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About CIGI

The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is an independent, non-partisan think tank whose peer-reviewed research, foresight and trusted analysis influence policy makers to innovate. With the engagement of a global network of experts and contributors, CIGI tackles the governance challenges and opportunities of data and transformative technologies, including AI, and their impact on the economy, security, democracy and, ultimately, societies.

About Think7

Think7 (T7) is a group of leading think tanks from G7 members and beyond, including experts from different fields. Their expertise is conveyed to G7 leaders through reports, position papers and policy recommendations, offering guidance and potential solutions.

This year, the T7 solicited hundreds of policy ideas from around the world that will lead to about 20 final Policy Briefs built around four thematic areas to shape the recommendations for the G7. These themes constitute the task force domains and provide context and a framework for addressing key challenges:

- Transformative Technologies — AI and Quantum
- Digitalization of the Global Economy
- Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development
- Global Peace and Security

The Policy Briefs will serve as background material for the T7 Final Communiqué to be presented to the Canadian Presidency ahead of the G7 Summit.

About the G7

The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal grouping of seven of the world's advanced economies and the European Union. Its members meet annually at the G7 Summit to discuss global economic and geopolitical issues.

Land Acknowledgement

CIGI acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The CIGI Campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes 10 km on each side of the Grand River.

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/ Welcome Letter

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Think7 (T7) Summit: Canada 2025, hosted by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI). Whether you are joining us in person or virtually, we are grateful that you have chosen to engage in this forum for global dialogue, collaboration and thoughtful change making at such a rapidly evolving and complex moment in history.

As an official engagement group of the Group of Seven (G7), the T7 plays an influential role in shaping policy discussions on the most pressing challenges facing G7 countries and well beyond. The T7 brings together think tanks and research institutions to provide independent, evidence-based policy recommendations that support informed decision making at the highest levels of governance.

CIGI, serving as the organizing body for T7 in 2025, convened a group of world-renowned experts and practitioners to form the T7 Task Forces. These individuals were selected to represent a range of disciplines and perspectives. They have been instrumental in shaping the agenda and priorities of T7 2025, ensuring that our work is grounded in rigour and relevance.

This year, the T7 issued an open call for abstracts with the goal of developing approximately 20 policy briefs. These were framed by four thematic areas that constituted the Task Force domains:

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- Digitalization of the Global Economy
- Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development
- Global Peace and Security

The policy briefs are designed for action. They are the result of months of focused inquiry, analysis, peer review and a shared determination to move ideas to impact. They provide the foundation of the T7 Summit and the Final Communiqué, and are available on the T7 website: www.think7.org.

Over the next day and a half, we come together to build on that foundation. The events convene Task Force members, think tank leaders, policy makers, scholars and others to explore the ideas surfaced in the briefs, test their resonance and sharpen them into clear, compelling recommendations to present to the Canadian government in advance of the G7 Leaders' Summit. Each session in the Summit program has been curated to bring forward the nuances of today's most urgent global challenges, to shine a light on how leading thinkers approach them, and to foster the kinds of discourse and debate that sound, actionable policy demands.

At its core, the T7 Summit is a space for constructive dialogue rooted in evidence, expertise and cooperation, rather than a platform for advocacy, ideology or partisanship. As an attendee, your interest, voice, experience and insights are critical to this process. We are counting on your engagement to ensure the outcomes of this Summit are practical, informed and actionable.

We encourage you to participate fully: ask questions, challenge ideas, offer feedback and connect with peers. By working together with focus and integrity, we can shape recommendations that support responsive, forward-looking governance at a time when the world needs it most.

On behalf of the T7, CIGI and the Task Force leaders, thank you for being here and for contributing your time, knowledge and commitment to our common goals.

Welcome to the T7 Summit.



Paul Samson
President, CIGI

/ Agenda

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

- Noel Gruber, CIGI
- Paul Samson, CIGI
- Jonathan T. Fried, Senior Advisor, Albright Stonebridge Group

8:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Aligning G7 Priorities with Global Challenges: Task Force Chairs and Co-Chairs

Moderated by: Paul Samson, CIGI

Speakers:

- Tracey Forrest, CIGI
- S. Yash Kalash, CIGI
- Patricia Fuller, IISD
- Raquel Garbers, CIGI
- Toby Simon, Synergia Foundation
- Eleni Diamanti, CNRS
- Peter J. Morgan, ADBI
- Marjorie Buchser, Chatham House
- Sophie Arts, GMF Geostrategy North
- Justin Bassi, ASPI

10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Health Break

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Deep Dive into Task Force Policy Areas

11:30 a.m.–11:40 a.m.

