

The next 250: the future of democracy, science and markets

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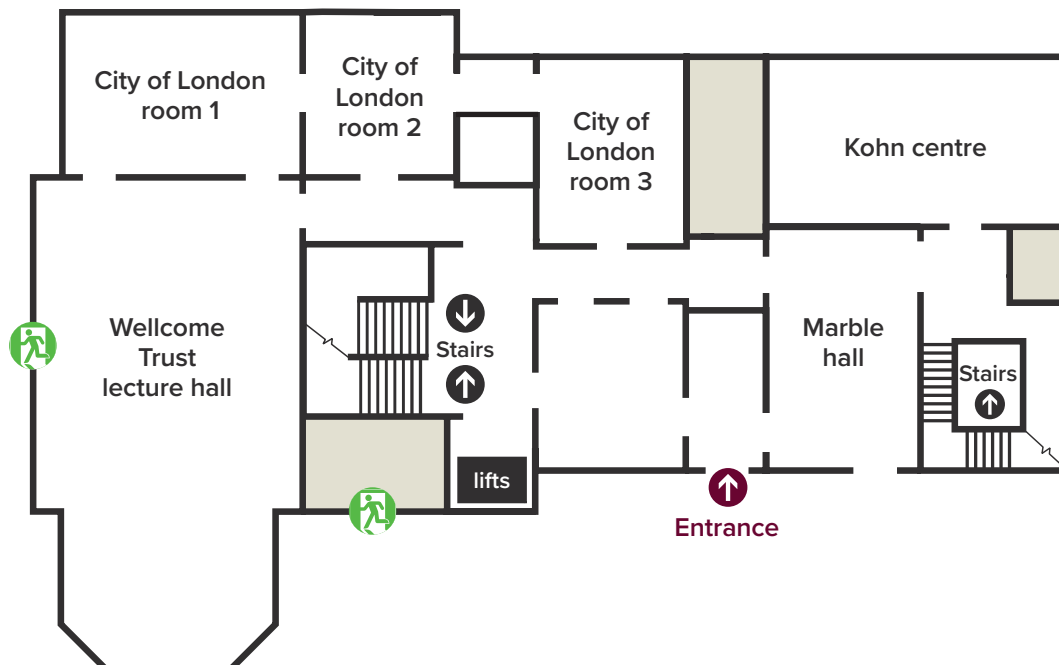
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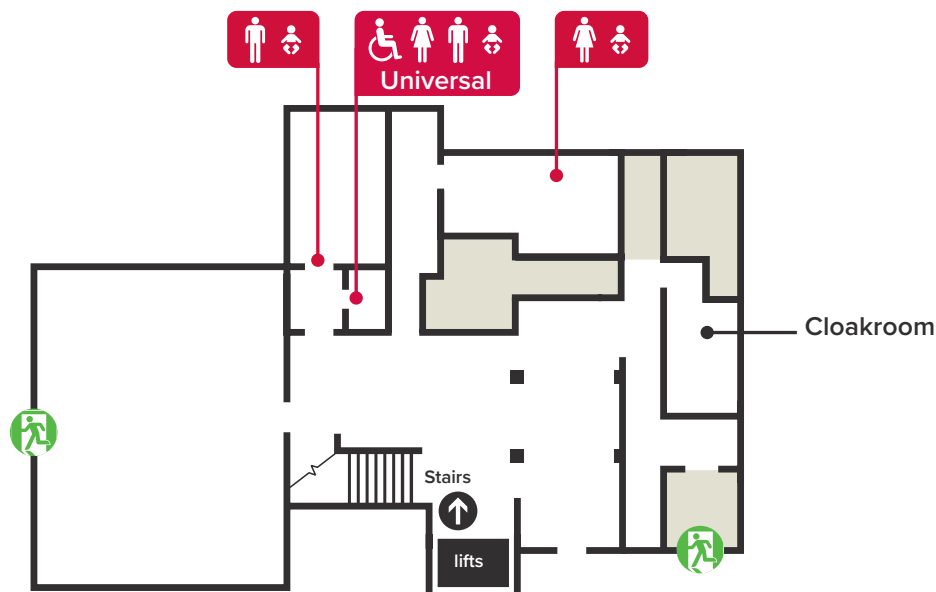
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Plate 3 from the book *Description des expériences de la machine aérostatiques de MM.de Montgolfier*, by Faujas de Saint-Fond. Printmaker: Bertault, 1783. Scene showing the inflation of a balloon by hydrogen gas piped from a barrel. A preliminary balloon of this type was flown at the Champ de Mars in Paris, France on the 27 August 1783, an event witnessed by Benjamin Franklin and which he described in a series of letters to Sir Joseph Banks, President of the Royal Society.

Welcome

Dear participant,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Royal Society and the American Philosophical Society joint meeting on “The Next 250: The Future of Democracy, Science, and Markets”, hosted at the Royal Society in London from Monday 13 to Tuesday 14 July 2026, co-chaired by Sir Mark Walport, Foreign Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society, and The Honourable France A Córdova, President of the Science Philanthropy Alliance.

All sessions of the meeting will be held in the Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall, with catering taking place in the City of London rooms City of London Rooms, which are adjacent to the Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall. The Magellanic Premium Award dinner will take place in the Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall. Toilets are located on the basement floor, which can be reached using the main (red) staircase past the main reception area, or using the lifts.

Please note that there will be a photographer present throughout the meeting. If you would rather not be photographed, please inform someone at the registration desk. The event will also be livestreamed, but only viewable to those who have registered for virtual attendance. Throughout the meeting there will be a member of staff at the registration desk, available to answer any of your questions.

We hope you enjoy your time with us, and that the event proves stimulating and enjoyable. For any queries relating to the event, please email international@royalsociety.org.

1776 and all that

The year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of several major events in the history of science and ideas. In March 1776, Adam Smith published “The Wealth of Nations”, a book that continues to shape economic thinking. The next month, Edward Gibbon published “The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire”, a study of how a once-dominant empire crumbled. And in July, American colonists launched an experiment in self-government and democracy with the publication of the Declaration of Independence, a document that embodies Enlightenment-era thought on individual liberty and human happiness. Its signatories included the polymath Benjamin Franklin, founder of the American Philosophical Society, and one of the few 18th-century Americans elected a fellow of the Royal Society.

To mark this anniversary, the Royal Society, one of the first learned societies, and the American Philosophical Society, the first learned society in North America, is holding an international symposium that uses these historic touchstones to explore the future of governing and human happiness, global geopolitics, the world economic order, and science and its prospects. As the world grows ever more fractious and volatile, it is important to recognize and celebrate the links between nations, and to remind ourselves of the necessity of these relationships in facing the challenges and embracing the opportunities of the next 250 years to come.

