The Ditchley Foundation & Holywell Manor, Oxford present:

Future Human:
Adapting to an Ever-Changing World

July 15th, 2017—Programme of Events

A Festival of Ideas
What does it mean to be human?
How will we rise to the challenges of tomorrow?

THE DITCHLEY FOUNDATION
Welcome to the Ditchley Foundation and our inaugural festival of ideas, co-hosted with Balliol College’s, Holywell Manor.

Ditchley brings influential and insightful people together to think new things and to make new connections. We hold carefully framed small conferences and other events, giving one of the most historic and beautiful houses in England a very contemporary purpose. Ditchley was founded in 1958 in the shadow of war by the visionary philanthropist Sir David Wills. We are independent of all governments and political parties.

Ditchley's purpose is to drive better leadership and decision making on issues that affect our world from the redefinition and renewal of the open society, to progress towards a more stable and rules based international order. We bridge the boundaries between government, technology and finance which is becoming ever more important as the technological revolution gains pace.

Our events also bridge boundaries between those at the height of their careers, those looking back with the wisdom of hindsight and those just starting out. Each has a unique perspective that brings value.

We hope you enjoy today's discussions, talks and activities. Please contribute as much as you possibly can of your own ideas and energy to make the Festival buzz with new thinking to define what Future Human will mean.

Our plan is that Future Human will become a landmark annual event. If you would like to be involved in the plan for next year's festival then please get in touch.

James Arroyo OBE
Director
The Ditchley Foundation
Useful information

We want you to enjoy your time at Ditchley and think you may find the following helpful.

**Workshop sign up:**
The programme of activities at Camp Rotunda will begin from 12noon. Some of the workshops are structured with a specific start time for which you will need to sign up. Sign up sheets can be found on the desk in the Great Hall.

**Refreshments:**
Tea, coffee and water will be available throughout the day from the Saloon.

**12.45—2.15pm:** Lunch will be available on the Saloon Terrace.

**6-8.00pm:** Drinks reception will take place on the Churchill Terrace.

**Wifi:**
There is Wi-Fi connectivity across the ground floor of the House. The network name is ‘Ditchley Guest’, there is no password required to log on.

**Swimming:**
Please do not swim in the lake. Blue green algae has been identified which is toxic if ingested.

**Fire safety:**
In the unlikely event of a fire, all guests are asked to make their way to the field in front of the main gates and report to the senior member of staff present.

**Photography and filming:**
Please be aware that a photographer, Jenny Aston, will be taking photographs throughout this event, and elements of the day may be filmed. The resulting images may be used in Ditchley and the College’s publicity materials, including websites. For full details of the College’s image policy, please see [www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/images](http://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/images). If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed, please let the photographer/cameraman know.

**Departure:**
8pm: Those leaving by coach should make their way to the front gates where the coaches will be waiting for the return journey to Oxford.
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THE SPEAKER PROGRAMME

Panel 1: A Values-Based Politics in an Age of Trump and Brexit
Is a return to values the key to the future of politics? What kind of politics do we need for an age in which fear related to rapid technological development is on the rise and in which concerns related to more diverse political representation are intensifying? What is the role for government in all of this and how can we encourage the right kinds of people to pursue work in the public service?

Panellists: Mr Max Harris, The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, Mr Adrian Brown, Ms Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Mr Hashi Mohamed. Moderated by Mr Emerson Csorba.

Talk 1: Our Transhumanist Future?
A world expert on transhumanism presents a brief overview of the history of the movement through to the present day. Touching on key technologies, advocates and controversies. Chris will also discuss H+pedia, a Humanity+ project aimed to spread accurate, accessible, non-sensational information about transhumanism, radical life extension, and futurism among the general public.

Speaker: Mr Chris Monteiro

Talk 2: Reinvention and Digital Strategy in the Publishing Industry
The publishing industry has undergone massive change in recent years, with the rise of new digital platforms and resulting opportunities for content creation and distribution. In this session, Tej Sood sheds light on recent trends in the industry, particularly in the realm of business models and innovative technologies with reference to his experiences reinventing Anthem Press.

