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Philip Collins

The State of British Politics

Former Downing Street insider and journalist with award-winning view of modern politics

Philip Collins is a journalist, speech writer and academic who acts as a political commentator in many spheres. He is a visiting lecturer at Oxford University's School of Government and has worked for the Institute of Education at the University of London and was a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics.

Initially an investment banker, he ended his five years in the City as the top ranked equity strategist in the smaller companies sector. From 2000 he spent four years as director of the Social Market Foundation, a leading cross-party think-tank, working on the intersection of markets, society, and state. He was also Chair of the Board of Trustees of Demos, for 10 years.

During his varied career, Philip worked as political advisor to Frank Field MP and served as Tony Blair's Chief Speech Writer for five years, penning his last speech in office. Latterly he helped Sir Kier Starmer write his 2021 Conference speech.

He was columnist for The Times for over a decade; thereafter, working for the Evening Standard and New Statesman and contributing to the on-line newsletter Tortoise.

Philip is author of two novels and academic books including *When They Go Low, We Go High*, in which he explores the art of rhetoric via great historical speeches.

As the founder and Writer in Chief of the *Draft* he runs an online mini-MBA, mastering the art of communication, and a recent venture is the on-line news-letter, *Look Stranger*.



M02

10 October 2024

Baroness Catherine Ashton of Upholland

And Then What? Inside Stories of 21st Century Diplomacy

A Briton as Europe's ambassador to the world

Following many years working on education and human rights issues within the public, private and NGO sectors, Baroness Ashton was appointed to the House of Lords in 1999. Her Ministerial career included serving in the Education and Justice departments. She was Leader of the House of Lords and Lord President of the Queen's Privy Council from 2007-8, taking the Lisbon Treaty through the House of Lords.

In 2008 she was appointed as European Union Trade Commissioner and the following year became the UN's first High Representative for Foreign Policy and Security Policy and First Vice President of the European Commission, tackling some of the world's most difficult issues during her five years in office. Global acclaim followed with several honours including being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Other awards and accolades include Stonewall Politician of the Year for services in support of the LGBT community, Channel 4 Peer of the Year and House Magazine Minister of the Year. She received the award of GCMG (the highest foreign policy honour) at an investiture by Her Majesty the Queen in June 2015.

Baroness Ashton also holds honorary positions with several esteemed international bodies. She is the first female chancellor of the University of Warwick, a Distinguished Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars in Washington DC, and a consultant to the Geneva-based Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. She published *And Then What?* in 2023 with Elliott & Thompson.



M03 17th October 2024

Dr. Jonnie Penn

The hand that grips AI

Historian of IT who asks the awkward questions

Jonnie is a New York Times bestselling author and activist who writes widely about the future of work, youth empowerment, data governance, and sustainable digital technologies.

He is based at the University of Cambridge where he is Associate Teaching Professor of the History of AI Ethics and Society and Research Affiliate in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science. He is a co-organiser of the Sawyer Seminar, 'Histories of Artificial Intelligence: A Genealogy of Power', building an international community of colleagues to interrogate the history of intelligent systems.

In addition, he is Research Fellow at St. Edmunds College Cambridge, an Affiliate at the Berkman Klein Centre, Harvard Law School, and Associate Fellow at the Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence.

He held prior fellowships at the MIT Media Lab, Google, and is a Fellow of the British National Academy of Writing and of the Royal Society of Arts.

As a teenager, Jonnie co-founded a grassroots youth project "The Buried Life" to ask, what do you want to do before you die? It grew to encompass a cult-hit television series.

He is a popular broadcaster and frequent speaker to a variety of audiences, including the United Nations, European Parliament, Council of Europe, Davos, and to the UK House of Lords, as well as for global non-profits and corporations. His thoughts on the direction of AI research have been featured in The Economist, IBM Think Leaders, and elsewhere.



M04 24 October 2024

Professor Rebecca Willis

Too Hot to Handle? The Democratic Challenge of Climate Change

A dedicated worker for climate change advocacy

Rebecca Willis is Professor of Energy and Climate Governance at Lancaster University. Following a master's degree in political science at LSE, she completed a Ph.D. in Environmental Politics at the University of East Anglia. She researches environment, climate and energy policy and politics. In particular, she looks at the relationship between the citizen and state in climate governance and investigates how politicians understand and respond to climate change.