Session Break

- T7 Task Force Chairs, Co-Chairs (closed-door meeting)

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The World in 2025 — Building International Cooperation

Moderated by: Aaron Shull, CIGI

Speakers:

- Tetsushi Sonobe, Former Dean, ADBI
- Bambang Brodjonegoro, Former Finance Minister, Indonesia
- Luciana Mendes Santos Servo, Ipea
- Elizabeth Sidiropoulos (T20 2025), SAIIA
- Esther Brimmer, CFR
- Christian Kastrop, GSI
- Anna-Katharina Hornidge, IDOS
- Antonio Villafranca, ISPI, and Ettore Greco, IAI (T7 2024)
- Marc Hecker (T7 2026), Ifri

- 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**
- 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. **Global Solutions to Global AI Challenges**
Includes polling
- Moderated by: Duncan Cass-Beggs, CIGI
- Speakers:
- Janet Egan, CNAS
 - David Duvenaud, SRI
 - Sumaya Nur Adan, Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative

- 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Energy Security and Climate**
- Moderated by: Patricia Fuller, IISD
- Speakers:
- Sarah Burch, Waterloo Climate Institute
 - Ian Rowlands, University of Waterloo
 - Syed Munir Khasru, IPAG
 - Sébastien Treyer, IDDRI
 - Bambang Brodjonegoro, Former Finance Minister, Indonesia
 - Riad Meddeb, UNDP
 - Michael Weisberg, University of Pennsylvania

- 5:00 p.m.– 5:15 p.m. **Day 1 Recap and Planning for Day 2**
- Paul Samson, CIGI

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. **Refining Policy Recommendations and Identifying Key Priorities for the T7 Communiqué**
- T7 Task Force Chairs, Co-Chairs (closed-door meeting)

- 8:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m. **Fair Data Economy Task Force Findings**
- Moderated by: Jeb Bell, PLI
- Speakers:
- Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Member of Parliament, Finland
 - Alex “Sandy” Pentland, MIT
 - Cristina Caffarra, CEPR Competition Research Policy Network
 - Paul Samson, CIGI
 - Christian Kastrop, GSI
 - Paul Fehlinger, PLI

- 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m. **Health Break**

- 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.** **Digital Infrastructure Solutions to Advance Data Agency — How Can Governments Catalyze Positive Innovation for a Fair Data Economy?**
- Moderated by: Vidisha Mishra, GSI, and Sarah Nicole, PLI
- Speakers:
- Jeb Bell, PLI
 - Laura Halenius, Sitra
 - S. Yash Kalash, CIGI
 - Christian Kastrop, GSI
- 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.** **Quantum Breakout Session (closed-door meeting)**
- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** **Presentation of Task Force Recommendations, Next Steps for T7 Communiqué**
- T7 Task Force Chairs, Co-Chairs
- 12:30 p.m.–12:45 p.m.** **Closing Remarks**
- Paul Samson, CIGI

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Organizing Committee



Tracey Forrest

Chair, Task Force 1: Transformative Technologies — AI and Quantum;
Research Director, Transformative Technologies, CIGI

Tracey Forrest is research director of transformative technologies at CIGI. She is a professional engineer and adjunct professor at the University of Waterloo, with domain experience across quantum, energy and technological innovation. She has held senior leadership roles with organizations and initiatives that support the impactful development and deployment of technology.



Patricia Fuller

Chair, Task Force 3: Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development;
President and CEO, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

IISD's president and CEO, Patricia Fuller has more than 30 years of experience in public policy and diplomacy, with a focus on climate change, energy, and trade policy.

Having previously served as Canada's ambassador for climate change, Patricia has built international coalitions and partnerships to advance action on climate change and climate finance. She also led Canada's participation in the Global Commission on Adaptation, including co-chairing the Action Track on Nature-Based Solutions for Resilience. Her diplomatic career has included representing Canada as ambassador to Chile and to Uruguay.

