



Calendar of events

Conflict prevention

Confirmed

[Prevention of mass atrocities](#)

Monday 29 – Wednesday 31 October | WP1645

This event will determine both international and national barriers to understanding and responding to preventative action, learn from current early warning systems in place and develop effective frameworks and mechanisms to strengthen prediction, prevention and response capacity at a local, national and international level.

Defence and security

Confirmed

[Powerful actor, high impact bio-threats](#)

Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 November | WP1625

This event will determine both international and national barriers to understanding and responding to preventative action, learn from current early warning systems in place and develop effective frameworks and mechanisms to strengthen prediction, prevention and response capacity at a local, national and international level.

[The nuclear non-proliferation regime towards the 2020 NPT Review Conference](#)

Monday 10 – Friday 14 December | WP1633

This annual conference will address diplomatic, political and strategic challenges for the NPT regime, and ways to meet them, as we approach the 2020 NPT Review Conference.

Commonwealth states and firearms trafficking

Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 February 2019 | WP1632

Bringing together government representatives and technical experts from across all regions of the Commonwealth to share best practice in tackling the scourge of international arms trafficking.

In development

The UK's security and defence relationship with the EU post Brexit

2019 | C352

While there is strong mutual interest in very close UK-EU security and defence collaboration after Brexit, it is critical to consider the new structures and processes needed to make this possible, including for example to deal with potential new regulatory barriers if single market rules are increasingly applied to the defence and military spheres.

Addressing security challenges in North Africa and the Sahel - multilateral policy and strategy

2018 | C406

Discussing the frequency, severity and complexity of security challenges related to North Africa and the Sahel and the new NSC priority requires deeper international policy and strategy co-ordination between Western donor nations.

Addressing security challenges in North Africa and the Sahel - UK policy and strategy

2018 | C405

Discussing the frequency, severity and complexity of security challenges related to North Africa and the Sahel and the new NSC priority requires deeper cross-Whitehall policy and strategy co-ordination.

The future of conflict - AI, human/machine control and armed drones

2019 | C409

This dialogue seeks to advance critical thinking around the militarisation of AI, autonomy and human/ machine interface in conflict. Using a case study of armed drones, it will consider whether the international community should develop minimum standards around human control.

Navigating Pacific futures: climate change and resilience

2019 | C454

An annual forum for UK Joint Warfare Development and engagement with key technical experts and senior stakeholders.

Global economy

Confirmed

[Global skills for prosperity*](#)

Tuesday 16 – Friday 19 October | WP1647

A dialogue to share best practice, build partnerships and assess strategies for developing high-quality skills programmes, including STEM and TVET, which support economic prosperity and sustainable development, across a range of partner countries.

[Together for nutrition: applying principles for public-private engagement](#)

Thursday 8 – Friday 9 November | WP1642 (held in Rome)

Following on from the first event held in 2017, this second dialogue will focus on how to practically apply the Principles of Engagement to public-private partnerships, in pursuit of the global nutrition goals.

Human rights, good governance and faith

Confirmed

[Youth employment in the Levant: opportunities and challenges*](#)

Monday 15 – Thursday 18 October | WP1611 (held in Jordan)

This event focuses on youth employment in the Levant hearing from young people about credible solutions that might combat the crisis. What are the opportunities and challenges for job creation in the most youthful region of the world?

[Global compact on migration: from political to practical*](#)

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 October | WP1634

Strategically timed ahead of the Marrakech Summit, this specially convened meeting will provide an early opportunity for key players to explore practical ways in which to move from political deliberation to the implementation phase of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), where experimentation, new ways of working and collaboration will be key.

[Protecting vulnerable religious minorities in conflict and crisis settings*](#)

Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 November | WP1641

This dialogue discusses how best to practically implement humanitarian principles to enable effective assistance to vulnerable minority groups.

Gender dynamics in violent extremism*

Sunday 25 – Wednesday 28 November | WP1630

Considering ways radicalisation affects women and girls specifically, and how violent extremism may be better prevented when viewed through a gendered lens.

Tackling corruption: making progress, learning lessons and building capacity

Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 January 2019 | WP1654

Conference to review progress on commitments from the 2016 Anti-Corruption Summit in the UK, engage in peer learning and experience sharing, and build capacity within government, business and civil society in tackling corruption.

Turbocharging youth employment

Sunday 20 – Wednesday 23 January 2019 | WP1658

This event will seek to address the large and persistent challenge of youth unemployment by presenting a multi-faceted response, drawing on previous Youth Dialogues.

Constitutional changes to develop inclusive citizenship in the Middle East

Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 March 2019 | WP1646

Developing a new framework for different religious groups in the Middle East to live together as equal citizens is a priority for peace in the region. This roundtable will explore the constitutional changes required to develop inclusive citizenship and map a plan of action for how to achieve these.

Prevention of violence against women and girls

Wednesday 8 – Saturday 11 May 2019 | WP1657

Seeking to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of what works and doesn't work to prevent violence against women and girls and aims to define a global agenda for VAWG prevention.

In development

Developing an accountable and agile global governance framework to strengthen ethical standards in the deployment of AI

2019 | C425

How to maximise the potential of AI for good while mitigating the risks associated with its use- exploring the need for a global governance framework for AI.

Digital dignity in armed conflict

2019 | C437

This dialogue explore how individuals and communities in conflict can be safeguarded from emerging threats to their dignity and identity in the digital space and sets out a roadmap to uphold the principles of "digital dignity".

Hate crime in Europe and North America

2019 | C446

In support of more effective strategies to tackle hate crime, on and offline, this meeting will provide an opportunity for selected experts from Europe and North America to strengthen collaboration and identify practical steps forward.

Sustainable development and the environment

Confirmed

Navigating Pacific futures: climate change and resilience*

Sunday 16 – Tuesday 18 December | WP1631

Seeking to place an international spotlight on the Pacific's climate change challenges and priorities, bringing a unique angle to the pressing and intractable problem.

Enhancing effective development cooperation between the UK, Brazil and Sub-Saharan African partners

Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 February 2019 | WP1640

Focusing on how to strategically harness the trilateral trajectory of development cooperation within the region to advance the attainment of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Green grids: connecting Asia

Thursday 28 – Saturday 30 March 2019 | WP1656

The relatively low capacity of our energy grids to accommodate international trade in electricity threatens to act as a bottleneck to the greater integration of renewable energy, inhibiting the world's ability to make the transition away from fossil fuels. How can investments in this vital infrastructure be ramped up?

In development

Transboundary climate risks

2019 | C382

Policy responses to the risks posed by climate change are formulated largely at the national level, despite the transnational nature of many ecosystems and communities. This event will examine the benefits and challenges of a more multilateral approach to adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

Can blockchain improve humanitarian financing?

2019 | C390

Innovation in financial technologies offers the prospect of improved transparency and efficiency in the financing of multilateral humanitarian aid programmes. This event will explore the potential, and risks, of the use of distributed ledgers in the humanitarian sector.

* closed, invitation only events. Unless otherwise stated, events are held at Wiston House.

Details of confirmed events can be found on our website, <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/events/>

As well as the confirmed events featured on our website, we are always looking into new ideas. Detailed above is a taster of some of the ideas we are currently exploring (subject to funding). If you would like to find out more about funding, partnership or participation, please email nandini.mackay@wiltonpark.org.uk. All dates are subject to change.

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