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Press release:

### Power and Diplomacy in a Technological World

In an interactive panel session, held on Thursday 10 March 2022, at the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, arranged jointly by the Oxford University Society of Luxembourg and by the Bridge Forum Dialogue, Tom Fletcher CMG, former UK Ambassador and foreign policy adviser to three British Prime Ministers, bestselling author and Oxford University's youngest Head of College, shared reflections on how we can respond to a world in flux.

He was joined by two discussants: Arlette Conzemius, former Luxembourg Ambassador to Belgium and NATO and Urban Gillström *Founder and CEO of Greenworlder (Luxembourg)*.

Who will be in power in the 21st century? Governments? Big business? Internet titans? And how do we influence the future?

These were questions raised in Tom Fletcher's previous book "**The Naked Diplomat**" published in 2016

"Digital technology is changing power at a faster rate than at any time in history. Distrust and inequality are fuelling political and economic uncertainty. The scaffolding built around the global order is fragile, and the checks and balances created over centuries to protect liberty are being tested, maybe to destruction. Tom Fletcher, the youngest senior British ambassador for two hundred years, considers how we – as governments, businesses, individuals – can survive and thrive in the twenty-first century. And how we can ensure that technology can make it easier for citizens truly to take back control."

In his latest book, "**Ten Survival Skills for a World in Flux**" he examines what are the key geopolitical trends, and how do we get on the right side of the new global dividing lines? Tom said "I'm delighted to be visiting Luxembourg as part of the launch tour for the new book, and look forward to a lively and challenging debate. Now more than ever we must find ways to reason together towards better ways of confronting the great global challenges of the 21st century."

The recording of the conference on YouTube and a summary of the discussions will be available on our websites: [www.forum-dialogue.lu](http://www.forum-dialogue.lu) and <https://oxford.lu/>

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**David Clark** (Chair of the Oxford University Society), **Arlette Conzemius** (former Luxembourg Ambassador to Belgium and NATO), **Tom Fletcher** (Principal of Hertford College Oxford), **Urban Gillström** (Founder and CEO of Greenworlder), **Hugo Woestmann** (Member of the Bridge Forum Dialogue)