Prior to joining IISD, Patricia headed the Office of Energy Efficiency at Natural Resources Canada and was director general of economic development and chief economist at Global Affairs Canada, where she oversaw the modelling of trade agreement impacts. Earlier in her career, she managed trade policy disputes under the North American Free Trade Agreement and World Trade Organization agreements. Patricia is a senior fellow at the University of Ottawa and holds a master's degree from the London School of Economics.

Based in IISD's office in Ottawa, Patricia is a leader with strong interpersonal skills, building a workplace culture grounded in trust and mutual respect. A strategic thinker and communicator — Patricia is at home getting into the weeds of policy reform without losing sight of big-picture goals.



Raquel Garbers

Chair, Task Force 4: Global Peace and Security; CIGI Visiting Executive

Raquel Garbers is a CIGI visiting executive from the Department of National Defence, where she held the role of director general, strategic defence policy, since April 2018. She is also a visiting practitioner with the US Department of Defense (Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies). Raquel served as the principal architect of Canada's new defence policy, *Our North, Strong and Free*.



S. Yash Kalash

Chair, Task Force 2: Digitalization of the Global Economy; Research Director, Digital Economy, CIGI

S. Yash Kalash is research director of digital economy at CIGI. An expert in strategy, public policy, digital technology and financial services, he has a distinguished track record advising governments and the private sector on emerging technologies.



Paul Samson

President, CIGI

Paul Samson is president of CIGI. He formerly served at the deputy minister level with the Government of Canada and was co-chair of the G20 Framework working group on the global economy. He holds degrees from the University of British Columbia and the Geneva Graduate Institute and was a research associate at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.



Jenny Thiel

Program Manager, CIGI

Jenny Thiel is a program manager for several of CIGI's research initiatives and ensures the effective administration and execution of these activities. She is responsible for the knowledge mobilization of these programs, supporting collaborative research and liaising with internal teams and external partners to reach successful outcomes. With a focus on organization, teamwork and strategic coordination, Jenny plays a central role in advancing CIGI's mission to generate impactful, timely and policy-relevant research.

Task Force Co-Chairs



Sophie Arts

Task Force 4: Global Peace and Security; Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), Geostrategy North

Sophie Arts is a fellow with the GMF of the United States, where she leads the organization's research on Nordic and Arctic security and geopolitics. In this role, she covers North American homeland defence against conventional and hybrid threats and cooperation with allies and partners. As part of her portfolio, she also focuses on Russian and Chinese activities in the Arctic region.

Sophie joined GMF's Washington, DC-based security and defence policy team in 2017. Her prior research covered North Atlantic Treaty Organization defence and deterrence, including against cyberthreats and emerging technologies, as well as the alliance's partnership policy. Moreover, she has published on strategic stability and escalation risks in a multipolar world. Sophie previously worked at the Atlantic Council, GMF's Brussels office, Spiegel Online International and Kantar Media. Originally from Germany, she holds an M.A. from Humboldt University in Berlin and a B.A. from the University of Freiburg.



Justin Bassi

Task Force 4: Global Peace and Security; Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)

Justin Bassi is the executive director of ASPI. From June 2019 to March 2022, he was chief of staff to the minister for foreign affairs and minister for women, Senator the Hon. Marise Payne. Immediately prior to this, Justin was the cyber intelligence mission manager at the Office of National Intelligence, where he led the integration of cybersecurity and critical technologies across the National Intelligence Community.

From September 2015 to August 2018, Justin was the national security adviser to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. He led the team advising the prime minister and cabinet ministers on Australia's national security, defence and international relations. This included responsibility for all areas of security legislation, policy and operations, including counterterrorism, foreign interference, cyberspace, intelligence and border security. Justin was also previously the national security adviser to Attorney-General George Brandis, focusing on Australia's national security legislation, policy and activities, including counterterrorism and telecommunications security.



Jonathan Berkshire Miller

Task Force 4: Global Peace and Security; Senior Fellow and Director of Foreign Affairs, National Defence and National Security, Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Jonathan Berkshire Miller is an international affairs professional with expertise on security, defence and geo-economic issues in the Indo-Pacific. He has held a variety of positions in the private and public sectors. Currently, he is a senior fellow with the Japan Institute of International Affairs. Jonathan is also a senior fellow and director of the Foreign Affairs, National Defence and National Security program at the Ottawa-based Macdonald-Laurier Institute, a senior fellow on East Asia for the Tokyo-based Asian Forum Japan and the director and co-founder of the Council on International Policy. He also holds appointments as a Canadian representative to the ASEAN Regional Forum Expert and Eminent Persons group and as a member of the BMW Foundation's Responsible Leaders Network. Jonathan regularly consults, provides advice and presents to the private sector, multilateral organizations and governments on regional geopolitics. He is a contributor to journals, magazines and newspapers and has been interviewed and quoted on regional security issues across a wide range of media.



Marjorie Buchser

Task Force 2: Digitalization of the Global Economy; Consulting Fellow, Digital Society Programme, Chatham House

Marjorie is currently a senior advisor with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization supporting member states with the development and implementation of robust human-rights-based governance systems for digital technologies. She is also a senior consulting fellow with Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, an independent policy institute based in London, UK. For almost a decade, she developed and launched high-priority strategic initiatives for the institute including its Sustainability Accelerator and Digital Society Programme (DSP), the institute's first research program on technology policy. In 2018, she became the executive director of DSP, managing a team of multidisciplinary researchers and overseeing research projects on data flows, artificial intelligence and digital platform governance. Prior to Chatham House, Marjorie worked as an associate director and Global Leadership Fellow at the World Economic Forum in Geneva and New York, where she led the organization's digital innovation projects and managed the Technology Pioneer Programme. She was also a senior strategist at Purpose, a social impact agency, where she developed various advocacy campaigns related to digital inclusion. Marjorie graduated magna cum laude from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich with an M.A. in comparative and international studies as well as an M.A. in political and social sciences from the University of Lausanne.



Eleni Diamanti

Task Force 1: Transformative Technologies — AI and Quantum;
Research Director, LIP6 Laboratory, National Centre for Scientific
Research (CNRS), Sorbonne University

Eleni Diamanti is CNRS research director at the LIP6 laboratory of Sorbonne University in Paris. She received her Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University in 2006 and performed her post-doc as a Marie Curie fellow at the Institute of Optics Graduate School in Palaiseau, France, before joining the CNRS in 2009. Her research focuses on experimental quantum cryptography and communication, and on the development of photonic resources and applications for quantum networks. She is a recipient of a European Research Council Starting Grant, coordinator of the Paris Centre for Quantum Technologies, and was awarded the CNRS Silver and Innovation Medals in 2024. She also serves as a member of the European Quantum Technologies Flagship Strategic Advisory Board and is the co-founder and scientific advisor of the start-up company Welingq, which specializes in quantum interconnect technology.



Ananya Kumar

Task Force 2: Digitalization of the Global Economy; Deputy Director, Future
of Money, GeoEconomics Center, Atlantic Council

Ananya Kumar is the deputy director for future of money at the GeoEconomics Center. She leads the centre's work on the future of money and does research on payments systems, central bank digital currencies, stablecoins, cryptocurrencies and other digital assets. Her analysis has been cited by *The Economist*, the *Financial Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, the Federal Reserve, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Ananya previously worked in research assistant capacities at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Foreign Policy Institute at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She has also worked as a legal analyst at Sidley Austin LLP in New York City. She holds an M.A. in strategic studies and international economics from SAIS, where she was a Merrill Center fellow. Ananya graduated cum laude from Bryn Mawr College with a B.A. in economics and political science.



Stefan Mair

Task Force 4: Global Peace and Security; Director, German Institute for
International and Security Affairs (SWP)

Stefan Mair is director and executive chairman of SWP. His areas of expertise are German and EU foreign and security policy, geopolitical and geoeconomic dynamics, and trade and foreign economic policy. From 2010 to 2020, he was a member of the executive board of the Federation of German Industries. He joined SWP in 1992 as a research associate, eventually serving as a member of the executive board from 2009 to 2010, research director from 2007 to 2009, and head of the Middle East and Africa Research division from 2001 to 2007. He earned his doctorate from the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich and was a Ph.D. scholar at the Ifo Institute for Economic Research's Developing Countries department.



