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## The 2020 Chatham House Summer School Programme

13-17 July 2020  
Online via Zoom

### Monday 13 July 2020

#### 14:00 - 15:00 BST      **Session 1: Africa: The World's Youngest Continent**

Africa's population is projected to double over the next three decades, reaching 2.5 billion people by 2050. The continent will have the largest number of people below the age of 24 of any region worldwide: nearly twice the young population of Southeast Asia.

While this shift is often described as a 'time-bomb' for issues of poverty reduction, education and healthcare, less focus is given to the incredible prospects it provides for Africa's already rapidly growing environment of new creative technologies, industries and services - as well as the positive implications for governance and political expression. The opportunity therefore lies with Africa's young people to deliver on the huge potential of the coming decades - but what are the key trends and openings that will allow remaining challenges to be addressed, and what role can the foreign relations of African countries play in this future?

#### **Speakers:**

Yusuf Hassan, Parliamentary, Media and Outreach Officer, Africa Programme  
Hanna Desta, Programme Assistant, Africa Programme  
Fergus Kell, Projects Assistant, Africa Programme

#### 15:00 - 15:30 BST      **Session 2: How Can Young People Get Involved with International Affairs and Improve their Knowledge and Understanding?**

How can young people engage with politics and develop their perspectives on key global challenges like climate change, conflict or inequality? The [Chatham House's 'Common Futures' platform](#) brings together young people in Africa and Europe to discuss key political challenges facing young people in their communities, engage with experts, discuss their experiences with friends from across the two continents, and share their ideas with high level politicians and policymakers.

#### **Speakers:**

Leah de Haan, Project Coordinator and Junior Editor, Communications and Publishing  
Ben Horton, Communications Manager, Communications and Publishing

## Tuesday 14 July 2020

### 14:00 - 15:00 BST      **Session 3: Infectious Disease, Biological Threats and Universal Health Coverage**

How are infectious diseases and biological threats viewed and tackled by the development, security and health sector communities? Why is 'Universal Health Coverage'; the right of everyone to receive the quality health services they need without financial hardship, important? This session will also include insights on work in global health policy and possible career paths.

#### **Speakers:**

Nina van der Mark, Research Analyst, Universal Health Programme  
Benjamin Wakefield, Research Associate, Universal Health Programme

### 15:00 - 15:30 BST      **Session 4: Critical Thinking on International Affairs and How to Analyse What is Seen in the News**

The ability to think critically is a key skill for academic success. Critical and analytical thinking should be applied at all points in academic study – to selecting information, reading, writing, speaking and listening. Why does critical thinking matter and how can you apply this skill to other areas?

#### **Speakers:**

Dr Champa Patel, Director, Asia-Pacific Programme  
Benedict Flett, intern, Global Economy and Finance Programme

## Wednesday 15 July 2020

### 14:00 - 15:00 BST      **Session 5: Will the World be Able to Solve the Climate Change?**

Global problems require global collaboration, the pandemic has revealed that its solutions are international: scientists and medics have been sharing data, resources and equipment, and have been advising and supporting each other as never before, united in the quest for effective treatments, tests and vaccines. This same spirit of international cooperation is essential in producing solutions for our energy and economic transitions and the technology and pace of information sharing make it possible.

#### **Speakers:**

Professor Tim Benton, Director, Energy, Environment and Resources Programme; Research Director, Emerging Risks  
Glada Lahn, Senior Research Fellow, Energy, Environment and Resources Programme

### 15:00 - 15:30 BST      **Session 6: Preparing for Work Experience**

Work experience is a great way to find out about different types of jobs and to identify your own preferences. Before starting your work experience, it is a good idea to do some preparation in order to help you get the most out of it. Chatham House staff members and interns will share their insights and top tips how to make the most of your placement.

#### **Speakers:**

Alis Martin, Internships and Outreach Manager, Human Resources Team  
Rebecca Moran, HR Manager, Human Resources Team  
Henry Throp, Research Assistant, Hoffmann Centre for Sustainable Resource Economy

## Thursday 16 July 2020

### 14:00 - 15:00 BST      **Session 7: Why is the News Always Talking about Huawei and 5G and What's it all About?**

Why do we need to know about China and its ambition in becoming a technological champion? What is Huawei, and why is the Chinese government so keen to roll out 5G both domestically and internationally? Many countries are preparing to move from 4G to more advanced 5G mobile networks. Download speeds 10 times faster than today will radically change how we work, communicate and stream videos. This is important, as more things - from self-driving cars to fridges, baby monitors and fire alarms become connected to the intranet. The concern is that state-sponsored hackers could use these devices, which often have weaker security features, as back doors into strategically vital networks.

#### **Speakers:**

Joyce Hakmeh, Senior Research Fellow, International Security Programme; Co-Editor, Journal of Cyber Policy  
Dr Yu Yie, Senior Research Fellow on China, Asia-Pacific Programme

### 15:00 - 15:30 BST      **Session 8: CVs, Cover Letters and Personal Statements Workshop**

Are you struggling to write a personal statement, your cover letters are too long and you are unsure about how to align it to your CV? Does your CV need updating but you don't have much work experience and you are not sure what to include and how to get your skills across? Whether you are preparing for a summer internship or applying for a part-time job, our panel will share some top tips on how to tailor your CV and cover letter to increase your chances.

#### **Speakers:**

Stuart Lesser, HR Assistant, Human Resources Team  
Alice Candler, HR Assistant, Human Resources Team  
Nonie Dube, In-House Recruiter, Human Resources Team

## Friday 17 July 2020

### 14:00 - 15:00 BST      **Session 9: The Middle East: Past, Present and Future**

Events in the Middle East have been capturing worldwide attention since the 1970s. Governments and institutions are facing significant challenges in the coming years as the world order and global trends undergo a major restructuring process. As its societies, countries and the region become more fractured, what will the future of the Middle East look like? This session will examine the historical background of the region, the formation of the states and the role of the conflict that have shaped the Middle East.

#### **Speakers:**

Dr Sanam Vakil, Deputy Director and Senior Research Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme  
Tim Eaton, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme  
Dr Renad Mansour, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East and North Africa Programme; Project Director, Iraq Initiative

**15:00 - 15:30 BST      Session 10: Career Insights from Chatham House**

From intense research to mingling with politicians, what is working in a think tank actually like? What does a research fellow do on a typical day? Apart from research, what other roles are available? What is the working environment like and what skills are needed? Chatham House staff members working in different roles will share their career insights, interests and passion for international affairs.

**Speakers:**

Fatima Said, Research and Outreach Assistant, Middle East and North Africa Programme

Reni Zhelyazkova, Programme Coordinator, Middle East and North Africa Programme

Kristen Mierzejewski, Corporate Relations Officer, External Relations Team

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