She has served on advisory boards and expert panels for various governmental and non-governmental organizations. In 2019-20, Rebecca was an Expert Lead to Climate Assembly UK, the first national Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change, established by parliamentary select committees in the House of Commons. She also acted as vice-chair of the Sustainable Development Commission.

Currently she runs the Climate Citizens project, which examines the role of public engagement in energy and climate governance and is on the Scientific Advisory Committee of the UK Research and Innovation's Energy Programme (UKRI), holding a UKRI's Future Leadership Fellowship. She is a Trustee of the New Economics Foundation, an adviser to the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund and is Associated with the charity Green Alliance, acting as Director 2001-4.

Rebecca has authored scientific publications, reports and books, including her latest, with the title of this talk. She was included in the BBC Radio Woman's Hour Power list in 2020.



MO5 31 October 2024

Professor Nic Cheeseman

“World Elections in 2024: Voting, Rigging, the Struggle for Democracy”

Expert on international politics with sharp take on democratic deficits

Nic Cheeseman is Professor of Democracy and International Development at Birmingham University and was formerly the Director of the African Studies Centre at Oxford University.

A political scientist by training, Nic works on democracy, elections, and development, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa where he has conducted in-country research.

His research addresses a range of questions such as whether populism is an effective strategy of political mobilization in Africa, how paying tax changes citizens' attitudes towards democracy and corruption, and the conditions under which ruling parties lose power.

Author or editor of more than ten books, his most notable is probably *How to Rig an Election* (with Brian Klaas) analysing the pseudo-democratic methods employed by despots around the world to retain control. A new edition appears in 2024.

He is a former editor of the journal *African Affairs*, and the founding editor of the *Oxford Encyclopaedia of African Politics* and the *Oxford Dictionary of African Politics*. Nic is a columnist for *The Africa Report*, and for *South Africa's Mail and Guardian*. He is the editor of the website *Democracy in Africa*.

Nic's articles have won several prizes and, in 2021, he was awarded a British Academy Fellowship to research the history and impact of African political thought. Since 2017, he has served on the board of Oxfam GB.



M06 7 November 2024

Professor Julia Buxton

The Curse of Latin America: Seeking a Global Drugs Policy

International expert on drugs and illicit economies

Julia is British Academy Global Professor, Criminology, Manchester University.

The focus of her current four-year research award is driven by the dynamic changes resulting from chemical innovation and digital technologies that are altering supply-side activities in illicit drug markets.

She is researching the impact of decriminalisation and legalisation initiatives on the quality of drug policymaking, stakeholder inclusion and reduction of drug related harms.

Prior to moving to Manchester, Julia was Professor of Comparative Politics, Associate and Acting Dean at the School of Public Policy, Central European University in Budapest.

She has also held research and teaching positions in Peace Studies at the University of Bradford and at Kingston University and has been involved with donor and consultancy projects including for Swedish SIDA, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland, and USAID.

Her main geographical area of expertise is Latin America, and she led the Venezuela programme in the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University Washington, D.C.

Other overseas interests include leading a partnership with Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, on peace and conflict capacity building for female parliamentarians, academics and researchers; and working with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Programme "Using Democracy for Peace".



M07 14 November 2024

Sir John Jenkins KCMG LVO

The Changing Geopolitics of the Middle East

An ambassadorial career across the Arabic world

Sir John has had a distinguished career in the British Diplomatic Service. He joined the Foreign and Colonial Office (FCO) in 1980. After receiving Arabic language training at the School of Oriental and African Studies and elsewhere, he served mainly in the Middle East, interspersed with postings in Malaysia and Burma (Myanmar).

In the 1980's and 1990's John served in Abu Dhabi and Kuwait. He was subsequently HM Consul-General, Jerusalem, then Ambassador to Syria, soon to become FCO Director for the Middle East and North Africa. This led to his further appointment as our Ambassador to Iraq.

In 2011 he became Special Representative to the National Transitional Council in Libya and subsequently Ambassador there, before his last diplomatic appointment as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2012-15).

