

**EMERGING TRENDS**

Long COVID

Ukraine Aftermath

Nuclear War

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**OUR NEXT MEETING****April 21, 2022**

Happenings

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: GAO FORESIGHT ROLE – APPLY BY APRIL 4TH: The Foresight & Strategic Planning team at US GAO is hiring! The team is looking for a well-skilled foresight and strategic planning candidate. Through GAO's unique Center for Strategic Foresight, you will have the opportunity to support the advancement of foresight both at GAO and externally, and enhance GAO's continuous environmental scanning and foresight programs to help inform and share GAO's Strategic Plan and foresight programs. [Be sure to apply to this unique opportunity by April 4th.](#) (POC: [Sharaille Grzesiak](#))

IFTF URGENT OPTIMISTS: Institute for the Future has launched its first individual membership program for foresight practitioners who want to face the future with more creativity and optimism. [Membership benefits](#) include access to a monthly Scenario Club, online courses in Imagination Leadership Training, forecasting games, signals scavenger hunts, live community events, and social networking features to connect with futurists all around the world. (POC: [Cindy Baskin](#))

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC FORESIGHT TRENDS AFFECTING GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY: In March, the Center for Strategic Foresight published 12 trends affecting government and society. [Read the report here](#), [check out our press release](#), or [watch the video](#). These trends explore what may affect government and society in the next 5 to 15 years—including science and technology in an innovation economy, global supply chains, racial and ethnic disparities, and national security threats. (POC: [Sharaille Grzesiak](#))

DOD 2022 NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY: The Department of Defense transmitted the classified 2022 National Defense Strategy (NDS) to Congress today (March 28, 2022). The classified NDS sets out how the Department of Defense will contribute to advancing and safeguarding vital U.S. national interests – protecting the American people, expanding America's prosperity, and realizing and defending our democratic values. An unclassified version is expected to be available to the public in coming weeks. (POC: [Fact Sheet 2022 NDS](#))

GLOBAL FORESIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL EMPATHY & BUSINESS VALUE: Join the Global Foresight Advisory Council Live event on May 4th. Laura Silva, Vice President, Accessibility Technology UX Design Lead, Bank of America will discuss "[Codifying Empathy as a Business Value](#)" – how empathy is the core component of equity. Sharing how equity then, becomes an active verb requiring our active participation. (POC: [May GFAC Live](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING: Join us at 11am (EST) on April 21st as we host: [Melissa Smallwood from the Master of Science and Technology Policy Program at Arizona State University who will discuss The Future of Long-Haul COVID: A Threatcasting Approach](#). The goal of this project is to provide a roadmap for policy action to address LHC as concrete needs and challenges arise. This project uses a scenario-planning methodology known as Threatcasting to assess the long-term challenges posed by LHC. **Be sure to RSVP at [FFCoI.org](#) by 4/14/2022.**

CONNECT: Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate FFCOI's 9 years in the making! Check out our social media platforms to see results to our polls, we hope you enjoyed the celebration. To stay connected or learn more about FFCOI, be sure to check out our website ([FFCoI.org](#)) and follow our social media platforms on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to get the latest news and happenings. As always, we welcome ideas for future speakers and content for **FFCOI**. Send us an [email](#) or a message on [LinkedIn](#). (POCs: [Sharaille A. Grzesiak](#), [Robin Champ](#), & [Eric Popiel](#)).