The Polish-British Belvedere Forum 2020

Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 March 2020, Chatham House, London

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

1315  Registration and refreshments

Welcome
1400 – 14:20

Dr Robin Niblett, Director and Chief Executive, Chatham House
Dr Sławomir Dębski, Director, The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)
Professor Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Co-chair of the Polish-British Belvedere Forum joint Steering Committee
Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Co-chair of the Polish-British Belvedere Forum joint Steering Committee

Opening Remarks
Paweł Jabłoński, Undersecretary of State for Economic Diplomacy, Development Cooperation, and European Union Law

Plenary Session One | Poland and the UK: Bilateral Ties in a Shifting Political Context
1420 – 1530

• How will Brexit affect UK-Poland relations?
• How might the relationship be sustained and deepened in the future?

Chair
Kasia Madera, Presenter, BBC World News

Panel
Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Chairman, Cancer Research UK
Gisela Stuart, Chair, Wilton Park
Karolina Zbytniewska, Editor-in-Chief, Euractiv.pl and University of Warsaw
Professor Przemysław Żurawski vel Grajewski, Professor, University of Łódź; member of the National Development Council advising to the President of Poland

1530 – 1600  Refreshments
1600 – 1730  BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

**Business and Economics | Changing Workforces**

- What challenges do Polish and British businesses face in attracting the best talent?
- How will digital technology alter future patterns of work?
- What lessons can be drawn from the different welfare approaches pursued in the UK and Poland?
- What role does private sector have to play in improving workers welfare?

**Chair**
Olga Grygier-Siddons, Member, Belvedere Forum Steering Committee

**Speakers**
Aleksandra Pedraszewska, co-founder and COO, VividQ
Tomasz Machura, IT Consultant with experience in digital transformation programmes.
Hans Kundnani, Senior Research Fellow, Europe Programme, Chatham House
Wioletta Barwicka-Lofthouse, Board Alternate Director for Poland, EBRD

**Politics and International Affairs | Climate Change**

- Do Britain and Poland share a vision of how to reach a low carbon future?
- Are Poles and Brits ready to make lifestyle changes to combat climate change?
- What is the role of NGOs and grassroot movements in mobilising both societies?

**Chair**
Professor Tim Benton, Director, Energy Environment and Resources Programme, Chatham House

**Speakers**
Kinga Raś, Senior Research Fellow, Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum
Ilona Jędrasik, Energy Poland Project Leader, Fundacja ClientEarth-Prawnicy dla Ziemi
Ruth Townend, Research Manager, Ipsos-MORI
Society and Culture | Shared or Clashing Values?

- What set of values do we share?
- Are value divides similar in British and Polish societies?
- How can societies be made more tolerant and inclusive?
- How should our societies balance the demands of tolerance and respect for others with free speech?

Chair
Dr Stanley Bill, Senior Lecturer in Polish Studies, University of Cambridge

Speakers
Dr Wojciech Wilk, President, Polish Centre for International Aid
Marek Tejchman, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna
Sunder Katwala, Director, British Future
Rosena Allin-Khan, Member of Parliament, Labour Party

1730 Drinks reception

An exhibition of photographs of 100 years of Polish-UK relations and of the Polish diaspora in the UK in the 70s and 80s by Czesław Siegieda

End of Day One
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

0815 – 0900   Registration and refreshments

Plenary Session Two | Sovereignty and Identity in Britain and Poland
9000 – 1000

- How do interpretations of the past shape politics in the UK and Poland?
- What is the role of key 20th century events, including the Second World War, in shaping modern national identity in both countries?
- Do contemporary ideas of national sovereignty still make sense?
- How do concepts of sovereignty differ in each country and how has EU membership and the Brexit debate affected these?

Chair
Dr Daniel Tilles, Editor-in-Chief, Notes from Poland; Assistant Professor, the Pedagogical University of Kraków

Speakers
Juliet Samuel, Columnist, The Telegraph
Professor Aleks Szczerbiak, Professor of Politics & Contemporary European Studies, University of Sussex
Dariusz Rosiak, Independent Journalist
Jill Rutter, Senior Fellow, Institute for Government and Senior Research Fellow, the UK in a Changing Europe

1000 – 1015   Break

1015 – 1130   BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

Business and Economics | Urban Rural Divide

- How do geographic differences, particularly between urban and rural areas, shape politics and economics in Poland and the UK?
- To what extent have Warsaw and London become disconnected from the rest of their countries?
- Can these divides be bridged or are these divisions and rivalries inevitable?
- What role can central and local government, business and investment play?

