



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

FLOOR 8

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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