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**OUR NEXT MEETING**

September 8, 2022

Happenings

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: GAO FORESIGHT ROLE – APPLY BY SEPT. 16TH: The Foresight & Strategic Planning team at US GAO is hiring! The team is looking for a well-skilled foresight and strategic planning candidate. Through the Center for Strategic Foresight, you will have the opportunity to advance foresight both at GAO and externally, and enhance the agency's horizon scanning and foresight programs to inform GAO's Strategic Plan. [Be sure to apply to this unique opportunity by September 16.](#) (POC: [Sharaelle Grzesiak](#))

FORESIGHT TELLS US THE THREAT LANDSCAPE IS CONVERGING: Consider the example of the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), commonly known as a drone. In the hands of a bad actor, is it a physical threat or cyber threat? Both. Threat convergence shows up in the data, too: 20% of organizations have detected an IoT-based attack in the past three years, and 85% of companies agree the physical threat landscape has significantly changed. Yet organizations continue to separate physical and cyber security approaches, leaving them vulnerable to increased risk. Toffler Associates developed an [infographic](#) on cyber-physical assessment to integrate and improve security across the enterprise (POCs: [Dan Backo](#) and [Will Swaim](#))

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: LINKING FORESIGHT TO AGILE ORGANIZATION DESIGN: Does your agency need to become more agile and better design the necessary "sense and respond" capabilities for any plausible scenario? Consider LBL Strategies' *Mastering Agile Organization Design Certification* program, offered in partnership with the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership and the Baldrige Foundation. The next cohort of *Mastering Agile Organization Design* will be held this fall. For more information, visit the [LBL Strategies website](#). (POC: [Jim Stockmal](#))

PROFESSIONAL FORESIGHT CERTIFICATION: The Futures School offers [Professional Certification in Natural Foresight®](#) which is endorsed by the Global Foresight Advisory (GFAC). For those who meet [eligibility](#) for the Certified Practitioner credential, the next online testing window is Dec 1 – Feb 15 (apps due Dec 15). (POC: [Nicole Baker Rosa](#))

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN FORESIGHT OCTOBER SEMINAR: Registration is open for UH's [5-day virtual Foresight boot camp](#). Now in its 13th year, the seminar offers a hands-on approach to foresight, where participants take a project through UH's Framework Foresight process, with theory, exercises, and discussions. Participants receive the textbook, *Thinking about the Future*, and a Professional Certificate in Foresight. Classes run every Wednesday, 9am-12:30pm CST, Oct 5-Nov 2. (POC: [April Koury](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING: Join us at **11am (EST) on Sept 8th** as we host: [Dr. Amber Ulbrich](#) who will speak on "Quantum technologies: What are they, and what are they not?" In this briefing she will provide an overview of quantum technologies and their potential, some perspective on how they may impact our future, and some tips on how to make sense of the headlines. **Be sure to RSVP at [FFCoI.org](#) by 9/6/2022.**

CONNECT: Be sure to stay connected to 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. Send us an [email](#) or a message on [LinkedIn](#). (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Robin Champ](#), & [Eric Popiel](#)).