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Twenty Years Since 9/11, The Limits of AI Ethics, & China's Civilian Army

Carnegie Council is pleased to announce that our first [virtual events](#) of the fall 2021 season will take place on September 8th, 14th, and 23rd.

On **Wednesday, September 8 at 12:00PM ET**, Carnegie Council President Joel Rosenthal will host a virtual panel that will examine lessons learned in the 20 years of conflict since the September 11 attacks. What role can ethical action play in helping to provide security while simultaneously adhering to democratic principles? Click [here](#) to sign up and [here](#) to learn more.

On **Tuesday, September 14 at 12:00PM ET**, Senior Fellow Arthur Holland Michel will build on his previous discussions on the limits of artificial intelligence (AI) ethics and consider whether there are certain uses of the technologies that are, at their core, ethically un-patchable. How do we tell a good application of AI from a bad one before it causes harm or perpetuates an injustice? Click [here](#) to sign up and [here](#) to learn more.

And finally, on **Thursday, September 23 at 6:00PM ET**, Senior Fellows Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin will speak with Peter Martin, defense policy & intelligence reporter at Bloomberg News and author of the new book, *China's Civilian Army: The Making of Wolf Warrior Diplomacy*. What can we learn about the China's ambitions from studying how its diplomats operate? Martin will share the untold story of these highly disciplined diplomats and their combative approach to asserting Chinese interests. Click [here](#) to sign up and [here](#) to learn more.

Mark Your Calendars for Global Ethics Day on October 20th

Let's use the power of ethics to build a better future! Join us this Global Ethics Day on **Wednesday, October 20, 2021**. New content will begin to

roll out soon, so make sure to stay tuned and keep an eye out on [GlobalEthicsDay.org](https://www.globalethicsday.org).

Are you or your organization interested in empowering ethical action? Visit the [participate](#) tab or the [2021](#) landing page for ideas on how to get involved.

Also, don't forget to [contact us](#) to join our growing list of #GlobalEthicsDay2021 participants and events.

The Ethics of Exit from Afghanistan

In his latest [column](#), Carnegie Council President Joel Rosenthal discusses the post-9/11 evolution from counterterrorism to counterinsurgency and analyzes the ethics surrounding the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. He argues that, "if there was an ethical failure by the United States, it was not in the decision to leave. The failure was in its initial execution. In leaving any partnership, it most certainly matters how you do it."

[Follow](#) Rosenthal on LinkedIn to receive future columns translating ethics, analyzing democracy, and examining our increasingly interconnected world.

News From Our Impact Initiatives

The **Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G)** published new resources in response to the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessing the physical science of climate change. Read C2G's [briefing note](#), available in multiple languages, that summarizes key findings from the report and its policy implications. For further reading, check out C2G Science Advisor Paul Rouse's [blog post](#) responding to the report. He warns, "We have one more, perhaps final, opportunity to listen to those experts, take note and act."

C2G also added several new [publications](#) on climate-altering technologies. Click [here](#) to read the evidence brief on climate-altering approaches and the key instruments relevant for governance as they relate to the Arctic, an important region in the context of both its role in the climate system and geopolitics. Additionally, an [evidence brief](#) and [policy brief](#) were published on direct air carbon dioxide capture & storage (DACCS) technologies, which aim to capture carbon dioxide directly from the air and store it, potentially slowing the rate of global warming and preventing ocean acidification. Follow the initiative's work on the [C2G website](#) and [@C2G2net](#) on Twitter.

The **U.S. Global Engagement (USGE)** initiative published two new episodes of [The Doorstep](#) podcast. Senior Fellows Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin discussed what is happening on the ground in Afghanistan and the expectations for the country's future in a [roundtable](#) with Ali M Latifi and Said Sabir Ibrahimi. Additionally, they explored how the effects of the pandemic on shipping are creating an opportunity for world leaders to re-embrace globalization in an [interview](#) with BIMCO's Peter Sand. New episodes of *The Doorstep* premiere every other Thursday and are available

via the Carnegie Council [website](#), [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), and [Apple Podcasts](#). Join the conversation by following [@DoorstepPodcast](#) on Twitter.



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