Asia-Pacific Programme

- What are the implications of China’s expanding role in global governance and its recent paradigm shift in development policy to Asia-Pacific region?
- How is slowing economic growth affecting regime legitimacy in South East Asia in a post-Covid world?

Centre for Universal Health

- Where might the COVID-19 crisis catalyze universal health reforms?
- How can stakeholders from different sectors work together to influence outcomes aligned with the Healthy Societies agenda?

Environment and Society Programme

- What has been the impact of COVID-19 on global and/or local climate governance?
- How might international governance mechanisms be reimagined and/or reinvigorated to better respond to climate-related challenges?

Europe Programme

- What role should the UK play in the world after its withdrawal from the European Union?
- How can Europe respond to the various security challenges it faces?
- How can democracy in Europe be deepened? What role does economic policy in this revitalisation of democracy in Europe?
- What is the future of the Transatlantic relationship?

International Law Programme

- How can business tackle the geopolitical, ethical and legal dilemmas involved in operating multi-nationally, both in the context of conflicts such as Russia/Ukraine and the trend for illiberalism and shrinking civic space? What does responsible exit look like?
- What more can be done by corporates to promote the 'S' in the ESG agenda, both in the boardroom and from the bottom up?
- What does the trend for mandatory human rights due diligence mean for companies in practice, and how can we ensure that there is global coherence to due diligence requirements rather than fragmentation?
- What more is needed to ensure better implementation by companies of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, both at state level and by business?

International Security Programme

- In what ways will the use of emerging technologies impact the delivery of humanitarian aid in conflict zones, and which ones are the most likely to have an impact?
• What innovative tools are most effective in preventing violent conflict? How does this differ across contexts?
• How can cyberspace become more sensitive to gender? How do policies related to cyberspace consider gender and inclusion principles?
• What are the recent trends in China’s approaches to the governance of cyberspace and/or the internet? What are the areas of divergence and convergence with Western approaches?
• How to tackle challenges to nuclear arms control and disarmament in today’s security environment? Are there any creative/disruptive approaches that could bring state parties together?
• How to govern outer space security and promote activities in outer space for peaceful purposes? Can norms to create responsible behaviours in outer space unite state parties? If so, in which areas and how?
• How to reconcile human centric approaches with the developments in artificial intelligence and machine learning?

Middle East and North Africa Programme

• How will geopolitical tension between Russia, China and the US impact regional security dynamics among Middle Eastern states? How will MENA states balance and navigate growing pressure to take sides?
• How, if at all, has COVID-19 and/or geopolitical tensions impacted China’s engagement and approach to the MENA region?
• Will regional realignments such as the normalization of ties between Israel and the UAE and Bahrain seen in the Abraham Accords impact regional security dynamics?

Russia and Eurasia Programme

• Evolution or revolution in Russia? What does the war in Ukraine mean for changing public attitudes, Russian society and world-views? What are the avenues to a more responsible Russian nation once Putin has departed the stage?
• What is the best method for handling a defeated, wounded, still volatile Russia?
• Given Russia’s failure, how can Ukraine now recover to reach its European ambition? Post-war, post-immediate financial assistance, where next?
• How can meaningful change come to the post-Soviet region considering the opposing forces of popular demand and regime intransigence?
• How can governments and non-state actors be encouraged to deliver good governance with security in the Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries?

US and the Americas Programme

• On the topic of policies to assist in the social, economic and political inclusion of historically marginalized populations, including indigenous and Afro-descendent communities.
• What has been the effect of increasing economic, diplomatic and personal ties between China and Latin American countries?
• How is the political and diplomatic divergence within Latin America and the Caribbean affecting its global voice and integration across issues like multilateral cooperation, trade, security and human rights?
• How is COVID-19 affecting inequality, social cohesion and political stability in Latin America and the Caribbean?
• How are domestic politics and changes in the international system (especially the China challenge, resurgent authoritarianism, and the decline of democracy globally) shaping America’s global role?