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# Freedom in democracies: navigating the collision of identity and freedom of expression in the digital age

**27-28 January 2022**
**(with departures on 29 January for in-person guests)**

# Programme

*Participants and observers are reminded of the private and confidential basis on which Ditchley Foundation conferences are held. All those participating do so in their personal capacities, not as spokespeople for any country or institution. In addition, all the proceedings take place under the '**Ditchley Rule**', whereby all contributions are unattributable and interventions are made in strict confidence; this also applies to exchanges that take place outside the formal sessions. Those present are free to draw afterwards on the substance of what has been said, but not under any circumstances to reveal to any person not participating in the conference who it was that said it. The Rule will be scrupulously observed in the Note later produced on the conference by the Director. The verbal discussions will **not** be recorded, and private Zoom chats are, by definition, private. Public Zoom chats (i.e. chats sent to 'Everyone') will be saved, as substantive comments and exchanges may potentially contribute to the final conference report.*

### A Note about the programme:

The following programme encompasses the timings for guests in multiple time zones, as shown (*these are not comprehensive, due to space limitations*). Inevitably, some sessions fall during guests' night-time hours at certain points in the programme and these guests are not expected to join at these times; however, all guests are welcome to attend all the sessions.

**Please note** the timings as they relate to you.

**Legend:**
**CET: Central European Time**
**EST: Eastern Standard Time**
**GMT: Greenwich Mean Time/UK time**
**MST: Mountain Standard Time**
**PST: Pacific Standard Time**
**SGT: Singapore Time**

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# Day 1 – 27 January

| | In-person guests | Remote guests |
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| | Arrivals:<br>Guests arriving by train will be collected from the 12.50 service from London Paddington, arriving at Charlbury at 14.00. | |
| **1500 GMT** | Tea in the Saloon | |
| **0745 PST**<br>**0845 MST**<br>**1045 EST**<br>**1545 GMT**<br>**1645 CET**<br>**2345 SGT** | | *Ditchley host opens Zoom call early, for those who would like to check their connection or who have a question.*<br><br>Ditchley telephone number, in case of need:<br>+44 (0)1608 677346 (landline) or email:<br>Conference.coordinator@ditchley.com |
| **1550 GMT** | In-person guests take their seats in the **Library** | |
| **0755 PST   0855 MST**<br>**1055 EST   1555 GMT**<br>**1655 CET   2355 SGT** | | Remaining guests join the Zoom call. |

**0800 PST**
**0900 MST**
**1100 EST**
**1600 GMT**
**1700 CET**
**0000 SGT**

Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference, *invites everyone to mute their microphone and turn on their video, and explains the procedure for the day.*

**PLENARY SESSION I**
***Who should define and police psychological harm in a democracy?***

Speakers:
Ms Sonia Sodha, The Observer
Professor Catharine Stimpson, New York University
Lord Sumption
Mr Toby Young, Free Speech Union

After introductory remarks, the discussion will be open for interventions from participants. Please use the **'Hand Raise'** function in Zoom or raise your nameplate if you are in the room to indicate your wish to speak.

*Your active participation in the discussion is encouraged. Remote guests: please familiarise yourself ahead of the conference with the location of the Hand Raise button: depending on your device, it is usually found under the 'Reactions' menu; under 'Participants', next to your name; or under 'More' on mobile devices.*

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| | In-person guests | Remote guests |
|---|---|---|
| **0930 PST   1030 MST**<br>**1230 EST 1730 GMT**<br>**1830 CET**<br>**Friday 0130 SGT** | Break (25 min)<br>Coffee in the Saloon | Break (25 min) |
| **0955 PST   1055 MST**<br>**1255 EST   1755 GMT**<br>**1855 CET   0155 SGT** | In-house guests take their seats in their **break-out rooms** | Guests re-join the Zoom call, using the *same* Zoom link. |

**1000 PST**
**1100 MST**
**1300 EST**
**1800 GMT**
**1900 CET**
**0200 SGT**

Following introductory remarks from the Director, participants will be moved into their Zoom break-out rooms.

