The Georgetown Global Futures Initiative

Global Future of Governance

Fall 2015 Report
The Global Futures Initiative is a university-wide exploration of pressing global issues through teaching, research, and dialogue with world leaders in the public sector, business, and civil society.

Over the course of 2015 and 2016 the Initiative is inviting faculty and students to address four issues critical to the future of humanity: development, governance, security, and the environment.

Global Futures draws on Georgetown’s distinctive character—its strengths across academic disciplines, its Catholic and Jesuit identity, and its presence in Washington, D.C.—to develop the model of a global university in service to the wider world.

In the fall 2015 semester, Global Futures addressed the topic of “The Global Future of Governance.” A centerpiece was a series of three major lectures featuring Director-General of the World Health Organization Margaret Chan, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres, and new dean of the Walsh School of Foreign Service Joel Hellman who joined Georgetown after serving as chief institutional economist at the World Bank. The Initiative supported a range of other events over the course of the semester in collaboration with faculty and students from Georgetown’s schools and governance-related centers and programs.

To advance global teaching and research, the Initiative co-sponsored a Global Future(s) Curriculum Studio for innovative courses around global issues, a Global Futures fellows program for talented graduate students studying across Georgetown’s governance-related programs, a collaborative grants program for faculty designed to deepen research connections across disciplines, and an online forum connecting the Georgetown community with the worldwide conversation about the future of global governance.

The Global Futures focus on governance followed a spring 2015 conversation dedicated to “The Global Future of Development,” which featured a partnership with the World Bank and lectures by World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim and Senior Vice President and Chief Economist Kaushik Basu. Over the course of 2016, the Initiative will address the key issues of global security and the environment.
The Global Futures Initiative brings the resources of our university’s distinctive tradition—our academic excellence, our commitment to the common good, and our history of global engagement—to bear in advancing thoughtful solutions to some of today’s most pressing global challenges.

DR. JOHN J. DEGIOIA
PRESIDENT, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
CHALLENGES TO GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Joel Hellman, dean of the Walsh School of Foreign Service, began the Global Futures lecture series with a call to reform the global governance architecture and prioritize fragile states. Following his remarks, Stéphane Dujarric (BSFS ’88), spokesperson for United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, joined Dean Hellman for a conversation that touched on how Georgetown can advance solutions to these critical issues.

GOVERNANCE: GLOBAL HEALTH’S 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGE

Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, reflected on the complexity of today’s public health challenges, including the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Following her remarks John Monahan, Georgetown’s senior advisor to the president for global health, engaged the director-general in a conversation about how cooperation across sectors can address new global health threats.
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres spoke about migration and humanitarian crises currently facing the international community. He called on world leaders to focus on protracted situations such as those in the Central African Republic, Somalia, and Afghanistan, which are often overlooked by the media but require intensive and immediate multilateral action. Susan Martin, director of Georgetown’s Institute for the Study of International Migration, joined the High Commissioner on stage for a conversation about how the United States and its universities can best support refugees and displaced persons.

“There has been a radical opposition by a majority of political leaders to any kind of international regulation of the migration phenomenon. This is a very serious question that needs to be seriously addressed.”

ANTÓNIO GUTERRES, UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
A CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTINE LAGARDE

Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Christine Lagarde spoke to students at Georgetown’s Qatar campus about economic challenges facing the Gulf region. Lagarde discussed measures taken by the Gulf Cooperation Council, a regional intergovernmental political and economic union that includes Qatar, following the recent drop in oil and gas prices.

WOMEN LEADING PEACE: WOMEN’S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN PEACE PROCESSES

Kosovo President Atifete Jahjaga joined former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Ambassador Melanne Verveer for a conversation on women’s roles as agents of change. The event was hosted by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and included women from Guatemala, Northern Ireland, Kenya, and the Philippines who spoke about their leadership experiences in peace-building.
SECRETARY’S CLIMATE AND CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT FORUM

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Georgetown President John J. DeGioia discussed climate change and clean energy investment during Kerry’s two-day forum. Co-sponsored by Georgetown and Google, the forum included sessions hosted at Georgetown’s McDonough School of Business that featured U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz.

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2015 Human Development and Capability Association conference hosted by Georgetown attracted hundreds of attendees from nearly 50 countries.

Cardinal Óscar Rodríguez addressed Pope Francis’ environmental encyclical Laudato Si’ in conversation with Georgetown’s Initiative for Catholic Social Thought and Public Life.

Former chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Luis Moreno-Ocampo spoke to the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs.

