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Programme

INTERVENTION IN OTHER STATES: DO WE STILL BELIEVE WE CAN INTERVENE FOR GOOD?

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Thursday

4pm Tea in the Saloon (adjacent to the Main Hall)

4.30 - 6pm PLENARY SESSION I (Library)

In what circumstances today is intervention (defined for present purposes as any action taken against a state or its leaders without their consent) legitimate? How do we establish legitimacy internationally in the context of Security Council divisions and the diminishing salience of many multilateral norms?

Introduced by:
Mr Thomas Pickering
Mr Carne Ross

6 pm Coffee in the Saloon

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6.15 - 7.30pm PLENARY SESSION II

What is the toolbox for modern intervention? What supporting state capabilities and legislative frameworks are necessary to make different kinds of intervention effective?

Introduced by:
Professor Shen Dingli
Dr Karen Smith

7.30pm Drinks in the White Drawing Room (at the west end of the House)

7.30pm Group Chairs and Rapporteurs: brief meeting in the Green Drawing Room

8pm Dinner (seating plan on the Hall table)

9.45pm Drinks available in the Hall

Friday

8.30 - 9.10am Breakfast

9.15am onwards Discussion in Working Groups to consider detailed aspects of the conference's general terms of reference:

Working group meetings are held in the Tapestry Room, the Library and the West Wing Drawing Room. (The Tapestry Room is located on the front western side of the House, and the West Wing Drawing Room on the west side, through the colonnade.)

GROUP A **Intervention in cross-border situations – in response to a state, or actors based within it, acting or threatening to act unacceptably against other states, in the process breaking international law or accepted norms of international relations.**

Questions such as those from 1-5 in the terms of reference.

GROUP B **Intervention in single-state situations – in response to flagrant human rights violations by a state against its own people, or to a humanitarian disaster where a state is failing to act effectively.**

Questions such as those from 6-11 in the terms of reference.

GROUP C **Defensive strategies that are or should be available to a state in response to legally or morally unacceptable intervention in its affairs by another state or states, whether that be declared, undeclared or uncertain.**

Questions such as those from 12-18 in the terms of reference.

The division into separate groups is necessarily arbitrary. While concentrating on the main topic devolved to them, groups should not worry unduly about overlap where that seems useful.

9.15 - 10.45am FIRST SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS

10.45am Coffee

11.05am - 12.35pm	SECOND SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS
12.35pm	Drinks
1pm	Buffet lunch
1.45pm	Transport departs for those who wish to visit Broughton Castle or Oxford, returning to Ditchley by approximately 4.15 pm (<i>see Note 1 below</i>).
4pm	Tea in the Saloon
4.30 - 6pm	THIRD SESSION OF WORKING GROUPS
6.10pm	<i>Informal guided tour of the ground floor State Rooms (about 40 minute). Assembly in the Hall for anyone interested in joining the tour.</i>
7.30pm	Drinks in the White Drawing Room
8pm	Dinner (seating plan on the Hall table) (Black tie, business or evening attire)
9.45pm	Drinks available in the Hall

Saturday

8.20 - 9am	Breakfast in the Dining Room
8.20 – 9am	<i>Conference Chairs and Rapporteurs: Breakfast meeting in the Breakfast Room</i>
9.05 - 9.55am	PLENARY SESSION III <i>Presentation of outcomes and recommendations from Group A's discussions</i>
9.55 - 10.45am	PLENARY SESSION IV <i>Presentation of outcomes and recommendations from Group B's discussions</i>
10.45am	Group photograph on the front steps, followed by coffee
11.05 - 11.55am	PLENARY SESSION V <i>Presentation of outcomes and recommendations from Group C's discussions</i>
11.55am - 12.45pm	PLENARY SESSION VI <i>Final debate</i>
12.45pm	Drinks
12.50pm	For those with flights leaving before 5pm, first vehicle leaves for Heathrow airport
1.00pm	Lunch
1.45pm	For those with flights leaving after 5pm, second vehicle leaves for

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1.45pm

Vehicle leaves for Charlbury Station (for the 2.08pm train to London, which arrives at Paddington Station at 3.28pm).

NOTE 1: Friday afternoon

Friday afternoon is free between lunch and tea-time. You are welcome to rest and to explore the grounds at Ditchley (please pick up a map of the estate from the Hall, which indicates walking routes, as well as private areas).

Other options include:

*The Foundation usually arranges a brief trip by minibus to **Broughton Castle**, or to **Oxford** for those who may wish to visit the Ashmolean Museum, browse the bookshops or explore the city on their own (note that this excursion is not guided). Broughton is a local architectural gem with a strong civil war history, about half an hour away from Ditchley. Spaces are limited, and there is a charge of £10 for the visit to Broughton; there is no charge for the excursion to Oxford. Please sign the list on the table in the Hall if you are interested in joining either trip.*

Finally, for anyone who would like to convene a small-group in order to continue the discussion after lunch, the Velvet Room is at your disposal (maximum capacity 12 people), and coffee can be arranged, upon request.

NOTE 2: Luggage

*Those leaving at the end of the conference are asked to leave their baggage (other than hats, coats and hand luggage) outside their bedroom **by 11.05am**, so that it may be collected and brought to the Hall.*

Please note: *Luggage will be arranged in the Hall according to whether you are travelling to the station; travelling on the first bus to Heathrow airport; travelling on the second bus to Heathrow; or leaving by car. Please verify that your luggage is in the correct place prior to your departure. You are encouraged not to leave bags and briefcases in the vicinity of luggage destined for the airport/station.*

Individual arrangements will be made should anyone need to leave earlier.

NOTE 3: Internet Access

*Wi-fi is available throughout the ground floor of the main house. The network name is '**Ditchley guest**' and no password is required.*

There is a small conference office located on the lower ground floor equipped with a photocopier, a printer and three PCs, which are at your disposal.

*Please either **switch off** your mobile phone during plenary sessions or at least keep it away from the microphones, as it will interfere with the signal to the microphones. You are welcome to use your laptop, if wi-fi is turned off.*