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Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney

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The Nobel Prize Dialogue is a unique global forum

The Nobel Prize Dialogue series aims to inspire and engage curious minds in grand challenges for “the greatest benefit to humankind”. The Nobel Prize Dialogue is an open, cross-disciplinary meeting bringing together a constellation of Nobel Prize laureates, world-leading scientists, policy makers, creative thinkers and thought leaders to discuss global issues that affect us all.

A forum for scientists and non-scientists alike, the meeting aims to deepen the dialogue between the scientific community and the rest of society. The Nobel Prize Dialogue is free of charge for the audience and is targeted towards students, researchers, decision makers from the public and private sector, and the public.

The Dialogue is organised by Nobel Prize Outreach, together with a co-organising partner.

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The Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney builds on this proven format and extends it

Through a partnership with the institute for active policy Global Access Partners (GAP) and Nobel Prize Outreach, the Sydney Dialogue will seek creative and novel ways to tackle some of the most complex global issues facing the world today.

The theme of the Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney

Each global Nobel Prize Dialogue focuses on a theme or topic of crucial importance. The Sydney Dialogue theme is **The Future of Decision Making** – the art and science of collective and individual decision making as applied to global challenges. Understanding and improving the way we make decisions, as individuals and collectively, will help us address complex global issues more effectively.



A 2-year journey designed to create long-term impact

The Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney will be a combination of virtual and in-person events.

It will bring together Australian and international Nobel Prize laureates, policymakers, scientists, students, citizens and industry representatives to consider the decision-making process and how to turn great ideas into action.

- Our first Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney Virtual Event, held in June 2023, will be a platform for thought leaders to connect around our theme The Future of Decision Making, generating ideas and practical action to create long-term impact.
- This will be followed by a year-long group collaboration to progress their recommendations. These actionable outcomes will be facilitated by GAP's Second Track Process – an innovative process of group collaboration that focuses on positive thinking, long-term engagement and personal interest in achieving results.
- The programme will culminate in a grand face-to-face event in Australia, where decision makers, students and the public will come together to celebrate and help develop solutions to the challenges we face.

Expanding on our theme: the crucial issue of understanding and improving the quality of our thinking and decision making in challenging contexts.

Better decision making in a complex world

The Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney will explore how we can improve the quality of decisions big and small. How do we make decisions? Who influences our decisions? Do we have free will, or to what extent are we influenced by “group think”, algorithms and marketing? We will also explore how decisions are made in the boardroom, in cities, countries and collectively, at the global level: how do we cut greenhouse gases? Or reduce pandemic risk? The Dialogue will be guided by the vision of Alfred Nobel “for the greatest benefit to humankind”.

As societies, we are repeatedly hit with economic, technological, health and environmental crises. These are challenging one of humanity’s greatest achievements: democracy. Our democratic systems for making decisions were not designed to deal with the complex challenges facing the world. What are the big ideas to improve decision making that respects and values democracy?

These two aspects of decision making – societal and personal – are deeply intertwined, as we have seen during the global pandemic and as we find solutions to climate change. How can people as consumers and citizens be supported to act at scale for the common good?

The Dialogue will explore these issues through the proven approach of GAP’s Second Track Process. This process is evidence-based, in-depth, cross-disciplinary and curiosity-driven.

The Nobel Prize Outreach and GAP relationship



Laura Sprechmann CEO
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Welcome from CEO of Nobel Prize Outreach

The Nobel Prize has now hosted 19 international dialogues tackling the key challenges of our time such as health, ageing, energy, food and water. Progress towards solving every one of these challenges hinges on our collective ability to cooperate and make better decisions. This is why I am so excited about the theme for the Nobel Prize Dialogue Sydney. We will focus on decisions - big and small. We will ask, how do we make better decisions for the benefit of the majority of people? Please join us in our journey towards what we anticipate will be our most ambitious dialogue to date.



Catherine Fritz-Kalish
Co-Founder & Managing
Director Global Access Partners
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Welcome from Co-Founder and Managing Director of Global Access Partners

It is a true privilege to be working in collaboration with Nobel Prize Outreach on what promises to be a unique event series with a clear focus on creating impact. We have a dedicated team that spans the globe working to develop the Dialogue programme, and I thank everyone involved. I look forward to a rewarding relationship exploring the future of decision making and moving from knowledge to action, together.

“For the greatest benefit to humankind.”

The History of The Nobel Prize – Alfred Nobel

Alfred Nobel (1833-1896) was born in Stockholm, Sweden, on 21 October 1833. His family was descended from Olof Rudbeck, the best-known technical genius in Sweden in the 17th century, an era in which Sweden was a great power in northern Europe.

Nobel was fluent in several languages and wrote poetry and drama. He was also very interested in social and peace-related issues and held views considered radical during his time. Alfred Nobel’s interests are reflected in the prize he established.

On 27 November 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his third and last will at the Swedish-Norwegian Club in Paris, leaving much of his wealth to establish a prize. The first Nobel Prize was awarded in 1901.

Nobel Prize Outreach – the Convenor

Nobel Prize Outreach develops ambitious international outreach activities – conferences, education programs, student lectures, podcasts, documentaries – including large science-based conferences gathering Nobel Prize laureates and other leading experts, discussing, and acting on our time’s greatest challenges.

Previous topics include The Future of Work, The City of the Future, The Future of Ageing, Risk and Uncertainty, Your Plate, Our Planet – The Future of Food, Water Matters, etc. All events are open to the public, free to attend, live streamed, interactive, and primarily targeted towards students, decisionmakers and the public.

Nobel Prize Outreach wants to create contexts that inspire people to think, act and challenge each other, and encourage cross-disciplinary dialogue on issues that are crucial to our world and our future. Nobel Prize Outreach is an externally funded organisation: to achieve its mission, it works with a limited number of exclusively selected corporate partners.

Global Access Partners - Australian Partner

Global Access Partners (GAP) is an independent not-for-profit institute for active policy. For over two decades, we have facilitated constructive and informed policy dialogue, fast-tracking concrete solutions to major public issues using the Second Track Process.

Strategic Debate – from Ideas to Action

GAP acts as a catalyst for policy implementation and new economic opportunities. Our process promotes collaborative, multidisciplinary approaches to solving complex issues. In contrast with traditional think tanks and research organisations, GAP focuses on practical outcomes and the ‘how’ and ‘who’ of project delivery.

Global Network

Our biggest asset is our network of over 4,000 Australian and international members.

More than 1,000 people are engaged in various GAP projects at any time.

Over 120 partners have supported GAP activities since its inception. These include federal and state governments, major corporations, peak industry and community bodies, universities and research institutes.

GAP runs national and international conferences, multidisciplinary taskforces and executive roundtables, coordinates community and stakeholder research projects and feasibility studies, and oversees pilot projects to trial new ideas.

Established in 1997, GAP is a member of TCG Group – a diverse and growing network of Australian-owned companies founded in 1971.

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Nobel Prize Outreach
CEO Laura Sprechmann
and GAP Chairman
Peter Fritz AO sign the
partnership agreement

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