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"Having strong women united in solidarity strengthens us all. My work mobilizing states to reform the UN Charter depends on bringing together climate, nuclear disarmament, peace, security, human rights, and AI communities for better global governance. The leaders' integrity and passion inspire confidence that only good can come from this collaboration".

Heba Aly

Heba Aly is director of Article 109 (formerly the UN Charter Reform Coalition), mobilizing Member States to update the Charter for more equitable power distribution. She facilitates ODI's Donors in a Post-Aid World dialogue series, reimagining 21st-century development cooperation. Previously CEO of The New Humanitarian, she transformed the newsroom into the world's leading source of humanitarian journalism, tripling its budget and global impact. A former conflict journalist covering the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia, she hosted the podcast Rethinking Humanitarianism. Named 100 Most Influential Africans (2018) and Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, she received Harvard's Weintz Humanitarian Award (2023) and sits on boards of Trocaire and the Lancet Commission on Health, Conflict & Forced Displacement.



"I've dedicated my life to promoting positive peace, pluralism, and equality. Women's perspectives are often most practical and effective in security matters. The geopolitical "peace and security" universe remains male-dominated while commitments to human security are replaced with dystopian "war readiness" terms. We cannot afford business as usual in this path toward forever war."

Sanam Naraghi Anderlini

Sanam Naraghi Anderlini MBE is Founder/CEO of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) and drafter of UNSC Resolution 1325. Over three decades, she has led global policy, research, and practice with civil society, governments, and the UN. At ICAN, she built the Women's Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL) spanning 85+ organizations in 42 countries and created the Innovative Peace Fund, investing over \$11M in women-led peace organizations across 26 countries. A civil society advocate, she authored the groundbreaking research Women Building Peace and served as the first Senior Gender and Inclusion Expert on the UN Mediation Standby Team, working on Somalia, Syria, Libya, Yemen, and Colombia. She has been Adjunct Professor at Columbia/SIPA and Georgetown, Director of LSE's Centre for Women, Peace and Security, and 2024 Bosch Academy Fellow. Awarded an MBE (2020) for services to International Peacebuilding and Women's Rights.



“What excites me is the opportunity—really, the excuse—to work alongside women I deeply admire, both from my own field and from disciplines far beyond it. It’s rare to be in a space where leaders come together not to compete, but to collaborate in ways that challenge silos and hierarchies of security work. There’s a sense of possibility here, a chance to reimagine how we define and pursue security in the 21st century—one that reflects cooperation, care, and creativity rather than competition and exclusion. For me, this isn’t just professional, it’s personal: it’s about being part of a community that lifts one another up, pushes boundaries of conventional thinking, and models the interconnected, intergenerational leadership our world urgently needs. Closer to home, I want my daughter to grow up in a world where women’s leadership is not the exception but the norm.”

Emma Belcher

Dr. Emma Belcher is President of Ploughshares, where she leads efforts to reduce nuclear dangers and reimagine approaches to global security. With more than two decades of experience at the intersection of philanthropy, policy, and advocacy, she has helped position Ploughshares to address today’s increasingly complex threats. Before joining Ploughshares, Dr. Belcher spent nearly a decade at the MacArthur Foundation, directing the Nuclear Challenges program. Earlier, she served as a national security advisor in Australia’s Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and as a Public Affairs Officer at the Australian Embassy in Washington, DC. She has held fellowships at the Council on Foreign Relations and Harvard’s Belfer Center. Recognized for championing collaborative approaches that bridge divides, Dr. Belcher mentors the next generation of security leaders. Her leadership is grounded in the belief that creativity, courage, and collective action are essential to safeguarding humanity’s future.



“I’m grateful for women who blazed trails before me and want to help the next generation. I believe there have never been enough women in international security, which is why our problems are worsening. Women’s voices and perspectives are essential for meaningful progress in this field.”

