9.10am PDT	Director provides explanation for the remainder of the day's programme, and for re-joining the conference tomorrow	
5.15pm BST/6.15pm CEST/ 12.15pm EDT/9.15am PDT	Break for coffee or brief lunch, depending upon time zone (30 minutes)	
5.40pm BST/6.40pm CEST/ 12.40pm EDT/9.40am PDT	In-house guests take their seats in their break-out rooms	As guests re-join the Zoom call, they will be transferred to their Working Groups.
5.45pm BST/6.45pm CEST/ 12.45pm EDT/9.45am PDT	First session of Working Group discussions (Western Hemisphere time zones)	
	Group A: Public Health and Public Morality	
	Group B: Global Economy, Global Education and Globalisation	
	Group C: Geopolitics and the Technological Revolution	
7.15pm BST/8.15pm CEST/ 2.15pm EDT/11.15am PDT	Working Group discussion closes (hard stop)	
	Drinks in the Saloon	Break
8pm BST	Dinner	
9.30pm BST/10.30pm CEST/ 4.30pm EDT/1.30pm PDT	Opportunity for informal discussion face-to-face and via Zoom, in one group or in multiple, small groups	

Day 2 – 16 October

Discussion in European and Eastern Hemisphere time zones:

	In-person guests	Remote guests
8am BST	Breakfast	
8.45am BST 9.45am CEST 3.45pm CST 4.45pm JST		Ditchley host opens Zoom call (use the link sent to you via email) Ditchley telephone numbers, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline) +44 (0)7864 787995 (mobile)
8.55am BST	In-person guests take their seats in the White Drawing Room	
9.00am BST 10am CEST 4pm CST 5pm JST	Director, James Arroyo, and Chair, welcome remarks. Director invites everyone to mute their microphones and explains the procedure for the day. PLENARY SESSION II: China's perspective on living with COVID-19	
	Floor is opened for interventions from participants. <i>Director will call on participants who indicate a wish to speak, using the 'Hand Raise' function in Zoom, or by raising their placard in the room.</i>	
10.30am BST/11.30am CEST /5.30pm CST/ 6.30pm JST	Coffee break (30 minutes)	
11.00am BST/12pm CEST /6pm CST/7pm JST	Perspectives from Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Asia more broadly, on living with COVID-19	
12.30pm BST/1.30pm CEST /7.30pm CST/ 8.30pm JST	Break for lunch or dinner (55 minutes)	
1.25pm BST/2.25pm CEST/ 8.25pm CST/9.25pm JST	In-person guests take their seats	Remote guests re-join the Zoom call
1.30pm BST/2.30pm CEST/ 8.30pm CST/9.30pm JST	Perspectives from around the world on living with COVID-19: India, Africa, the Middle East and other global regions	
3.00pm BST/4pm CEST/ 10pm CST/11pm JST	Close of plenary session and farewell to Eastern Hemisphere participants.	
3.00 to 3.55pm BST	Break	

Day 2 – 16 October

Discussion in Western Hemisphere time zones resumes:

	In-person guests	Remote guests
3.45pm BST 4.45pm CEST 10.45am EDT 7.45am PDT		Ditchley host opens Zoom call (use the link sent to you via email) Ditchley telephone numbers, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline) +44 (0)7864 787995 (mobile)
3.55pm BST	In-person guests take their seats in their break-out rooms	
4pm BST/5pm CEST/ 11am EDT/8am PDT	Director welcomes everyone back, and explains the format for the remainder of the day	
	Second session of Working Group discussions (Western Hemisphere time zones)	
	Group A: Public Health and Public Morality	
	Group B: Global Economy, Global Education and Globalisation	
	Group C: Geopolitics and the Technology Revolution	
5.15pm BST/6.15pm CEST/ 12.15pm EDT/ 9.15am PDT	Afternoon tea break (15 minutes)	
5.30pm BST/6.30pm CEST/ 12.30pm EDT/ 9.30am PDT	In-person guests take their seats in the White Drawing Room for closing plenary sessions	Remote guests re-join the Zoom call
5.35pm BST/6.35pm CEST/ 12.35pm EDT/ 9.35am PDT	PLENARY SESSION III <i>Presentation and discussion of Group A's report</i>	
6.10pm BST/7.10pm CEST/ 1.10pm EDT/ 10.10am PDT	PLENARY SESSION IV <i>Presentation and discussion of Group B's report</i>	
6.45pm BST/7.45pm CEST/ 1.45pm EDT/10.45am PDT	PLENARY SESSION V <i>Presentation and discussion of Group C's report</i>	
7.20pm BST/8.20pm CEST/ 2.20pm EDT/11.20am PDT	PLENARY SESSION VI <i>Conference Rapporteur presentation</i> Final discussion, followed by closing remarks	
7.55pm BST/8.55pm CEST/ 2.55pm ETD/11.55am PDT	Close Remote guests: (Zoom call can be left open for those who would like to continue the conversation, whether in one group, or in small groups.)	
8pm BST	Drinks	
8.30pm BST	Dinner and overnight	

Day 3 – 17 October

8am BST **In-person guests:** Breakfast followed by departures

8.45am BST Transport to Charlbury station, for the 9.06am train to Paddington

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.

*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. 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 the station, 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 airport/station.*

NOTE 2: **Internet Access**

*Wi-fi is available throughout the ground floor of the main house. The network name is '**Ditchley Guest**' and no password is required.*