



Coventry Peace Lecture 2020 by Sir David King

**18:30 12 November 2020
Coventry Cathedral
or Online**

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Governments are at war against Covid19, while the real threat to the future of civilization remains largely unchallenged. Professor Sir David King is uniquely qualified to give an authoritative insight into the threat of climate change and what governments and their citizens need do to deal with it.

Sir David was Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's chief scientific adviser. At that time, he was outspoken on the subject of climate change, saying "I see climate change as the greatest challenge facing Britain and the world in the 21st century" and "climate change is the most severe problem we are facing today - more serious even than the threat of terrorism".

He then served as the permanent Special Representative for Climate Change under David Cameron and Theresa May, including for Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, playing an active part in framing and securing the Paris agreement.

Sir David is clear that all nations must draw up a plan to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. But they have failed to do so and today, while governments are promising to invest a total of over a trillion dollars to counter the effects of the Covid19 pandemic, there are estimates that they will need to spend a hundred times as much over the next thirty years merely to replace all fossil fuel power stations with clean generation.

The talk is scheduled to be held in Coventry Cathedral on Thursday 12 November, two days before the 80th anniversary of the bombing of the city. The doors will open at 18:30.

Should Covid19 still be preventing mass gatherings by then, the talk will be delivered over the internet and you will still be able to ask Sir David questions.

The talk is likely to be very popular and you are advised to book your seats at

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