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### Get Ready for Global Ethics Day 2021!

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Carnegie Council invites you to celebrate the eighth annual Global Ethics Day on **Wednesday October 20, 2021** with a theme of "Ethics Empowered."

#GlobalEthicsDay2021 is an opportunity for individuals and organizations to explore the meaning of ethics in daily life and come together to identify and address the most critical issues facing society, such as attacks on democracy, racial injustice, the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and technology and business ethics. Those interested in participating are encouraged to visit [GlobalEthicsDay.org](https://www.globalethicsday.org) to access new resources such as key [messages](#), a social media [toolkit](#), downloadable [logos](#), social media [graphics](#), and more. [Let us know](#) how you plan to participate for a mention on the 2021 highlights [page](#).

As part of this year's celebrations, Carnegie Council will be hosting a special virtual [event](#) featuring thought leaders and activists fighting on the frontlines to uphold and strengthen democracy. Click [here](#) to sign up for this panel with: Nathan Law, Hong Kong democratic activist and former legislator; Wai Hnin Pwint Thon, senior advocacy officer at Burma Campaign UK; Alfredo Romero, president of Venezuelan human rights organization Foro Penal; Franak Viačorka, senior advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, leader of democratic Belarus; Joel Rosenthal, president of Carnegie Council; and moderator Jennifer Williams, deputy editor of *Foreign Policy*.

### News from Our Impact Initiatives

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Carnegie Council's **Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative (AIEI)** posted several new publications on the governance of emerging technologies, with two members of the AIEI Board of Advisors contributing articles on the existing limitations of AI governance. First, [Nanjira Sambuli](#) outlined the challenges to efforts of meaningful inclusivity in multistakeholder governance. [Gary Marchant](#) also explained the "pacing problem" that occurs when fast-developing technology impacts society too

quickly for governments to respond, and the role soft law can play in filling that gap. Finally, research fellow [Pia-Milan Green](#) published a report providing an overview of AI deployment and governance in the Caribbean region, specifically strategies in the island nations of The Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, and Jamaica. For more on AIEI, visit [carnegieaie.org](https://carnegieaie.org).

The **Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G)** hosted two virtual events on the potential implications of climate-altering technologies like carbon dioxide removal (CDR) as a climate response, and how to make sure that the co-benefits are maximized and trade-offs are minimized. For the first time, the executive secretaries of the five United Nations Regional Commissions met virtually to discuss the role of CDR in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals for a [side-event](#) to the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy. The side-event was co-hosted by C2G and all five UN Regional Commissions and moderated by C2G Executive Director Janos Pasztor. C2G also hosted a C2GDiscuss [panel](#) that explored the knowledge gaps around the role that CDR could play in achieving net-negative emissions after net zero, as countries aim to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement.

C2G also published a new episode of the [C2GTalk](#) series, which features one-on-one interviews with influential practitioners and thought leaders exploring the governance challenges of emerging approaches to alter the climate. The latest interview featured [Alicia Bárcena](#), executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), explaining what is needed to create governance for climate-altering approaches like solar radiation modification. Carnegie Council will be releasing all of the *C2GTalk* interviews as a special podcast series airing every Monday on our [website](#), [YouTube](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spotify](#). For more information, watch this [introduction](#) to the series from Pasztor and Mark Turner, host of *C2GTalk*. You can follow the initiative's work directly on the [C2G website](#) and [@C2G2net](#) on Twitter.

The **U.S. Global Engagement (USGE)** initiative hosted a virtual [book talk](#) with Bloomberg's Peter Martin on *China's Civilian Army: The Making of Wolf Warrior Diplomacy*. Martin joined Senior Fellows Tatiana Serafin and Nikolas Gvosdev for a conversation on China's diplomatic army, asking, what can we learn about China's ambitions from studying how its diplomats operate? Gvosdev and Serafin also published three new episodes of [The Doorstep](#) podcast, which premieres every other Thursday. The most recent episode covered what the media missed following the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly in an interview with [Catherine Tinker](#). They also discussed the lessons learned from Haiti's interconnected history with the United States and how these ideas could help the country out if its current political crisis with [Emmanuela Douyon and Jean Eddy Saint Paul](#). Finally, they evaluated Vice President Kamala Harris' recent trip to Singapore and Vietnam and moves by the U.S. to engage partners in Southeast Asia in interview with [Paul Saunders](#), president of the Energy Innovation Reform Project. Join the conversation by following [@DoorstepPodcast](#) on Twitter.

## After 20 Years of Grey Wars, A Moment to Consider a Different Course

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On the 20-year commemoration of 9/11, a chapter in the history of U.S. foreign policy is closing," writes Carnegie Council President Joel H. Rosenthal in his [latest column](#).

How have the "grey" wars that followed changed the rules of engagement and influenced the United States domestically? "Twenty years of war under these grey conditions has taken the U.S. into an ethical fog that has proven unsustainable," says Rosenthal. "This is true both for individuals who under these circumstances have felt empowered to commit certain acts, as well the U.S. as a nation, which is supposed to be committed to rigorous duties and restraints as outlined in the law of armed conflict and the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

For more reflections on the 20 years since 9/11 and the future of national security, [watch](#), [listen to](#), or [read](#) the transcript of Carnegie Council's panel discussion on this topic with N. W. Collins, Sean McFate, and General Joseph L. Votel. [Follow](#) Rosenthal on LinkedIn to receive future columns translating ethics, analyzing democracy, and examining our increasingly interconnected world.

## Events & Multimedia

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### [Upcoming Events:](#)

On [October 18](#) at 6:00PM ET, Senior Fellows Tatiana Serafin and Nikolas Gvosdev will host a virtual event with Rose Gottemoeller, the first female deputy secretary general of NATO and first woman to lead a major nuclear arms negotiation. They will discuss her new book *Negotiating the New START Treaty* and how those negotiations can serve as a blueprint to inform the shaping and ratification of future treaties.

On [October 20](#) at 12:00PM ET, *Foreign Policy* deputy editor Jennifer Williams will moderate a special Global Ethics Day panel with: Nathan Law, Hong Kong democratic activist and former legislator; Wai Hnin Pwint Thon, senior advocacy officer at Burma Campaign UK; Alfredo Romero, president of Venezuelan human rights organization Foro Penal; Franak Viačorka, senior advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, leader of democratic Belarus; and Joel Rosenthal, president of Carnegie Council. Panelists will discuss how ethical actions by individual citizens can help to support and revitalize democracy across the globe.

### **In case you missed it:**

One year after the global protests in response to the murder of George Floyd, where are we in terms of racial justice? In a new [episode](#) of Carnegie Council's [Global Ethics Review](#) podcast, University of Chicago's Adom Getachew looks back on Carnegie Council/Open Society University Network's ["Protests in Perspective"](#) series, plus she discusses some early impressions of the Biden administration and the status of protest movements around the world.

Also, the editors of *Ethics & International Affairs* released the [Summer 2021](#) issue of the journal. The highlight is a roundtable organized by Adrian Gallagher on the responsibility to protect in a changing world order. Additionally, the issue includes feature articles on meaningful human

control over weapons systems and inclusive trade, plus a review essay on climate displacement and justice. For more from the journal, visit [ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org](https://ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org).

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