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Another England: How to Reclaim Our National Story



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Jonathon Porritt CBE
Founder, Forum for the Future and former Chancellor Keele University

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Britain's Relations With Europe in a Rapidly Changing International Order



His Excellency Miguel Berger
Ambassador to the UK, Federal Republic of Germany

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Professor Linda Woodhead MBE FBA
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Goodbye Globalisation



Elisabeth Braw
Senior Fellow Atlantic Council, Journalist, Author

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Power to the People: Can This Be the Century of the Citizen?



Dr Danny Sriskandarajah
Chief Executive, New Economics Foundation

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Dr Avinash Paliwal
Reader in Int. Relations, SOAS, University of London

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Is Democracy Alive in Africa?"



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

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Needing a Better Song to Sing: Seeking a New Economic Narrative



Professor Richard Murphy
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Laura Clarke OBE
Chief Executive Officer, ClientEarth

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Michael Stephens
Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, FPRI

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Making the Weather in British Politics



Professor Sir Vernon Bogdanor CBE
Professor of Government, King's College London

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How to Fix Capitalism?



Dr Gillian Tett OBE
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Can The West Ever Be Reconciled With Russia?



Professor Mark Galeotti
Hon. Professor UCL SSEES, Senior Assoc. Fellow at RUSI, Director, Mayak Intelligence

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Can China Conquer the World Through Technology?



Charles Parton OBE
Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI and Former Diplomat

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Dilemmas for Europe in a Multipolar World

Bill Emmott

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Dame Karen Pierce DCMG

UK Special Envoy to the Western Balkans and
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The Climate Emergency: The Role of Non-Violent Direct Action

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International Security in a World of Xi and Putin

Professor Michael Clarke

former Director-General, RUSI (Royal United
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