



About Chatham House

Chatham House has been the home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs for ninety years. Our mission is to be a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all.

Founded in 1920 and based in St James's Square in London, the institute gained its Royal Charter in 1926.



The governance of Chatham House is overseen by its Council. Its Chairman is Dr DeAnne Julius CBE (pictured above with Director Dr Robin Niblett). Our patron is Her Majesty The Queen.

Chatham House has Presidents from each of the three major political parties at Westminster – a reflection of our independence from government:

- Rt Hon Lord Ashdown
- Rt Hon Sir John Major
- Rt Hon Baroness Scotland QC

Research

Research is core to all Chatham House activities. We undertake independent and rigorous analysis with the aim of setting the agenda and shaping policy by encouraging new ideas and forward thinking in international affairs.

Chatham House research is structured around three areas:

Energy, Environment and Resource Governance

Research Director: Bernice Lee

In the next few decades, competition over finite resources (from food and water to oil and gas) will intensify in the face of a 50% increase in the size of the world population and ever-rising standards of living. Chatham House research in this field aims to promote climate and energy security, and strengthen sustainable development solutions.

International Economics

Research Director: Dr Paola Subacchi

The recent financial crisis has exposed the fragility of the current global economic order and new models are urgently needed to rebalance it. Building on the emergence of the G20, reforms should ensure big emerging-market economies are fully incorporated into systems of global economic governance. Chatham House is actively engaged in the public and policy debate on the reshaping of the post-crisis world.

Regional and Security Studies

Research Director: Alex Vines

The interaction between the national political and security priorities of countries and communities around the world and the transnational forces of globalization can create a combustible mix. Chatham House regional and security programmes dig beneath the surface of global trends to assess the particular priorities of leaders and decision-makers. Current research areas are: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Russia and Eurasia, Global Health Security, International Law and International Security.





A BBC Radio 4 recording discusses Afghanistan in the Joseph Gaggero Hall.

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Membership

The membership of Chatham House brings together individuals, companies and organizations who share a deep interest in international affairs, independent thinking and debate. Our members encompass a diverse range of backgrounds and professions including academics, diplomats, the media, NGOs, politicians, policy-makers, researchers and business people.

Contributions from our members, through subscriptions and other donations, are a vital source of discretionary revenue that helps to sustain the independence of Chatham House.

Events

Chatham House hosts high-profile speakers from around the world as part of our programme of events, as well as organizing and participating in a number of events elsewhere in the UK and overseas. In addition to our conferences, research seminars and workshops, regular events are arranged specifically for individual and corporate members.



Recent speakers (pictured) include President Abdullah Gül of Turkey, winner of the 2010 Chatham House Prize; Christine Lagarde, IMF Managing Director; President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia; and UK Prime Minister David Cameron.

Communications and Publications

Disseminating our research findings widely is core to Chatham House's mission. We publish around 60 reports, briefing papers and books each year. The Chatham House library, established in 1921, has one of the oldest specialist collections of material on international affairs in the UK.

Recent publications (pictured) include *Preventing Crises and Promoting Economic Growth* and *Crisis of Authority: Iran's 2009 Presidential Election*, as well as issues of our monthly magazine *The World Today* and internationally renowned journal *International Affairs*.



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