

Sunday 23 June | 3pm | Britten Studio

Hesse Lecture: Peter Frankopan

History, Nature and the Age of Global Revolutions

We are living through a time of profound changes – from global warming to widespread transformations of ecosystems, from shifting centres of global economic, political and military power to the emergence of new technologies that will shape the 21st century.

In this wide-ranging lecture, Professor Peter Frankopan talks about continuities and change from the Big Bang to the world of today, looking at how fundamental re-assessments of the past can help better prepare us for the world of tomorrow.

Duration: approx 60'

Peter Frankopan is Professor of Global History at Oxford University, where he is Director of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research and Senior Research Fellow at Worcester College, Oxford. He is also Professor of Silk Roads Studies and a Bye-Fellow at King's College, Cambridge.

He works on the history and politics of the Mediterranean, Russia, the Middle East, Persia/Iran, Central Asia, China and beyond – as well as on the histories of climate, natural resources and connectivities.

His most recent book *The Earth Transformed* (2023) looks at how nature, the environment and climate have shaped our the history of our planet, its animals, plants and our own species; and at how humans have re-purposed its resources, for good and for ill.