He took an active part in Sir John Chilcott's Iraq Inquiry and led a Policy Review into the Muslim Brotherhood and Political Islamism. Until his retirement from the FCO in 2015, he was viewed as the government's senior diplomatic Arabist.

John is an Associate Fellow of Chatham House, member of the Labour Middle East Council, a Senior Fellow at Policy Exchange, and co-lead of the Westphalia for the Middle East programme at Cambridge University's Centre for Geopolitics.

Knighted KCMG in the Queen's Birthday Honours of 2011, his geopolitical knowledge and experience enable him to give unique insights into political situations and strategies.



M08 21 November 2024

Zeinab Badawi

An African History of Africa

One of the best-known broadcast journalists working in the field today

Zeinab Badawi was born in the Sudan; her family moved to London when she was 2 years old. She studied philosophy, politics, and economics at Oxford University.

After graduating, she worked as a broadcast journalist for Yorkshire TV before obtaining an MA degree in Middle East History and Anthropology from the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS) in 1989.

Initially a reporter with the BBC, she joined Channel Four as the first presenter of ITV Morning News and co-presented Channel 4 news with Jon Snow, 1989-1998.

She moved to the BBC, initially working for programmes on British politics, and then for World News Today. She has interviewed world personalities and politicians for the BBC's HARDtalk and Global Questions.

Zeinab's many awards, include The British Academy's President's Medal for services to broadcasting and advocacy for female education.

In 2020 she received the Sir Brian Urquhart Award from the United Nations for distinguished service to the UN.

In 2021, Zeinab became president of SOAS. She is a Patron of United Nations Association UK and has served as Chair of the Royal African Society.

Through her own production company Kush Communications she has made programmes for the BBC including her groundbreaking TV series The History of Africa .



M09 28th November 2024

Sir Roderic Lyne KBE CMG

What Future for Russia?

Former ambassador with his eye on Putin

Sir Roderic is a former British diplomat with a special interest in Russian affairs, which began in boyhood. He studied History at Leeds University before joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1970.

His earlier career included postings to the Soviet Union, Senegal and the UK Mission to the United Nations in New York, as well as in the Soviet and Rhodesian departments of the Foreign Office and as Assistant Private Secretary to Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington.

From 1986-87 he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House. In his later career, Sir Roderic was the foreign affairs adviser to the Prime Minister from 1993 to 1996, Ambassador to the international organisations in Geneva from 1997 to 2000, and ambassador to the Russian Federation from 2000 to 2004, coinciding with the first four years of Vladimir Putin's first presidency.

Since his retirement from the FCO, he served on the Chilcot inquiry panel into the invasion of Iraq, where he was regarded as a tough inquisitor.

Sir Roderic continued his association with Chatham House where he was vice-chairman of Chatham House and contributed to their publication, *The Russian Challenge*, 2015.

Other Russian associations have included the Task Force of the Trilateral Commission on Russia, and until the invasion of Ukraine, the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce.



M10 5 December 2024

Paul Madden CMG

Japan's Role in the Indo-Pacific

Diplomat with deep experience of the Indo Pacific

Paul Madden CMG was British ambassador to Japan (2017-21), Australia (2011-15) and Singapore (2007-11) and also served in Washington.

He is now a senior adviser to a number of multinational companies and consultancies, speaks and writes about Indo Pacific and Trade issues, and is a Visiting Professor of International Relations at Keio University Tokyo.

He is a Trustee of the UK/Japan 21st Century Group, the leading bilateral dialogue, and a senior advisor to the Japan Studies Centre at the University of East Anglia.

Paul lived in the Indo Pacific region for over 20 years in total and speaks fluent Japanese. During his posting in Tokyo, the UK signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with Japan, its first post Brexit trade deal.

He has a Masters in Economic Geography from Cambridge, an MBA from Durham, studied Japanese at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, and is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Paul has written books, plays and poetry. His latest book, Sankyū Japan, was published in 2022.



