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OUR NEXT MEETING(S)

June 10, 2021
&
June 24, 2021

Happenings

SCENARIO-BASED PLANNING TRAINING: Sharpen your foresight skills from home. Join Co-chair Robin Champ in this hands-on training focused on how to develop and run a [scenario-based planning workshop](#) for your organization. The course run online from 1-5pm daily via Zoom on July 12-16 & 19-23, 2021. (POC: [Doug Maris](#))

SOIF CASE STUDY – GOVERNMENT OFFICE FOR SCIENCE: The School of International Futures (SOIF) recently published its [Government Office for the Science case study report](#). The report discusses building effective foresight governance systems, and contains a blog summarizing the work. The report explores how governments in eight countries use foresight and futures techniques – with examples from FFCOI, VA, USCG, GAO, and more. (POC: [Ruth Beveridge](#))

BOOK ALERT- CONVERGENCE: In May, author and former CEO at Toffler - Deborah Westphal - recently released [Convergence: Technology, Business, and the Human-centric Future](#). Convergence is a clarion call for a future-focus. The book explores how and why business, technology, and humanity are intersecting and considers what decisions we must make. The books calls on leaders to make a choice – remain committed to profits above all else or shift to a human-centric approach that embraces the convergence. (POC: [Deborah Westphal](#))

ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN OFFICE STRATEGIC THREATS: On behalf of the Millennium Project among others, members are being invited to be a part of the signatory letter to the United Nations Secretary-General to support the establishment of a UN Office of Strategic Threats. If you would like to have your name added to the letter, please send your name, position, affiliation, and country to the POC. The letter will be open for signatures until August 14, 2021 and will be delivered on September 1, 2021. (POC: [Jerome Glenn](#))

Admin & Announcements

NEXT MEETING(S): What a bonus month – due to an increase in the number of speakers reaching out to FFCOI, we decided to host two webinars for the month of June. We hope you can join us for both as we have a great line up.

Join us on June 10, 2021 as we host **Bart Edes**, author of "[Learning from Tomorrow – Using Strategic Foresight to Prepare for the Next Big Disruptions](#)." His talk will focus on the expanding the use of Strategic Foresight among international development agencies with examples from different organizations.

Then later, join us on June 24, as we host award-winning author, and strategist at New America, Dr. **Peter Singer**, who will discuss "[Useful Fiction: The Power of Narrative to Shape the Real World](#)". Be sure to RSVP at [FFCoI.org](#).

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