

OTT CONFERENCE 2023

THINK TANKS AND POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY

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Session proposal guidelines

Conference overview

New and persistent forms of political uncertainty are impacting think tanks globally: polarised elections, regional instability, the rise of populism, shrinking civic space, eroding democracies, weakened institutions and public distrust as just some of the issues they contend with daily.

At the On Think Tanks (OTT) Conference 2023, we will discuss the role of think tanks amidst political uncertainty. How can think tanks achieve their goals in an area dominated by political uncertainty? What role can think tanks play in countering it and how can donors best support them?

The OTT Conference will bring together over 100 thinktankers, funders and policy experts from around the world. It is a space to exchange knowledge and experience, establish and strengthen partnerships and co-develop solutions to common sector challenges.

Agenda

The conference will take place 10-11 May 2023, at Chatham House, London, UK.

The two-days will comprise keynote, parallel and interactive sessions, as well as 'uncertain' time, creating space for emerging conversations and connections to take place.

Proposing a parallel session

Parallel sessions are 1h 30 min in length and designed to encourage an open discussion. They offer the opportunity to explore an issue in more depth and with more active participation from all.

The format is flexible depending on the session topic and purpose – for example, a roundtable discussion, a workshop or a presentation followed by Q&A.

These sessions are an opportunity to share experiences, concerns, insights and seek advice. We expect conveners to design their sessions to encourage discussion among participants.

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Proposing a session

To propose a session please *complete this form*

(<https://airtable.com/shrqI3wGOF SXO4ryu>) . It will ask you the following:

- Session leader (and email)
- Session title
- Short summary of session
- Format description
- Potential panelists

Panelist should be as diverse as possible. We will not accept all-male panels, and encourage speakers to be from different countries, regions and backgrounds.

We are reviewing sessions proposals on a rolling basis. We will review your submission and get back to you within two weeks to confirm. The final deadline for session proposals is March 3.

We will offer

- A suitable space for your session
- Guidance and advice (if needed) on the sessions structure and content.
- Inclusion in the conference agenda

Session leaders' responsibilities

- Submitting the session proposal
- Convening the session speakers
- Preparing the presentations (if any) and sharing it with us
- Alert us of any changes to the agreed sessions
- Delivering the session along with the other speakers during the conference

Any questions, contact us at
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