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OUR NEXT MEETING(S)

November 18, 2021

Happenings

MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE (MEI) STRATEGIC FORESIGHT PROGRAM: On October 7th, the Strategic Foresight Initiative (SFI) at MEI published "[Thinking MENA Futures: The Next Five Years and Beyond](#)," essays by 23 global thought leaders on what they foresee for the Middle East and North Africa in the 5-to-20 year future. The SFI program also hosted its first annual Futures Forum conference on October 12-15th, examining the future of MENA's economy, energy, education, technology, security, and more. Be sure to check out the [video recordings](#) of all conference sessions. (POC: [Steve Kenney](#))

IFTF FAST FUTURES: FORESIGHT FOR BEGINNERS: Want to get more people to adopt futures thinking? IFTF is now offering a beginner-level online course in foresight in only 90 minutes for \$99. Designed and taught live by Jane McGonigal, PhD, IFTF Research Director and NYTimes bestselling author, this interactive class is ideal for novices, or as a way for people to introduce foresight to their colleagues, supervisors, and friends. The next session is Dec 7th at 12pm EST. [Register here](#). (POC: [Cindy Baskin](#))

FORESIGHT TRAINING: SCENARIO-BASED PLANNING: Learn how to write scenarios and run a workshop for your organization by taking [LBL's Mastering Foresight: Scenario-Based Planning training](#). The last training of the year will be held December 6-10. Receive a copy of Dr. Richard Lum's book "4 Steps to the Future" and more. Register by November 22nd for the early bird discount. Group discounts also available. (POC: [Doug Maris](#))

ARMY MAD SCIENTIES FALL/WINTER WRITING CONTEST: Crowdsourcing is an effective tool for harvesting ideas, thoughts, and concepts from a wide variety of interested individuals, helping to diversify thought and challenge conventional assumptions. Army Mad Scientist seeks to crowdsource the intellect of the Nation with the Fall / Winter Writing Contest featuring two themes -- Back to the Future and Divergence -- check out the associated [writing prompts on their blog](#) and get busy crafting your submissions. Be sure to check out the website for contest details. (POC: [Army Mad Scientist](#))

ANTICIPATE AND ACT: STRATEGIC FORESIGHT TO PIVOT IN A DYNAMIC WORLD: On November 10th, join Professor Rene Rohrbeck and Researcher Camelia Ram from the EDHEC Business School in a webinar "[Anticipate and Act: Strategic Foresight to Pivot in a Dynamic World](#)." During the webinar the speakers will discuss how to make sense of shifting dynamics and how to build confidence in what direction to take. Be sure to join the conversation to learn more about how strategic foresight can be a powerful tool for leaders today. Registration is required. (POC: [Rene Rohrbeck](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING: Join us on **November 18th at 11am** (EDT), where we will host the CEO from FutureThink -- [Lisa Bodell](#). Lisa's webinar will focus on "[Challenge the Status Quo. Shaping the Future from a Position of Strength](#)." Be sure to RSVP by November 12, 2021 on our FFCOI website.

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