Georgetown’s Global Futures Initiative is a university-wide exploration of four global issues critical to the future of humanity: development, governance, security, and the environment.

Over the course of 2015 and 2016, the initiative is inviting faculty and students to address these issues through teaching, research, and dialogue with world leaders in the public sector, business, and civil society.

During the spring 2016 semester, Global Futures addressed the topic of “The Global Future of Security.” A series of high-level lectures explored a diverse set of security concerns and featured global leaders, including United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Zainab Bangura, former secretary of defense Chuck Hagel, and Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme Ertharin Cousin. 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 security-related centers and programs.

Global Futures continued to support global teaching and research at Georgetown through a co-sponsored Global Future(s) Curriculum Studio for innovative courses around global issues, a Global Futures fellows program for talented graduate students studying in Georgetown’s security-related programs, a collaborative grants program for faculty designed to deepen research connections across disciplines, and an online forum connecting the Georgetown community with wider conversations about the future of global security.

The Global Futures focus on security followed semester-long conversations on global governance and development. In the fall 2016 semester, the initiative will address the issue of “The Global Future of 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. We invite you to learn more about the initiative through this report and online at globalfutures.georgetown.edu.
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.

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THE GLOBAL FUTURE OF SECURITY

Chuck Hagel, former U.S. secretary of defense and now distinguished executive-in-residence at Georgetown, along with Daniel Byman of Georgetown’s Security Studies Program, discussed a number of threats facing the global community today, including cyber warfare and the deterioration of longstanding partnerships. Hagel stressed that the United States should focus on maintaining strong relationships with allies and minimize its interventions abroad.

ZERO HUNGER: A FOUNDATION OF GLOBAL STABILITY AND PROSPERITY

Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme Ertharin Cousin explored how the current unprecedented level of crisis in our world—coupled with persistent hunger and poverty—undermines global stability. During her lecture and subsequent discussion with Mark Giordano, director of the Program in Science, Technology and International Affairs, Cousin shared examples from the World Food Programme’s work to provide humanitarian assistance.
HUMAN SECURITY IN THE FACE OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Zainab Hawa Bangura, UN special representative on sexual violence in conflict, addressed the threat that violent extremism poses for human security, with a focus on its gender dimension. She emphasized the importance of advancing women's rights as a tool for fighting extremism and highlighted the centrality of economic and educational opportunities for women for prosperous, peaceful, and just societies. During the event, former U.S. ambassador for global women’s issues Melanne Verveer presented Special Representative Bangura with the 2016 Hillary Rodham Clinton Award for Advancing Women in Peace and Security.

“The Security Council’s recent recognition of sexual violence as both a tactic of war and a tactic of terrorism affirms that counterterrorism strategies can no longer be decoupled from strategic efforts to end this scourge.”

ZAINAB HAWA BANGURA
UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT
Former U.S. secretary of state Madeleine Albright delivered the keynote lecture for the tenth anniversary celebration of the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Albright addressed the central role of religion in international relations as both a source of conflict and a resource for peacebuilding.

Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström and Ambassador Melanne Verveer, director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, engaged in a conversation about the role of women in creating more sustainable peace and discussed Sweden’s commitment to increasing women’s access to the peacebuilding process.
FBI Director James Comey keynoted the sixth annual International Conference on Cyber Engagement, sponsored by Georgetown’s Master of Science in Foreign Service program. Comey argued that the public and private sectors must improve cooperation and share information in order to combat cyber attacks.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

The Conflict Resolution Program sponsored the event **“Through Our Eyes: Insights from Syrian Refugees in the United States.”** (May 5)


The Global Futures fellows hosted a panel discussion on “The Use of Force in Peacekeeping Operations,” featuring Professor Lise Howard. (April 21)

As part of the Contemporary China Lecture Series, Dr. Christopher Twomey discussed the topic of “China’s Response to its Complex Multipolar Nuclear Neighborhood.” (April 7)

Journalist Ted Koppel, author of *Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath*, spoke on cyber security. (February 23)
Recent crises in the Middle East, Africa, and other parts of the world have highlighted the growing importance of gender in the dynamics of conflict and conflict resolution. Women suffer disproportionately in war and are vital agents of peace. Led by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS), several centers and programs across campus are exploring these critical issues through research, teaching, and outreach activities.

GIWPS examines and highlights the roles and experiences of women in peace and security worldwide through cutting-edge research, global convenings, and strategic partnerships. Several GIWPS programs work to empower women, including its Georgetown Women in International Affairs program, which aims to develop quality leadership among Georgetown’s graduate students and to increase the visibility of women in international affairs.

GIWPS supports the Georgetown U.S.-Afghan Women’s Council, which encourages dynamic and collaborative partnerships in support of Afghan women and children in the areas of education, health, economic empowerment, and leadership development.

Georgetown’s Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs works with the World Faiths Development Dialogue to examine the critical role of women in economic and social development as a foundation for prosperous and peaceful societies.

Georgetown is a partner in the United Nation’s HeForShe campaign, which seeks to engage men and boys as agents of change for the achievement of gender equality and women’s rights.
GLOBAL FUTURES FELLOWS

Five Global Futures fellows, selected from Georgetown’s security-focused graduate programs, assisted with high-level events, crafted blog posts for a Global Futures blog, and hosted a panel discussion for their peers about the use of force in peacekeeping operations.

