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INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE & POLICY SYMPOSIUM (ISPS)

“COLLABORATE TO INNOVATE: ADVANCING GLOBAL RESEARCH AMID
GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES”

June 24th – 25th, 2026, Herrenhausen Palace, Hanover, Germany

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 24 th	
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (DAY 1)	
12:00–13:00	Light Lunch
13:00–13:30	Opening & Welcome <i>Georg Schütte, Secretary General of Volkswagen Foundation</i> <i>Michael Hoch, Chair German U15, Rector of the University of Bonn</i> <i>Chris Day, Chair Russell Group, Vice-Chancellor and President Newcastle University</i>
13:30–14:45	Panel discussion I: “From research to impact: Making Knowledge Matter”
14:45–15:45	Walk & Talk networking break @Herrenhausen Garden
15:45–16:00	Afternoon Tea & Coffee
16:00–17:15	Panel discussion II: “Free research for open societies?”
17:15–17:55	Keynote “Universities in Turbulent Times”
18:00	Reception

Thursday, June 25th**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM (DAY 2)**

08:30	Welcome Tea & Coffee
09:00–10:15	Panel discussion III: “Research building a safer world: security, resilience and universities”
10:15–11:00	Walk & Talk, networking @Herrenhausen Garden
11:00–12:15	Panel discussion IV: “Dear ChatGPT, when should I use you? AI and ethics in research”
12:15–12:30	Wrap up & Farewell
12:30–13:30	Networking Lunch