



London Defence Conference 2024

*Deterrence: Building Capacity to
Counter Global Threats*

Programme

Wednesday 22 May

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Main Conference

Day 1

MORNING SESSION

MAIN STAGE

09:00: Welcome to LDC - The Vice-Chancellor and
President of King's College London, Shitij Kapur

09:10: Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Defence.
Speech and Q&A
Moderated by Mark Urban

MAIN STAGE

09:40 **Panel I – History Lessons:
Relearning the Art of Deterrence**
Moderated by Mark Urban
Professor Niall Ferguson
Professor Margaret Macmillan
Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman

10:40 Break

MAIN STAGE

11:00 **Panel II – Threats: Who Needs Detering?**

Moderated by Shashank Joshi

Dr Benedetta Berti

Dr Jade McGlynn

Professor Rory Medcalf

Henrik Landerholm

11.55 Break

12:00 **Keynote Conversation - Shadow Defence Secretary**

John Healey MP and Shadow Foreign Secretary

David Lammy MP, *Moderated by Mark Urban*

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12:30 Lunch served

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12:50: Breakout Session (White Ticketholders):

Building a GCAP Generation: setting the foundations of the trilateral defence cooperation

Hosted by ADS

Herman Claesen, BAE Systems

Hugo Rosemont, KBR

Lucia Retter, RAND

Kevin Craven, CEO ADS

Re AM Edward Stringer

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12:50: Closed Session, with lunch (Blue Ticketholders):

**Inside the Challenge of China: Politics,
Economics and Technology**

Moderated by Adam Boulton

Professor Steve Tsang

George Magnus

Charles Parton OBE

AFTERNOON SESSION

MAIN STAGE

14:00: Keynote Address on national resilience -
Oliver Dowden MP, Deputy Prime Minister

MAIN STAGE

14:30: **Panel III – Nuclear: What does 21st-Century
Deterrence Look Like?**

Moderated by Mark Urban

Frank Miller

Professor Marina Henke

Dr Kristin ven Bruusgaard

Professor Sir David Omand

15:30: Break

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14:30: Parallel Roundtable – Making AUKUS work
By invitation only

MAIN STAGE

16:00 **Panel IV – Conventional Forces:
What We Need Now**

Moderated by Deborah Haynes

Jack Watling

Air Chief Marshal The Lord Peach KG GBE
KCB DL

Brigadier General David Doss (US Strategic
Command)

Lt General Andrew Harrison DSO MBE

17:00: Conference closes for the day

*Tomorrow's full programme will be available from 8am on
arrival at the London Defence Conference.*

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Day 2

MORNING SESSION

09:00: Welcome from Mark Urban

09:05: **Keynote Address** - Albin Kurti, Kosovo Prime Minister

09:30 **In Conversation:** UK Foreign Secretary Lord Cameron and Foreign Minister of Poland Radek Sikorski
Moderated by Deborah Haynes

10:05 Break

MAIN STAGE

10:30 **Panel V - Full Spectrum 1: Emerging Technologies**
Moderated by Lord Hague
James Shinn
Dr Ulrike Franke
Louis Mosley
Richard Norman

11:30: Break

MAIN STAGE

11:35: **Panel VI – Full Spectrum 2: Resilient Societies**

Moderated by Deborah Haynes

Fabian Zuleeg

Whitney Stanco

John Harrison

Justin Bassi

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12:30: Lunch

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12:50: Lunchtime Session:

Space Power and UK National Security

Hosted by ADS

*Moderator: Gabriel Elefteriu FRAeS, Deputy
Director Council on Geostrategy*

Ian Annet, CEO, Celestial Fix

Ali Stickings, KBR, Frazer Nash

Kata Escott, UK Managing Director, Airbus

Lord Willetts FRS,

Chair of the UK Space Agency Board

FLOOR 1

- 13:30: Closed session (Blue Ticketholders)
In Conversation with the Chief of Defence Staff
Hosted by Professor John Gearson

AFTERNOON SESSION

MAIN STAGE

- 14:30: **Panel VII - Near Nuclear Iran: Dealing With the Threat**
Moderated by James Landale
Dina Esfandiary
Mark Dubowitz
Tal Kelman
Walter Russell Mead

- 15:30: Break

MAIN STAGE

- 16:00: **Closing Panel – Deterrence: Are We Ready?**
Moderated by Mark Urban
Frank Miller
Ambassador Kevin Rudd
Lieutenant General Andrew Harrison DSO MBE
Deborah Haynes

- 16:55: Break

MAIN STAGE

- 17:00 **Keynote Address** - Foreign Minister of Poland
Radek Sikorski
- 17:15: Closing Remarks from Lord Salisbury
- 17:30: Conference closes



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