As the meeting progresses, we encourage participants to reflect on their own thoughts concerning the next 250, and we have dedicated a portion of time within each session for the audience to question and engage with the panellists. With this in mind, we have suggested a page after each panel session for participants to speculate on the developments of the next 250 years, and to prompt further debate within the room. These pages are structured around Baruch S. Blumberg’s framework for scientific research, and we hope they will help structure participants’ thinking, and provide inspiration.

To learn more about Blumberg, please visit <https://blumberg.amphilsoc.org/>, or scan this QR code:



The Next 250: Blumberg and Scenario Planning

President emeritus of the APS and Nobel Laureate Baruch S. Blumberg described scientific discovery as a simple sequence:

Observation → Hypothesis → Result

In science, this process helps researchers explore uncertainty and discover new knowledge. In long-range thinking, it can help us imagine possible futures:

1. **Observation:** What do we see in the world today? What trends, signals, opportunities, or challenges are emerging?
2. **Hypothesis:** Given those observations, what might happen next? What future developments seem plausible?
3. **Result:** If that future came to pass, what would be the consequences for society, institutions, and human life?

Blumberg's framework won't let us predict the next 250 years, but it can help us explore them. Scenario planning begins with present-day observations and asks what futures might emerge if current trends continue, change, or combine in unexpected ways. Like a scientist, we move from evidence to possibilities rather than from assumptions to conclusions.

For each of the themes explored at this meeting:

- The Future of Science
- The Future of Governance
- The Future of Health & Happiness
- The Future of Geopolitics

consider:

1. What observations matter today?
2. What hypotheses can you generate about the future?
3. What results might those futures produce over the next 250 years?

There are no right answers. The purpose is to identify possibilities, assumptions, and risks that may shape the centuries ahead. In 1776, few people could have imagined antibiotics, the internet, or genomic medicine, and the world of 2276 may be equally difficult for us to conceive. The challenge is not to predict the future, but to observe, imagine, and consider the futures we could create.

Programme

Sunday 12th July 2026

5pm **Welcome reception for APS Members**
Closed event

Monday 13th July 2026

9am **Registration, refreshments and coffee**

10am **Welcome and introduction**

Delivered by Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society; France Córdova (APS 2022), President, Science Philanthropy Alliance

10.10am **Surprising futures**

France Córdova (APS 2022), President, Science Philanthropy Alliance; Saul Perlmutter (APS 2014), University of California, Berkeley

10.50am **The Future of Science (Part 1)**

Chaired by Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society

Featuring presentations by Joyce Chaplin (APS 2020), Harvard University; David Edgerton FBA, King's College London; Martin Rees FRS (APS 1993), University of Cambridge

12 Noon **Lunch**

1pm **Induction of new APS Members**

13.30am **Science, Technology, and the Future of Governance**

Chaired by David Oxtoby (APS 2020), President Emeritus of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Featuring presentations by Alondra Nelson (APS 2020), Institute for Advanced Study; David Willetts FRS, President of the Resolution Foundation, UK; Harvey V. Fineberg (APS 2013), Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, emeritus.

2.40pm **Break**

3pm **Science, Technology, and the Future of Human Health and Happiness**

Chaired by Patrick Spero (APS 2019), CEO, American Philosophical Society

Featuring presentations by Diane Coyle, University of Cambridge; Partha Dasgupta FRS (APS 2005), University of Cambridge, emeritus; Nick Stern FRS (APS 2015), Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

4.10pm **Break**

4.30pm **Lecture: The World at 2276 (Part 1)**

Geraldine Brooks (APS 2024), 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction; Tom Wolf (APS 2024), former Governor of Pennsylvania

5.30pm **Wrap up – Day 1**

Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society

5.35pm **Reception**

6.30pm **Dinner**

Awarding of the Magellanic Premium of the American Philosophical Society to Mark H. Thieme FRS, University of California San Diego

Awarded by Roger Bagnall (APS 2001), President, American Philosophical Society

Tuesday 14th July 2026

9am	Registration, refreshments and coffee
9am	Archive visit <i>Closed to members of APS only</i>
10.15am	Welcome – Day 2 Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society
10.20am	Lecture: The World at 2276 (Part 2) Nils Gilman (Berggruen Institute), in conversation with Martine Rothblatt (APS 2008), United Therapeutics Corporation, and Patrick Spero (APS 2019), CEO, American Philosophical Society
11.20am	Break
11.50am	The Future of World Geopolitics Chaired by Julie Maxton, CEO, The Royal Society Featuring presentations from Simon Fraser, Chair of Chatham House; Margaret MacMillan FBA, University of Oxford, emeritus; and Andrew Haldane FRS (University of Sheffield)
1pm	Lunch
2pm	Induction of New APS Members
2.30pm	The Future of Science (Part 2) Chaired by Alison Noble FRS, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society Featuring presentations from Monica Dus, University of Michigan; Bill Sutherland FRS (APS 2025), University of Cambridge; Rama Elluru, Special Competitive Studies Project
3.40pm	Break
4pm	Looking outwards: Space 2276 David Parker FRAeS, University of Southampton; David Willetts FRS, David Willetts FRS, President of the Resolution Foundation
5pm	Wrap up and closing remarks Mark Walport FRS, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society France Córdova (APS 2022), President, Science Philanthropy Alliance
5.20pm	Event close
5.30pm	Informal networking event at the Sofitel London St James

Meeting day 1
Monday 13th July 2026

Welcome and introduction



Mark Walport FRS

Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society, UK

Sir Mark Walport is Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society. He chairs Imperial College Health Partners and Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre, and is a trustee of the British Museum and the Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation.

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- Professor and Head of the Division of Medicine, Imperial College London
- Founder Fellow and first Registrar of the Academy of Medical Sciences
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France Córdova (APS 2022)

President, Science Philanthropy Alliance, US

France Córdova is an internationally recognised astrophysicist and president of the Science Philanthropy Alliance, whose mission is to advance science through visionary philanthropy. Córdova was the 14th director of the National Science Foundation (NSF). Nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the US Senate, she served in the role from 2014 to 2020. This appointment followed Córdova's earlier nomination to the National Science Board by President George W Bush. Córdova is president emerita of Purdue University and chancellor emerita of the University of California, Riverside. She was the youngest person and first woman to serve as NASA's chief scientist and was awarded the agency's highest honour, the Distinguished Service Medal. Córdova's research is in the areas of observational and experimental astrophysics, multi-spectral research on x-ray and gamma ray sources, and space-borne instrumentation. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University and her doctorate in physics from the California Institute of Technology. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. She is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS)

Surprising Futures

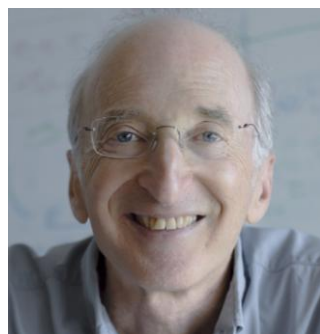
France Córdova and Saul Perlmutter will begin the conference by exploring the different factors that could shape the scientific enterprise over the coming decades, looking at how these forces, trends, disruptions, and developments might lead to some surprising futures.



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Saul Perlmutter (APS 2014)

University of California, Berkeley, US

Saul Perlmutter is a 2011 Nobel Laureate, sharing the prize in physics for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the universe. A professor of physics at the University of California, Berkeley and a senior scientist at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, he is the leader of the international Supernova Cosmology Project, co-director of the Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, and was the founding director of the Berkeley Institute for Data Science. His interest in teaching scientific-style critical thinking led to the interdisciplinary undergraduate courses "Physics and Music" and "Sense and Sensibility and Science" that he has taught for over a decade. The latter of these inspired the publication of *Third Millennium Thinking: Creating Sense in a World of Nonsense*, a book that brings the course concepts to general audiences. An author of hundreds of scholarly articles on cosmology, Professor Perlmutter is also a frequent commentator in mainstream media. Since 2014, he has been a member of the American Philosophical Society. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as well as a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Among other awards and honorary doctorates, Professor Perlmutter was appointed to the U.S. President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology for the Biden Administration.

The Future of Science (Part 1)

This session uses the figure of Benjamin Franklin - scientist, statesman, inventor, diplomat, and member of both the Royal Society and the American Philosophical Society - as a point of reference for considering the future of science over the next 250 years. The discussion will explore how historical understanding can inform future thinking; the prospects and vulnerabilities of scientific institutions; the relationship between science, the humanities, and public life; and the future of human flourishing, health, and happiness.



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Joyce Chaplin (APS 2020), Harvard University, US

Joyce E. Chaplin, BA (Northwestern), MA (Johns Hopkins), PhD (Johns Hopkins), is the James Duncan Phillips Professor of Early American History in the Department of History at Harvard University, where she teaches the histories of science, climate, colonialism, and environment. She is also an Affiliated Faculty Member in Harvard's Department of the History of Science, an affiliate of the Department of Landscape Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, a Faculty Member of Harvard's American Studies Program, and is on the Faculty Steering Committee for the Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability. She serves on the Faculty Executive Board of the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture and is a Trustee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the first historical society in the United States (1791). A former Fulbright Scholar to the United Kingdom, she has taught at six different institutions on two continents, an island, and a peninsula, and in a maritime studies program on the Atlantic Ocean. Back on dry land, she was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019 and of the American Philosophical Society in 2020.



David Edgerton FBA
King's College London, UK

David Edgerton graduated from St John's College Oxford and Imperial College London. After teaching at the University of Manchester, he became the founding director of the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine at Imperial College London (1993-2003) where he was also Hans Rausing Professor. He joined the History department with the Centre on its transfer to King's in August 2013. He was a Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellow, 2006-2009, and gave the 2009 Wilkins-Bernal-Medawar Prize Lecture at the Royal Society. He was a member of the Council of the Architectural Association and is an Honorary Fellow of St. John's College Oxford. Among his books are *The Shock of the Old: Technology and Global History since 1900* (Profile, 2006, 2019) and *The Rise and Fall of the British Nation: A Twentieth Century History* (Penguin, 2019). He is completing a global history of production since 1900 for Penguin.



Martin Rees FRS (APS 1993)
Former President, Royal Society, UK's Astronomer Royal, UK

Martin Rees is a Fellow of Trinity College and Emeritus Professor of Cosmology and Astrophysics at the University of Cambridge. He holds the honorary title of Astronomer Royal and also Visiting Professor at Imperial College London and at Leicester University. After studying at the University of Cambridge, he held post-doctoral positions in the UK and the USA, before becoming a professor at Sussex University. In 1973, he became a fellow of King's College and Plumian Professor of Astronomy and Experimental Philosophy at Cambridge and served for ten years as director of Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy. From 1992 to 2003 he was a Royal Society Research Professor, and then from 2004 to 2012, Master of Trinity College. In 2005 he was appointed to the House of Lords, and he was President of the Royal Society for the period 2005-10. He is a foreign associate of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is an honorary member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Pontifical Academy, and several other foreign academies. He has been president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science (1994-95) and the Royal Astronomical Society (1992-94) and a trustee of the British Museum, NESTA, the Kennedy Memorial Trust, the National Museum of Science and Industry, and the Institute for Public Policy Research.

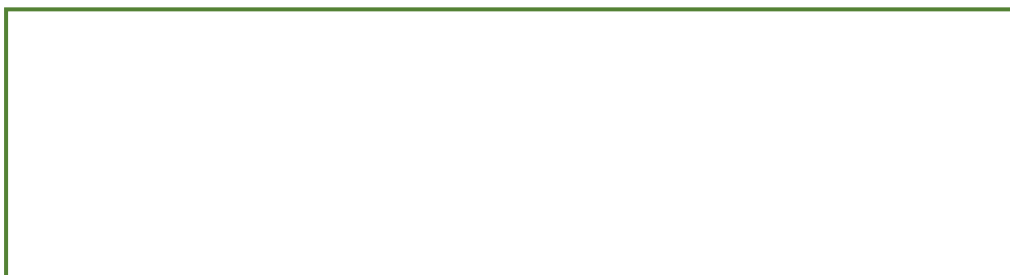
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- What scientific frontier today appears most transformative?
- How might research itself change?
- How should history inform the scientific questions we choose to ask?

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Science, Technology, and the Future of Governance

The session uses the Declaration of Independence as a starting point to explore how scientific and technological change has influenced governance from 1776 to the present. Drafted by five Founding Fathers, the Declaration outlined grievances against King George III and established principles of equality and self-government. The discussion focuses on the current state of democracy and considering its future in a rapidly changing world.



David Oxtoby (APS 2020)

President Emeritus of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, US

David W. Oxtoby served as President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences from 2019 through June 2024. During his tenure as President, he focused on broadening the diversity of the Academy's membership and helped move forward project and policy work in areas ranging from strengthening American democracy to climate change, nuclear arms control, undergraduate education, and the arts. From 2017 through 2018 he was a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and co-founded the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration. He is President Emeritus of Pomona College, where he served as President from 2003–2017 and helped to advance environmental sustainability, increasing college access, cultivating creativity, and pursuing academic excellence in the context of an interdisciplinary liberal arts environment. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Philosophical Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations. He was an Overseer of Harvard University from 2008–2014 (Chair from 2013–2014) and currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Field Museum and of the Newberry Library in Chicago.