Alexandra Bell

Alexandra Bell is president and CEO of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, overseeing publishing programs, the Doomsday Clock, and activities around nuclear risk, climate change, and disruptive technologies. A nuclear policy expert and former diplomat, she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Affairs at the State Department’s Bureau of Arms Control, Deterrence, and Stability. Previously, she worked at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Council for a Livable World, Ploughshares Fund, and Center for American Progress. Bell holds degrees from the New School (MA, International Affairs) and University of North Carolina (BA, Peace, War and Defense). She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Jamaica (2001-2003) and is a Council on Foreign Relations member.



“There’s a multidimensional attack on gender, positive peace, and global security. Work groups like this can generate out-of-the-box solutions and create networks supporting other worthwhile efforts through advocacy and evidence generation. This collaborative approach is essential for addressing today’s complex security challenges.”

Nahid Bhadelia

Dr. Nahid Bhadelia is founding director of Boston University Center on Emerging Infectious Diseases, a board-certified infectious diseases physician and Associate Professor at BU School of Medicine. She served as Senior Policy Advisor for Global COVID-19 Response for the White House COVID-19 Response Team (2022-2023), coordinating interagency vaccine donation programs and leading Project NextGen, a \$5B HHS program developing next-generation vaccines for pandemic coronaviruses. She also served as interim Testing Coordinator for the White House MPOX Response Team. Her research focuses on operational global health security, pandemic preparedness, and clinical care for emerging infections. She has extensive experience with pathogens including H1N1, Zika, Lassa fever, Marburg, and COVID-19 at state, national, and global levels.



“As IFRC Regional Director, these topics are central to my work. Navigating shifting geopolitical environments while supporting the Red Cross Red Crescent network to be optimal global actors presents key opportunities. I’m deeply engaged in understanding complex realities through polycrisis and impact forecasting approaches.”

Birgitte Bischoff

Birgitte Bischoff Ebbesen spent over 15 years with the Danish Red Cross, heading disaster management and serving as Head of Asia Region based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Since 2014, she was International Director of Danish Red Cross and Co-chair of the IFRC Reference Centre for Psychosocial Support in Denmark, plus member of the British Red Cross/IFRC Cash Advisory Board. She ran repatriation programs for the Danish Refugee Council in Somalia and Guatemala, and worked in Brussels on fundraising and external relations for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. She holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Roskilde University and a diploma in High-Performance Leadership from Copenhagen Business School.



"I believe in collective action's power to confront injustice and create lasting change. Working alongside women who resist, organize, and lead—often facing violence and exclusion—inspires me daily. Their courage and determination drive meaningful progress in our interconnected world."

Maria Butler

Maria Butler is Executive Director of Nobel Women's Initiative, working alongside Nobel Peace Prize laureates to advance nonviolent solutions, defend justice, and champion equality while amplifying women's leadership in global peace efforts. She has co-led feminist delegations to conflict zones including Palestine and Ukraine, focusing on disarmament, women's leadership in peace processes, and high-level advocacy

grounded in international law and grassroots organizing. Before joining NWI, Maria spent 12 years with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) and founded Grá, connecting Irish youth with rural Kenyan communities. A published author contributing to The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace, and Security, she serves on Ireland's National Action Plan Oversight Group and various advisory boards.



"This is a critical moment to rethink security through feminist principles—reimagining it as care, autonomy, and collective well-being rather than control by authority. Feminist approaches challenge power imbalances, emphasize inclusive participation and shared decision-making, ensuring those most affected by harm shape safety solutions."

PeiYao Chen

PeiYao Chen is President & CEO of Global Fund for Women, bringing over a decade of leadership experience within the organization. Before her current role, she served as Senior Vice President of Global Operations, guiding operational strategy and growth. Prior to joining Global Fund for Women, she was Associate Director of Evaluation at TCC Group, a

management consulting firm supporting foundations and nonprofits with strategic planning, evaluation, and capacity-building. She holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.



