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Future of *Britain* 2024

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09:00 *Welcome* By host Jon Sopel

09:15 *Presentation* Living in the Age of AI – in partnership with My Life My Say

We can't talk about the future without hearing from the future. Sasha Haco, co-founder and CEO of Unitary and former student of Professor Stephen Hawking, and Avey Couloute, founder of Girls Into Coding, set out how technology can help them solve the big issues of today at speed and at scale.

09:25 *Presentation* Reimagining the State: Governing in the Age of AI – with Tony Blair

This moment may seem like the most limiting in living memory to be forming a new government. In fact, it might be the most exciting and expansive. Tony Blair draws on the centrality of the technology revolution to this, delivering the data on the opportunities of the Reimagined State.

09:50 *In Conversation* Building the Digital Infrastructure for a Reimagined State:
Rajeev Chandrasekhar with Jon Sopel

Digital ID is the backbone of the digital state. India has learned this first-hand, enrolling more than 1.2 billion citizens in its digital-ID system and already saving the government \$27 billion. Former Indian Minister of State for Electronics, Information Technology, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeev Chandrasekhar led this transformation and shares his insights on how other countries can do the same and reap the benefits.

10:10 *Presentation* AI: The Opportunity for Britain – with Matt Clifford

Artificial intelligence is the most transformational technology of the 21st century. Britain is well-placed to be at the forefront of its development, but this will not happen by accident. Chair of ARIA and Co-Founder of Entrepreneur First Matt Clifford sets out how AI will shape the future and what Britain must do to seize its opportunities.

10:25 *In Conversation* Britain at the Forefront of the AI Revolution: Demis Hassabis
with Tony Blair

AI is catalysing a new era in technology, productivity and growth. Google DeepMind Co-Founder and CEO Demis Hassabis joins Tony Blair to discuss how building strength in sectors like AI, life sciences, green technology, modern financial services and manufacturing is the only option for a forward-looking British government. The private sector is adopting AI on a vast scale. Hear how government can lean in to accelerate its adoption.

10:50 COFFEE BREAK

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- 11:20 **Presentation** Reimagining the Fight Against Crime – with Lindsey Chiswick
- Despite crime rising in the UK, arrests are falling and cases are stalled in the courts. Our approach to fighting crime must evolve. Metropolitan Police Director of Intelligence Lindsey Chiswick reveals how new technologies such as Live Facial Recognition can revolutionise the identification, capture and prosecution of offenders.
- 11:35 **Panel Discussion** Reimagining Health Care – with Dr John-Arne Røttingen, Professor Andrew Scott and Tony Blair, moderated by Dr Charlotte Refsum
- To break the cycle of declining health, weak economic growth and constrained health budgets, Britain's health-care system must be transformed – including by shifting to a preventative model and tapping the power of our own data. TBI Director of Health Policy Dr Charlotte Refsum will be joined by Wellcome CEO Dr John-Arne Røttingen, Professor Andrew Scott and Tony Blair to discuss the health-data revolution, NHS reform and the opportunity Britain has to lead and innovate.
- 12:00 **In Conversation** Secretary of State for Health & Social Care Wes Streeting with Jon Sopel
- The Secretary of State for Health & Social Care Wes Streeting will set out the future of the NHS under the Labour government.
- 12:20 **Presentation & Panel Discussion** Reimagining Net Zero – with Ilan Gur, Greg Jackson and Lindy Fursman
- Population growth, coupled with development, has the potential to drive rapid increases in global emissions. To truly tackle climate change, we need action domestically and a new plan for global emissions, one that harnesses technology to power our energy needs. TBI Director of Climate & Energy Policy Lindy Fursman lays out where we are and what we can do – before joining CEO of ARIA Ilan Gur and CEO of Octopus Energy Group Greg Jackson to discuss how the UK can take a leading role in the clean-energy transition worldwide.
- 12:45 LUNCH BREAK
- 13:40 **Afternoon Welcome** By host Jon Sopel
- 13:40 **In Conversation** A New National Purpose: Lord Hague and Tony Blair – with Jon Sopel
- Hear from two former sparring partners on their shared vision for leveraging technology and innovation to secure the UK's future prosperity and global leadership. Jon Sopel will be joined by the former leader of the Conservative Party William Hague and Tony Blair to discuss the imperative of Britain embracing science and innovation as its new national purpose.

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- 14:05 **Panel Discussion** **The Future of European Politics – with Sandro Gozi, Sanna Marin and Matteo Renzi, moderated by Jon Sopel**
- Europeans have just cast their votes. France has just been to the polls. What trends should we understand and what does it all portend for Europe and the world? Jon Sopel will moderate a panel that aims to understand the impact of recent elections. TBI Strategic Counsellors Sanna Marin and Matteo Renzi – former prime ministers of Finland and Italy, respectively – along with French MEP Sandro Gozi will share their unique political insights.
- 14:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 14:55 **Presentation** **The Fight for the World’s Most Critical Technology – with Professor Chris Miller**
- Semiconductors are the backbone of modern computing and there’s a global race to produce them. Taiwan is the epicentre of this, producing more than 90 per cent of the world’s most advanced semiconductors, almost all of which come from just one company. The ramifications are significant. The author of *Chip War: The Fight for the World’s Most Critical Technology*, Professor Chris Miller, delves into how the global tech superpowers are jockeying for semiconductor supremacy and what this means for geopolitics today.
- 15:15 **Panel Discussion** **Reimagining Defence – with General Stanley McChrystal and General Sir Nick Carter, moderated by Zeinab Badawi**
- In an increasingly uncertain geopolitical landscape marked by shifting alliances and unpredictable actors, the battlefield has also evolved, with new and disruptive technologies such as drones and AI redefining modern warfare. Are we focused on the right things to modernise our defences so they are fit for the new fights ahead of us in the age of AI? General Stanley McChrystal and TBI Strategic Counsellor General Sir Nick Carter talk with President of SOAS Zeinab Badawi about how a whole-of-government approach is needed to secure Britain’s defence – and its role in the world.
- 15:35 **In Conversation** **Reimagining the Creative Industries: will.i.am with Jon Sopel**
- Creative-artist-turned-tech-entrepreneur will.i.am joins us in a conversation with Jon Sopel about the power of AI and how it is composing a new future for the sector. As founder and CEO of his own AI-powered messenger app, FYI.AI, will.i.am discusses how this technology is reshaping the creative industries and transforming how content is produced. What opportunities does the future hold?
- 15:55 **In Conversation** **The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Pat McFadden with Jon Sopel**
- Pat McFadden, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and most recently the national campaign co-ordinator for the Labour Party during the 2024 election, will join us to reflect on the historic election victory and how this translates into a programme for government.
- 16:15 **Event Conclusion**