Speaker: Mr Tej Sood

Talk 3: Values and Purpose in the Modern World of Work
The Forward Institute was launched in 2015 to address the breakdown of public trust in major organisations. Its flagship programme is a 18 month fellowship programme on responsible leadership. Each year a diverse cohort of 60 leaders are selected from across the public, private and social sectors. Every individual is nominated by their CEO. It was incubated by The Boston Consulting Group. The aim is to challenge the Fellows to grapple with the thorny dilemmas facing organisations and leaders today, to confront institutional ‘group think’ and to explore the principles and practices of responsible leadership. In this workshop, Adam shares key learnings from the journey thus far - and explores the importance of values and purpose in the modern world of work.

Speaker: Mr Adam Grodecki
**Panel 2: Technology and Dialogue in the Public Space**

The technologies likely to profoundly impact society are highly complicated and are thus difficult to grasp for most individuals without deep technological expertise. Yet many people would like to learn more about technologies such as artificial intelligence, sensing that this knowledge is increasingly a necessity in the modern world. It is with this in mind that we pose several key questions: i. How can individuals better educate themselves about these rapidly evolving technologies?, ii. What kinds of conversations about technological change should we be having in the public realm?, and iii. Who is responsible for ensuring that these conversations take place?

**Panellists:** Ms Jami Miscik, Mr James Arroyo, Dr Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh, Ms Elizabeth Linder. Moderated by Mr Logan Graham.

**Talk 4: Saints and Superhumans: Science and Divinisation**

Transhumanism and its related fields might seem new to us, but the desire to transcend nature is an ancient one; only the means have ever been a matter of debate. In this presentation, I examine how the idea of the supernaturalised human being through grace has been accompanied throughout its history by various competing visions of supernaturalism by means of architectonic power, underpinning the drama of the saint versus the superhuman. I consider what is at stake in this drama for our science, our culture, and our prospects for peace and happiness.

**Speaker:** Dr Andrew Pinsent

**Talk 5: A Values Based Politics and the Universal Basic Income**

The author of *The New Zealand Project*, released to wide acclaim in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, provides an overview of the thesis of his book. Then Max will examine universal basic income, as a response to the future of work.

**Speaker:** Mr Max Harris

**Talk 6: Government and Evidence Based Decision Making**

Two public sector leaders reflect on the question ‘How do you enable agencies and/or departments to make evidence based decisions?’ Here, they share lessons learned from their work across multiple countries and sectors, such as with the National Energy Board in Canada. This session is particularly relevant for individuals interested in pursuing public sector careers.

**Speakers:** Mr Adrian Brown, Ms Annette Hester. Moderated by Mr Kanishka Narayan.
Talk 7: Social Mobility: How Better to Harness Talent for Wider Society

What are the unwritten rules you must learn to get a top job? Hashi Mohamed came to the UK aged nine, as an unaccompanied child refugee with hardly any English. His academic achievements at school were far from stellar. Yet he now works as a barrister, so is a member of one of the elite professions that have traditionally been very difficult for people from poor backgrounds to succeed in. But how many people can follow that path and why should they have to?

Speaker: Mr Hashi Mohamed

Talk 8: The Future of the Family

Family sits at the heart of what it means to be human. The creation of human life and the shaping of the next generation offer huge opportunities, and huge challenges. Do we even need family, and if so, what is it for? How will your personal life choices influence the future of the family?

Speaker: Mr David Percival

Talk 9: How founding a lesbian dating app can shape the future of gender

Description: Robyn Exton – founder of Her, the largest app for lesbian, bisexual and queer women – takes us through the story of the company's founding, and shares several of the key lessons learned along the way. From this, she focuses on how founding a lesbian dating app can shape the future of gender.

Speaker: Robyn Exton

Talk 10: Still I rise: a poetry workshop exploring what it means to be human

In a wide-ranging workshop, participants will explore what it means to be human, using metaphor and the senses of touch, sight, smell, taste and sound in order to shed light on the human condition. Participants will be encouraged to free-write, share amongst each other and engage in other exercises that help them reflect collectively about themselves and others.

Speaker: Caroline Teague

Panel 3: Working Across Boundaries – Leadership in an Uncertain Age

The traditional idea of a career spent in a single company or sector is a thing of the past. With much of this change driven by technological change and the flexibility this provides in our work lives. Simultaneously, technological innovations, digital identities and the increasing speed and frequency of communication increase the complexity of leadership in the modern age. In this panel, four cross-sectoral leaders will examine what it means to be an effective modern leader considering what kinds of life experiences, practices and rituals are conducive to leading meaningfully.

Panellists: Mr Adam Grodecki, Ms Annette Hester, Mr Tej Sood, Dr Ellen Quigley. Moderated by Mr Emerson Csorba.
Panel 4: Human Being, the Self and AI

As new technologies become part of the very fabric of our lives, important questions arise as to what it means to be human. Particularly as personal identity becomes increasingly multifaceted, complex and perhaps even uncertain. Panellists will examine notions of being and self in a rapidly changing world, particularly as technologies such as artificial intelligence and synthetic biology allow for the creation of concepts such as the 'quantified self,' the 'tethered self,' and so forth. They will further consider how meaningful social dialogue can be fostered on the topic of identity and technology in order for individuals to achieve greater coherence in their lives.

Panellists: Mr Chris Monteiro, Ms Robyn Exton and Dr James Field. Moderated by Mr Logan Graham.

Talk 11: Positive Investment, AI and Near Term Societal Impacts

As a founding member of Positive Investment Cambridge (PIC), Ellen has helped lead a coalition of 300 Oxbridge academics and students from all 31 colleges that together explore positive investment options for university endowments. Similarly, Seán has helped the University of Cambridge’s Centre for the Study of Existential Risk become a world leading academic research center on extreme technological risk. In their joint session, Ellen and Seán will reflect on issues related to positive investment, AI and the environment, focusing on the links between these topics and their potential near term societal impacts.

Speakers: Dr Ellen Quigley and Dr Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh. Moderated by Ms Charlotte Casebourne.

Keynote talk: The future of Power: what is it today and what will it be tomorrow?

Speaker: Ms Jami Miscik and Mr James Arroyo

Location: Marquee

Drinks Reception on the Churchill Terrace:

Performance: Melange Collective and Caroline Teague

Location: Churchill stage
Speaker Profiles

**Yasmin Alibhai-Brown** was voted the 10th most influential black/Asian woman in the country in a poll. For three years running she was in the *Daily Telegraph’s* list of influential media names. In 2007, she co-founded a charity-Muslims for Secular Democracy to promote democratic values among young British Muslims. In 2011, she was awarded the Politics and Public service award for journalism by Ed Milliband at the House of Commons. In 2017, she won the Columnist of the Year at the National Press Awards for writing bold columns that ‘get to the heart’ of subjects. This is one of the highest accolades in the newspaper industry.

**Adrian Brown** is the Executive Director of the Centre for Public Impact which he helped to found in 2015. He is a regular commentator on public policy and government effectiveness and has 20 years experience working with governments, NGOs and social sector organisations around the world. He is a global expert on impact investing and is the author of several influential reports on the topic including *The First Billion*, a forecast of social investment demand in the UK.

**Robyn Exton** is the founder of HER, the world's largest community of lesbian, bisexual and queer people. Focussing on the unique ways women want to meet and talk to each other, HER is finally answering what women want. With content, events and community sections, HER is opening up opportunities for LGBTQ+ people that never existed before. Robyn is also the Technology Editor for ELLE UK magazine.
Dr James Field is founder and CEO of LabGenius, a leading UK synthetic biology company that harnesses AI & multiplexed gene synthesis to evolve novel materials. James completed his PhD studies at Imperial College London where his research was focused on re-engineering protein nanocages for biotechnological applications. Prior to his PhD, James completed a BSc in Biology with Microbiology (1st Class) and an MRes in Systems and Synthetic Biology (Distinction), at Imperial College London. James is an active member of the synthetic biology community having participated in the iGEM competition both as an undergraduate (2009), advisor (2011) and judge (2016). In 2017, James was awarded the BBSRC Innovator of the Year award for early career impact.

The Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP is a barrister and has been the MP for Beaconsfield since 1997. He was the Shadow Attorney General from 2003-09, Shadow Home Secretary from 2008-09 and Shadow Justice Secretary from 2009-10. Under the Coalition Government, Dominic was the Attorney General for England and Wales and the Advocate General for Northern Ireland until July 2014. Dominic was educated at Westminster School and went on to Magdalen College, Oxford where he studied Modern History before studying Law. He was called to the Bar in 1980 and appointed to the Queen’s Counsel in 2008. During the 1980s Dominic also served as a local councillor in Fulham and was Chairman of the Research Committee in September 2015.