Shehnaaz Moosa

Task Force 3: Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development;
Director, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)

Shehnaaz Moosa's portfolio includes oversight of SouthSouthNorth's (SSN's) finance, delivery and operations hubs; she is the director responsible for CDKN, VCA, CLEAN, ARA and GA LLA, among other projects. Shehnaaz is chair of the Global Resilience Partnership Board, a Global Innovation Fund Climate Advisory Board member, on the Global Transitions Programme Committee and on the Race to Resilience Measurement Advisory Group. She has deep theoretical and practical expertise in delivering complex programs addressing climate change within the African context. Social justice and equity are at the foundation of what informs Shehnaaz's approach to program design and local and global interventions. Prior to joining SSN, Shehnaaz was a researcher and lecturer in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Cape Town. She holds a B.Sc., an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in chemical engineering. She has the dubious honour of being the first female of colour to obtain a doctorate in chemical engineering in South Africa.



Peter J. Morgan

Task Force 2: Digitalization of the Global Economy; Senior Consulting Economist and Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Peter J. Morgan is senior consulting economist and advisor to the dean at the ADBI and has been with the institute since 2008. He has 23 years of experience in the financial sector in Asia, most recently serving in Hong Kong as chief Asia economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Previously, he served as chief Japan economist for HSBC, and earlier held similar positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he was a consultant for MetaSystems Inc. in Cambridge, MA, in energy and environmental analysis, and at International Business Information K.K. in Tokyo, in financial sector consulting. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Yale University. His research interests are in macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy and financial education. In 2019, he served as the lead co-chair for the Task Force on the Future of Work and Education for the Digital Age for the Think20 process, an engagement group with the G20.



Hodan Omaar

Task Force 1: Transformative Technologies — AI and Quantum;
Senior Policy Manager, Center for Data Innovation

Hodan Omaar is a senior policy manager at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation's (ITIF's) Center for Data Innovation. She leads ITIF's work on US policy in artificial intelligence and quantum technologies across a range of sectors such as health care, education and government. Previously, Hodan worked as a senior consultant on technology and risk management in London, UK, where she audited IT security and management controls at various firms. In addition, Hodan was an economist in Berlin, Germany, where she developed a financial model for the storage of data on a blockchain database. She has an M.A. in economics and mathematics from the University of Edinburgh.



Giacomo Persi Paoli

Task Force 1: Transformative Technologies — AI and Quantum;
Head, Security and Technology Programme, United Nations Institute for
Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Giacomo Persi Paoli is the head of the Security and Technology Programme at UNIDIR. With more than two decades of experience, he specializes in the implications of emerging technologies — particularly artificial intelligence and cyber — on international peace and security. His recent work focuses on the governance of these transformative technologies, including their impact on arms control, strategic stability and global security frameworks. Giacomo holds prominent advisory roles in shaping the governance of emerging technologies. He is a member of the Expert Advisory Group of the Global Commission on Responsible AI in the Military Domain. Before joining UNIDIR, he was associate director at RAND Europe, where he led the defence and security science, technology and innovation portfolio. He also directed the Centre for Futures and Foresight Studies, focusing on scenario planning and strategic forecasting. Earlier in his career, he spent 14 years as a warfare officer in the Italian Navy, gaining extensive operational and leadership experience.

Giacomo holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Rome, a master's degree in political science from the University of Pisa and a master's degree in international affairs and diplomacy at the University of Trieste. Fluent in English, French and Italian, he is a recognized voice in international security, actively supporting multilateral processes aimed at shaping the governance of emerging technologies. He regularly engages with policy makers and publishes research on the security implications of AI and cyber technologies, fostering collaboration across the international community.



Toby Simon

Task Force 1: Transformative Technologies — AI and Quantum;
Founder and President, Synergia Foundation

Toby Simon is the founder and president of Synergia, a strategic affairs think tank that provides insights and advisory services to industry, military, government and research institutions on advanced technologies, international relations and security. He is a member of the Trilateral Commission and was a commissioner with the Global Commission on Internet Governance. He served as an advisory board member at the Center for a New American Security and the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School. Toby has a postgraduate degree in management and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School. He was a research affiliate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for five years.



