

Pulling Back from the Abyss...

The global consequences
of the war in Ukraine

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes, Vilnius, Lithuania

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 – morning session open to public

09:00-09:30 Registration and coffee

09:30-09:50 Keynote speech 1: **David Owen** (UK)*: Leaders who can take us to the abyss

09:50-10:20 Keynote speech 2: **Eugene Sadler-Smith** (UK): The Hubris Hazard and Stepping Back from the Abyss

10:20-10:40 Keynote speech 3: **Simon Baron-Cohen** (UK)*: Empathy and Conflict Resolution

10:40-11:10 Coffee break

11:10-12:50 **Panel IV: The human factor: are we our worst enemy?**

Moderator: Janet H. Anderson (UK)

Panel members: Roméo Dallaire (CA), Abram de Swaan (NL), Simon Wessely (UK), young challenger – Maka Berulava (GE)

12:50-13:00 Closing remarks

12:15-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-17:30 Closed session – Chatham House Rule – by invitation only
What can we learn from the war in Ukraine?

* Speaker will attend online.



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