David Willetts FRS

President of the Resolution Foundation, UK

The Rt Hon Lord David Willetts is the Executive Chair of the Resolution Foundation. He served as the Member of Parliament for Havant (1992–2015), as Minister for Universities and Science (2010–2014) and previously worked at HM Treasury and the No. 10 Policy Unit. Lord Willetts is a visiting Professor at King's College London and an Honorary Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, a Board member of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Chair of the Genome Research Campus and Chair of the British Science Association. He serves on the Board of Surrey Satellites Ltd and of the Biotech Growth Trust, and is a member of the Board of the Crick Institute and a Trustee of the Science Museum. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and an Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and Chancellor of the University of Leicester. Lord Willetts has written widely on economic and social policy, including his book *The Pinch*, about fairness between the generations, and, his latest book, *A University Education*, about the ongoing importance of the university, both as one of the great institutions of modern society and as a transformational experience for the individual.



Alondra Nelson (APS 2020)
Institute for Advanced Study, US

Alondra Nelson is the Harold F. Linder Professor of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study, where she founded and directs the Science, Technology, and Social Values Lab. A sociologist of science, technology, and social inequality, she previously served as the inaugural Dean of Social Science at Columbia University and as the 14th president and CEO of the Social Science Research Council. Between 2021 and 2023, she was deputy assistant to President Biden and acting director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where she led the development of the "Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights." She served on the UN High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence and as a Senior Adviser to the International AI Safety Report. Nature named her one of the "Ten People Who Shaped Science" and TIME included her on its inaugural list of the most influential people in AI. Her books include *The Social Life of DNA* and *Auditing AI*. She serves on the boards of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and Mozilla. She is an elected member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of Medicine.



Harvey V. Fineberg (APS 2013)
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, US

Harvey Fineberg is former president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. He previously served as president of the U.S. Institute of Medicine (now National Academy of Medicine), as provost of Harvard University, and as dean of the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. Prior to joining a philanthropic foundation, he devoted most of his academic career to the fields of health policy and medical decision-making. His past research has focused on global health, assessment of medical technology, evaluation and use of vaccines, and dissemination of medical innovations. He is a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the China Medical Board. He previously served on the boards of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, and the Association FXB (USA). He is past chair of the boards of the Carnegie Endowment and the Hewlett Foundation. He helped found and served as president of the Society for Medical Decision Making. He is co-author of the books *Clinical Decision Analysis*, *Innovators in Physician Education*, and *The Epidemic That Never Was*, an analysis of the controversial U.S. immunization program against swine flu in 1976.

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- How might research itself change?
- What discoveries could redefine humanity's relationship with nature?

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Science, Technology, and the Future of Human Health and Happiness

In 1776, Adam Smith published *The Wealth of Nations*, one of the foundational texts of modern economics. Smith was concerned not only with wealth creation, but with the institutions, incentives, and forms of knowledge that allow societies to prosper. This session will explore the future relationship between science, technology, prosperity, and human wellbeing, focusing not only on how economies may change over the coming century, but on what those changes may mean for human health, happiness, and the quality of life.



Patrick Spero (APS 2019)

CEO, the American Philosophical Society, US

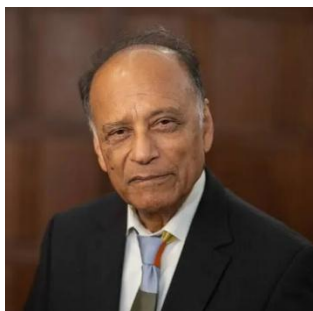
Patrick Spero is an award-winning historian who has published widely on the era of the American Revolution. He has authored four books: *Frontier Country: The Politics of War in Early Pennsylvania*; *Frontier Rebels: The Fight for Independence in the American West, 1765-1776*; *The Scientist Turned Spy: André Michaux, Thomas Jefferson, and the Kentucky Conspiracy of 1793*; and *The Other Presidency: Thomas Jefferson and the American Philosophical Society*. He is also the co-editor of *The American Revolution Reborn: New Perspectives for the 21st Century*. Before returning to the APS as CEO, Dr. Spero was the Executive Director of the George Washington Presidential Library. He has also held positions as the Historian at the David Library of the American Revolution and served on the faculty of Williams College, teaching courses on the American presidency, leadership, and the American Revolution. After receiving his Ph.D. he went on to be a postdoctoral fellow at the APS, where he spent two years surveying the Society's pre-1850 manuscript holdings and designed the Library's first digital guide. In recognition of his scholarly and administrative accomplishments, Dr. Spero is an elected member of the Royal Historical Society in London, the Academy of Sciences, Humanities, and Arts of Lyon, the American Antiquarian Society, and the American Philosophical Society.



Diane Coyle FAcSS

University of Cambridge, UK

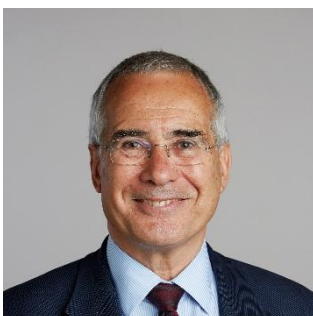
Diane Coyle is the Bennett Professor of Public Policy at the University of Cambridge, and the Research Director at the Bennett School of Public Policy. Diane's latest book is *The Measure of Progress: Counting what really matters*. Her own research focuses on productivity, the digital economy and AI policy, and economic measurement. She has been writing about the effects of digital technologies since her first book, *The Weightless World*, in 1997. The underlying motivation for all her work is the question: what does it mean for the economy to improve, and who benefits? Diane is currently a member of the UK Government's Industrial Strategy Council, and advises the Competition and Markets Authority. She has served previously in a number of public service roles including as Vice Chair of the BBC Trust, member of the Competition Commission, on the Natural Capital Committee, and on the New Towns Taskforce. Diane was awarded a DBE in 2023 for her contribution to economics and public policy.



Partha Dasgupta FRS (APS 2005)

University of Cambridge, UK

Partha Dasgupta is an economist who has helped to shape our understanding of how human beings manage and consume natural resources. A physicist, mathematician and economist by training, he was amongst the first researchers to identify the consequences of environmental degradation on the world's poorest people. In making the connection between developmental economics and the burgeoning discipline of ecology, Partha helped to more accurately define the way in which human activity impacts on the planet. His extensive research on the effects of malnutrition on behaviour has also been central to establishing improved metrics to define human wellbeing. In addition to being a Fellow of the British Academy and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Partha is a past President of both the Royal Economic Society and the European Economic Association. He is a Foreign Member of the US National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. He was named a Knight Bachelor in 2002 for services to economics.



