



**York Festival of Ideas**  
***The Next Chapter***

**11-24 June 2022**

York Festival of Ideas 2022 has a wide range of fascinating events to attend and engage with, both in person and online. This year's Festival includes a special Festival Focus Day on the topic of

**War and Peace: Threats to global security**

**Sunday 19 June (in person and online)**

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia has changed the balance of the world's global security map. What has led to the current tragic situation and what are the implications of the war in Ukraine for Europe and the UK?

Globalisation, austerity and Brexit had already heralded significant changes for Europe's citizens. As the gap between rich and poor widens, and democracy seemingly continues to fail to deliver, the nationalist far right is gaining ascendancy across Europe.

Join us as we explore the causes and consequences of the bitter conflict in Ukraine, and the wider implications that invasion has for global security, and for all of us. Attend one event or come along for the whole day.

**Ukraine: Causes, consequences and implications for global security, Sunday 19 June, 11am to 12.30pm (in person and online)**

Our panel of experts - award-winning broadcaster, journalist and writer Gavin Esler, who has won several awards, including two for *The Big Steal*, his podcast series about Vladimir Putin; historian and writer Olesya Khromeychuk who specialises in the history of East-Central Europe; and Ambassador Stefano Pontecorvo - discuss the causes, consequences and implications of the invasion and war in Ukraine.

**Europe's Role in Defence and Security on a World Stage, Sunday 19 June, 1.15pm to 2.45pm (in person and online)**

Join our global experts as they explore the European Union's role in global defence and security, and discuss how the shifting geopolitical landscape poses threats that call for a unified and robust response. With Deputy Director General at Royal United Services Institute, Malcolm Chalmers; political scientist and Emeritus Professor at the European University Institute, Brigid Laffan; and historian of Russia, Shane O'Rourke.

**Europe and the Radical Right: Where next for democracy and authoritarianism? Sunday 19 June, 3.30pm to 4.45pm (in person and online)**

In this panel discussion, we examine the multiple social, economic, cultural and political causes for the rise in popularity of the radical right across Europe. Speakers include historian, Booker Prize finalist and former politician, Michael Ignatieff; editor-in-chief of the Liberal Culture Weekly and director of the Liberal Culture Foundation, Jaroslaw Kuisz; and cyber security expert and Director of the Digital Society Institute, Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar.

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