



General Sir Peter Wall GCB, CBE, DL, FREng served as the Chief of the General Staff, the professional head of the British Army, until September 2014. General Sir Peter Wall had previously been the Commander-in-Chief, Land Forces from August 2009 to September 2010. He led the Army's most significant transformation programme for decades, whilst sustaining its operational focus. He has served all over the world, including operational tours of Rhodesia, the Balkans, and Iraq. He is now CEO of Amicus, a specialist leadership consultancy. Sir Peter is also a Director of the General Dynamics Corporation, President of Combat Stress and Chairman of the Gurkha Welfare Trust.



Lt Gen (retd) Phil Jones CB CBE served for 36 years in the British Army and has operational experience gained from the major military campaigns of the past 30 years, with over 15 international deployments, including three secondments to the UN and two to NATO in leadership roles. Positions included Brigade Commander in Northern Ireland, Military Attaché in Washington D.C., the first Chief of Staff to the new UK Joint Forces Command within the Ministry of Defence, Military Advisor to the UN in Afghanistan, and Chief of Staff for NATO's Allied Command for Transformation, NATO's strategic military command. He is a Director of Othrys Limited.



Lee Marler is a barrister and lead counsel at Bretton Woods Law and he specialises in advising on international humanitarian law and rule of law issues. He served in the Army Legal Corps and was deployed to numerous theatres of operations, including Bosnia, Kosovo and East Timor and advised commanders and UN representatives on a spectrum of humanitarian issues. In East Timor, he is accredited with devising an emergency ad hoc constitution. He has also advised the UK's Chief of Joint Operations, as well as the commander of the UK's Deployable Joint Force Headquarters. On leaving the British Army, he was appointed as the UNRWA's Chief of International Law Division based in the Gaza Strip in the Palestinian Occupied territories. He has also worked for the World Bank Group and other international development banks in the anti-corruption and integrity field.



Owen Moelwyn-Hughes is Head of Politics at the King's School, Canterbury and before that Marlborough College. He has organised conferences aimed at A-level Politics students at the UK Defence Academy, Chatham House and the Frontline Club and Politics trips to destinations varying from Washington DC to South Africa and Cuba.



We would like to give special thanks to Beverly Tarr, an OKS and former Head Girl, whose generosity has made the Big Indaba 3 possible. She is an internationally renowned mediator and founder of her own Chicago-based legal practice – Certified Divorce Mediation, LLC. She attributes her career in law in part to the inspiration and confidence she gained playing the role of the PM, Margaret Thatcher, in the King's Parliament:

"Talks from outside speakers, debates and public speaking were a key part of my education at King's. They helped me to shape and communicate my own ideas, and this has been the cornerstone of my professional success. I am delighted to be sponsoring the Big Indaba and wish all the participants a thought-provoking and successful day".

The King's School Canterbury Politics Department presents



THE BIG INDABA 3 global issues CONFERENCE

WELCOME TO THE BIG INDABA GLOBAL ISSUES CONFERENCE.

The day is directed at those studying the A-level Global Politics but has the wider aim of broadening academic horizons and fostering a more universal concern.

Indaba translates directly from the Zulu as 'affairs' or 'meeting of minds'.

However, it also has traditional connotations, as it has come to mean a gathering of izinDuna (tribal chiefs and elders) within a community get together to sort out the problems that affect them all, where everyone has a voice and where there is an attempt to find a common mind or common story that everyone is able to tell when they go away from it. This is the spirit behind today.

We are privileged to be staging the Big Indaba 3 at the prestigious and historic **Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)**, the leading independent British think tank on defence and security. A unique institution, founded in 1831 by the Duke of Wellington, RUSI embodies nearly two centuries of forward thinking, free discussion and careful reflection on defence and security matters.



TUESDAY 20 MARCH '18

PROGRAMME

10:45 Registration and take seats in the RUSI's LIBRARY

10:50 **Welcome address and an introduction to RUSI**

Dr Jonathan Eyal, Associate Director, Strategic Research Partnerships, and International Director at RUSI and Owen Moelwyn-Hughes, Head of Politics, The King's School

11:00 **Session 1: 'Political Campaigning - Dark Arts?'**

Sir Lynton Crosby, Political strategist and CEO of the C|T Group, in the UK he ran the successful Conservative campaigns for the 2008 and 2012 London mayoral elections, as well as the 2015 General Election.