Nicholas Stern FRS (APS 2015)

Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, UK

Nicholas Stern is IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government, Chair of the Global School of Sustainability, and Chair of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has held posts at other UK and overseas universities, and as Chief Economist at both the EBRD and the World Bank. He was Head, UK Government Economic Service 2003-2007, and produced the Stern Review on the economics of climate change. He was President of the Royal Economic Society (2018-2019). He was President of the British Academy (July 2013-2017) and was elected Fellow of the Royal Society (June 2014). He was knighted for services to economics (2004), made a life peer (2007), and appointed Companion of Honour for services to economics, international relations and tackling climate change in 2017. He has published more than 25 books and 200 articles. His latest book, "The Growth Story of the 21st Century: the economics and opportunity of climate action" was published by LSE Press in autumn 2025.

Choose one observation from today's world and follow it forward. If you need inspiration, ask yourself:

- Which diseases, demographic changes, or technologies are most significant today?
- How should we measure human wellbeing?
- What new economic systems might emerge?

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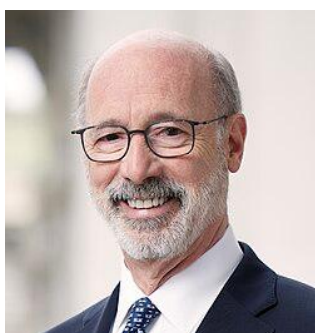
The World at 2276 (Part 1)

Each of the historic touchstones of 1776 that this meeting draws its inspiration from all identified problems and opportunities related to governance, science, and markets. In arguing for possible solutions, they were, each in their own way, imagining futures. This session is inspired by another revolutionary-era text, Louis-Sébastien Mercier's *L'An deux mille quatre cent quarante: Rêve s'il en fut jamais*.¹ Scholars have identified Mercier's work as the first futuristic utopia, and this lecture will therefore contribute a literary perspective as we imagine what our world could look like after the next 250 years.



Geraldine Brooks (APS 2024) 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

Australian-born Geraldine Brooks is an author and journalist. She began work as a reporter for *The Sydney Morning Herald* as a feature writer with a special interest in environmental issues, and went on to work for *The Wall Street Journal*, where she covered crises in the Middle East, Africa, and the Balkans. In 1990, with her husband Tony Horwitz, she won the Overseas Press Club Award for best coverage of the Gulf War. The following year they received a citation for excellence for their series, *War and Peace*. In 2006 she was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University, and she returned to Harvard as a Visiting Lecturer in 2021. She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 2006 for her novel *March*, and her novels *People of the Book*, *Caleb's Crossing*, *The Secret Chord* and *Horse* were all New York Times Bestsellers. Her first novel, *Year of Wonders*, is an international bestseller, and she is also the author of the nonfiction works *Nine Parts of Desire*, *Foreign Correspondence* and *The Idea of Home*. In 2016, she was named an Officer in the Order of Australia.



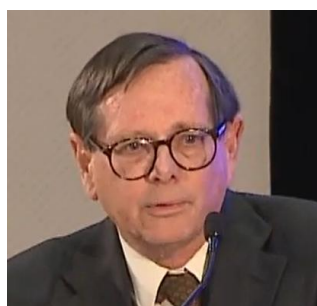
Tom Wolf (APS 2024) Former Governor of Pennsylvania, US

Tom Wolf is an American businessman, public servant, and politician who served as the 47th Governor of Pennsylvania from 2015 to 2023. Born on November 17, 1948, in Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania, Wolf grew up in York County and later earned degrees from Dartmouth College, the University of London, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Wolf's commitment to public service began with his work as a Peace Corps volunteer in India and later as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Revenue under Governor Ed Rendell. In 2014, he was elected governor after defeating incumbent Governor Tom Corbett and was re-elected in 2018. During his two terms, Wolf focused on expanding access to healthcare, increasing education funding, supporting economic development, and modernising state government. His administration also guided Pennsylvania through major challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Wolf left office in January 2023 after serving the maximum two consecutive terms allowed under Pennsylvania law.

¹ When published in English in 1772, the title was changed to *Memoirs of the Year Two Thousand Five Hundred*.

Dinner – The Magellanic Premium

The Magellanic Premium is the oldest scientific prize in the United States, first given in 1786. It recognizes individuals whose work has led to transformative contributions in science and engineering. The award honours individuals who have made fundamental discoveries that deepen our understanding of the universe, life, mind, and society, as well as innovations that provide creative and practical solutions to pressing challenges, improve health and well-being, and strengthen the vitality of democracy. The 2026 prize has been awarded to Mark H. Thiemens for his discovery of mass-independent isotope effects and the identification of quantum-mechanical symmetry as their underlying mechanism, yielding fundamental insights into planetary evolution and novel tools for tracing modern global pollutants.



Roger Bagnall (APS 2001)

President of the American Philosophical Society, US

Before joining NYU, Bagnall was Jay Professor of Greek and Latin and Professor of History at Columbia University, during which time, he served as Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Chair of the Department of Classics. Educated at Yale University and the University of Toronto, he specialises in the social and economic history of Hellenistic, Roman and Late Antique Egypt. He is co-founder of a multi-university consortium creating the Advanced Papyrological Information System. Among his best-known works are *Egypt in Late Antiquity*; *The Demography of Roman Egypt*; *Reading Papyri*, *Writing Ancient History*; *Early Christian Books in Egypt*; and *Everyday Writing in the Graeco-Roman East*. His edition (with Giovanni Ruffini) of the first volume of *Ostraka from Trimithis* inaugurated ISAW's series of digital books. He is a member of the American Philosophical Society and the Académie Royale de Belgique, as well as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the British Academy and a Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute.



Mark Thiemens FRS

University of California San Diego, US

Mark is the discoverer of the mass independent isotope effect, which is applied to understanding the origin of our solar system, as well as providing a quantitative way to track the origin of life across Earth's earliest history. He began his post-doctoral career at the University of Chicago, and moved to UCSD as an assistant Professor, before becoming the Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and the founding Dean of the school of Physical Sciences. He has served on numerous National Academy and NRC studies and panels including the Space Sciences Board and the Board on Energy and Environment, and studies on topics from helium reserve economics to life across the universe. He has been an editor at PNAS since 2008. He has twice been the recipient of Humboldt Fellowships and has been awarded the E.O Lawrence (Department of Energy), Goldschmidt, and Leonard Medals. He is a member of the US National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society, AAAS, AGU, Meteoritical Society, Chemical Society, and European Association for Geochemistry. He has an asteroid named in his honour (Asteroid 7004Markthiemens).

Meeting day 2

Tuesday 14th July 2026

The World at 2276 (Part 2)

Continuing on from the previous lecture, Nils Gilman will provide a futurist's perspective on the world at 2276, followed by a moderated conversation with Martine Rothblatt.



