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**OUR NEXT MEETING**

May 12, 2022

Happenings

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK – MAY 1 – 7, 2022: Since May 1985, [public service has been celebrated annually](#). It is the time set aside to recognize individuals who serve our nation as federal, state, and local government employees. FFCOI will be participating in this year's events by showcasing the many government employees who stand out in the foresight arena. #PSRW (POC: OPM and [Partnership for Public Service](#))

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: OPM FORESIGHT ROLE – APPLY BY May 25th: The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is hiring! As a senior Program Analyst, you will be responsible for the practical application of strategic foresight, through specific foresight methodologies such as horizon scanning, scenario-based planning, and back casting as well as equipping Human Capital stakeholders with tools and building strategic networks and partnerships. You will have the opportunity to work with agencies across government and help them address their unique challenges. Be sure to apply [here](#) or [here](#) to this unique opportunity. (POC: [Eric Popiel](#))

SOIF'S SUMMER RETREAT IN STRATEGIC FORESIGHT REGISTER BY JUNE 30TH: School of International Futures' is running its [foresight retreat in the UK from 1-5 August 2022](#). This intensive face-to-face course is designed for emerging and senior leaders in policy-making, strategy and analysis roles. Over five days, participants learn how to use foresight to manage uncertainty and to create future-ready organizations. Sessions are led by SOIF faculty and supported by more than 15 expert speakers. The retreat is ideal for enhancing your foresight skills, gaining new perspectives, and joining a global community of practice. (POC: [SOIF Learning](#))

LONG COVID IMPACT ON ADULT AMERICANS: EARLY INDICATORS ESTIMATING PREVALENCE AND COST: A white paper by the Solve Long Covid Initiative estimates Long Covid may affect 22-43 million Americans, with 7-14 million of these cases causing new or worsening disability. [This paper explores the economic impact of Long Covid](#) on working adults, employers, and the disability system. (POC: [Melissa Smallwood](#))

UNITED NATIONS ADVANCES STRATEGIC FORESIGHT BREAKDOWN OR BREAKTHROUGH SCENARIOS: The UN Secretary-General recently announced a number of pioneering foresight initiatives under its ["Our Common Agenda"](#) to include a: (1) Futures Lab; (2) Declaration on Future Generations; (3) new United Nations Special Envoy to ensure that policy/budget decisions reflect future generations; (4) a regularly issued Strategic Foresight and Global Risk Report; and, (5) Summit on the Future in 2023. Each initiative, and how they interconnect, are described. (POC: [Steve Gale](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING: Join us at 11am (EST) on May 12th as we host: [Marie Mahon](#), Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, and [Matthew Finch](#), Associate Fellow both from [The IMAINE Project](#). Matthew and Marie will be discussing the new scales of Justice: Exploring the Future of [Regional Inequality with Europe's IMAJINE](#) scenarios. **Be sure to RSVP at [FFCoI.org](#) by 5/6/2022.**

CONNECT: Be sure to stay connected or learn more about FFCOI, 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: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Robin Champ](#), & [Eric Popiel](#)).