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<introduction>



The **St Andrews Summit**, formerly known as the *St Andrews Speaker Conference*, is poised to be an event to mark on the UK's 2025 geopolitical calendar. This landmark summit will be convened *with a dedicated focus on the **geopolitics of emerging technologies***, making it a pivotal forum for global leaders and innovators shaping the future.

Run for over two decades by the **University of St Andrews Department of International Relations** and a prominent student-led society, and this year **an independent spin-out supported by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and *The Pinsker Centre***, the summit is built upon a formidable legacy of intellectual rigour and interdisciplinary collaboration.



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<tentative conference schedule>

<conference main track>

March 22, 2025 (Saturday)	10:30 – 11:30	Registration & Networking Coffee
	11:30 – 12:00	Keynote 1
	12:15 – 13:00	Panel 1
	13:15 – 14:00	Panel 2
	14:00 – 15:30	Lunch Break
	15:30 – 16:00	Keynote 2
	16:15 – 17:00	Panel 3
	17:15 – 18:00	Panel 4
	18:00 – 19:00	Presentations by Startups, Partners, & Sponsors
	19:00 – 19:30	Coffee Break
	19:30 – 20:00	Keynote 3
	20:00 – 22:00	Gala Dinner
March 23, 2025 (Sunday)	10:00-16:00	Golf and VIP Networking Events

*All stated times are tentative, and may be subject to change.



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At the heart of the summit is the belief that **emerging technologies** such as AI, quantum computing, and biotechnology are shaping not only the future of industries but also the **geopolitical landscape**. In this era of **global fragmentation**, where political, economic, and social divides are deepening, the **St Andrews Summit** offers a unique space for key stakeholders to engage in **meaningful dialogue** on how to navigate these uncertainties and leverage technological advancements to create a more cohesive and secure global order.

The Sunday after the summit is reserved for golf and networking in the world's most famous range of golf courses, the St Andrews Links.

Meeting rooms for private discussions between delegates are available as part of our *Operator* Program.



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<panels>

Thematic panels will focus on major **technological** and **geopolitical challenges**. These panels will feature interdisciplinary discussions aimed at encouraging debate and collaboration between **government, industry, and academia**.

<tentative panel topics>

<microchip geopolitics>

The Geopolitics of Semiconductor Supply Chains: How Control Over Microchip Production Shapes Global Power Dynamics. This panel will explore the global race for technological sovereignty, the strategic importance of microchips in national security, and the geopolitical tensions arising from efforts to secure supply chains in a fragmented world.

<cybersecurity & quantum computing & ai >

The Strategic Implications of Quantum Computing and AGI: Redefining Global Security and Diplomacy in the Digital Age. This panel will examine how breakthroughs in quantum computing and the potential emergence of AGI are disrupting traditional cybersecurity frameworks, reshaping defense strategies, and challenging regulatory norms in international relations.

<the future of warfare>

How Emerging Technologies Are Transforming Modern Warfare and Global Security. This panel will focus on the integration of AI, drones, and autonomous weapons, as well as hybrid strategies, into military strategy, their impact on global conflict, and how are they expected to reform the modern militaries.

<next gen nuclear & energy security>

This panel will explore how advancements like small modular reactors (SMRs) and fusion energy are shaping the future of energy security, their role in mitigating climate change, and their geopolitical implications as nations compete for technological leadership. A discussion of other green energy technologies will also be integrated into this discussion.

*Please note that there may be minor alterations to the above panel topics depending on interest.



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<speakers>

High-profile keynote speeches will be delivered by renowned figures from the realms of **academia, industry, and diplomacy**. These addresses will provide high-level insights into the global race for technological supremacy, the role of **emerging technologies** in **international relations**, and ethical dilemmas.

Tech Executives from leading AI, quantum computing, and cybersecurity firms will provide insights into how technological innovations are reshaping global power dynamics.

Diplomats and Policymakers from major global powers will explore the intersection of emerging technologies with national security, governance, and digital sovereignty.

Academics and Researchers will frame the theoretical and ethical implications of technologies like AI, blockchain, and biotechnology.

(For more detailed information on keynotes and the confirmed lineup of speakers, please refer to the Summit website.)



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<closed door meetings>

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Under **Chatham House Rules**, select groups of **diplomats, executives, and policymakers** will engage in candid, off-the-record discussions on sensitive geopolitical and technological issues.

(More information on these exclusive meetings is provided below).

<networking opportunities & social events>

The summit will host several social and networking opportunities, including the **gala dinner, recruitment events, receptions**, and an exclusive **golf tournament**. These events will provide participants with a more informal environment to build meaningful connections.



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<accommodation & travel>

Accommodation options are being arranged in collaboration with local hotels, with discounted rates available for summit attendees.

Liaising with us early for accommodation and transportation options is highly recommended as rooms and flights are expected to fill up quickly.

<accommodation>

A list of recommended hotels offering special rates for summit attendees will be provided on the summit website. These hotels are within a very easy walking distance of the main summit venues.

For many of our select panelists, speakers and other distinguished attendees, accommodation will be provided.

<travel info>

St Andrews is well-connected via rail, bus, and air. The nearest Int. airport is Edinburgh Airport, which offer direct international flights to and from most major destinations. Shuttle services and rides to and from Edinburgh Airport and Leuchars Train Station to St Andrews will be available for summit participants.

For many of our select panelists, speakers and other distinguished attendees, transportation from London and beyond will be provided.



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<the team>

The St Andrews Summit '25 is organised by
<convenor> **Boray D Taspinar-Sherifovsky**,
supported by a highly dedicated executive
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officer>

Mia Ward <co-speaker
coordinator &
golfmeister>

Krishna Mukhi <logistics
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Hayley Smart < outreach officer>

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A full list of the summit's volunteers and officers, who
are key to making this event possible, is available on the
Summit website.



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For any inquiries related to the summit, participants can contact the St Andrews Summit Team. The summit team is available to assist with any logistical questions, sponsorship inquiries, or participation details, and regarding other queries related to the Summit.

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