Nils Gilman

Berggruen Institute, US

Nils Gilman is the Vice President of Programs at the Berggruen Institute, in which capacity he leads the Institute's research program, directs its resident fellowship program, and is also Deputy Editor of Noema Magazine. He has previously worked as Associate Chancellor at the University of California Berkeley, as Research Director and scenario planning consultant at the Monitor Group and Global Business Network, and at various enterprise software companies including Salesforce.com and BEA Systems. Gilman has won the Sidney Award (for long-form journalism) from the New York Times and an Albie Award (for international political economy) from The Washington Post. He is the author of *Mandarins of the Future: Modernization Theory in Cold War America* (2004) and *Deviant Globalization: Black Market Economy in the 21st Century* (2011) as well as numerous articles on intellectual history and political economy. He holds a B.A. M.A. and Ph.D. in History from U.C. Berkeley.



Martine Rothblatt

United Therapeutics Corporation, US

Dr. Rothblatt founded United Therapeutics in 1996 and has served as Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer since its inception. Previously, she created the satellite radio company SiriusXM. She is an inventor or co-inventor on ten U.S. patents, with additional applications pending. Her pioneering book, *Your Life or Mine: How Geoethics Can Resolve the Conflict Between Private and Public Interests in Xenotransplantation*, anticipated the need both for global virus bio-surveillance and a greatly expanded supply of transplantable organs. Dr. Rothblatt has also analyzed the socio-ethical issues of human-like cyber competencies, as are emerging from large language models, in her 2014 book *Virtually Human*. In 2018, Dr. Rothblatt received the UCLA Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the University of California, Los Angeles. In 2021, she received the National Business Aviation Association Meritorious Service to Aviation Award. In 2023, the American Philosophical Society awarded her the Benjamin Franklin Medal for Distinguished Achievement in the Sciences. More recently, in 2026 she was appointed the National Academy of Engineering, which is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer, and was named No. 8 on Forbes' inaugural Innovator 250 List, which recognizes the 250 living Americans who "best embody the nation's creative spirit."



Patrick Spero (APS 2019)

CEO, the American Philosophical Society, US

Patrick Spero is an award-winning historian who has published widely on the era of the American Revolution. He has authored four books: *Frontier Country: The Politics of War in Early Pennsylvania*; *Frontier Rebels: The Fight for Independence in the American West, 1765-1776*; *The Scientist Turned Spy: André Michaux, Thomas Jefferson, and the Kentucky Conspiracy of 1793*; and *The Other Presidency: Thomas Jefferson and the American Philosophical Society*. He is also the co-editor of *The American Revolution Reborn: New Perspectives for the 21st Century*. Before returning to the APS as CEO, Dr. Spero was the Executive Director of the George Washington Presidential Library. He has also held positions as the Historian at the David Library of the American Revolution and served on the faculty of Williams College, teaching courses on the American presidency, leadership, and the American Revolution. After receiving his Ph.D. he went on to be a postdoctoral fellow at the APS, where he spent two years surveying the Society's pre-1850 manuscript holdings and designed the Library's first digital guide. In recognition of his scholarly and administrative accomplishments, Dr. Spero is an elected member of the Royal Historical Society in London, the Academy of Sciences, Humanities, and Arts of Lyon, the American Antiquarian Society, and the American Philosophical Society.

The Future of World Geopolitics

In 1776, Edward Gibbon published the first volume of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, one of history's most influential studies of political power, institutional resilience, and civilisational change. Gibbon explored how a vast and seemingly invincible political order evolved, adapted, and ultimately fragmented over centuries. Today, the international system is experiencing its own period of profound transformation. Using Gibbon's work as a point of departure, this session will examine how political and economic orders change, what lessons history can offer for understanding contemporary geopolitical shifts, and what the global landscape might look like over the coming decades and centuries.



Julie Maxton,
Executive Director of the Royal Society, UK

Dame Julie Maxton is the Executive Director of the Royal Society, the first woman in 350 years to hold the post. Prior to this, she was Registrar at the University of Oxford, the first woman in 550 years to serve in that role. She is an Honorary Fellow of University College Oxford, a Bencher of the Middle Temple, and chairs the Kalisher Trust and the Ada Lovelace Institute. Julie's past board memberships include the Alan Turing Institute and Engineering UK. A former barrister, she has held senior academic roles and received numerous honours, including a CBE and Damehood in 2023.



Simon Fraser
Chatham House, UK

Simon Fraser is the Chair of Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs. He is also a Founding Partner of the business consultancy Flint Global, which advises on policy, political and regulatory issues in international markets. From 2010 to 2015, Simon was Permanent Under-Secretary of the UK Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service. He ran the global network of British embassies and was on the National Security Council. In 2009-2010, as Permanent Secretary, Simon led the UK Department for Business (BIS) in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, playing a central part in planning for recovery. Prior to that Simon was for four years Chief of Staff to the European Commissioner for Trade in Brussels, where he was closely engaged in EU trade negotiations with the United States and China. Simon is a member of the UK board of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Committee of the Royal Society, and is a Patron of the Patchwork Foundation.



Margaret MacMillan FBA
University of Oxford, UK

Margaret MacMillan is emeritus Professor of History and the former Provost of Trinity College at the University of Toronto and emeritus Professor of International History and the former Warden of St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford. Her books include *Peacemakers/Paris 1919* (2001, 2002) *Nixon in China* (2006, 2007); *The War that Ended Peace* (2014). Her most recent book is *War: How Conflict Shaped Us* (2020). She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, the Royal Society of Canada and an Honorary Fellow of the British Academy as well as a Trustee of the Imperial War Museum, of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Institute of Human Sciences (Vienna). She is a Companion of the Order of Canada, a Companion of Honour and in 2022 was made a member of the Order of Merit.



Andrew Haldane FRS
University of Sheffield, UK

Andrew Haldane is Chancellor of the University of Sheffield. His former roles include the Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts, Chief Economist at the Bank of England and a member of the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee. Among other positions, he is Honorary Professor at the Universities of Nottingham, Manchester and Exeter, Visiting Professor at King's College, London, a Visiting Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford and a Fellow of the Royal Society and the Academy of Social Sciences. Andy is Founder and President of the charity Pro Bono Economics, Vice-Chair of the charity National Numeracy and Chair of the National Numeracy Leadership Council. He was the Permanent Secretary for Levelling Up at the Cabinet Office from September 2021 to March 2022 and chairs the Government's Levelling Up Advisory Council. He has authored around 200 articles and 4 books.