M11 16 January 2025

Professor Kate Sullivan de Estrada

India and the Politics of the Indian Ocean

Indefatigable student of Indian and Indo-Pacific affairs

Kate is an academic and policy expert focusing on India's international relations and security in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific. She obtained a PhD in Politics and International Relations from the Australian National University in 2011. For the past 14 years Kate has been Associate Professor in the International Relations of Southeast Asia at the School of Global and Area Studies and the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.

She is currently Director of the Contemporary South Asian Studies Programme. She convenes and teaches the MSc/MPhil option on the International Relations of South Asia and supervises DPhil students.

Her research interests centre on the social mobility of states in world politics, in particular examining India's role and identity as a rising power, its strategy in the Indo-Pacific, and Indian Ocean security and nuclear politics in South Asia. Her current research interests also include the four Quad nations—Australia, Japan, India, and the United States.

Kate worked for a year with the Indian Ocean Commission, headquartered in Mauritius and, more recently, she had a short secondment as Principal Research Analyst for India at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. She has also delivered expert testimony to UK parliamentary inquiries and engages across Whitehall and beyond on the UK's policy towards India.



M12 23 January 2025

Sir John Sawers GCMG

National Security: Living in an Age of Uncertainty

Astute thinker on security and geopolitical issues who brought MI6 into the public gaze

Sir John has had a distinguished career as a British intelligence officer, diplomat, and civil servant.

Early on, he worked in Yemen, Syria, South Africa and Washington. At home he was involved in Russian, Middle Eastern and EU policy in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

In 1991 Sir John became Foreign Affairs Advisor to PM Tony Blair, a period that included the Kosovo war and the Northern Ireland peace process. He became ambassador to Egypt in 2001, followed by Special Representative in Iraq, Political Director at the Foreign Office and, finally, UK's ambassador to the United Nations in 2007.

His career culminated in five years as chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6). In that role, he took part in the UK National Security Council and the Joint Intelligence Committee, contributing to assessments of the threats to UK's security in a period of high terrorist activity. He modernized the way the service works and created a more open approach to public accountability.

Upon leaving public service, Sir John became Chairman and Partner at Macro Advisory Partners until he set up Newbridge Advisory in 2019, to advise corporate leaders on geopolitics and political risk. In addition, he has pro bono roles including with King's College London, Nottingham University, the Council on Foreign Relations, and Chatham House.



M13 30 January 2025

Professor Anand Menon

The UK in a Changing Europe

The experts' expert on Britain's conflicted relations with the EU

Anand Menon directs the Economic and Social Research Council initiative, *UK in a Changing Europe*, which promotes rigorous, high-quality, and independent research into the relationship between the UK and the EU. It is coordinated from King's College London, where Anand is Professor of European Politics and Foreign Affairs.

Before joining King's College, Anand was Professor of West European Politics, and founding Director of the European Research Institute at the University of Birmingham. Prior to that, he held academic positions at St Antony's College, Oxford, and Sciences Po in Paris.

Anand is an associate fellow of Chatham House and Senior Associate member of Nuffield College, Oxford. He has served on various boards and committees, including the Cabinet Office's European Strategy and Policy Committee, and is a former special adviser to the House of Lords EU committee. Also a valued Hon Member of the Keele World Affairs Advisory Panel.

He has written widely on many aspects of EU politics and policy, has spoken at numerous high-profile events and conferences and is a frequent contributor to the media on matters relating to British relations with the EU.

His books include *Brexit and British Politics* (co-authored) and *Europe: The State of the Union* and he has written for the Financial Times, Prospect, The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph, The Times, and Le Monde.



M14 6 February 2025

Lord Adair Turner

Technological answers and political barriers in a zero-carbon world

An international leader in climate and energy transition

Adair Turner chairs the Energy Transitions Commission, a global coalition of companies, investors, environmental NGOs and experts working to limit global warming and stimulate economic development and social progress. He was the first chair of the Committee on Climate Change, an independent statutory body, set up to advise the government.

His combined careers cover business, public policy, and academia. From 2008-13, he chaired the UK's Financial Services Authority, playing a leading role in the post crisis redesign of global banking and shadow banking regulation. Adair has held high profile roles in public policy, including Director General of the Confederation of British Industry and chairman of the UK Low Pay Commission. He became a cross bench member of the House of Lords in 2006.

