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Programme

Zeitenwende: a new Germany for new times?

23-24 March 2023

(with departure on 25 March for in-person guests)

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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 in briefings and plenary sessions of a number of remote participants and invited speakers.

The programme provides timings for participants in multiple time zones (these are not comprehensive, due to space limitations).

Please note the timings as they relate to you.

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Legend

GMT: Greenwich Mean Time

CET: Central European Time

EDT: Eastern Daylight Time

EET: Eastern European Time

IST: India Standard Time

JST: Japan Standard Time

PDT: Pacific Daylight Time

SGT: Singapore Time

AEDT: Australian Eastern Daylight Time

Day 1 – Thursday 23 March

	In-person guests	Remote guests
	<p>Arrivals: Guests arriving by train will be collected from the 1050 service from London Paddington, arriving at Charlbury at 1205</p>	
1245 GMT	Lunch	
0645 PDT 0945 EDT 1345 GMT 1445 CET 1545 EET 1915 IST		<p><i>Ditchley host opens Zoom call for remote participants who wish to join early, to check their connection.</i></p> <p>Ditchley telephone number, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline)</p>
0655 PDT 0955 EDT 1355 GMT 1455 CET 1545 EET 1925 IST	In-person participants take their seats in the Library	<p>Remaining participants join the Zoom call.</p> <p><i>Please mute your audio (to silence background noise) and keep your video on (for a more collaborative experience).</i></p>
PLENARY I	Is Zeitenwende the right framing for Germany now and for the future?	
0700 PDT 1000 EDT 1400 GMT 1500 CET 1600 EET 1930 IST	<p>Welcome Director, James Arroyo, opens the conference and explains how the conference will unfold.</p> <p>Introductions Director introduces the Speakers</p>	
	<p>After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants.</p> <p>Please raise your nameplate if you are in the room or use the 'Hand Raise' function if you are joining via Zoom, to indicate that you would like to speak.</p>	
0825 PDT 1125 EDT 1525 GMT 1625 CET 1725 EET 2055 IST	<p>After closing remarks from the Speakers, Director provides explanation for the remainder of the day's programme.</p>	

	In-person guests	Remote guests
0830 PDT 1130 EDT 1530 GMT 1630 CET 1730 EET	Coffee in the Saloon	Break
0855 PDT 1155 EDT 1555 GMT 1655 CET	In-house participants take their seats in the Library	Remote participants re-join the Zoom call, using the <i>same</i> Zoom link.
PLENARY II	How do allies see <i>Zeitenwende</i> and Germany's role in the world?	
0900 PDT 1200 EDT 1600 GMT 1700 CET	Introductions Director introduces the Speakers	
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants. Please raise your nameplate if you are in the room or use the ' Hand Raise ' function if you are joining via Zoom, to indicate that you would like to speak.	
1025 PDT 1325 EDT 1725 GMT 1825 CET	After closing remarks from the Speakers, Director provides explanation for the remainder of the day's programme.	
1030 PDT 1330 EDT 1730 GMT 1830 CET	Coffee in the Saloon	Close, until tomorrow at: 0910 GMT 1010 CET 1110 EET 1440 IST 1710 SGT 1810 JST 2010 AEDT
1755 GMT	In-house guests take their seats in their break-out rooms .	
Working Group discussions – Session One		
1800 GMT	<p>Group A: Germany's capability and self-conception as a military and diplomatic power</p> <p>Group B: Germany's economy and how German approaches towards energy markets, trade and trading alliances</p> <p>Group C: Germany's people, culture and polity</p>	

1930 GMT	Drinks in the White Drawing Room	
2000 GMT	Dinner <i>Seating plan displayed in the Hall.</i>	
2215 GMT	For those guests who have been notified that they will be accommodated at The Feathers hotel, transport leaves Ditchley for The Feathers	

