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### Autumn Term

**Another England: How to Reclaim Our National Story**



**Dr Caroline Lucas**  
Former Leader and MP, Green Party

02 October 2025

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**Jonathon Porritt CBE**  
Founder, Forum for the Future and former Chancellor Keele University

02 October 2025

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**The End of Palestine? From the Nakba to Gaza**




**Chris Doyle**  
Director, Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding

9 October 2025

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**Intersections of Religion and Politics in a Changing World**



**Professor Linda Woodhead MBE FBA**  
F.D. Maurice Professor in Moral and Social Theology, King's College London

16 October 2025

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**The UK in a Changing Europe**



**Professor Anand Menon**  
Director, UK in a Changing Europe, King's College London

23 October 2025

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**Goodbye Globalisation**




**Elisabeth Braw**  
Senior Fellow Atlantic Council, Journalist, Author

30 October 2025

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**The World in 2030**




**Professor Paul Rogers**  
Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies, Bradford University

06 November 2025

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**Power to the People: Can This Be the Century of the Citizen?**



**Dr Danny Sriskandarajah**  
Chief Executive, New Economics Foundation

13 November 2025

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**India and her Neighbours: Friends and Foes**



**Dr Avinash Paliwal**  
Reader in Int. Relations, SOAS, University of London

20 November 2025

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**Is Democracy Alive in Africa?"**




**Professor Nic Cheeseman**  
Professor of Democracy and International Development, University of Birmingham

27 November 2025

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**Needing a Better Song to Sing: Seeking a New Economic Narrative**



**Professor Richard Murphy**  
Emeritus Professor at Sheffield University Management School

04 December 2025

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### Spring Term

**Averting Climate Chaos: How Law Can Chart a Path to a Better Future**



**Laura Clarke OBE**  
Chief Executive Officer, ClientEarth

15 January 2026

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**What Future for Iran, Saudi, and the Gulf States?**



**Michael Stephens**  
Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, FPRI

22 January 2026

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**Making the Weather in British Politics**



**Professor Sir Vernon Bogdanor CBE**  
Professor of Government, King's College London

29 January 2026

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**How to Fix Capitalism?**



**Dr Gillian Tett OBE**  
Provost of Kings College, Cambridge University

05 February 2026

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**Can The West Ever Be Reconciled With Russia?**




**Professor Mark Galeotti**  
Hon. Professor UCL SSEES, Senior Assoc. Fellow at RUSI, Director, Mayak Intelligence

12 February 2026

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**Can China Conquer the World Through Technology?**



**Charles Parton OBE**  
Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI and Former Diplomat

19 February 2026

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*Dilemmas for Europe  
in a Multipolar World*

**Bill Emmott**

Chairman IISD Trustees  
former editor-in-chief The Economist



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*The Next Crisis: What We  
Think About the Future*

**Professor Danny Dorling**

1971 Professor of Geography  
University of Oxford



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*The Climate Emergency: The Role  
of Non-Violent Direct Action*

**Jonathon Porritt CBE**

Founder, Forum for the Future and former  
Chancellor Keele University



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*International Security  
in a World of Xi and Putin*

**Professor Michael Clarke**

former Director-General, RUSI (Royal United  
Services Institute)



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