MEETING WORLD LEADERS

Following each Global Futures lecture, a group of Georgetown students met with keynote speakers for follow-on discussions about global security challenges. Students brought their coursework and research interests into the conversation and received advice on security-related careers.
GLOBAL FUTURES BLOG

Over the course of the semester, a Global Futures blog brought Georgetown faculty, students, and international colleagues into an extended conversation with world leaders about contemporary security challenges. Excerpts from the blog include:

**Hunger: A Cause of Global Instability**
By Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme

“There is a growing body of evidence linking food insecurity with conflict. Recall the 2007 to 2008 food price crisis, when high food prices made food inaccessible and led to urban protests worldwide from Mexico to Sri Lanka to Tunisia. There, 26-year-old fruit and vegetable seller Mohamed Bouazizi’s last act of desperation ignited the Arab Spring… By addressing climate change and by sustainably building local economies, we can create a virtuous cycle, strengthening social cohesion and providing vulnerable people with a necessary peace and stability dividend.”

**Managing Security for a New World**
By Chuck Hagel, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense

“We are living at a time of the greatest diffusion of economic power ever seen. With that economic power has come a diffusion of political and decision-making power. We have seen this even in our own allies—in Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines over the years. America needs to learn to work with these empowered countries, instead of trying to enforce our point of view on them. This cautious approach to intervention is particularly relevant to what’s happening in the Middle East and much of North Africa today.”

**Human Security in the Face of Violent Extremism**
By Zainab Hawa Bangura, United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict

“Communication is ISIL’s oxygen, and we must find ways to suffocate them. We must continually contest their narrative and worldview in order to win the underlying battle of ideas. In the territories these groups control, women’s bodies have become sites of contestation between fundamentalist and progressive values. This means that every step forward for women’s rights is also a small victory in the fight against fundamentalism.”
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 global issues. Faculty teams across disciplines have begun to implement curricular innovations that advance new pedagogical approaches to complex problems and connect theory and practice in new ways.

GLOBAL FUTURES RESEARCH GRANTS

Global Futures research grants enable faculty and students to present work in progress on global topics and gather critical feedback from the Georgetown community and outside experts. A grant awarded in spring 2016 will support the second annual Global Social Justice Summer Research Symposium, which will highlight student research and international fieldwork.

Previous grants have supported research on the military use of drones, environmental change in Africa, and pandemic prevention.
Global Security at Georgetown

Since being in the Security Studies Program (SSP), I’ve had the opportunity to engage with top-tier theorists and practitioners, and SSP has been generous enough to help me continue my Arabic studies both at Georgetown and in Jordan over the summer. I’m excited to see what directions SSP might steer me as I prepare to re-enter the workforce.

JOHN ARTERBURY
M.A. CANDIDATE IN THE SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM

Georgetown’s course offerings and broad D.C. network position graduates to lead in the field of global security. The Center for Security Studies has played a central role in expanding Georgetown’s security footprint by educating students and the broader community on traditional and emerging security issues.

BRUCE HOFFMAN
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES

CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES

Georgetown University’s Center for Security Studies in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service offers an expansive curriculum, in-depth research, and critical dialogue on security issues. The center, established in 2000, aims to produce a new generation of analysts, policymakers, and scholars fully knowledgeable about the range of international and national security problems and foreign policy issues of the twenty-first century. The center hosts the nation’s preeminent professional Master of Arts program devoted to security studies.
The Conflict Resolution Program combines world-class research and practice, and provides students with an array of internship, event-planning, and mentorship opportunities because of the program’s Washington, D.C. location.

KENNETH YALOWITZ, AMBASSADOR (RET.)
DIRECTOR OF THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

M.A. PROGRAM IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Housed in the Department of Government, the two-year Master of Arts Program in Conflict Resolution is built on a core set of multidisciplinary courses that provide students with conflict resolution practice and theory. The program trains students to apply conflict resolution skills and analysis across diverse sectors in both domestic and international settings ranging from humanitarian relief, development, and corporate social responsibility to youth development, gender, and the health sector.

Within my first year in the Conflict Resolution Program, I was able to focus on humanitarian crises and displacement, organize an event with Syrian refugees, serve as Global Futures fellow, and receive a summer fellowship to work on development and peacebuilding in Lebanon. I couldn’t think of a better way to start my career.

MIRJAM KALLE
M.A. CANDIDATE IN THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM
THE GEORGETOWN GLOBAL FUTURES INITIATIVE

JUSTICE AND PEACE STUDIES

The Program on Justice and Peace (JUPS) is an interdisciplinary undergraduate program that draws on the strength of university faculty in areas such as international relations, ethics and values, social analysis, community-based learning, human rights, and social responsibility. Although the program’s objectives include teaching about avoiding war and transforming conflicts nonviolently, its fundamental goal is to understand the structural injustices that cause war and violence and to alter them so as to realize positive peace.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FOREIGN SERVICE

The Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) is a professional master’s degree in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Established in 1918, Georgetown’s MSFS is recognized as one of the most selective programs in the world. Its goal is to prepare women and men to be creative leaders in the public, private, and non-profit sectors of international affairs.
GEORGETOWN INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security is housed at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and headed by former U.S. ambassador for global women’s issues Melanne Verveer. Through its programming, the institute puts a spotlight on how women can and do improve peacemaking, strengthen conflict prevention, mitigate humanitarian emergencies, and foster democratic political transitions.

BERKLEY CENTER FOR RELIGION, PEACE, AND WORLD AFFAIRS

The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University, created within the Office of the President in 2006, is dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of religion, ethics, and public life. Through research, teaching, and service, the center explores global challenges of democracy and human rights; economic and social development; international diplomacy; and interreligious understanding.
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

Learn more at globalfutures.georgetown.edu