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[Jeffrey Sachs on America and a New World Order](#)

Tuesday 21st Feb, 7pm, RGS

Donald Trump has been in office for less than a month and there have already been worldwide protests at his 'travel ban' on citizens entering the US from seven largely Muslim countries and other controversial pronouncements.

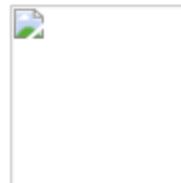
Not every liberal thinker, however, is in a state of despair. Take **Jeffrey Sachs**, recently ranked by The Economist as one of the world's most influential political scientists, who comes to the Intelligence Squared stage next Tuesday February 21st. Interviewing him will be **Laura Kuennsberg**, the BBC's star political editor who hit the headlines and caused a social media storm a couple of weeks ago with her stern questioning of Trump during his joint press conference with Prime Minister Theresa May.

While no Trump supporter himself, Sachs will explain why there may be silver linings to the Trump cloud.

When it comes to trade, Trump has threatened to tear up Nafta, slam huge taxes on Mexican imports, and has already withdrawn the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership to bring jobs back to the heartlands of America. While this strikes fear amongst free-trade supporters, there is a case to be made that globalisation has been moving faster than is politically sustainable, dividing rich from poor. Or take Trump's proposal to invest \$1 trillion in infrastructure. Sachs has described this promise to rebuild America's decrepit inner cities, highways, schools and hospitals as 'a valid, indeed uplifting perspective', provided it is done in a smart and fair way. Trump's programme could be viewed as a Keynesian fiscal policy to boost competitiveness and job creation. It may, Sachs believes, be Trump's great legacy.

And then there's foreign policy. As Sachs will point out, Trump has filled his administration not just with protectionists but also with business people like himself, who enjoy making a buck (in fact, billions of them) and who have profitably invested for years in

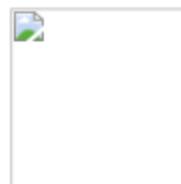
Speaker



Jeffrey D. Sachs

Renowned professor of economics, and one of the world's leading experts in sustainable development and the fight against poverty. He is a bestselling author, and his monthly newspaper columns appear in more than 100 countries. He is the co-recipient of the 2015 Blue Planet Prize, the top global prize for environmental leadership. He is a professor at Columbia University and is Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Sustainable Development Goals, and previously on the Millennium Development Goals. His latest book is *Building the New American Economy: Smart, Fair & Sustainable*.

Chair



Laura Kuennsberg

The BBC's Political Editor since 2015. Before that, she was BBC's Newsnight Chief Correspondent and Presenter. Formerly Business Editor for ITV and Chief Political Correspondent for the BBC.



Russia, China, and other emerging economies. So while the rhetoric may be all about American primacy and trade protection, we shouldn't rule out some friendly deal-making with other countries. And while Trump's future relations with Russia remain obscure, would it necessarily be a dangerous move if he pursues his 'bromance' with Vladimir Putin? Isn't it time there were a better understanding between both countries?

Sachs will argue that we are entering not a new tripolar world, dominated by the US, China and Russia, but what he calls 'the World Century', in which the rapid spread of technology and the sovereignty of nation states mean that no single country or region will dominate the world. The idea that one place or people should have primacy over any other should be as antiquated as slavery or empire, and guard us against the senseless descent into violence.

Join us for this special event at the Royal Geographical Society, [hear the arguments](#) and have your chance to put your questions to Professor Sachs in person.



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