







Chair: Ben Rogers (Professor of Practice, University of London)
Panellists:
Professor Wendy Thomson









Chair: Alex Favier (Midlands Innovation)

Panellists:

Geraint Rees (UCL Vice-Provost Research, Innovation & Global Engagement) |
Amanda Wolthuizen (Chief of Staff to the President and Director of Public Affairs and
Policy) | Susie Kitchens (Former Director of the UK Science Innovation Network DSIT/
FCDO)

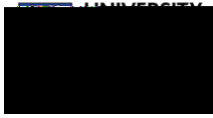
The Good
The Bad

The Potential

Simon Marginson (University of Oxford)

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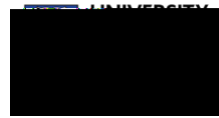
at the Royal Institution. He was subsequently Dean of the Faculty of Mathematical and Physical Sciences at UCL for seven years.

Greg Clark is a writer, Board Chair, and Senior Advisor on cities, transport, built environment, and place leadership. He is author of 10 books and 100 reports and has worked with 400 cities around the world. He is expert advisor on the BBC World Service Series, My Perfect City, author of The Planet of Cities column for RICS, and co-host of



expert group on Daesh, Al Qaida and the Taliban, and been a senior advisor to Ambassador Richard Holbrooke in the U.S. Department of State. He was awarded an OBE for his work in Pakistan, where he led the UK's work on the Tribal Areas from 2007 to 2009. (LSE Webpage)

Farah Faizal is a Small Island Developing State specialist who works as an independent consultant/writer and public speaker. She was the first woman from the Maldives to attain a Ph.D. Her thesis was on Security Problems of Small Island Developing States. She is a former ambassador with several years of diplomatic experience. She is passionate about addressing the challenges and opportunities of SIDS, especially in the Maldives and South Asia, in the context of climate change, democracy, and human rights. Previously, she served as the High Commissioner of Maldives to the UK (twice) and the non-resident Ambassador of Maldives to Denmark,



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software service. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and a Distinguished Fellow of RUSI (the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies).

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OBE for his work in India-UK bilateral relations while he was leading the British

James Hammond is a Reader in Geophysics at Birkbeck, University of London. His research uses seismology to image inside the Earth, with a focus on imaging and understanding how rocks melt and how this melt migrates and is stored in the Earth's crust and mantle. He conducts large field projects, working in volcanic regions of East-Africa, Chile, China and the Korean Peninsula. James has recently led projects to study Mount Paektu, a volcano that straddles the China-Democratic People's Republic of Korea border. This project, an example of how science and diplomacy can work together, led to the development of the Mount Paektu Research Centre of which James is Director. The Centre focusses on developing new scientific collaboration with DPRK scientists on Paektu and other areas of joint interest. James teaches geophysics and scientific computing and data modelling at undergraduate level. He is also Deputy Head of Department and Assistant Dean (recruitment and retention) in the School of Science. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and Deputy Chair for the Natural Environmental Research Council Geophysical Equipment Facility.

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Bernardette Holmes MBE is Honorary Professor at UCL IoE and is Director of the National Consortium for Languages Education (NCLE). Bernardette is recognized as a leading linguist and advocate for the importance of languages education and has made major contributions to police pedagogy and curriculum development in the UK. She is a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and HonFCIL and Vice Presidents of CIOL (Chartered Institute of Linguists).



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Technology, supporting and funding the UK research ecosystem through global collaborations. She represented DSIT in multilateral and bilateral science diplomacy and co-led the global Science and Innovation Network of 130 officers in 60 locations. Previously, Susie has served as Deputy Head of the UK Mission in Nairobi (and UK Perm Rep to the UN Environment Programme), and of the UK Mission in Dar es





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Sir Geoff Mulgan is Professor in STEaPP at University College London (UCL). He was CEO of Nesta, the UK's innovation foundation, CEO of the Young foundation and had roles in UK government including director of the Government's Strategy Unit and head of policy in the Prime Minister's office.

(Princeton UP).

