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**Chatham House Conference<sup>1</sup>**  
**“Bridging Two Worlds: Economic and Technology Governance”**  
**Chatham House | Tuesday, 24 February 2026, 0930 – 1730 GMT**

Global governance faces enormous challenges in 2026 following President Trump’s renouncing of multilateralism and in the presence of intense technological competition and transformational change. This conference takes an innovative approach by bringing together experts and decision-makers from two specific, but increasingly interlinked, fields: economic/financial governance and digital technology governance.

The conference empowers decision-makers to build bridges, identifying transferable lessons and potential solutions to commonly shared global governance challenges like roadblocks to reform and global shocks or crises.

## **AGENDA**

**0900 - 0930 Registration and refreshments**

**0930 – 0940 Welcome and opening keynote**

**0940 – 0955 Overview: Why look at digital technology and financial/economic governance together?**

**0955 – 1100 Session 1: Digital currencies and global governance**

*Given current trends in the development of public and private digital currencies, what type of international currency system (or systems) could eventually emerge?*

*Are new regulatory approaches required, and if so, who will build them?*

*How are the choices made likely to differ between US, Europe, China and the Emerging and Developing Economies (EMDEs)?*

*What are the broader long-term implications for digital technology and economic/financial governance?*

**1100 – 1130 Coffee break**

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**1130 – 1245 Session 2: AI and the global economy**

*How will AI (including increasingly advanced and autonomous, or “agentic”, AI) impact on the global economy?*

*Are current governance mechanisms sufficient to deal with potential impacts (e.g. in industrial organisation)?*

*What new safeguard measures might be needed?*

**1245 – 1345 Lunch**

**1345 – 1415 Keynote address**

**1410 – 1530 Session 3: Risks and opportunities for emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs)**

*How will current interlinked trends in digital technology and economics/finance affect the economic/political weight of EMDEs overall?*

*What lessons can be drawn from the relative success of EMDEs in building digital public infrastructure, such as digital payment systems?*

*What levers do EMDEs have to jointly shape digital technology and economic/financial governance going forward?*

*How, and with what goals, should these levers be deployed?*

**1530 – 1600 Coffee break**

**1600 – 1715 Session 4: The future of digital technology and financial/economic governance**

*What are the implications of the “Trump Shock” to economic/financial governance for digital technology governance, particularly in AI, and vice versa?*

*What are the most plausible scenarios for economic/financial governance and digital technology governance going forward?*

*How can decision-makers be prepared to build governance arrangements in the wake of future economic and technology shocks, e.g. an AI-enabled global crisis?*

*How could emerging technologies help improve economic/financial and digital technology governance?*

**1715 – 1730 Concluding remarks**

*Review of the main policy insights and recommendations arising from the day’s discussions*

**1730 – 1900 Drinks and canapés reception at Chatham House**