Adam Grodecki is Executive Director of the Forward Institute, recently established to help the next generation of leaders meet the challenges facing major organisations and society in the 21st century. The Institute is chaired by Sir Anthony Salz and works closely with a coalition of 25 major organisations and senior leaders drawn from the private, public and social sectors. Previously Adam was a consultant for five years at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he had the idea for the Institute after working on a major review of banking culture and business practices. Adam has previously co-founded a charity called Student Hubs, which now works with over 25,000 students in UK universities, and partnered with Said Business School at Oxford University to launch Emerge, an initiative to inspire the next generation of social entrepreneurs.
**Max Harris** is a writer, researcher, and campaigner. He recently published his first book, 'The New Zealand Project', and his writing has appeared in Aeon, The Conversation, open Democracy, PopMatters, and other outlets. He is a PhD student in constitutional law, and Examination Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford. He has been involved with a range of campaigns, including with the New Zealand criminal justice group JustSpeak and the Oxford-based Rhodes Must Fall. He has also worked as a clerk to New Zealand's Chief Justice, Dame Sian Elias, and as a consultant to the Executive Office of the United Nations Development Programme.

**Annette Hester** heads TheHesterView Inc. and focuses on data innovation. Her latest projects: The Inter-American Development Bank’s Energy Database and the National Energy Board’s Energy Futures 2016 Data Visualization show a new approach to interactive data. She is currently under contract to the National Energy Board leading a three-year Data Visualization Initiative to transform how the NEB structures and shares data. In addition, she is a University of Calgary Haskayne Global Energy Executive MBA faculty member. She is a member of the Program Advisory Committee of The Canadian Ditchley Foundation.

**Elizabeth Linder** is an internationally-recognized expert in the space where technology meets societal trends, global governance, and 21st-century leadership. Often referred to as a “non-state actor diplomat”, Elizabeth advises heads of state, government officials, executive management teams, and civil society leaders on changing patterns of leadership in more than forty countries across Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. Elizabeth is the Founder and CEO of The Conversational Century, a global advisory movement placing the art of conversation squarely at the heart of 21st-century leadership. Elizabeth previously spent eight years at Facebook, where she envisioned, founded and built Facebook’s Politics & Government division for the Europe, Middle East and Africa region.
Chris Monteiro has been involved in futurism and transhumanist for a number of years. He is involved in coordinating efforts towards international political development of transhumanist policy, as well as campaigning around transhumanist issues in the UK with Transhumanist Party UK. He heads up the Humanity+ H+Pedia project, the world's most comprehensive wiki research and information database around transhumanist technologies, influences, people, philosophy and analysis. Other areas include investigative journalism into darknet-based cybercrime and digital rights activism with Pirate Party UK. He works as systems administrator in London and is generally well prepared for the singularity.

Jami Miscik is CEO of Kissinger Associates Inc. Ms Miscik serves on the board of Morgan Stanley, In Q-Tel, the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Ditchley Foundation. From 2009 to 2017, she served on the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board and was co-chair from 2014-2017.

Hashi Mohammad is a barrister at No5 Chambers and a part time broadcaster at the BBC. He presents documentaries on BBC Radio 4, most recently on terrorism and how nations react, and also on the lack of social mobility in Britain: titled ‘Adventures in Social Mobility’. He was called to the Bar in 2010 and practices in public law and human rights related cases, though his main area of focus is Planning & Environmental law. Most recently, as part of his role as a barrister, Hashi has been appointed as Special Adviser to David Anderson QC, the Independent Reviewer of terror legislation as he undertakes to review the United Kingdom’s anti-terrorism laws. He continues in the same role for his successor Mr Max Hill QC.

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Dr Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh is the Executive Director of Cambridge’s Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (CSER), an academic research centre focused on global catastrophic and existential risks associated with emerging technologies and human activity. In the last five years he has played a central role in research projects on long-term trajectories and impacts associated with artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies, leading research programmes at the Future of Humanity Institute (Oxford) from 2011-2015, co-developing the Strategic AI Research Centre (Cambridge-Oxford collaboration) in 2015, and the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence (Cambridge-Oxford-Imperial-Berkeley collaboration) in 2015-16. Seán’s research spans technology policy and strategy, catastrophic risk, and horizon-scanning and foresight.

