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**OUR NEXT MEETING****July 21, 2022**

Happenings

FORESIGHT IS 20/20: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES IN CONGRESS' FUTURE: Read the [Partnership for Public Service's three scenario-planning](#) issue briefs aimed at helping Congress think about the future in a more proactive way, maximize its strengths, and build resilience. (POC: [Chayenne Polimédo](#))

FORESIGHT FRIDAY @NIOSH: RELEVANCE, PRACTICE AND INSIGHT FROM APPLYING SCENARIOS: On July 29th, Dr. Cho Khong will draw on his decades of experience in the Shell scenarios team to examine and assess the integration of strategic foresight into organizational planning and practice. **Be sure to register with NIOSH prior to the event.** (POC: [NIOSH Office of Research Integration](#))

FORESIGHT SANDBOX COURSE – AUGUST 9-10TH: Sharpen your ability to anticipate and plan for the future of your organization at [the Foresight Sandbox](#), a live-online 2-day course for mid- to senior professionals seeking to learn and apply strategic foresight at their agency. Deepen your ability to strategize effectively in uncertain operating environments while expanding your network of peers within and beyond the federal government. (POC: [Amy Zalman](#))

BLOG: DISILLUSIONED YOUTH: A DANGER TO DEMOCRACY: This blog examines the evidence that youth disillusionment is a growing and serious threat to democracy. Challenges today play out in a landscape of immense political instability. Leaving youth wanting to "opt out." **Youth disengagement will ultimately have negative impacts beyond democratic engagement** with potential shockwaves on social stability, and more. (POC: [Steve Gale and Mat Burrows](#))

SOIF'S SUMMER RETREAT IN STRATEGIC FORESIGHT: SOIF is running its flagship [Summer Retreat in Strategic Foresight](#) from August 1-5th, at Lainston House, UK. Now in its tenth year, the retreat is a unique combination of learning, conference and networking that helps participants become better users or commissioners of foresight work. Each one is built around a triangle of policy, methods, and a live challenge. Dr. Nils Gilman will be the opening keynote speaker at the retreat. There are only a few places left, so register for the retreat TODAY. (POC: [SOIF](#))

GW UNIVERSITY'S MASTERING FORESIGHT: SCENARIO-BASED PLANNING BOOTCAMP: LBL Strategies' Mastering Foresight: Scenario Based Planning Bootcamp is officially an eligible course for certification from both the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership and The Futures School (TFS) Professional Foresight Certification in Natural Foresight®. Mastering Foresight runs from September 12-16 via Zoom; **register by August 20th to receive a 5% early bird discount.** (POC: [Abigail Faulkner](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING: Join us at **1pm (EST) on July 21st** as we host: [Dr. James Giordano, Professor of Neurology and Biochemistry, Georgetown University Medical Center, Senior Fellow](#). Dr. Giordano will be presenting "Bold New Biothreats: The Capabilities and Risks of Precision-Targeted Pathologies." In this briefing he will describe these developments, discuss their capabilities and effects, and propose steps towards preparedness, readiness, and response. **Be sure to RSVP at FFCoI.org by 7/15/2022.**

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](#)).