*Please be ready to engage in active discussion and as a courtesy to your fellow group members, please keep your video on and multi-tasking to a minimum.*

**Working Group discussion, Session One**

**Group A**
**The balance between protection of the individual, identity and freedom of speech with reference to the Internet and online safety**

**Group B**
**Academic freedom in the round, exploring the challenges from "cancel culture", personal identity politics and authoritarian interventions**

**Group C**
**The competition between democratic and authoritarian countries to define the limits of freedom of identity and freedom of expression in the world, including and especially within democratic countries**

**1130 PST   1230 MST**
**1430 EST   1930 GMT**
**2030 CET   0330 SGT**

Working Group discussion closes (hard stop: *Zoom break-out groups close automatically*)

| | In-person guests | Remote guests |
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| **1930 GMT** | Drinks in the White Drawing Room | Break |
| **2015 GMT** | Dinner | |
| | *The following session is designed to bring together participants in North America, and others who may wish to join the discussion at this time.* | |
| **1250 PST   1350 MST**<br>**1550 EST   2050 GMT**<br>**Friday:**<br>**0450 SGT   0750 AEDT** | (Night-owls who wish to join this session should connect to Zoom using their personal mobile device.) | Ditchley host opens Zoom call. Guests re-join the Zoom call using the *same* Zoom link as before. |

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| 1300 PST   1400 MST<br>1600 EST   2100 GMT<br>**Friday:**<br>0500 SGT   0800 AEDT | | **Group D**<br><br>**Identity and freedom of expression in the US: does the First Amendment need amending?** |
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| 1430 PST   1530 MST<br>1730 EST   2230 GMT<br>**Friday:**<br>0630 SGT   0930 AEDT | | Working Group discussion closes (<u>hard stop</u>: *Zoom break-out groups close automatically*) |

# Day 2 – 28 January

| | **In-person guests** | **Remote guests** |
|---|---|---|
| **0800 GMT** | Breakfast | |
| **0900 GMT** | Guests take their seats in the Library for<br><br>A Ditchley discussion:<br>***Perspectives from Indo-Pacific democracies on identity and freedom of expression***<br><br>Speaker:<br>Professor Yuichi Hosoya PhD, Keio University | |
| **1015 GMT** | Coffee | |
| **1035 GMT   1135 CET**<br>**1835 SGT   2135 AEDT** | Guests take their seats in the **Library** | *Ditchley host opens Zoom call.* |
| **1040 GMT   1140 CET**<br>**1840 SGT   2140 AEDT** | | Guests re-join the meeting using the *same* Zoom link as before. |

**1045 GMT   1145 CET**     **PLENARY SESSION II**
**1845 SGT   2145 AEDT**     *What must Internet legislation address in terms of harms and what must it protect in terms of freedom?*

Speakers:
Professor Nigel Biggar CBE, Christ Church College, Oxford
Ms Martha Spurrier, Liberty

After introductory remarks, the discussion will be open for interventions from participants. Please use the **'Hand Raise'** function in Zoom or raise your nameplate if you are in the room to indicate your wish to speak.

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|  | In-person guests | Remote guests |
|---|---|---|
| **1215 GMT**  **1315 CET**  **2015 SGT**  **2315 AEDT** | Break:<br>Time to check personal emails<br>Drinks in the Saloon | Break |
| **1245 GMT** | Buffet Lunch |  |
| **0545 PST**  **0645 MST**  **0845 EST**  **1345 GMT**  **1445 CET**  **2145 SGT** |  | *Ditchley host opens Zoom call.* |
| **0555 PST**  **0655 MST**  **0855 EST**  **1355 GMT**  **1455 CET**  **2155 SGT** | In-house guests take their seats in their **break-out rooms** | Remaining guests re-join the Zoom call using the *same* Zoom link as earlier. |

**0600 PST**  **0700 MST**
**0900 EST**  **1400 GMT**
**1500 CET**  **2200 SGT**

Following introductory remarks from the Director, participants will be moved into their Zoom break-out rooms.