Kate Crawford

Professor Kate Crawford is a leading AI scholar and Research Professor at USC Annenberg, Senior Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research, and inaugural visiting chair for AI and Justice at École Normale Supérieure. She founded multiple research centers and leads the interdisciplinary lab Knowing Machines. Her twenty-year research career has produced groundbreaking work published in *Nature*, *Science*, *Technology & Human Values*, and *AI and Society*. She has advised the White House, European Parliament, and United Nations, and serves on President Sanchez of Spain's AI Council. Her book *Atlas of AI* won three international prizes and twelve translations, named a *Financial Times* best book. Her latest project with Vladan Joler, *Calculating Empires*, won the European Commission's grand prize for art and technology and the Silver Lion at Venice Biennale 2025. *TIME*100 named her one of the world's most influential people in AI.



"For a decade, I've advanced women's leadership in global health while witnessing concerning backlash against women across society during humanity's greatest planetary and security risks. Women leaders with strong ethics focused on common agendas are essential to push humanity forward toward solutions."

Roopa Dhatt

Dr. Roopa Dhatt is a practicing physician, Assistant Professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine, and global health leader recognized for her work on gender equality and women's leadership in health. Co-founder and former Executive Director of Women in Global Health, she built the fastest-growing women's health movement spanning 60+ countries. Her work focuses on closing leadership gaps, advancing workforce equity, and shaping policies improving health outcomes. With 15+ years spanning clinical care, health systems, and policy, she has advised governments and international organizations, co-chaired WHO's Gender Equity Hub, served on PEPFAR's Scientific Advisory Board, and contributed to the Lancet COVID-19 Commission. Named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, she champions collaborative global health diplomacy approaches while mentoring emerging leaders and advocating for inclusive, women-centered health systems.



"I'm committed to systemic transformation at the climate, innovation, and governance nexus. This women's leadership network addressing intertwined security threats is timely and relevant, especially with enlarged security understanding. Today's polycrisis demands integrative, anticipatory leadership. I offer bridge-building skills across disciplines and regions to mobilize diverse actors around shared missions."

Kirsten Dunlop

Dr. Kirsten Dunlop is CEO of EIT Climate-KIC, Europe's largest public-private partnership focused on climate innovation. With 30+ years catalyzing systemic transformations across academia, consulting, banking, and insurance on three continents, she's a sought-after speaker on systems innovation, financial systems change, and climate-related societal transformation. She has extensive experience designing and leading business model transformation, strategic innovation, and organizational change. Kirsten serves on various advisory boards including AIT Strategic Research Advisory Board, EAT-Lancet Advisory Board, OECD's Climate and Economic Resilience panel, and European Commission Industry 5.0 Community of Practice Steering Board. She's also an advisor to the Systemic Investing Initiative and director of Responsible.us, recognized for her expertise in how EU research and innovation policy can best support sustainable development.



"Having worked at the intersection of emerging technologies and arms control, now in AI governance, I'm passionate about bridging technical expertise with policy solutions for existential risks. My experience analyzing technology's impact on nuclear risk reinforces that our most pressing security challenges require innovative, interdisciplinary approaches prioritizing human wellbeing."

Marina Favaro

Marina Favaro works in National Security Policy and Partnerships at Anthropic, leading public-private partnerships to evaluate frontier AI systems. Drawing on her background in arms control for emerging technologies, she bridges technical and policy expertise to advance responsible AI development. Marina holds postgraduate degrees in international security and applied machine learning, and specializes in foresight methods.



"I am drawn to this work because I believe the future of global security depends on leaders who can bridge health, peace, and governance—creating resilient systems that safeguard not just today but generations to come. My own path has been grounded in service and cultural reverence, with a commitment to amplifying historically excluded voices so that communities are not only protected but empowered. I am especially motivated by the opportunity to expand women's leadership in security—ensuring that women's perspectives, experiences, and solutions are not an afterthought, but central to how we address the most pressing challenges of our time."

Maleeka Glover

Dr. Maleeka Glover is internationally recognized as a Senior Social Epidemiologist and public health leader whose career spans more than two decades at the intersection of global health, security, and international policy. A Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), she has led emergency preparedness and global health security initiatives during some of the most defining public health crises of our time—including H1N1, Ebola, Zika, COVID-19, and the Haiti earthquake. Her leadership has shaped systems that remain foundational to national and global response operations, integrating science, data, and strategy to safeguard communities worldwide.

Her parallel role as Executive Director of a global nonprofit underscores her capacity to build institutions, mobilize diverse networks, and champion inclusive approaches to peace and security. Dr. Glover is respected for her ability to bridge disciplines—public health, governance, and peacebuilding—while convening diverse coalitions to address interconnected global challenges, from nuclear and climate risks to democratic governance and health security.

She is defined by systems-level leadership with a human lens: advancing equity, resilience, and collaboration while amplifying historically excluded voices. She is a 2025–2026 International Women's Forum Executive Leadership Fellow, joining a distinguished global cohort shaping the future of governance and security.



"I'm deeply concerned about the evisceration of peacebuilding, human rights, democracy assistance, development, and nuclear security fields. Women's leadership faces threats while women, peace, and security issues are being invisibilized. As women leaders in these intersecting fields, we must crush silos and present inclusive, holistic visions for security, human rights, and peace."

Melanie Greenberg

Melanie Greenberg has dedicated her career to peacebuilding across philanthropy, practice, and academia. Currently Managing Director for Programs at Humanity United, she previously led HU's Peacebuilding team and served as CEO of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, a network of 190 organizations operating in 180 countries. Earlier, she researched new security concepts as Associate Director of the Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation and Deputy Director of the Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation. She helped link domestic and international peacebuilding as Program Director for Conflict Resolution at the Hewlett Foundation. Melanie has designed and facilitated public peace processes in the Middle East, Northern Ireland, and the Caucasus. She holds an AB from Harvard and JD from Stanford Law School, and frequently writes, lectures, and trains in international law, security, and peacebuilding.



"Women's leadership in reimagining security is essential during global upheaval. As we confront rising authoritarianism and the erosion of the principles that protect people in conflict, women bring different perspectives on risk and conflict resolution, understanding how security threats manifest in communities. Women offer alternative pathways prioritizing collaboration over competition and long-term thinking over short-term gains."

Tirana Hassan

Tirana Hassan is a leading voice in global human rights and humanitarian action, known for fearless advocacy and strategic leadership in complex crises. Most recently Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, this social worker and human rights lawyer has spent two decades at conflict and displacement frontlines with Save the Children, and Amnesty International. She has led multi-disciplinary teams across Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, documenting grave abuses and holding perpetrators accountable for human rights violations and war crimes. She is the incoming CEO of Doctors without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières USA. Recognized for thought leadership on authoritarianism, gender justice, and global rights erosion, she's a sought-after speaker on reimagining human rights strategies amid democratic backsliding.



"I've spent much of my nuclear policy career advancing women's presence, visibility, and influence in international security. While progress has been meaningful, it's currently under attack domestically and internationally. I'm eager to work with others to preserve and continue our advances."

Laura Holgate

Laura Holgate is an experienced national security leader with a proven track record reducing threats from nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological weapons while advocating for safe, secure nuclear energy. Two-time ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency and other Vienna-based international organizations, she formerly served as Vice President at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, Special Assistant to the President at the National Security Council, and senior official at the Departments of Energy and Defense. Frequently quoted in print and TV media, she's a sought-after public speaker on nuclear energy, nuclear security, chemical weapons, bioterrorism, and related international organizations.



"The network tackles urgent global security problems when traditional tools aren't working and new thinking is desperately needed. I want to join knowledgeable, dedicated women seeking lasting solutions to major security challenges with the weight and access to make meaningful differences across career stages and disciplines."

Elissa Jobson

Elissa Jobson is Chief of Advocacy at the International Crisis Group, providing strategic direction and oversight for Crisis Group's advocacy while developing strategies to maximize policy impact. Previously Director of Africa Regional Advocacy, she served as the organization's main African Union liaison. Prior to Crisis Group, she was a UNICEF media relations specialist in New York, coordinating public advocacy around the Sustainable Development Goals. Between 2012-2014, she worked as a freelance journalist based in Addis Ababa for The Guardian, Africa Confidential, The Africa Report, and Business Day.



"Identifying ways to promote nuclear nonproliferation in a women-led interdisciplinary, coordinated effort represents a crucial opportunity to advance security through collaborative, innovative approaches that leverage diverse perspectives and expertise for more effective policy solutions."

Chen Zak Kane

Dr. Chen Zak Kane directs CNS Middle East Nonproliferation Program and heads the Middle East Weapons of Mass Destruction Free Zone Project at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research. She founded the Middle East Next Generation Arms Control Network and has held research positions at Harvard's Belfer Center and the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. She has advised the Jebson Center for Counter-Terrorism at Tufts University, the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, and served as adjunct professor at the National Defense University. Previously, she worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She holds a PhD and MALD from Tufts University's Fletcher School and MA and BA from Tel Aviv University.



"I love bringing together diverse disciplines and perspectives to find new approaches to intractable problems while building communities of motivated women creating better security models. As a new CEO leading UK charity work combining policy advocacy with grassroots outreach, I can help link nuclear issues with broader peace, security, and planetary sustainability concerns."

Jane Kinninmont

Jane Kinninmont is CEO at the United Nations Association – UK. Previously Policy & Impact Director at The European Leadership Network, she mobilized intergenerational networks advocating for nuclear risk reduction. She has served as Head of Programmes for The Elders and Deputy Head/Senior Research Fellow at Chatham House's Middle East and North Africa programme. Jane sits on advisory councils for Wilton Park and the Council for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient. She's deeply interested in holistic, systemic approaches to peace and security, and finding ways to communicate complex issues in clear, approachable ways.



"As leader of an innovative human rights team pursuing justice through science, technology, and law, I'm excited to share our learnings on emerging technologies, security, and human rights practice while building international infrastructure for security and human rights data flow and accountability for international law violations."

Alexa Koenig

Dr. Alexa Koenig is faculty director of U.C. Berkeley's Human Rights Center, co-founder of U.C. Berkeley's Investigations Lab, and research professor at Berkeley Law focusing on new technologies in human rights practice. She directed development of the UN's Berkeley Protocol on Digital Open Source Investigations, setting international standards for online investigations. Alexa helped establish and co-chaired the Technology Advisory Board for the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor, co-chaired the International Bar Association's Human Rights Law Committee, and served on the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility. Currently advising Physicians for Human Rights and Human Rights First's Innovation Lab, she's been recognized with the Mark Bingham Award for Excellence and named one of "100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics." Her books include *Digital Witness* (Oxford, 2026) and *Graphic: Trauma and Meaning in our Online Lives* (Cambridge, 2023).



"I'm honored to join this inaugural cohort addressing pressing security challenges from various interconnected disciplines. I'm excited to contribute perspectives from tech, emerging technologies, AI, and democracy domains as they relate to human, nuclear, and planetary security challenges we'll tackle together through cross-sector collaboration."

Amy Larsen

Amy recently served as Director of Global Field Engagement and Strategic Projects on Microsoft's Democracy Forward team, functioning as chief liaison to 300+ international field teams across 50+ countries on AI & democracy, deepfakes, media literacy, and elections. From 2024-5, she led global election protection efforts, publishing 15 elections blogs representing every world region and supporting over 2,000 political stakeholders on AI-enabled deepfakes. She created an Innovation Grants Program reaching 6,000+ stakeholders in 2024. Previously, Amy practiced law at Davis Polk and Morrison & Foerster's National Security and Global Risk groups, developed tabletop exercises for election officials, and represented the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism. She interned in the Obama White House, held a foreign policy fellowship in Congress, and served at the State Department's U.S. Mission to the EU. A Fulbright recipient to South Korea, Aspen Security Scholar, and Truman National Security Project member, she holds degrees from Yale (BA), NYU Law (JD), and Harvard Kennedy School (MPA), and is a Council on Foreign Relations Term Member.



"To resolve global challenges, we need holistic approaches recognizing their interconnected nature—what we do to nature and each other rebounds on us all. I'm deeply motivated to remedy injustice and stand up to power abuses, including nuclear bullies. No country should have power to inflict genocide and ecocide."

Melissa Parke

The Hon. Melissa Parke was appointed Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in September 2023. A former Australian Minister for International Development and federal Member of Parliament (2007-2016), she previously worked as an international lawyer with the United Nations in Kosovo, Gaza, New York, and Lebanon (1999-2007). She served as a member of the UN Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen, mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to investigate violations of international human rights and humanitarian law during the Yemen conflict (2017-2021). She also served as Ambassador for ICAN Australia (2017-2023).



"Leading Crisis Action that builds coalitions to protect civilians from conflict, I believe passionately in coalitions and networks' power to secure change. Connected women are a powerful force for peace, security, and social change. I'm excited to see what change we can unlock together through collective action."

Nicola Reindorp

Nicola Reindorp is CEO of Crisis Action and a globally recognized leader in civil society collaboration and conflict prevention. For two decades, she has united governments, NGOs, and activists to protect civilians from war and drive systemic change. Beginning with Crisis Action in 2006 while leading Oxfam International's global campaigning on conflict and humanitarian crises, she played a pivotal role securing the historic UN Responsibility to Protect agreement at Oxfam's New York office. She later co-founded the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect and held key roles at the UN, Oxfam, and Overseas Development Institute. Beyond humanitarian leadership, Nicola redefines leadership itself, arguing that doubt fuels self-awareness, inclusion, and better decision-making. She challenges the notion that confidence alone makes great leaders, advocating for uncertainty's power in driving smarter, ethical leadership. She holds a First-Class degree from King's College Cambridge and MSc from LSE.



"I've dedicated my career to reducing existential risks, especially nuclear, and believe we must build global political power to disrupt dangerous systems maintaining the status quo. Building power through partnership with like-minded women working to make the world better is an inspiring starting point."

Joan Rohlfing

Joan Rohlfing is passionate about ending nuclear weapons threats and recently co-founded Triastron Technology Corporation, a technology company harnessing AI and emerging tech to prevent nuclear war. Prior to Triastron, she was President and Chief Operating Officer of The Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), a global security organization reducing threats imperiling humanity. Before joining NTI in 2001, Joan spent nearly fifteen years working on nuclear risk reduction across various US government agencies, including DoD, the House Armed Services Committee, and the Departments of Energy and State. She has also served as advisor to Pacific Northwest National Lab and the Department of Defense.



"I've studied, written about, and advised on global governance for thirty years. As the first woman Director of Policy Planning at the State Department under Secretary Clinton, we championed issues improving women's and girls' circumstances worldwide. I'm a strong feminist, best known for elevating care's concept and value in social and economic policy."

Anne-Marie Slaughter

Anne-Marie Slaughter is a global leader, scholar, and public commentator currently serving as CEO of New America, a think and action tank dedicated to renewing America's promise during rapid demographic, technological, and global change. She previously served as professor of international, foreign, and comparative law at Harvard Law School; dean of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs; and as the first woman director of policy planning for the United States Department of State.



“Having women’s voices and ideas in national security and international stability is incredibly important for bringing creativity, collaboration, and sustainability to conversations. Women’s perspectives are essential for developing effective, innovative approaches to complex global security challenges.”