11:50 **TEA BREAK in the READING ROOM**

12:00 **Session 2: 'Britain in the Global Order?'**

Dr Jonathan Eyal, Associate Director, Strategic Research Partnerships, and International Director, at RUSI.

Session 3: 'The Middle East and our Security'

Michael Stephens, RUSI's Research Fellow for Middle East Studies and Head of RUSI Qatar.

Session 4: Panel Discussion

Dr Jonathan Eyal, Michael Stephens and **Eugene Curley**, managing Director of C|T|F Solutions and a Senior Director for 25 years at the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

13:00 **LUNCH**

13:45 **Session 5: 'Threats to National Security'**

General Sir Peter Wall, Director of Amicus and a Director of the General Dynamics corporation and previously Chief of the General Staff, the professional Head of the British Army.

14:30 **TEA BREAK in the READING ROOM**

14:45 **Session 6: 'NATO today?'**

Lt Gen (retd) Phil Jones, Director of Othrys Ltd and former Chief of Staff for NATO's Allied Command for Transformation, NATO's strategic military command.

Session 7: 'Verdict on International Justice'

Lee Marler, Barrister and Lead Counsel at Bretton Woods Law.

15:30 **Closing Remarks and End**



THE SPEAKERS



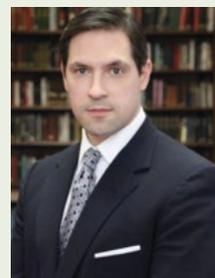
Dr Jonathan Eyal is the Associate Director, Strategic Research Partnerships, and International Director, at the Royal United Services Institute. Dr Eyal has been Director of Studies at the Institute, and also serves as a Senior Research Fellow and Editor of the RUSI Newsbrief. Dr Eyal has completed books on military expenditure in the former Warsaw Pact and a published a study on military relations in the Balkans during the time of Communism. He is a regular commentator on East European affairs and has given evidence to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on the conduct of British foreign policy in Eastern Europe, and the teams of experts which contributed to the peace plans for the former Yugoslavia. He is fluent in English, French, Romanian, Italian, Hungarian and German.



Sir Lynton Crosby is a campaign strategist and Co-Founder of the C|T group. In 1998 and 2001, Sir Lynton successfully pioneered the campaign for Australian Prime Minister John Howard. In the 2008 London Mayoral elections, Sir Lynton masterminded the campaign that saw Boris Johnson beat the Labour incumbent Ken Livingstone against the odds. In 2012 he repeated this success for Boris Johnson, bucking the Conservative Party's national trend and securing him a further term. In the 2015 UK General Election, Sir Lynton steered the Conservative Party to a historic victory. He took the party from a 12 point deficit, to a near 7 point lead – returning, for the first time since 1955, a Conservative Government with an increased share of the vote. This earned him a Campaign Excellence Award from the American Association of Political Consultants, which recognised him as Campaign Manager of the Year for the 2015 cycle. He has been described as a 'master of the dark political arts'.



Eugene Curley, CMG OBE established C|T|F Solutions, part of the C|T Group, having been a senior director for 25 years at the UK's FCO. During his time with the FCO he served at the British Embassy Paris for a period of time. At the FCO Eugene worked on international operations and negotiations at ministerial and head of state level across the globe – having led operations for the British Government in over 70 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, the United States and Latin America. He also worked at the Bank of England early in his career.



Michael Stephens is RUSI's Research Fellow for Middle East Studies and Head of RUSI Qatar. He was recently seconded into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, serving as the Senior Research Analyst for Syria and Lebanon. His research has focused on Iraqi Kurdistan, and the Kurdish regions of Syria, their social composition and responses to the threat from the Islamic State; Arab Shia identity across the Middle East and its relationship with Iran, which included co-authoring a Whitehall report focusing on regional responses to Iran's nuclear programme. He is also a specialist in Gulf security. Michael studied at King's College London and undertook three years of post-graduate research in the Middle East. He is proficient in both Arabic and Hebrew.