A Senior Fellow at the Centre for Financial Studies, Frankfurt and a Visiting Fellow at the People's Bank of China School of Finance, Tsinghua University, he is currently chair of insurer group Chubb Europe, a non-executive director of AESC, a battery company headquartered in Japan, and a board member of the entrepreneur neobank, OakNorth.

Adair is a Trustee Emeritus of the British Museum, an honorary fellow of The Royal Society, and received an Honorary Degree from Cambridge University in 2017. He writes regularly for Project Syndicate and has published *Economics after the Crisis* (2012) and *Between Debt and the Devil* (2015).



M15 13 February 2025

Professor Kerry Brown

Inside the CCP: Who Influences President Xi?

China expert.... from inside and out

Kerry Brown is a Professor of Chinese Studies and Director of the Lau China Institute.

From 2012 to 2015, Kerry was Professor of Chinese Politics and Director of the China Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, Australia. Prior to this, he worked at Chatham House (2006 to 2012) as Senior Fellow and then Head of the Asia Programme. Meanwhile, from 2011 to 2014, he directed the Europe China Research and Advice Network (ECRAN), giving policy advice to the European External Action Service.

From 1998 to 2005, Kerry worked in Beijing as First Secretary at the British Embassy, and then as Head of the Indonesia, Philippine and East Timor Section. From 1994 to 1996, he lived in the Inner Mongolia region of China.

He has a MA from Cambridge University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Mandarin Chinese (Distinction) from Thames Valley University, London, and a PhD in Chinese politics and language from Leeds University.

Kerry has written extensively about China, its culture, its political system, and its external relationships. His recent books include

China's World: The Foreign Policy of the World's Newest Superpower; The Future of UK-China Relations; China (Polity Histories); Contemporary China; China's Dream: The Culture of Chinese Communism and the Secret Sources of Its Power, and China's CEO: Xi Jinping.



M16 20 February 2025

Fintan O'Toole

A United Ireland: Problem or Possibility?

Authoritative commentator on Ireland, Britain and their shared history

Fintan O'Toole is an Irish polemicist, columnist, literary editor and drama critic for The Irish Times, for which he has written since 1988. Fintan was drama critic for the New York Daily News from 1997 to 2001 and is a regular contributor to The New York Review of Books where he is Advising Editor, and contributes regularly to The Guardian.

He is also an author, literary critic, historical writer and political commentator, with generally left-wing views. His recent books have focused on the rise, fall and aftermath of Ireland's Celtic Tiger. Fintan was born in Dublin, grew up in a working-class family, and was educated at University College Dublin. He has been a strong critic of political corruption in Ireland throughout his career.

In 2011 he was named by The Observer as one of "Britain's top 300 intellectuals", although he does not live in the UK and was one of five on the list who would not claim to be British. He is the winner of both the Orwell Prize and the European Press Prize for his work on Brexit.

In 2012 and 2013 O'Toole was a Visiting Lecturer in Irish Letters at Princeton University, and contributed to the Fund for Irish Studies Series.

He is author of *Heroic Failure: Brexit and the Politics of Pain* (in 2018) and *We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Ireland Since 1958* (in 2021).



M17 27 February 2025

Daniel Bruce

Corruption: Counting the Cost

Anti-Corruption expert leading the work of Transparency International UK

As Chief Executive, Daniel develops and leads the overall strategy of Transparency International UK across all programme and policy areas. He heads up the leadership team and serves as the organisation's senior-most representative to governments, the private sector and in the media.

He was appointed Chief Executive in 2019 and has since overseen Transparency International's work to reveal the scale of global corruption facilitated by professional services in the UK, as well as TI's forensic analysis of corruption concerns in Covid-19 procurement. Daniel served as an expert witness to the Committee on Standards in Public Life in 2021, contributing to the 'Standards Matter 2' review, in addition to recent work with House of Commons Standards Select Committee. He is a regular media commentator on matters of political integrity, standards and financing.

Daniel is an experienced senior leader in international civil society with an earlier career as an award-winning broadcast journalist and editor. Before joining TI, Daniel spent nearly 6 years as Chief Executive of the press freedom and media development organisation Internews. He originally joined the organisation in 2008, as a Chief of Party overseeing complex country programmes in the wake of conflict and civil unrest in East Africa. During his time as CEO, he led the organisation to deliver high impact projects tackling corruption in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.

