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Philip Collins
Journalist, editor, author, political advisor

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Baroness Catherine Ashton
Former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, House of Lords

10 October 2024

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"The Hand that Grips AI"



Professor Jonnie Penn
Associate Teaching Professor of AI Ethics and Society, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge

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"Too Hot to Handle?: The Democratic Challenge of Climate Change"



Professor Rebecca Willis
Professor in Energy and Climate Governance, Lancaster University

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Professor Nic Cheeseman
Professor of Democracy and International Development, University of Birmingham

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"The Curse of Latin America: Seeking a Global Drugs Policy"



Professor Julia Buxton
British Academy Global Professor, Criminology, University of Manchester

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"The Changing Geopolitics of the Middle East"



Sir John Jenkins KCMG LVO
Former UK Ambassador to Burma, Syria, Iraq, Libya, and Saudi Arabia

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"An African History of Africa"



Zeinab Badawi
President, SOAS, University of London

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"What Future for Russia?"



Sir Roderic Lyne KBE CMG
Former UK Ambassador to Russia

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"Japan's Role in the Indo-Pacific"



Paul Madden CMG
Former British Ambassador to Japan, Australia and Singapore

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"India and the Politics of the Indian Ocean"



Professor Kate Sullivan de Estrada
Associate Professor in the International Relations of South Asia, University of Oxford

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"National Security: Living in an Age of Uncertainty"



Sir John Sawers GCMG
Former Chief of MI6 and Ambassador, Visiting Professor, King's College London

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"The Changing World for Britain and Europe"



Professor Anand Menon
Director, UK in a Changing Europe, King's College London

30 January 2025

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"Technological answers and political barriers in a zero-carbon world"



Lord Adair Turner
Chair, Energy Transitions Commission,

06 February 2025

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"Inside the CCP: Who Influences President Xi?"



Professor Kerry Brown
Director, Lau China Institute, King's College London

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"A United Ireland: Problem or Possibility?"



Fintan O'Toole
Columnist and writer, The Irish Times

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"Corruption: Counting the Cost"



Daniel Bruce
Chief Executive, Transparency International UK

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"What Strategy for NATO in the 2020's?"



Lord George Robertson KT GCMG
former Secretary-General NATO

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"The Politics of Time"



Professor Guy Standing
Professorial Research Associate, SOAS University of London

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"War: How Conflict Shaped Us"



Professor Margaret MacMillan OM CH
Professor of History, University of Toronto, Emeritus Professor of International History, Oxford

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