The sixth annual Herbert Quandt lecture, commemorating 25 years of German unification, was hosted by the BMW Center for German and European Studies.

A conference on International Religious Freedom: Toward a Model of Transatlantic Cooperation was hosted by the Berkley Center’s Religious Freedom Project.

The Lancet-O’Neill Institute, Georgetown University Commission on Global Health and Law met at Georgetown Law.
In 2015, the number of refugees and internally displaced persons was at the highest level since World War II, according to the UNHCR. People fled conflicts around the world, with many embarking on perilous and often deadly trips across the Mediterranean. Host countries in Europe struggled to accommodate the roughly million migrants who arrived this year.

Georgetown’s Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM) applies social science, legal, and policy expertise to the complex issues raised by international migration. Professor Susan Martin, director of ISIM, is partnering with the UN refugee agency to co-edit next year’s edition of *The State of the World’s Refugees*, the authoritative global resource for policymakers, practitioners, and advocates. A range of programs across the university, including the Center for Applied Legal Studies at Georgetown’s Law Center, a research initiative on migrant labor in the Persian Gulf, and membership in the Jesuit University Humanitarian Action Network, furthers Georgetown’s engagement with migration and humanitarian issues.
GLOBAL FUTURES FELLOWS

Five Global Futures fellows, selected from among Georgetown’s global governance graduate programs, assisted with high-level events, crafted posts for a Global Futures blog, documented faculty research across disciplines, and hosted a networking reception for their peers and Georgetown alumni.

DIALOGUE WITH WORLD LEADERS

Georgetown students met with Director-General Chan and High Commissioner Guterres following their Global Futures lectures. Drawing on their coursework and research interests, the students engaged in conversation about critical governance questions.
Over the course of the semester, a Global Futures blog brought Georgetown faculty, students, and international colleagues into an extended conversation with world leaders around contemporary governance challenges. Excerpts from the blog include:

**A Call for Greater Multilateral Cooperation on Migration**
by High Commissioner António Guterres

“There has been an acceptance about the need for global governance of financial markets and for markets related to trade, services, and goods. But there has been a rejection of any attempt to create a global governance system for migration.”

**Global Health Governance:**
**The Indispensable Role of National Health Systems**
by Director-General Margaret Chan

“Do you think the international community can compensate for the absence of strong health systems, with surveillance and laboratory capacity in any given country? Can an international agency like WHO do this? Not entirely.”

**Development Challenges and Global Governance: The Long View**
by Dean Joel Hellman

“What can we do here at Georgetown and in the School of Foreign Service? We need to fundamentally rethink the global governance architecture to address the security, timeframe, capacity, and institutional challenges of fragile and conflict-affected states… The solutions will only be found at the intersection of traditional disciplines and professional practices.”

**Remarks on the Global Future of Governance**
by Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon

“Global governance is not keeping pace with the challenges of a more complex and interconnected world. We need to tune all of our institutions to the times — times in which even the most local problems have a global dimension. A common narrative is emerging — one that recognizes that failure to more effectively prevent and address interconnected problems such as conflict or inequality or climate stress will have severe and costly consequences across all dimensions of our work.”
GLOBAL FUTURE(S) CURRICULUM STUDIO

A collaboration with Georgetown’s Designing the Future(s) of the University Initiative and the Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship, the Global Future(s) Curriculum Studio provides a space for faculty to experiment with teaching and learning models around complex global issues. Faculty teams have developed a collection of innovative proposals that invite critical approaches to complex, interdisciplinary problems and provide rich opportunities to bridge theory and practice.

GLOBAL FUTURES RESEARCH GRANTS

Global Futures research grants enable faculty and students to present research in progress on global topics and gather critical feedback from the Georgetown community and outside experts. Two awards were made in fall 2015:

A workshop examining the socio-technical relations that underlie the recent rise in the use of military drones and situates these changes in a historical context, awarded to Professors Kate de Luna and Meredith McKittrick.

An international, interdisciplinary workshop, “African Environments and their Populations,” to be convened at Georgetown in April 2016, awarded to Professor Katherine Chandler.
EDMUND A. WALSH SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE

The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS), founded in 1919, is a premier school of international affairs. At Georgetown’s Washington, D.C. and Qatar campuses, the SFS provides a rigorous education grounded in both theory and practice to students interested in global governance.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FOREIGN SERVICE

The Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) program is recognized as one of the most selective programs in the world. Since its initial class in 1922, over 3,000 students have completed the MSFS program and pursued careers with national governments, international organizations, private businesses, and civil society groups. SFS is also home to a range of regional centers that address governance issues, including the BMW Center for German and European Studies, the Center for Latin American Studies, and the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies.