Izabella Teixeira

Task Force 3: Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development;
Former Minister of the Environment of Brazil; Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel of the UN Environment (IRP/UNEP); Member of the High-Level Advisory Board of UN-DESA

Biologist and environmentalist Izabella Teixeira's career includes roles as a technical advisor for the National Secretariat of the Environment and the National Environment Council. She has held various leadership roles, including as a career employee at Ibama, and has served as deputy secretary of the environment for the State of Rio de Janeiro and executive secretary of the Ministry of the Environment. As minister of environment (2010–2016), she achieved record-low deforestation rates in the Amazon and led key environmental initiatives. She has been involved in major environmental negotiations and is currently co-chair of the UNEP IRP and a member of the UN-DESA High-Level Advisory Board. She also serves on the boards of international and national institutions such as the Brazilian Center for International Relations and Instituto Arapyaú. She was a recipient of the UNEP's Champions of the Earth award in 2013.



Sébastien Treyer

Task Force 3: Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development;
Executive Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)

Sébastien Treyer is the executive director of IDDRI, since January 2019 (he joined the institute in 2010 as director of programmes). He is also chairman of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the French Global Environment Facility) and member of the Lead Faculty of the Earth System Governance Network. A graduate from École Polytechnique in Palaiseau, France, chief engineer of the Corps of Bridges, Water and Forests and Ph.D. in environmental management, he was in charge of foresight studies at the French Ministry of the Environment, and played an active role in leading the interface between science and policy and scientific programming at the European Commission, the French National Research Agency and territorial actors such as the Seine-Normandy Water Agency.



Fabby Tumiwa

Task Force 3: Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development;
Executive Director, Institute for Essential Services Reform (IESR)

Fabby Tumiwa is an energy transition strategist and the executive director of the IESR. IESR is an Indonesian think tank on energy policy and the environment that advocates for energy transition and ambitious climate action. Fabby studied electrical engineering at Satya Wacana Christian University, Indonesia.

Fabby has more than two decades of experience in energy policy and regulation in Indonesia and Southeast Asia and is a renewable energy enthusiast. He advises Indonesian government agencies, businesses, NGOs and multilateral development organizations on electricity regulation, renewable energy and energy efficiency, energy finance, and climate change policies. From 2006 to 2018, he was a member of Indonesia's international climate change negotiation team. He served as a board member of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative from 2011 to 2015 and a member of the Steering Committee of the Indonesia Climate Change Trust Fund from 2014 to 2019. From 2021 to 2024, he served as the chairman of the Indonesia Solar Energy Association.

He has served as a member of the Technical Advisory Group of the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program of the World Bank since 2023. He was a member of the Energy Transition Accelerator High-Level Consultative Group, an initiative led by the US State Department, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bezos Foundation, and, since 2024, a board member of ACCESS Coalition, an international civil society coalition to expand quality energy access globally. Fabby was a 2007 LEAD fellow and 2009 Eisenhower fellow.



Tomonori (Tom) Yoshizaki

Task Force 4: Global Peace and Security; Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS)

Tomonori (Tom) Yoshizaki has served as a professor at TUFS since April 2023. He gives lectures and seminars on Japan's national security policy, alliance management and peace operations. He is newly appointed as the director of the TUFS Area Studies Center to coordinate the university's research activities.

Prior to his TUFS position, he worked for the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) of the Japan Ministry of Defense for 36 years. At NIDS, he served as vice president for academic affairs (2022–2023), director of policy simulation (2015–2022) and director of the security studies department (2011–2015). He oversaw partnership with the National Defense University network, including the Conference of Commandants of NATO Defense College and the ASEAN Regional Forum Conference of National Defense Universities/Colleges/Institutions. He also designed policy simulations for the ASEAN Capacity Building Project, including disaster management exercises.

He also served as a visiting professor at the National Graduate Research Institute for Policy Studies, and as a visiting fellow and lecturer at King's College London, the Hudson Institute, Japan's Self-Defense Forces Staff Colleges, Sophia University, Waseda University and others.

Speakers



Jeb Bell

Head of Strategic Insights, Project Liberty Institute (PLI)

Jeb Bell is the head of insights at PLI, where he leads research initiatives to inform responsible digital governance and innovation strategies. Prior to joining Project Liberty, he served in a number of executive positions. As Meta's inaugural director of global policy research, he oversaw academic collaborations around the globe and advanced researcher access to platform data. At Pew Research Center, Jeb served as vice president of global strategy — a role in which he directed opinion, demographic and economic research in dozens of countries, tracking trends and developments in democratic engagement, well-being and technology use. Earlier in his career, he directed the US State Department's Office of Opinion Research, where he designed and managed quantitative and qualitative studies in more than a hundred countries, including active conflict zones. Jeb has served as an advisor to multiple organizations, including the United Nations and the World Economic Forum, published on a range of topics and appeared as an expert commentator on television and in print media. Jeb earned his doctorate in geography from the University of Washington, Seattle.