David Percival, together with his wife Liz have been involved with marriage and family work for over 30 years. Recognising the barriers faced by couples who might benefit from support in their marriages and seeing the fragmented nature of the support providers, they formed 2-in-2-1 in 2000 to provide a comprehensive shop window to couples at every stage of their relationship thinking about marriage through all the ups and downs life brings. Their weekly newsletter to those working in the field has become a much respected source of vital information on what’s happening across the spectrum of marriage and family related issues.

FR Andrew Pinsent is Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at Oxford University, where he works with Prof. Alister McGrath. He was formerly a particle physicist on the DELPHI experiment at CERN, has degrees in philosophy and theology and a second doctorate in philosophy. His publications cover the fields of virtue ethics, neurotheology, science and religion, the philosophy of the person, insight, divine action, and the nature of evil. He has given public lectures in many countries, and has appeared on the BBC, EWTN, Channel 4, and a wide range of other media, especially on science and faith issues.
Ellen Quigley is a doctoral candidate studying economics education at the University of Cambridge and is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper. She was appointed to the University of Cambridge Ethical Investment Working Group in 2015 and is a founding member of Positive Investment Cambridge (PIC), a coalition of 300 Oxbridge academics and students from all 31 colleges, which explores positive investment options for university endowments. She is also a co-founder of Positive+Investment, an international outgrowth of PIC. Her particular focus is on institutional investors such as pension funds, university endowments, and sovereign wealth funds. She is currently Senior Programme Manager of the Investment Leaders Group with the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.

Tej P. S. Sood is Publisher and Managing Director of Anthem Press, a distinguished independent fast-growing international publishing house pioneering a distinctive approach to the publishing of important works across a wide range of subjects that appeal to academics and professionals, area specialists, researchers, students, as well as to general readers. Anthem Press is headquartered in the UK (London) with offices in USA and India, and has published a number successful books including The Entrepreneurial State (one of the Financial Times' "best books of 2013"). Tej is also EVP of Global Business Development and Strategic Partnerships at Carlyle Group-backed Newgen Knowledge Works, a provider of publishing and digital services and technology solutions for many of the world’s most prestigious publishers. Prior to entering the publishing industry, Tej worked as an investment banker New York and London and had a stint as a journalist in Moscow. He is a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Stationers, a City of London Livery Company.

Caroline Teague is a London born and bred poet writing pieces on loss, identity and how she comes to terms with some harrowing realities of being human and being alive, in a style she calls ‘tragic optimism’ hoping that the honesty through her writing can translate into something positive and comforting for someone else. Creator of the musical project "Caroline Smiling" which blends music, spoken word, illustration and other forms of communication to cross platforms for mental health and queer identity through creative means. A self proclaimed soft touch poet with some sharp edges.
THE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Awakening to Nature – Yoga Workshop

Nikki Jackson has taught Yoga and Yoga Therapy for 25 years. She is also a Mindfulness teacher having trained with international leaders of Mindfulness for Health, ‘Breatworks’, who place emphasis on kindness and compassion in their practices. Nikki has been running ‘Yoga Focus’ since 1998, providing a variety of yoga and yoga therapy classes, as well as Mindfulness Meditation sessions. The theme of the workshop is ‘Awakening to Nature’.

Delegates will begin by exploring stress and tension in various parts of the body caused by the impact of day to day modern life; and then learn how to release these tensions through mindful yoga breathing and movement. Delegates will then practice 20 minutes of Mindfulness meditation opening minds and hearts to what is natural and real around them, heightening awareness of all five senses so they can truly live in the moment. Mats will be provided; the surroundings are set overlooking a beautiful lake to inspire you. Ideally 12 delegates per session, but up to 14.

www.yogafocus.co.uk

Creating with our Hands – Relief (lino) printing

Sculptor and printmaker Anthony Lloyd’s work ranges from site specific installations and sculpture, to traditional printmaking. Anthony is currently exploring memory and memories, creating memorials to portray, remember and celebrate the forgotten lives of craftsmen.

He particularly likes to encourage people to engage with his work, taking it to the public rather than expecting them to find him. He runs printmaking workshops in his studio in nearby Charlbury for both adults and children and has been very involved with the Charlbury Festival.