“MSFS opened a whole world of possibility for me. The opportunities I had during the program and as I graduated proved essential keys to my professional path. I have consistently drawn on what I learned and experienced in MSFS in ways that have been a great asset to my career and life.”

MARIA EITEL (MSFS ’88)
PRESIDENT AND CEO, NIKE FOUNDATION
MORTARA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
The Mortara Center organizes and co-sponsors lectures, workshops, and conferences; provides support for research and publications; and generates communities of research to advance scholarship and inform policy that shapes international relations.

“Georgetown is becoming one of the preeminent places in the world for the study of global governance. The Mortara Center has been leading the way by supporting scholars across a host of key issues, from climate change to humanitarian intervention to the regulation of global finance.”

KATHLEEN MCNAMARA
DIRECTOR, MORTARA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES
The Center for Security Studies offers an expansive curriculum, in-depth research, and critical dialogue on security issues. The academic pillar of the Center for Security Studies, the Security Studies Program, is the nation’s preeminent professional Master of Arts program devoted to security studies.

GEORGETOWN INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY
The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security examines and highlights the roles and experiences of women in peace and security worldwide through cutting edge research, global convenings, and strategic partnerships.
GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

The 26 departments in Georgetown College address global governance issues from a range of disciplinary perspectives. The Department of Government is home to master’s programs on conflict resolution and on democracy and governance.

MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Georgetown’s two-year M.A. program in Conflict Resolution is a multidisciplinary course of study that combines world-class research and practice. The mission of the M.A. program in Conflict Resolution is to train the next generation of leading researchers and practitioners with the skills and knowledge required to effectively analyze and intervene in the complex conflicts confronting humankind.

MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

The Democracy and Governance Program seeks to understand the foundations of democratic and responsive government. Situated in the heart of Washington, D.C., this program prepares students for careers in democracy assistance, governance reform, politics, and international affairs.

“Who governs us and how we live together peacefully are eternal questions with urgent real-world importance.”

CHARLES KING
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

MCDONOUGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Located at the intersection of global business and policy, the McDonough School of Business develops principled leaders who can address the most significant challenges and opportunities facing business and society today.

“Georgetown McDonough is committed to helping shape the conversations and outcomes of some of the vital issues facing our world. We are preparing our students to be globally minded, principled leaders who serve both business and society.”

DAVID A. THOMAS
DEAN AND WILLIAM R. BERKLEY CHAIR,
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MCDONOUGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS, SOCIETY,
AND PUBLIC POLICY
INITIATIVE

The initiative provides a nonpartisan, global venue to address critical business issues of the day. It ensures graduates of Georgetown McDonough possess an understanding of the impact public decision making can have on business and, in turn, the extraordinary influence business can have on society.
The McCourt School gives students the rigorous quantitative and analytic skills needed to design and implement smart policies. Recognizing that corporations, NGOs, nonprofits, and philanthropic organizations play increasingly crucial roles in public policy, McCourt prepares students to work in these emerging sectors as well as at all levels of government.

“McCourt students and faculty develop evidence-based public policy solutions to global policy challenges such as economic growth, education reform, access to health care and protecting the environment.”

EDWARD MONTGOMERY
DEAN, MCCOURT SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

gui2de undertakes and supports empirical field-based research that assesses the impact and effectiveness of interventions aimed at empowering individuals in developing countries to improve their lives. The initiative involves undergraduate and graduate students in both the innovation and evaluation stages through academic supervision and summer and semester-long field assignments.

LAW CENTER

Georgetown Law is recognized around the world as a premier place to study international and transnational law. Students can investigate and report on human rights abuses overseas or work on an international document to protect migrants through the elite Global Law Scholars program.

THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

THE CENTER FOR TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

The Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London is a one-of-a-kind global partnership in legal education, encompassing students and faculty from 23 world-class law schools, including Georgetown Law. The center offers a semester-long intensive program in international, comparative, and transnational law for select students and faculty.

THE O’NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW

The O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law contributes to a more powerful and deeper understanding of the multiple ways in which law can be used to improve health. The O’Neill Institute encourages key decision-makers in the public and private sectors to employ the law to enable individuals and populations domestically and internationally to lead healthier lives.
The Georgetown Global Futures Initiative

Over the course of four semesters, the Global Futures Initiative will explore four issues critical to the future of humanity:

Spring 2015 — The Global Future of Development
Fall 2015 — The Global Future of Governance
Spring 2016 — The Global Future of Security
Fall 2016 — The Global Future of the Environment

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