Choose one observation from today's world and follow it forward. If you need inspiration, ask yourself:

- How is global power shifting? Is power fragmenting or coalescing?
- What new forms of cooperation or competition might emerge?
- What role could non-state actors play in the future international order?

OBSERVATION
(What do you see today?)



HYPOTHESIS
(What future might emerge from this?)



RESULT A
(if this occurred)



RESULT B
(if this occurred)



RESULT C
(if this occurred)



The Future Science (Part 2)

The Enlightenment world that produced Benjamin Franklin and the early learned societies was characterised by optimism about the power of knowledge to improve society. Today, science operates in a markedly different context, while the scientific enterprise itself faces increased pressures: competition for funding, growing complexity of research infrastructure, debates about openness and security, and the challenge of managing unprecedented volumes of data. This session will therefore explore how science can respond to this new era of "permacrisis."



Alison Noble FRS

Foreign Secretary and Vice President, the Royal Society, UK

Alison Noble is the Technikos Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Oxford. She is an inter-disciplinary researcher distinguished for her contributions to biomedical image analysis. Her research interests lie in integrating knowledge of imaging and computational analysis in innovative ways to support clinical decision-making. Her recent research has focused on machine-learning based approaches to key problems in medical ultrasound developed in close collaboration with clinical researchers to demonstrate potential clinical and societal impact. She also has longstanding strong interest in the commercialization of academic research. Alison is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (2008), was awarded a CBE for services to science and engineering in 2023 and currently serves as a Vice President and Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society.



Monica Dus

University of Michigan, US

Monica Dus is a tenured associate professor in the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at the University of Michigan. She is the Director of the National Lab Office at the Office of the Vice President for Research and a member of the Michigan Neuroscience Institute and the Michigan Obesity and Nutrition Research Center, as well as an affiliate of the Science, Technology, and Public Policy Program at the Ford School of Public Policy. Dus was named a 2023 Guggenheim Fellow, a 2023–2024 White House Fellow, and a 2024–2026 member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine New Voices program. Dus is deeply invested in the role of science and technology in shaping national power, security, and competitiveness. From 2023 to 2024, she served as Special Assistant for Science, Education, and Force Resiliency (GS-14) to the 78th Secretary of the Navy. In this role, she contributed to initiatives such as the Michigan Maritime Initiative, the Department of the Navy Science and Technology Strategy and Board, and the Naval Education Strategy. She also serves on the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Vision for American Science & Technology task force, working to strengthen the U.S. science and technology enterprise through cross-sector collaboration and strategic foresight.



Bill Sutherland FRS (APS 2025)

University of Cambridge, UK

Bill Sutherland was formerly the Miriam Rothschild Chair of Conservation Biology in the Zoology Department and is an Honorary Fellow of St. Catherine's College, University of Cambridge. He started as a birdwatcher and his main research interest has been in combining field observations of behaviour with theoretical models to predict the consequences of environmental change, such as changes in agricultural practice and climate change. His main current interests involve collaborating with policymakers to improve global conservation practice. This includes identifying environmental issues that have attracted insufficient attention using horizon scanning, collaborating with practitioners to identify the key knowledge gaps and establishing evidence-based conservation as a standard approach. He regularly provides advice to government and practitioners. He was President of the British Ecological Society and made a Commander of the British Empire in 2021 'for services to evidence-based conservation'.



Rama Elluru

Special Competitive Studies Project, US

Rama Elluru is currently the Senior Director for Society and Intellectual Property at the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP). SCSP is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative established to make recommendations to strengthen America's long-term competitiveness for a future where artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies reshape our national security, economy, and society. At SCSP, she leads a team on shaping emerging technology governance and Intellectual Property policy. Prior to the SCSP, Elluru was a Director for Research and Analysis for Ethics and Responsible AI at the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI), an independent Commission established by Congress to consider the methods and means to advance the development of AI, ML, and associated technologies to address the national security and defense needs of the United States. She was detailed to the NSCAI from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), where she served as an Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal.

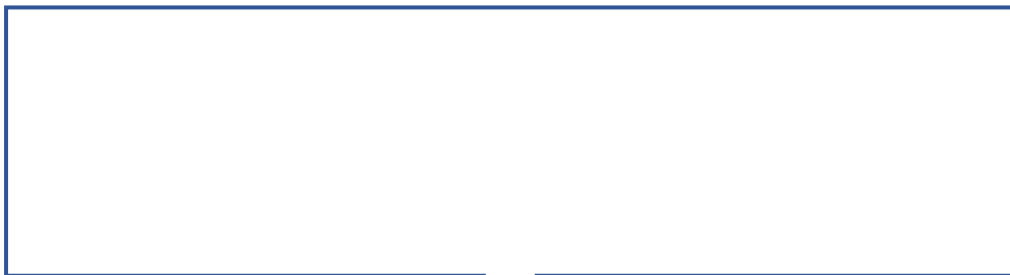
Choose one observation from today's world and follow it forward. If you need inspiration, ask yourself:

- What global challenges most urgently require scientific innovation today?
- How can society sustain research when the benefits may not be realised for decades, or even centuries?
- What discoveries could redefine humanity's relationship with nature?

OBSERVATION
(What do you see today?)



HYPOTHESIS
(What future might emerge from this?)



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Looking Outwards: Space 2276

This closing conversation invites participants to look beyond Earth itself and consider the role of space in the next 250 years. In 1776, much of the world remained unexplored by Europeans. Communication travelled at the speed of sail, and the idea of travelling beyond Earth's atmosphere was constrained to the realm of imagination. Today, it has become central to almost every aspect of our lives, from communication to navigation to national security.



David Parker FRAeS

University of Southampton, UK

David Parker is one of the UK's leading space programme and policy experts, with more than 35 years' experience spanning industry, government and international space leadership. He began his career as an engineer with British Aerospace Space Systems, contributing to major European missions including Cluster, Envisat, XMM, Herschel and Rosetta, before moving into management and business development roles. He played a key role in securing flagship missions such as Aeolus, LISA Pathfinder and the ExoMars rover. Joining the UK research councils in 2004, David led the UK's European Space Agency (ESA) science and exploration programmes before helping establish the UK Space Agency in 2010. As its Chief Executive (2013–16), he oversaw major initiatives including the creation of ESA's ECSAT centre at Harwell, the UKube-1 cubesat programme, the National Space Technology Programme and the education programme supporting Tim Peake's Principia mission. From 2016 to 2023, as ESA's Director of Human and Robotic Exploration, David created the Terrae Novae exploration programme, overseeing Europe's contributions to the International Space Station, Artemis, Gateway, ExoMars and Mars Sample Return, while leading the selection of ESA's latest astronaut class, including the first astronaut candidate with a physical disability.