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Andrea Pfeil is Head of Language Department Northwestern Europe & Deputy Director at the Goethe-Institut London. Before joining the Goethe-Institut in London, Andrea worked at their offices in New York as Director of the Language Department from 2014 to 2021. Andrea studied Pedagogy with a focus on adult education, communication, and German as a Foreign Language. Besides, she has a master's degree in educational management. Over the past 16 years, she has focused intensively on quality development in educational processes and the development of hybrid language and training courses. She has worked extensively in teacher training both in Germany and abroad and has been involved in the conception and development of blended learning and online courses as well as digital training formats at the Goethe-Institut. Andrea Pfeil was a consultant in the field of multimedia and distance learning at the Goethe-Institut headquarters in Munich before moving to the Goethe-Institut New York in 2014 as the head of language programs. (LinkedIn / Klett Webpage)

Geraint Rees -Provost (Research, Innovation & Global Engagement),
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Ben Rogers divides his time between LSE Cities, where he is Distinguished Policy Fellow in Government Innovation and University of London, where he is Professor of Practice. Ben is also the Chair of Design South East. Prior to joining LSE, Ben founded Centre for London think tank in 2011 and led its growth to an influential authority on London policy, with an international following. He was a member of the London Finance Commission and is author of many reports on cities, citizenship, public service reform and the built environment. Ben was an Associate Director at the Institution for Public Policy Research (IPPR) for five years and has worked in local and central

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Laura Rumbley has more than 25 years of experience in the field of international higher education, during which time she has held a range of academic, professional, research and editorial roles. She is currently Director, Knowledge Development and Research, at the European Association for International Education (EAIE), based in Amsterdam. She previously served as Associate Director for the Boston College Center for International Higher Education (CIHE) in the United States and Deputy Director of the Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) in Brussels. Laura has co-edited the *Journal of Studies in International Education* (Sage) since 2014 and has authored and edited a wide range of publications on internationalisation in higher education and other topics in the field of international and comparative higher education. A former U.S. Foreign Service Officer, Laura holds a PhD in Higher Education Administration from Boston College, a Master of International & Intercultural



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Maud Sarlieve is a Human Rights and International Criminal Lawyer advocating for creative legal thinking to mitigate Climate Change and protect the environment. She holds a [redacted] from the University of Paris-Nanterre, an LLM in European Law from Trinity College Dublin and is licensed to practice law in France. After a couple of years practising as a corporate lawyer in Prague and Paris, Maud switched to specialise in complex international human rights and criminal investigations. Over the last 10 to 15 years, she has operated in conflict and post conflict zones for international jurisdictions and organisations such as the United Nations and the European Union. Her cases have taken her to Southeast Asia, the Middle East, the Balkans, East Africa or Latin America. Since 2016, Maud has been researching how her expertise can assist in addressing the climate crisis. Her publications explore the challenges associated to the definition of the crime of ecocide and to holding corporations accountable for their contribution to climate change and environmental destruction. Maud has given lectures and conferences on these issues at academic institutions around the world and contributes as an independent expert to various research projects on environmental and climate issues.

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four-part series for the BBC World Service called *The Mysteries of the Brain* and in 2017, wrote and presented a 10-part series for BBC Radio 4 called *The Uncommon Senses*. He is a frequent contributor to *The World of Fine Wine* and wine columnist for *Prospect Magazine*. (UoL Directory of Research and Expertise)



Mary Stiasny, a lifelong leader, advocate, role model and mentor, has held range of roles across the Higher Education sector, both with a UK and international focus. Mary began her career as a secondary school teacher, before taking up a role working for Schools of Education, where she trained secondary school teachers at universities across the UK. She went on to hold a number of senior leadership positions across the HE sector, taking senior roles in Faculties of Education at Goldsmiths College, Oxford Brookes University and the University of Greenwich where she became increasingly involved in the leadership of the Internationalisation of Higher Education. She moved to the British Council as Director of Education for some years, and then returned to higher education as Pro-Director with responsibility for Learning, Teaching and

International, Learning and Teaching at the University of London, overseeing the provision of Higher education by distance and through TNE systems to around 40,000 students per annum in 190 countries around the world. Her work in Higher Education has ensured Mary has been able to lead on her twin passions for developing international education and as an advocate for women in leadership roles within the sector.

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