Chair
Thomas Raines, Director, Europe Programme, Chatham House

Speakers
Karol Wałachowski, Expert, Klub Jagielloński
Dr Ewelina Szczek-Pietkiewicz, Professor, Warsaw School of Economics (SGH)
Aleks Collingwood, Analysis Manager, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Professor Matthew Goodwin, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent; Visiting Senior Fellow Europe Programme, Chatham House
1015 – 1130  BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

Politics and International Affairs | Transatlantic Relations

- How have Poland and the UK managed their special relationships with the US under the current administration and how might these ties be affected by the 2020 election?
- Will the US pressure Europeans to take a tougher approach towards China? What might rising Sino-US rivalry mean for Europe over the long term?
- Are there opportunities for deeper UK-Poland cooperation on transatlantic issues?

Chair
Dr Wojciech Lorenz, Security Programme Senior Research Fellow, PISM

Speakers
Dr Justyna Szczudlik, Head of the Asia-Pacific Programme, PISM
Dr Beata Górk-Winter, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw
Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator, Financial Times
Dr Leslie Vinjamuri, Director, US and America Programme, Chatham House

Society and Culture | Law and Politics

- What ought to be the role of judiciary in modern democracies, particularly in relations with democratically elected parliaments?
- How do attitudes to judicial activism vary in Britain and Poland?
- How have the UK and Poland’s different constitutional arrangements shaped their politics? Does the UK need a written constitution?

Chair
Dr Przemysław Biskup, EU Programme Senior Research Fellow, PISM

Speakers
Professor Tomasz Wieciech, Faculty of International and Political Science, Jagiellonian University
Dr Jacek Sokółowski, Member, Klub Jagielloński; solicitor and expert on the judicial reform
Professor Catherine Barnard, Professor of European Union and Labour Law, University of Cambridge
Lord Falconer of Thoroton, PC, QC, Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor (2003–2007)
1130 – 1200  Refreshments

1200 – 1315  BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

Business and Economics | Brexit and Business

- What challenges will Brexit create for the bilateral business relationship?
- In what areas will this be most pronounced?
- How can greater bilateral trade and investment be encouraged and supported?
- What are the expectations of business towards both governments?

Chair
Charles Grant, Director, Centre for European Reform

Speakers
Grzegorz Baczewski, Director General, Polish Confederation Lewiatan
Łukasz Czernicki, Head of the Strategy Team, Polish Economic Institute
Nicole Sykes, Head of EU Negotiations, Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
Nick Lakin, Group Corporate Affairs Director, Kingfisher

Politics and International Affairs | European Security

- Do the EU and NATO have the right approach to contemporary security challenges?
- How might EU policies towards Russia change after Brexit?
- Is there room for greater bilateral UK-Poland defence cooperation?
- How far are we from the vision of a Europe “whole and free”?

Chair
Hans Kundnani, Senior Research Fellow, Europe Programme, Chatham House

Speakers
Dr Marcin Terlikowski, Head of the Security Programme, PISM
Ryszarda Formuszewicz, Senior Fellow, Centre for Eastern Studies
Alice Billon-Galland, Research Associate, Europe Programme, Chatham House
Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Deputy Director-General, RUSI
1200 – 1315  BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

Society and Culture | Polish and British Diaspora

- Is there a distinctive British-Polish identity?
- What integration barriers do communities face, particularly those outside of London?
- What is the role of British-Poles and Polish-Brits in building greater understanding of each other’s countries?

Chair
Dr Łukasz Jasina, PISM

Speakers
Stefan Tompson, Freelance Blogger
Dr Małgorzata Kulakowska, Professor, Jagiellonian University
Gosia McKane, Founder, Merseyside Polonia
Maciek Bator, Founder and Programme Director, For Your Freedom and Ours

1315 – 1415  Lunch

Closing Plenary | The Future of Europe
1415 – 1530

- What will the EU look like in 2030?
- What will be Poland’s place in it and the UK’s relations to it?

Chair
Dr Sławomir Dębski, Director, PISM

Speakers
Sophia Gaston, Managing Director, British Foreign Policy Group
Sir David Lidington, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (2018-19); Minister of State for Europe, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2010-16)
Dr Olaf Osica, Director of Research and Development, SpotData.pl
Konrad Szymański, Polish Minister for European Affairs

Closing Remarks
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1530  Forum Closes