Daniel has also worked on transparency, governance and media initiatives across three continents for Article 19, Albany Associates, Fondation Hironnelle, the University of Pennsylvania and others. He was the Programme Director for a Public Media Alliance initiative to improve regulatory frameworks in East Africa in partnership with UNESCO.



M18 6 March 2025

Lord George Robertson KT GCMG

What Strategy for NATO in the 2020's?

Vastly experienced international politician encouraging cooperation

Lord Robertson is a distinguished Parliamentarian and tenth Secretary General of NATO.

Lord Robertson was elected six times as a Labour MP between 1978 and 1999. In the years of opposition, he was a front bench spokesman on Defence and Foreign Affairs, principal opposition spokesman on Europe and, in 1992, was named Parliamentarian of the year for his role during the Maastricht Treaty ratification.

Following the 1997 election he became Secretary of State for Defence and was made a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council. He was appointed to the House of Lords in 1999 and the same year became the tenth Secretary General of NATO, and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, roles he served in until 2003. He is a member of the House of Lords Select Committee on International Affairs and Defence.

As well as being one of the sixteen Knights of the Order of the Thistle and Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George, Lord Robertson has several high international honours including America's highest civilian honour, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Lord Robertson holds Honorary Doctorates from various universities and is Chancellor of Dundee University, where he graduated in 1968. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Lord Robertson's many roles outside parliament have included Vice-chairman of the British Council and President of Chatham House. In the private sector he has served on the board of several companies.



M19 13th March 2024

Professor Guy Standing

The Politics of Time

Outspoken critic of 21st Century capitalism and its impact on society

Guy Standing is a Professorial Research Associate at SOAS University of London, and Hon. Co-President and Co-Founder of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), an NGO that promotes a basic income as a right.

He has written and edited widely in the areas of labour economics, social protection and, more recently, rentier capitalism and the need to revive the commons.

Guy's best-known book *The Precariat: The New Dangerous Class* (2011) describes an emerging mass class facing multiple forms of insecurity and the loss of citizenship rights.

Other books include *The Corruption of Capitalism: Why Rentiers Thrive and Work Does Not Pay* (2016), which shows how global capitalism has been rigged in favour of owners of property (physical, financial and intellectual), *Basic Income: And How We Can Make It Happen* (2017), *Plunder of the Commons: A Manifesto for Sharing Public Wealth* (2019), *The Blue Commons: Rescuing the Economy of the Sea* (2022) and *The Politics of Time: Gaining Control in the Age of Uncertainty* (2023).

From 1975-2006 Guy worked at the International Labour Organization, latterly as director of the ILO's Socio-Economic Security Programme, which was responsible for a major report on socio-economic security worldwide.

In 2006 he became Professor of Economic Security at the University of Bath, and in 2013 Professor of Development Studies at SOAS.



M20 20 March 2025

Professor Margaret MacMillan OM CH

War and the Modern World

Internationally acclaimed modern historian

Margaret MacMillan is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Toronto and Emeritus Professor of International History and former Warden of St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford.

She specialises in British imperial history and the international history of the 19th and 20th centuries. Her publications are critically acclaimed and have won several important awards, most notably *Paris 1919* (published in the UK as *Peacemakers Six Months that Changed The World*) for which she won several awards, including the prestigious Samuel Johnson Prize, the first woman to win it.

Over the course of her career, Margaret has taught a range of courses on the history of international relations. She gave CBC Radio's Massey lectures in 2015 and in 2018 was the BBC Reith Lecturer, exploring the relationship between humanity and war.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and of several colleges, she is a Trustee of the Imperial War Museum and sits on a number of editorial boards and non-profit advisory boards. She has honorary degrees from several universities.

Margaret was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2006 and Companion in 2015. She was appointed a Companion of Honour in 2017 and in 2022 Queen Elizabeth II chose her to be a member of the Order of Merit, an award she received from King Charles III.

Margaret is our Honorary President and a valued Hon Member of our Advisory Panel.