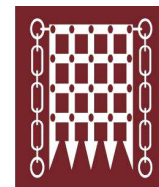


**Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
The future for international research partnerships: responding to Brexit, the Newton Fund
and new relationships**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 17th October 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Developing an international profile: key priorities for the UK research community**
Professor Stuart Taberner, Professor of Contemporary German Literature, Culture and Society, University of Leeds and
Director of International and Interdisciplinary Research, RCUK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Next steps for EU collaboration: Horizon 2020, ERC funding and mobility of researchers**
Dr Martin Szomszor, Consultant Data Scientist, Digital Science
Dr Dan Korbel, Senior Science Advisor, British Council
Professor Carlos Frenk, Director, Institute for Computational Cosmology, Durham University
Dr Sarah Main, Executive Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE)
Dr Lutz-Peter Berg, Head of Science and Innovation, Embassy of Switzerland in the United Kingdom
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.30 **The Newton Fund and developing the UK's role in global research**
Claire Durkin, Head of Global Science, Innovation and Knowledge Economy, Department for Business, Energy and
Industrial Strategy (subject to Departmental business)
- 11.30 - 12.05 **The future of the Newton Fund: delivery and partnerships**
Stephanie Marie Black León, Head of Culture and Education, Embassy of Mexico in the United Kingdom
Senior representative, delivery partner
Questions and comments from the floor with **Claire Durkin**, Head of Global Science, Innovation and Knowledge
Economy, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (subject to Departmental business)
- 12.05 - 12.55 **The UK in the global research landscape: funding, new partners and priorities for growth**
Professor Graeme Reid, Chair of Science and Research Policy, University College London
Professor Heiko Balzter, Director, Centre for Landscape and Climate Research, University of Leicester
Tom Thackray, Director for Innovation, CBI
Rachael Sara-Kennedy, Head of International Partnerships, Universities UK International
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum