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Assessing America's Moral Responsibility: Vaccines & Refugees

COVID-19 is surging again in many parts of the world. In some nations, vaccines are widely available, so hospitalizations and deaths are down considerably from a year or six months ago. Other states, though, are still facing some of their worst days of the pandemic. They simply do not have the same access to vaccine doses. In a series of interviews for the [Global Ethics Review](#) podcast, host Alex Woodson discusses the ethical underpinnings of some of the policy choices designed to handle this inequity. In part one Oxford University's [Cécile Fabre](#) weighs the moral relevancy of national and political borders to vaccine access. In part two, University of Pennsylvania's [Ezekiel J. Emanuel](#) discusses the positives and negatives of the vaccination campaigns led by the Biden administration and COVAX. And in part three, FLASCO's [Florescia Luna](#) details the state of the crisis in Latin America and how the world can be better prepared for the next pandemic. For more on vaccine equity, check out [Nicole Hassoun](#)'s article in our *Ethics & International Affairs* journal [blog](#), as she discusses the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic provides a unique opportunity to invest for a better future.

In Afghanistan, the United States is facing more challenging questions as its troops leave after decades of fighting. As the Taliban continues to retake territory, the stakes for those who assisted the U.S. have never been higher, as they and their families face escalating threats, including the risk of death. In an op-ed for [Newsweek](#), Michael W. Doyle and Mark James Wood of Carnegie Council's Model International Mobility Convention examine America's moral responsibility to the Afghan people. Drawing on the history of America's previous military withdrawals, they argue the United States should, "be ready to meet a potential moral commitment on a scale similar to the 125,000 Vietnamese refugees granted asylum in the U.S. following that war."

News From Our Impact Initiatives

The U.S. Global Engagement (USGE) initiative published new episodes

of [The Doorstep](#) podcast, connecting U.S. foreign policy in the Eastern Hemisphere to the lives of everyday Americans. In an interview with [Asha Castleberry-Hernandez](#), senior advisor for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. State Department, Senior Fellows Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin discuss what China is up to in the Middle East. Plus, they cover the Biden administration's foreign policy objectives, including vaccine diplomacy and human rights. The following episode features Observer Research Foundation America's executive director [Dhruva Jaishankar](#) on the United States' foreign policy strategy with India. They discuss India's role in the QUAD, public opinion, the youth revolution, and more. New episodes of *The Doorstep* premiere every other Friday and are available via the Carnegie Council [website](#), [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), & [Apple Podcasts](#). Join the conversation by following [@DoorstepPodcast](#) on Twitter.

The latest **Carnegie Council Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative (AIEI) podcast** includes Renée Cummings and Nicholas Davis discussing the impacts of AI-based technologies on justice, the rule of law, and law enforcement operations. Additionally, a recent [virtual event](#) features Arizona State's Gary Marchant and Carlos Ignacio Gutierrez on their work on characterizing soft law programs for the governance of AI. Watch, listen, or read the interview with Senior Fellow Anja Kaspersen as she asks, what is the role of these programs in managing applications and methods of AI? Finally, AIEI Research Fellow Pia-Milan Green wrote an [insight piece](#) on AI governance, giving "A Black Gen Z-er's Two Cents on The Conversation." For more on Carnegie Council's Artificial Intelligence & Equality initiative, visit [carnegieaie.org](#).

The **Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G)** published a new [C2GTalk](#) interview with [Sandrine Dixson-Declève](#), co-president of the Club of Rome, on how identifying a planetary emergency can help countries and citizens around the world overcome our many interlocking climate crises. The initiative also hosted two events on the intersection of carbon dioxide removal technologies and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. First, an Asia-Pacific Climate Week [side event](#) organized jointly with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) assesses approaches to cutting greenhouse gases, building resilience, and how broad economic packages to enable pandemic recovery could support the achievement of the Paris Agreement goals. Next, in association with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-ECLAC), C2G hosted a High-Level Political Forum [side event](#) focusing on the Latin American and Caribbean regions. For more on this subject from C2G and UN-ECLAC, check out their latest [report](#), "Current understanding of the potential impact of Carbon Dioxide Removal approaches on Sustainable Development Goals in selected countries in Latin America and the Caribbean," featuring a summary for policymakers in [English](#), [Español](#), & [Français](#). Follow the initiative's work on the [C2G website](#) and [@C2G2net](#) on Twitter.

Model International Mobility Convention (MIMC) Senior Fellow Michael W. Doyle, in addition to writing his opinion piece for [Newsweek](#), "America Has a Moral Responsibility to Refugees Fleeing Afghanistan," was also featured on an [episode](#) of Columbia Law School's limited podcast series *Defending the Planet*. In an episode covering the climate refugee crisis, Doyle discusses what's at stake for people around the world when their homes are no longer habitable due to climate change. Learn more about the initiative by visiting the [MIMC website](#) and following [@MIMC_Carnegie](#) on Twitter.

Events & Multimedia

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars! [Global Ethics Day 2021](#) will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. If your organization plans to celebrate this global teach-in, [contact us](#) to be added to our list and map of featured participants.

In case you missed it:

In a [Carnegie New Leaders](#) exclusive event, U.S. Global Engagement Senior Fellows Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin met with [Tara Kangarlou](#) to discuss her new book *The Heartbeat of Iran: Real Voices of a Country and Its People*. The book talk takes us on a journey into everyday life in Iran, where Kangarlou introduces the diverse people who make up the country's delicate socio-cultural, political, and religious mosaic.

Additionally, the editors of the *Ethics & International Affairs* journal released a [compilation](#) of what they have been reading this summer.



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