Esther Brimmer

James H. Binger Senior Fellow in Global Governance, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR); Former US Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations

Esther Brimmer is the James H. Binger senior fellow in global governance at CFR. Her main areas of interest are international organizations, transatlantic relations and competition in the global commons. At CFR, she is writing a book on the need for better governance mechanisms to manage expanding human activities in outer space, and most recently served as project director for CFR's Task Force Report, *Securing Space: A Plan for U.S. Action*. From 2017 to 2022, she was executive director and CEO of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. She served as the US assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs from 2009 to 2013 and was on the department's policy planning staff from 1999 to 2001. Esther was a professor at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. She holds a bachelor's degree from Pomona College and a master's degree and doctorate from Oxford University. She is a life member of the CFR.



Bambang Brodjonegoro

Incoming Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI); Professor of Economics, University of Indonesia; Former Finance Minister, Indonesia

Bambang Brodjonegoro is the incoming dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and a professor of economics at the University of Indonesia. Previously, he served as Indonesia's minister of national development planning (Bappenas), minister of finance and minister of research and technology. With extensive expertise in economic policy, infrastructure development and global cooperation, he has played a key role in advancing Indonesia's economic transformation and strengthening international partnerships. His work continues to focus on innovation, sustainability and inclusive growth, particularly in the context of multilateral collaboration between G7, G20 and T7 partners



Sarah Burch

Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Waterloo; Canada Research Chair in Sustainability Governance and Innovation

Sarah Burch is a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Waterloo, Canada and holds a Canada Research Chair in Sustainability Governance and Innovation.

She is the executive director of the Waterloo Climate Institute, a lead author of the United Nations' Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and helped to lead expert input into the development of Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy. Her research uncovers transformative responses to climate change at the community scale, the political and justice dimensions of energy transitions, and the unique contributions that small businesses can make toward solving these complex challenges. Sarah has served as expert advisor and consultant to the federal government (on climate change adaptation and climate fundamentals education), and dozens of municipalities (on climate change and sustainability action plans).

Sarah holds a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia and held a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Oxford. She was named to the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars in 2017, and one of Canada's Clean 50 in 2021.



Cristina Caffarra

Co-Founder, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Competition Research Policy Network

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David Duvenaud is an associate professor at the University of Toronto. He recently spent one and a half years at Anthropic, leading their Alignment Evaluations team, contributing to their Responsible Scaling Policy, and leading research projects on jailbreaks and sabotage. He is also a co-director of the SRI, a co-founder of the Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence, a director of the AI Safety Foundation, and has been an advisor to Cohere. He was a Sloan Research Fellow and holds a CIFAR AI chair. He has also received a Google Faculty Award, and best paper awards at both the Neural Information Processing Systems conference and the International Conference on Machine Learning.



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Syed Munir Khasru is a global thought leader with more than a decade of involvement in G7 and G20 communities. He has led around 25 policy briefs and co-chaired task forces for both the G7 and the G20. An M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Syed founded and successfully built two world-class institutes in the global knowledge industry: the international knowledge outfit the Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG) and the international management consulting firm e.Gen Consultants Ltd.

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Sarah Nicole is a policy and technical governance specialist. Her experiences span working for major tech companies in Europe, leading a non-profit for a decade and publishing extensively on the development and impact of new technologies (quantum computing, immersive environment, decentralized technologies, and so on).

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Looking ahead, Sumaya is passionate about developing equitable and inclusive frameworks that amplify the roles of Global Majority countries in shaping AI policy and ensuring the global sharing of AI benefits, where she balances national security concerns with equitable global access to AI technologies.

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This work was well received by senior officials in government and inspired public conversations with Canada's minister of public safety; the national security and intelligence advisor to the prime minister of Canada; the director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service; the chief of the Communications Security Establishment; and the privacy commissioner of Canada.



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