During his Ditchley session Anthony will explore relief printmaking with the delegates by cutting into lino with traditional tools and then inking and printing the plates. Up to eight delegates per session.

www.anthonylloyd.co.uk
Preserving traditional crafts – Stone carving by hand

Biotechnology graduate Matthew Roman Kopinski is a former chef and food writer (*The Independent*), theatre and film critic (*LFF*). He moved from London to rural West Oxon for a career in science and technology publishing and embraced country crafts including stone walling and hedge-laying through the Wychwood project. In 2015 Matthew embarked on a more permanent publishing path becoming a Wordsmith in stone, cutting letters by hand, using a chisel and dummy. There are only around 300 craftsmen continuing this tradition in the UK.

During his Ditchley session Matthew will explore relief carving with the delegates by showing them hand carving techniques in stone before letting them practice on a relief carving for Balliol college. He will also illustrate letter cutting techniques. Matthew will be demonstrating to a group, with up to two delegates at a time ‘having a go’ at carving. He will be designing an AI emblem on stone, which he will give to Balliol College/Holywell Manor after the conference.

www.facebook.com/MatthewWordsmith

I Robot - Mindfulness workshop

Education consultant Will Ord is a renowned trainer and speaker specialising in Philosophy for Children, Growth Mindsets, and Mindfulness. He has been practising meditation for 26 years and takes an annual retreat for a few months in India.

The I Robot workshop will explore our consciousness and conditioning through a series of mini experiments, exploring questions about who ‘I’ am, and to what degree we choose our thoughts and actions. Are we a form of animated robot or is there more to being human? Delegates will try some mindfulness techniques, enquire into their experiences, and consider the consequences of what they discover.

thinkingeducation.co.uk
**Interacting with the environment - Walking with dogs**

Richard Woolley has a degree in agriculture and worked in farming before setting up his gardening business 14 years ago. In his spare time, Richard enjoys mountain walking and clay pigeon shooting as well as dog training.

Richard will be taking delegates on a lakeside walk with his working dogs, identifying interesting trees and plants and talking about all aspects of how we manage our natural environment, from farming, forestry and conservation to dog training and pheasant shooting. Up to 12 delegates per session.

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**Nature’s engineers – harnessing bee-power**

Local beekeeper Tom Worsley is interested in the contrast between the modern digital era, and the traditional ‘analogue’ skills required for beekeeping, perhaps not surprising as his day job is designing high-tech optical instruments for Scanning Electron Microscope imaging systems. In his spare time, Tom practices traditional beekeeping crafts, producing honey from several apiaries around the local area and making candles and soap from beeswax.

The Beekeeping workshop will explore the history and culture of beekeeping, from the earliest human interactions with bees, to current beekeeping methods. Following this brief history of beekeeping, the workshop will get hands-on: Delegates will see the inner workings of a beehive, handle frames of wax and honeycomb, and try out the equipment used by beekeepers to tend bees and extract the honey. The workshop will conclude with a honey tasting session, where delegates will have an opportunity to taste several different kinds of honey, and sample a glass of mead. Up to 10 delegates per session

Link to Tom’s video diaries describing the beekeeping he’s doing at Southill Solar farm.

[https://vimeo.com/user67910570](https://vimeo.com/user67910570)
The Ditchley Foundation brings together leading practitioners and experts from around the world to help shape policy on the major international issues of the day. Its unique blend of intellectual rigour, informality and discretion, in a glorious rural setting, promotes new understanding, fresh thinking, and better decision-making.

The Ditchley Foundation was established by Sir David Wills in 1958 to advance international learning and to bring transatlantic and other experts together to discuss international issues. Sir David's original objective was to promote Anglo-American understanding. American and Canadian sister Foundations, set up in 1964 and 1981 respectively, remain our most active partners. Since then Ditchley conferences have broadened to include the concerns and participation of nations all over the globe.

THE DITCHLEY FOUNDATION

Holywell Manor is home to a diverse, energetic, and intellectually-engaged post-graduate community based at Balliol College’s Graduate Centre on Manor Road in Oxford. The Manor’s beautiful gardens and range of dedicated facilities – and not least the energy and initiative of its MCR – sustain a friendly and supportive community with its own distinctive, multidisciplinary culture of inquiry and debate, coupled with Balliol’s strong sense of social responsibility. The community’s spirited social life is complemented by a rich programme of seminars and discussions, and a biennial Holywell Manor Festival of arts and thought.

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On behalf of The Ditchley Foundation and Holywell Manor, Oxford thank you for joining us today.

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