

13 – 14 July 2026 * London

The Next 250: The Future of Democracy, Science, and Markets

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY * 13 JULY 2026	
The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, SW1Y 5AG	
09:00	Registration (tea and coffee)
10:00	Welcome & Introduction
10:10	Surprising Futures <i>Featuring Saul Perlmutter (APS 2014) and France Córdova (APS 2022)</i>
10:40	The Future of Science pt. 1 (Historic focus - inspired by Benjamin Franklin) <i>Featuring Joyce Chaplin (APS 2020, Harvard University), David Edgerton FBA (King's College London), and Martin Rees FRS (APS 1993)</i>
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Induction of New APS Members
13:30	Science, Technology, and the Future of Governance (Inspired by the Declaration) <i>Featuring Alondra Nelson (APS 2020, Institute for Advanced Study) and David Willetts FRS (Chair of the Regulatory Innovation Office, UK)</i>
14:40	Break (Tea and coffee)
15:00	Science, Technology, and the Future of Human health and happiness (Inspired by Wealth of Nations) <i>Featuring Diane Coyle FAcSS (University of Cambridge) and Partha Dasgupta FRS (APS 2005, University of Cambridge, emeritus)</i>
16:10	Break (Tea and coffee)
16:30	Lecture: The World at 2276, pt. 1 <i>Featuring Geraldine Brooks (APS 2024, 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction) and Thomas W. Wolf (APS 2024, former Governor of Pennsylvania)</i>
18:30	Dinner <i>Awarding of the Magellanic Premium of the American Philosophical Society</i>
TUESDAY * 14 July 2026	
The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, SW1Y 5AG	
10:00	Tea and coffee

10:00	Lecture: The World at 2276, pt. 2 <i>Featuring Nils Gilman (Berggruen Institute)</i>
11:20	The Future of World Geopolitics (Inspired by Gibbon) <i>Featuring Simon Fraser GCMG (Chair of Chatham House), Harvey V. Fineberg (APS 2013, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health emeritus), Margaret MacMillan FBA (University of Oxford, emerita), Richard Barrons KCB (British Army, ret.)</i>
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Induction of New APS Members
14:30	The Future of Science pt. 2 (Emerging tech / science in an era of permacrisis / science diplomacy) <i>Featuring Monica Dus (University of Michigan), William Sutherland FRS (APS 2025, University of Cambridge)</i>
15:40	Break (tea & coffee)
16:00	Looking Outward, Space 2276 <i>Featuring Martin Sweeting FRS (Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd.)</i>
17:00	<i>Event Close</i>