*Please be ready to engage in active discussion and as a courtesy to your fellow group members, please keep your video on and multi-tasking to a minimum.*

**Working Group discussion, Session Two**

**Group A**
**The balance between protection of the individual, identity and freedom of speech with reference to the Internet and online safety**

**Group B**
**Academic freedom in the round, exploring the challenges from "cancel culture", personal identity politics and authoritarian interventions**

**Group C**
**The competition between democratic and authoritarian countries to define the limits of freedom of identity and freedom of expression in the world, including and especially within democratic countries**

**0715 PST**  **0815 MST**
**1015 EST**  **1515 GMT**
**1615 CET**  **2315 SGT**

Working Group discussion closes (hard stop: *Zoom break-out groups close automatically*)

|  | Tea | Break |
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| **1535 GMT** | In-house guests take their seats in the **Library** |  |

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| 0740 PST  0840 MST<br>1040 EST  **1540 GMT**<br>1640 CET  2340 SGT | | Remote guests re-join the Zoom call using the *same* Zoom link as earlier. |

Director welcomes everyone back, and explains the procedure for the following sessions

**Report-back sessions:**
*In a series of overlapping report-back discussions, the Rapporteurs and Chairs from each group will provide the main points, as they see them, to have emerged from their discussion, before the remaining members of those groups are invited to add their comments.*

*Each session will last approximately 20 minutes.*

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| 0745 PST  0845 MST<br>1045 EST  **1545 GMT**<br>1645 CET  2345 SGT | **PLENARY SESSION III**<br><br>**Presentation of key points from discussions in Group A**<br><br>**The balance between protection of the individual, identity and freedom of speech with reference to the Internet and online safety** |
| 0805 PST  0905 MST<br>1105 EST  **1605 GMT**<br>1705 CET<br>**Friday:** 0005 SGT | **Presentation of key points from discussions in Group B**<br><br>**Academic freedom in the round, exploring the challenges from "cancel culture", personal identity politics and authoritarian interventions** |
| 0825 PST  0925 MST<br>1125 EST  **1625 GMT**<br>1725 CET<br>**Friday:** 0025 SGT | **Presentation of key points from discussions in Group C**<br><br>**The competition between democratic and authoritarian countries to define the limits of freedom of identity and freedom of expression in the world, including and especially within democratic countries** |
| 0845 PST  0945 MST<br>1145 EST  **1645 GMT**<br>1745 CET<br>**Friday:** 0045 SGT | **Presentation of key points from discussions Group D**<br><br>**Identity and freedom of expression in the US: does the First Amendment need amending?** |
| 0905 PST  1005 MST<br>1205 EST  **1705 GMT**<br>1805 CET<br>**Friday:** 0105 SGT | **PLENARY SESSION IV**<br><br>**Conference Rapporteur presentation:** Ms Sonia Sodha<br><br>Final discussion, followed by closing remarks |

| | In-person guests | Remote guests |
|---|---|---|
| 0940 PST  1040 MST<br>1240 EST  **1740 GMT**<br>1840 CET **Friday:** 0140 SGT | Short coffee break | Conference closes |

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The following portion of the programme 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.

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| **1000 PST**  **1100 MST**<br>**1300 EST**  **1800 GMT**<br>**1900 CET** | In-house guests take their seats in the **Library** for Director's briefing ahead of the post-conference panel discussion. | A **separate** Zoom link will be provided to our remote guests for this session, and all conference participants are welcome to re-join for this discussion, if they would like to do so. |

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| **1015 PST**  **1115 MST**<br>**1315 EST**  **1815 GMT**<br>**1915 CET** | Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&A:<br><br>**Freedom in democracies: navigating the collision of identity and freedom of expression in the digital age** |
| **1115 PST**  **1215 MST**<br>**1415 EST**  **1915 GMT**<br>**2015 CET** | Briefing closes |

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| **2000 GMT** | Drinks in the White Drawing Room | |
| **2040 GMT** | Black-tie Dinner and overnight | |

# Day 3 – 29 January

**0800 GMT**          **In-person guests**: Breakfast followed by departures

**0900 GMT**          Transport to Charlbury station for the 09.27 train to Paddington
                           (arrives 10.39)

*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 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.*

*NOTE 2:          Internet Access*
*Wi-fi is available throughout the main house. The network name is '**Ditchley Guest**' and no password is required.*

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