Mallory Stewart

Mallory Stewart is Executive Vice President at the Council for Strategic Risks and Senior Non-Resident Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center. She served as Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Arms Control, Deterrence, and Stability at the U.S. Department of State (April 2022-January 2025), receiving the Distinguished Honor Award for outstanding leadership. She previously served as Special Assistant to President Biden and Senior Director for Arms Control, Disarmament, and Nonproliferation at the National Security Council (2021). Before the NSC, she was Senior Manager for Global Nuclear Security and Nonproliferation at Sandia National Laboratories’ Center for Global Security and Cooperation. From 2015-2017, she was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Emerging Security Challenges and Defense Policy. She began at State as attorney adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser (2002), also working as Nonresident Fellow at the Stimson Center and Adjunct Assistant Professor at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. She holds an A.B. from Harvard College and J.D. from Stanford Law School.



“I’ve been applying Ethics of Care to Cooperative AI and would like to acknowledge its feminist roots while contributing back to the community. This intersection of technology, ethics, and feminist principles offers important opportunities for creating more inclusive, equitable approaches to AI development.”

Audrey Tang

Ambassador Audrey Tang is a globally recognized civic-tech leader and the world’s first openly non-binary cabinet minister, instrumental in positioning Taiwan at the forefront of internet freedom and civic participation. TIME named Tang to its inaugural “100 Most Influential People in AI” list (2023) for profound impact leveraging technology for public good. A key contributor to the gov.tw civic tech community promoting transparency, Tang played a critical role livestreaming 2014 Sunflower Movement protests, cementing Taiwan’s reputation as Asia’s beacon of freedom. They were instrumental in developing participation platforms like vTaiwan.tw and Join.gov.tw, leading to practical policy improvements including rideshare legislation and overcoming deepfake ads. During COVID-19, their team rapidly developed tools like real-time mask availability maps and privacy-preserving contact tracing, contributing to Taiwan’s acclaimed response. Recently, Tang was key in safeguarding Taiwan’s 2024 elections from foreign cyber interference.



"At the School of International Futures, we focus on transforming futures for current and next generations, so I appreciate this initiative's long-term, relational focus despite present pressures. This important work investing in future transformation aligns perfectly with our mission and values."

Cat Tully

Cat Zuzarte Tully leads the School of International Futures (SOIF), a not-for-profit international collective of UK-based practitioners using futures thinking to inspire change at local, national, and global levels. SOIF has worked with organizations like the UN, Omidyar, NATO, the Royal Society, and national governments to build a sustainable, fairer world for current and next generations while supporting a growing network of Next Generation Foresight Practitioners. Previously, Cat served as Strategy Project Director at the UK Foreign Office and Policy Advisor in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit. She's a non-resident fellow at the US Government Accountability Office's Center for Strategic Foresight and member of the Advisory Committee of the Chilean Council of Foresight and Strategy, plus board member of Teach The Future, British Foreign Policy Group, and Academics Stand Against Poverty. Her mission is inspiring transformation by helping people play with time and be inspired by the future.



"I lead nuclear field next-generation development programs and worry about the future of expertise and diversity within the community. I'm eager to learn from other women leaders about inspiring the next generation, fostering understanding and free exchange of ideas, plus identifying concrete actionable policy solutions for nuclear-related threats."

Heather Williams

Dr. Heather Williams is director of the Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) and senior fellow in the Defense and Security Department at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She's an affiliate with MIT's Center for Nuclear Security Policy, associate fellow with Harvard Kennedy School's Project on Managing the Atom, and senior associate fellow with the Royal United Services Institute in London. She consults for U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group and has served on the Defense Science Board and State Department International Security Advisory Board. Before CSIS, she was a visiting fellow with the Project on Managing the Atom and Stanton Nuclear Security fellow at MIT's Security Studies Program. Until 2022, she was senior lecturer at King's College London and specialist adviser to the House of Lords International Relations Committee. She holds a PhD in war studies from King's College London, MA in security policy studies from George Washington University, and BA in international relations and Russian studies from Boston University.