Day 2 – Friday 24 March

	In-person guests	Remote guests
0815 GMT	Transport leaves The Feathers Hotel for Ditchley	
0830-0910 GMT	Breakfast	
0905 GMT 1005 CET 1105 EET 1435 IST 1705 SGT 1805 JST 2005 AEDT		<i>Ditchley host opens Zoom call for remote participants who wish to join early, to check their connection.</i> Ditchley telephone number, in case of need: +44 (0)1608 677346 (landline)
0910 GMT 1010 CET 1110 EET 1440 IST 1710 SGT 1810 JST 2010 AEDT	In-house participants take their seats in the Library .	Remaining remote participants join the Zoom call, using the <i>same</i> Zoom link as yesterday.
PLENARY III	What does <i>Zeitenwende</i> mean for Germany and its relations with Asia?	
0915 GMT 1015 CET 1115 EET 1445 IST 1715 SGT 1815 JST 2015 AEDT	Welcome Director, James Arroyo, welcomes everyone back. Introductions Director introduces the Speakers	
	After introductory remarks from the Speakers, interventions are invited from the participants. Please raise your nameplate if you are in the room or use the 'Hand Raise'	

	function if you are joining via Zoom, to indicate that you would like to speak.
1030 GMT 1130 CET 1230 EET 1600 IST 1830 SGT 1930 JST 2130 AEDT	After closing remarks from the Speakers, Director’s closing remarks.

	In-person guests	Remote guests
1030 GMT	Coffee in the Saloon	Close, until 0705 PST 1005 EST 1405 GMT 1505 CET 1605 EET
1100 GMT	Participants take their seat in their break-out rooms	

Working Group discussions – Session Two

1105 GMT	<p>Group A: Germany’s capability and self-conception as a military and diplomatic power</p> <p>Group B: Germany’s economy and how German approaches towards energy markets, trade and trading alliances</p> <p>Group C: Germany’s people, culture and polity</p>	
1235 GMT	Working Group discussion closes	
1245 GMT	Buffet lunch	
0705 PDT 1005 EDT 1405 GMT 1505 CET 1605 EET	In-house participants take their seats in the Library	Remote participants re-join the Zoom call <i>using the <u>same</u> Zoom link as previously.</i> <i>Again, please mute your audio but keep your video on.</i>
PLENARY IV	Reports from the Working Groups	
0710 PDT 1010 EDT 1410 GMT 1510 CET 1610 EET	<p>Welcome Director, James Arroyo, welcomes everyone back and explains the procedure.</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>	

	<i>Each session will last approximately 30 minutes.</i>	
0715 PDT 1015 EDT 1415 GMT 1515 CET 1615 EET	Presentation of Group A's discussions	
0745 PDT 1045 EDT 1445 GMT 1545 CET 1645 EET	Presentation of Group B's discussions	
0815 PDT 1115 EDT 1515 GMT 1615 CET 1715 EET	Presentation of Group C's discussions	
	In-person guests	Remote guests
0845 PDT 1145 EDT 1545 GMT 1645 CET 1745 EET	Group photo, followed by afternoon tea	Break
0915 PDT 1215 EDT 1615 GMT 1715 CET 1815 EET	In-house participants take their seats in the Library	Remote participants re-join the Zoom call <i>using the <u>same</u> Zoom link as previously.</i> <i>Again, please mute your audio but keep your video on.</i>
PLENARY V	Conference Rapporteur presentation	
0920 PDT 1220 EDT 1620 GMT 1720 CET 1820 EET	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.	
0955 PDT 1255 EDT 1655 GMT 1755 CET 1855 EET	Director's closing remarks, and farewell.	
1000 PDT 1300 EDT 1700 GMT 1800 CET 1900 EET	Conference closes Brief break (coffee available in the Saloon)	Conference closes
1720 GMT	Transport leaves Ditchley for The Feathers	
	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.	
1020 PDT 1320 EDT 1720 GMT 1820 CET	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>
1030 PDT 1330 EDT 1730 GMT 1830 CET	Briefing for an invited Ditchley audience, followed by a Q&A: <i>Zeitenwende: a new Germany for new times?</i>	
1130 PDT 1430 EDT 1830 GMT 1930 CET	Briefing closes	
1900 GMT	Transport leaves The Feathers 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 hotel	

Day 3 – Saturday 25 March

Guests accommodated at The Feathers

0800 GMT Breakfast at The Feathers Hotel

0915 GMT Transport leaves The Bear Hotel for Hanborough Station, for the 0935 train to Paddington (arrives 1039)

Guests accommodated at Ditchley

0800 GMT Breakfast
(please place your luggage outside your door before you go to breakfast)

0900 GMT Transport to Charlbury station for 0927 train to Paddington (arrives 1039)

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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, 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.

NOTE 2: Internet Access

Wi-fi is available throughout the main house and Lower House. The network name is 'Ditchley Guest' and no password is required.