

CSaP Annual Conference and Reception 2025

Resilience in a changing world

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09:30 REGISTRATION OPENS

10:00 WELCOME (Wellcome Trust Lecture Theatre)**10:10 SESSION 1: Life sciences, healthcare and economic growth**

Chair: [Nicola Buckley](#), Centre for Science and Policy

- [Professor Lucy Chappell](#), Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Health and Social Care
- [Lord James O'Shaughnessy](#), former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health (2016-2018)

11:15 BREAK

11:45 SESSION 2: Parallel seminars x 3**Seminar 1 (Kohn Centre): Pandemic emergencies**

Chair (tbc)

- [Professor Clare Bryant](#), Professor of Innate Immunity & Wellcome Trust Investigator, Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Cambridge
- [Dr Lalitha Sundaram](#), Senior Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge
- [Laurie Thraves](#), Head of National Situation Centre, Cabinet Office

Seminar 2 (Wolfson room 1): Critical minerals and net zero

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Chair: [Nicola Buckley](#), Centre for Science and Policy

- [Dr Sam Stephenson](#), Research Associate, The Use Less Group, Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge
- [Dr Mukesh Kumar](#), Associate Professor in Operations Management, Institute for Manufacturing, University of Cambridge
- [Niva Thiruchelvam](#), Executive at Hakluyt
- *Speaker tbc from the Department for Business and Trade*

Seminar 3 (Wolfson room 2): Disinformation, security and democracy

Chair: tbc

- [Kevin Armstrong](#), Policy and External Relations Manager, Full Fact
- [Dr Jon Roozenbeek](#), Affiliate Lecturer, Department of Psychology, University of Cambridge; Assistant Professor in Psychology, King's College London
- [Dr Simon Staffell](#), UK Government Affairs Director, Microsoft

13:00 LUNCH & NETWORKING

14:30 SESSION 3: Parallel seminars x 3

Seminar 1 (Kohn Centre): Supporting mental health and neurodiversity in young people

Chair: **Loic Menzies**, Senior Research Associate, Intellectual Forum, Jesus College, University of Cambridge; and Chief Research Officer, Centre for Education Systems

- **Professor Duncan Astle**, Programme Leader, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge
- **Professor Tamsin Ford**, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Cambridge
- **Charlotte Kume-Holland**, Deputy Director, Mental Health Strategy and Delivery, Department of Health and Social Care

Seminar 2 (Wolfson room 1): What can academic evidence and expertise contribute to the UK's housebuilding targets?

Chair: **Salma Shah**, former Government adviser and CSaP Advisory Board member

- **Stephen Aldridge**, Director for Analysis and Data, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- **Anthony Breach**, Associate Director, Centre for Cities
- **Miles Gibson**, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge

Seminar 3 (Wolfson room 2): Networks & inclusive innovation – experiences from Cambridge and Manchester

Chair: **Tabitha Goldstaub**, Non-Executive Director, Innovate Cambridge

- **Dr Kathryn Chapman**, Executive Director, Innovate Cambridge
- **Professor Lou Cordwell**, Special Advisor to the Office of the President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Manchester
- **Dr David Cleevely**, Chair, Royal Academy of Engineering Enterprise Hub

15:45 BREAK

16:15 SESSION 4 (Wellcome Trust Lecture Theatre) Plenary panel discussion

Speakers tbc

17:15 Closing remarks

17:30-19:30 DRINKS & NETWORKING
