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## Programme

# Transforming democracy: how can democratic states best use AI and thrive?

**25-26 January 2024**

(with departure on 27 January)

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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>PST</b>	Pacific Standard Time
<b>EST</b>	Eastern Standard Time
<b>GMT</b>	Greenwich Mean Time
<b>CET</b>	Central European Time

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Day 1	Thursday 25 January	
	<b>Arrivals:</b> Guests arriving by train will be collected from the <b>1053</b> service from <b>London Paddington</b> , arriving at <b>Charlbury Station</b> at <b>1205</b> .	
1245 GMT	Lunch	
	In-person participants	Remote participants
<b>0555 PST</b> <b>0855 EST</b> <b>1355 GMT</b> <b>1455 CET</b>	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>BRIEFING</b>	<b>What can AI do now? And what will it be able to do in two years' time? How could this affect the role of the state?</b>  The aim of this session is to establish a shared level of technical understanding for our later discussions.  A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers from the Western hemisphere)	
<b>0600 PST</b> <b>0900 EST</b> <b>1400 GMT</b> <b>1500 CET</b>	<b>Welcome</b> 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>	
<b>0720 PST</b> <b>1020 EST</b> <b>1520 GMT</b> <b>1620 CET</b>	Closing remarks	
<b>0730 PST</b> <b>1030 EST</b> <b>1530 GMT</b> <b>1630 CET</b>	Tea in the Saloon	Break
<b>0755 PST</b> <b>1055 EST</b> <b>1555 GMT</b> <b>1655 CET</b>	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .	Participants rejoin the Zoom call.
<b>PLENARY I</b>	<b>What kind of AI-enabled society, democracy and state should we be aiming for? What are the major opportunities and obstacles?</b>  (A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers from the Western hemisphere)	

0800 PST 1100 EST 1600 GMT 1700 CET	<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>	
0920 PST 1220 EST 1720 GMT 1820 CET	Closing remarks	
	In-person participants	Remote participants
0930 PST 1230 EST 1730 GMT 1830 CET	Coffee in the Saloon	Break
0955 PST 1255 EST 1755 GMT 1855 CET	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .	Participants rejoin the Zoom call.
<b>PLENARY II</b>	<b>How will AI change the social contract between the citizen and the state?</b>  (A hybrid session, with the participation of remote speakers from the Western hemisphere)	
1000 PST 1300 EST 1800 GMT 1900 CET	Director introduces the Speakers.	
	After remarks from the Speakers, comments and questions are invited from the participants.	
1125 PST 1425 EST 1925 GMT 1825 CET	Closing remarks	
1130 PST 1430 EST 1930 GMT 1830 CET	Close Drinks in the White Drawing Room	Close
2000 GMT	Dinner  <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i>	
2215 GMT	For those guests who will have been notified that they will be accommodated at The Bear hotel, transport leaves Ditchley for the hotel.	
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Friday 26 January</b>	
0815 GMT	Transport leaves The Bear for Ditchley.	
0830-0910 GMT	Breakfast	

0915 GMT	Participants take their seats in their <b>breakout rooms</b> .	
Working Group discussions – Session One		
0920 GMT	<b>Group A</b> The state as protector and police officer  <b>Group B</b> The state as the framer of the economy and innovation  <b>Group C</b> The Democratic State	
1030 GMT	Coffee	
1100 GMT	Participants take their seats in their <b>breakout groups</b> .	
Working Group discussions – Session Two		
1105 GMT	<b>Group A</b> The state as protector and police officer  <b>Group B</b> The state as the framer of the economy and innovation  <b>Group C</b> The Democratic State	
1235 GMT	Working Group discussion closes.	
1245 GMT	Buffet lunch	
	In-person participants	Remote participants
1405 GMT	Participants take their seats in the <b>Library</b> .	Participants rejoin the Zoom call.
PLENARY III	Reports from the Working Groups	
0610 PST 0910 EST 1410 GMT 1510 CET	<b>Welcome</b> Director, 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>	
1415 GMT	Presentation of Group A’s discussions	
1445 GMT	Presentation of Group B’s discussions	
1515 GMT	Presentation of Group C’s discussions	
1545 GMT	Group photo, followed by afternoon tea	

	In-person participants	Remote participants
0815 PST 1115 EST 1615 GMT 1715 CET	Participants take their seats in the Library	Participants rejoin the Zoom call.
PLENARY IV	Conference Rapporteur presentation	
0820 PST 1120 EST 1620 GMT 1720 CET	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 GMT	Director’s closing remarks	
0900 PST 1200 EST 1700 GMT 1800 CET	Conference closes	
1715 GMT	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Bear for those who wish to change for dinner	
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.	
	In-person participants	Remote participants
1715 GMT	Panellists, and those wishing to participate, take their seats in the Library 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 GMT. <i>You will be sent a separate Zoom link for this briefing.</i>
0930 PST 1230 EST 1730 GMT 1830 CET	Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&A: <b>Transforming democracy: how can democratic states best use AI and thrive?</b>	
1030 PST 1330 EST 1830 GMT 1930 CET	Briefing closes	
1900 GMT	Transport leaves The Bear for Ditchley	
1915 GMT	Drinks in the White Drawing Room	
2000 GMT	Black-tie Dinner and overnight  <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall</i>	
2230 GMT	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Bear	

Day 3	Saturday 27 January
	<b>Guests accommodated at The Bear:</b>
0800 GMT	Breakfast at The Bear
0910 GMT	Transport leaves The Bear for Hanborough station for the <b>0935</b> service to London Paddington, arriving at <b>1044</b>
	<b>Guests accommodated at Ditchley:</b>
0800 GMT	Breakfast ( <i>please place your luggage outside your door <b>before</b> you go to breakfast</i> )
0900 GMT	Transport leaves Ditchley for Charlbury station for the <b>0927</b> service to London Paddington, arriving at <b>1044</b>

### 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 Bear:

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.

**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.