



PROGRAMME

ATLANTIC YOUTH FORUM 2008

Monday 4 – Friday 8 August 2008

926th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

in co-operation with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and the US Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)

The Atlantic Youth Forum, the sixth since 2003, is an annual event which aims to provide an opportunity for Americans, Canadians and Europeans in the 18-24 age group to gain insights into each other's concerns and perceptions on key challenges facing their countries and the international community. The programme will address a range of political, security, cultural, economic and social issues of common interest.

MONDAY 4 AUGUST

1500 - 1530

Welcome to Conference and Introduction to Wilton Park

Conference Chair

Julia PURCELL

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

1530 - 1645

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WILL A NEW UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

Philip BOBBITT

Herbert Wechsler Professor of Jurisprudence, Columbia Law School; Senior Fellow, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, University of Texas

1645 - 1730

Photograph and Tea

1730 - 1900

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SELF RELIANCE AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY: SHOULD COUNTRIES SORT OUT THEIR OWN PROBLEMS?

Olivia MCDONALD

Senior Governance Adviser, Christian Aid, London

Bala THAKRAR

Director, Asian Foundation for Philanthropy, London

1930

Reception followed by Barbecue

TUESDAY 5 AUGUST

0800 - 0900

Breakfast

0915 - 1045

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SECURING THE FUTURE? DETERRENCE TO DISARMAMENT

Session Chair:

Kerry KARTCHNER

Senior Adviser for Strategic Planning, Office of Strategic Planning and Outreach, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, US Department of State, Washington DC

Paul INGRAM

Co-Executive Director (UK), British American Security Information Council (BASIC), London

Paul BERNSTEIN

Vice President, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), McLean
Tea/Coffee

1045 - 1115

- 1115 - 1245 4 **DISCUSSION GROUPS**
- **GROUPS A&B**
SECURITY: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR STATES?
 - **GROUPS C&D**
IS DEVELOPMENT AID A WASTE OF MONEY?
- 1245-1500 Lunch
- 1500 - 1630 5 **WHO ARE THE SUPERPOWERS?**
- Jamie SHEA**
Director, Policy Planning, Private Office of the Secretary General, NATO, Brussels
- 1630-1700 Tea/Coffee
- 1700 - 1815 6 **DISCUSSION GROUPS**
- **GROUPS A&B**
MIGRATION: A GLOBAL THREAT OR A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY?
 - **GROUPS C&D**
IS BIGGER BETTER? THE IMPLICATIONS OF EUROPEAN ENLARGEMENT
- 2030 7 **EVENING QUIZ IN COMMON ROOM**

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

- 0730 Breakfast
- 0815 Depart for London
- 8 **VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**
Guided Tour
- 9 **VISIT TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**
- AMERICAN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: IS IT WORKING?**
Discussion with:
- Matt GOSKOWSKI**
Press Officer, Embassy of the United States of America
- 10 **WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING RADICAL?**
Discussion in Portcullis House with:
- Tim LOUGHTON**
Member of Parliament, East Worthing and Shoreham; Shadow Minister, Children, Schools and Families, London
- 11 **VISIT TO THE FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH OFFICE**
- FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES: WHO DECIDES?**
Panel presentation by:
- Jolyon WELSH**
Head, Public Diplomacy Group, London
- Richard SHAW**
Policy Planning Team, London
- Natalie GOWERS**
North America Team, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London
- 2045 Dinner

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST

0800 - 0900 Breakfast

0915 - 1045 12 **WHO'S READING MY FACEBOOK? THE PARAMETERS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Tom ILUBE

Online Identity Expert; Chief Executive Officer, Garlik, London

Matthew ROBINSON

Senior Political Analyst, Accenture, London

1045- 1115 Tea/Coffee

1115 - 1245 13 **PLAYING THE FIELD: IS SPORT AN EFFECTIVE AGENT OF SOCIAL CHANGE?**

Lord TRIESMAN of TOTTENHAM

Independent Chairman, Football Association, London

1300 -1500 Lunch

1500 -1630 14 **DISCUSSION GROUPS**

- **HOW TO EXPAND THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE?**

1630-1700 Tea/Coffee

1700-1800 15 **FINAL PLENARY: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Chaired by Forum Participant (as voted by Forum)

1930 Drinks Reception in Common Room
2000 Forum Dinner

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

0800 Breakfast and payment of bills
0915 Participants depart