

2023-2024 Richard and Susan Hayden Academy Fellowship recruitment guideline topics

Global Economy and Finance Programme

- Are the existing international institutions for managing the global economy fit for purpose in responding to today's pressing global challenges, such as climate change, health risks, rapid technological change and growing income and wealth inequality? If not, how can they be improved?
- Given the repercussions from Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and in the face of growing tensions between the US and China, economic security has become an increasingly important feature of national security. What broad strategies on economic security do different countries pursue and what are the key approaches being used in areas such as investment screening, export controls, resisting economic coercion and strengthening supply chain resilience? What role do unilateral measures vs international cooperation play? How can protection of national security in the economic field be balanced with maintaining as far as possible the benefits of an open economy?

US and the Americas Programme

- How can the US best leverage regional and multilateral institutions to advance its national security goals?
- How will the war in Ukraine affect the transatlantic partnership, and especially the US role in Europe?
- What will the impact be of polarisation in the US on US foreign policy?
- How is the rise of China impacting US policy and strategy in the Indo-Pacific? With respect to India?
- Have China's diplomatic and economic approach differed in Africa and Latin America—both across both regions and within the region by country? What are the implications of any differences or similarities? How have host governments responded?
- How will US domestic challenges impact US foreign policy? How will a value-based US foreign policy evolve in the context of a global democratic decline?

Digital Society Initiative

- In recent months, the latest developments in the AI sphere, especially large language models, have attracted much media and public attention. Unfortunately, instead of generating an inclusive and evidence-based public debate, this increased interest has mainly led to over-hyped narratives on AI technologies, often alarmist in nature and in most cases misleading. What are the societal implications of generative AI? Which applications and challenges would benefit from public policy/governance discussions? What are some of the most promising (private and public) initiatives for the deployment of responsible and right preserving AI? How could the community foster greater collaboration and cross-fertilization among stakeholders across all fields in the AI space?
- In this roadmap for digital cooperation, the UN Secretary general highlighted the need to encourage and invest in the creation of digital public goods. What constitutes a Digital Public Good? What are the practical barriers to such goods and how could they be overcome? Which coalition of actors is needed to support the creation of such goods?