
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 grassroots 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 Townsend, 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 Szczech-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

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 Górka-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 Wiecech, Faculty of International and Political Science, Jagiellonian University

Dr Jacek Sokołowski, 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 Kułakowska, 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

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