David Willetts FRS

President of the Resolution Foundation, UK

The Rt Hon Lord David Willetts is the Executive Chair of the Resolution Foundation. He served as the Member of Parliament for Havant (1992–2015), as Minister for Universities and Science (2010–2014) and previously worked at HM Treasury and the No. 10 Policy Unit. Lord Willetts is a visiting Professor at King's College London and an Honorary Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, a Board member of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Chair of the Genome Research Campus and Chair of the British Science Association. He serves on the Board of Surrey Satellites Ltd and of the Biotech Growth Trust, and is a member of the Board of the Crick Institute and a Trustee of the Science Museum. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and an Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences, and Chancellor of the University of Leicester. Lord Willetts has written widely on economic and social policy, including his book *The Pinch*, about fairness between the generations, and, his latest book, *A University Education*, about the ongoing importance of the university, both as one of the great institutions of modern society and as a transformational experience for the individual.

List of attendees

Delegate name	Affiliation
Adrian Hayday FRS	King's College London
Alan Blinder (APS 1996)	Princeton University
Alex Halliday FRS	University of Oxford
Alexander Parker	
Alison Noble FRS	Vice-President and Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society
Allan Spradling (APS 2016)	Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Alondra Nelson (APS 2020)	Institute for Advanced Study
Andrew Gray	
Andrew Lumsden FRS	King's College London
Andy Haldane FRS	University of Sheffield
Angela Vincent FRS	University of Oxford
Anne Rafferty FRS	Royal Courts of Justice
Avery Bissell	
Azim Surani FRS	University of Cambridge
Bernard Fanaroff (APS 2022)	Square Kilometre Array South Africa
Beth Wells	
Bill David FRS	Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
Bill Sutherland FRS	University of Cambridge
Bina Rothblatt	
Bob Peck (APS 2022)	ANSP
Bob Tarjan (APS 1990)	Princeton University & InterTrust Technologies, Inc.
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Brian Hoskins FRS	Imperial College London
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Colin Smith FRS	

Daniel Muldoon	
David Baulcombe FRS	University of Cambridge
David Edgerton FBA	King's College London
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David Parker FRAeS	University of Southampton
David Willetts FRS	Resolution Foundation
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Dick de Gilder	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Edie Stern	Amicus Brain
Edward Kane (APS 2025)	HarbourVest Partners
Eileen O'Keefe	London Metropolitan University
Elizabeth Cropper (APS 1998)	National Gallery of Art
Ellen Cohn (APS 2023)	Yale University
Emma Sharpe	
Erin Farrell	American Philosophical Society
France Córdova (APS 2022)	Science Philanthropy Alliance
Frances Wolf	
Francine Stone	David Center for the American Revolution
Geoffrey Boulton FRS	University of Edinburgh
Geraldine Brooks (APS 2024)	
Gideon Henderson FRS	University of Oxford
Graham Fleming (APS 2011)	University of California, Berkeley
Graham Hutchings FRS	University of Cardiff
Harry Gray (APS 2000)	California Institute of Technology
Harvey Fineberg (APS 2013)	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Heather Miller	
Hong Wang	University of Liverpool
Ian Boyd FRS	University of St Andrews
Ian Wiggins	The Royal Society
Indrani Mukharji	Northwestern University
Jack Liu (APS 2015)	Michigan State University
Jackie Barton (APS 1999)	California Institute of Technology
Jean Dalibard (APS 2018)	Collège de France
Jean McKenzie	

Joanna Aizenberg (APS 2016)	Harvard University
John Dupré (APS 2023)	University of Exeter
John Skehel FRS (APS 2020)	The Francis Crick Institute
John Todd	University of Oxford
Jonathan Ashmore FRS	University College London (UCL)
Jonathan Crowcroft FRS	University of Cambridge
Jonathan Keating FRS	Vice-President and Treasurer of the Royal Society
Joyce Chaplin (APS 2020)	Harvard University
Krishnaswamy VijayRaghavan FRS	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
Laura Nelson	University of California, Berkeley
Lawrence Michael Brown FRS	University of Cambridge
Liam Grugan	University of Oxford
Linda Jacobs	American Philosophical Society
Linda Kerber (APS 2006)	University of Iowa
Louise Heathwaite FRS	Lancaster University
Luke Clarke	The Royal Society
Madanbabu Mohan FRS	St Jude Children's Research Hospital
Madeleine Lenski	Michigan State University
Madeline Blinder	
Magdi Yacoub FRS	Imperial College London
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Martin Rees FRS	University of Cambridge
Martine Rothblatt (APS 2008)	United Therapeutics
Mary Muldoon	
Mary Wilson	Harvard School of Public Health
Megan Romney	American Philosophical Society
Mervyn Bibb FRS	John Innes Centre
Michael Aizenberg	
Michael Berry	University of Bristol

Mike Smith	
Monica Dus	University of Michigan
Myron Bloom	
Nancy Clapp Kerber	
Nancy Finn	American Philosophical Society
Nancy Moses (APS 2007)	University of Pennsylvania
Naomi Ellemers (APS 2023)	Utrecht University
Nasrin Marzban	MU7 Co., Ltd
Nayla Rizk	Silicon Valley Data Science
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Nick Talbot FRS	The Sainsbury Laboratory
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Richard Peto FRS	University of Oxford
Robert Miller (APS 2014)	Arizona State University
Roger Bagnall (APS 2021)	New York University

Rolin Bissell	Young Conaway
Ross Kerber	
Sandra Dwek	
Saul Perlmutter	University of California, Berkeley
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Simon Fraser	Chatham House
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Simon Peyton Jones FRS	University of Cambridge
Sir Keith Peters FRS (APS 1999)	University of Cambridge
Molly Smith	
Srinivasan Keshav FRS	University of Cambridge
Steven Cowley FRS	Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
Susan Peck	
Talia Cohen Kleiman	
Mhariri Tate	
Teresa Woodruff FRS (APS 2026)	Michigan State University
Thomas Wolf (APS 2024)	Former Governor of Pennsylvania
Tim Clutton-Brock FRS	University of Cambridge
Tim Hunt FRS	The Francis Crick Institute
Tim Palmer FRS	University of Oxford
Timothy Leighton FRS	University of Southampton
Tobin Marks (APS 2022)	Northwestern University
Tom Whittington	
Tony Cheetham FRS	University of California, Santa Barbara
Veronica van Heyningen FRS	University College London
Victoria Gray	
Walter Buckley	SEMCAP
Wendy Vogel	
Whitfield Diffie FRS	Stanford University
William H Miller III (APS 2025)	Miller Value Partners
Xiaodong Zhang FRS	Imperial College London
Yvonne Rogers FRS	University College London
Zulfi Bhutta FRS	Centre for Global Child Health

