

Speakers

First Part - Science Diplomacy, EU & Bilateral

Chair : Gaëlle Vallée-Tourangeau

Director of Research and Enterprise and Professor of Behavioural Science at Kingston Business School.

She has a PhD in Psychology from the University of Hertfordshire. She has been a lecturer in a few universities, notably in Toulouse, Leeds and Kingston.



Jean-Christophe Mauduit

Associate Professor of science diplomacy at UCL.

He has a PhD in Astronomy/Astrophysics, and an MA in Law and Diplomacy. Over the year, he has occupied a variety of positions, notably as a postdoctoral researcher at the CNRS, Caltech, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Minh-Hà Pham

Councillor for Science and Technology at the French Embassy to the UK.

She pursued a diploma as an agricultural engineer, and then obtained her PhD in Neurobiology and Neurosciences. Finally, she wrote a doctoral thesis. Over the years, she has occupied prominent positions in various institutions such as the INRA, CNRS, PSL, and the French Embassy in Washington DC.



Cyril Robin-Champigneul

Head of the Economic and Trade Affairs Section at the Delegation of the European Union to the UK.

After graduating from Science Po Paris, he worked as a consultant for a year, before joining the European Parliament, followed by the European Commission where he worked in various roles.



Javier Pardo-Diaz

Chair of EU Policy at the Spanish Researchers in the UK.

Senior programme manager at the UKRI Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council. Additionally, Javier is an active member of CONNECTS-UK as chair of the Action Coordination Board.

He has a PhD in Statistics from Oxford University.

Second Part - Bilateral UK-France relationship

Chair : Emma Armand



Pascal Marty

Director of the Maison Française d'Oxford.

He obtained his PhD in geography from the Université de Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne.

He was a researcher at the CNRS before becoming a University professor of Environmental Geography in various French universities. He was also Deputy Scientific Director for the CNRS at the Institute of Human and Social Sciences.



Benjamin Guedj

Research Scientist in machine learning and AI at Inria and UCL.

He has a PhD in Mathematics and Statistics from La Sorbonne University.

Since then, he has been a researcher, but also a teacher, an Alan Turing Institute Fellow, a board trustee in the Franco-British Council, a Young Leader... Today, Benjamin is the scientific director of The Inria London Programme.



Hugo Clarke

Deputy Head of International (Engagement and Net Zero) at the British Academy.

He has an MA in Geography and Cartography from la Sorbonne and an MSc in European Public Policy from UCL.

He has been an assistant researcher for the Irish Department of Justice, and the Franco-British Council. He followed the Blue Book Traineeship at the European Commission. He was an advisor at the British Academy until recently.



Fang Xie (TBC)

Professor of functional materials in the Department of Materials at Imperial College.

She has a PhD in Physics from Macquarie University.

Over the years, she has occupied a variety of roles within Imperial College: research associate, junior research fellow, lecturer... Before this, she was a researcher at the Agency for Science, Technology and Research in Singapore.

Third Part - Testimonies

Chair : Yanis Gillmann

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Amelle Zair

Lecturer in the Physics Department at King's College London. Head of Ultrafast Laser Sciences and Attosecond Physics.

She has a PhD from the Université de Bordeaux, and an MSc in Atomic/Molecular Physics from l'Ecole Polytechnique.

She pursued a postdoctoral path at ETH Zurich in ultrafast physics. Since, she has worked as an associate researcher at King's College and Imperial College.



Loïck Behr

PhD student in biophysics at Imperial College London on the topic: Molecular crowding as a common regulator of biomechanical and biomolecular properties of cells.

He has a master in Biophysics from the Université de Strasbourg.



François Sicard

Associate professor at UCL in Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering.

He has a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Pierre and Marie Curie Université.

Since, he has been a research associate at the CNRS, King's College and UCL. In 2022, he started his own business in IT consulting named SAFANET. He is also a Franco-British Young Leader.



Perig Pitrou

Senior Research Director of the CNRS at the Maison Française d'Oxford. Director of the "Anthropology of Life" team at the Collège de France.

He obtained his PhD in Anthropology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. Since, he undertook a long-term ethnographical investigation in Mexico. Today, his work on "Anthropology of Life" aims to uncover the different ways to tackle the subject of life.