

The Millennium Project: an international network

The Millennium Project is a global participatory futures research think-tank organized as an independent, interdisciplinary, interinstitutional, and multicultural information system, providing an international capacity for early warning and analysis of global long-range issues, opportunities, and strategies. The purposes of The Millennium Project are to assist in organizing futures research, to improve thinking about the future, and to make that thinking available through a variety of media for consideration in policymaking, advanced training, public education, and feedback—ideally to accumulate wisdom about potential futures. It is a “strategic global intelligence” that interconnects global and local perspectives through its network of 32 Nodes and over 2,700 participants from around the world.

Millennium Project Nodes

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- Berlin/Cologne, Germany
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- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Cairo, Egypt
- Caracas, Venezuela
- Dubai, UAE
- Helsinki, Finland
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Kingston, Canada
- Kuwait, Gulf Region
- La Paz/ Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- Lima, Peru
- Ljubljana, Slovenia
- London/Pontypridd, United Kingdom
- Madurai/New Delhi, India
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Moscow, Russia
- Paris, France
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Global Futures Research

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This extraordinary overview of global prospects for civilization includes futures intelligence on technology, environment, governance, ethics, human and international development—what the educated person should know in the global age. It is a unique input for policymaking and those interested in global change. Each edition improves and builds upon the previous one. It contains an executive summary in print, accompanied by a 6,700-page CD with the research behind the print edition, plus **The Millennium Project's** 13 years of cumulative research and methods. The *State of the Future* addresses the world situation on 15 Global Challenges:

- Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- Water
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- Decisionmaking Capacities
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- Improving the Status of Women
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- Energy
- Science and Technology
- Global Ethics

and also includes special studies in areas such as:

- Global Scenarios
- Government Future Strategy Units
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- Future Ethical Issues
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The *Futures Research Methodology Version 3.0* is the largest collection of internationally peer-reviewed chapters on futures methods ever assembled, with 39 chapters totaling 1,300 pages. Executive overview of each method's history, description, usages, strengths and weaknesses, use in combination with other methods, and speculations about future usage.

Introduced the annual *State of the Future Index*

The State of the Future Index is a measure of the 10-year outlook for the future based on historical data for the last 20 years. It is constructed with key variables and forecasts that, in the aggregate, depict whether the future promises to be better or worse. The SOFI is intended to show the directions and intensity of change and to identify the factors responsible. It provides a mechanism for studying the relationships among the items in a system—how making a single change ripples throughout a system creating some intended as well as unintended consequences.

A truly international perspective, free from single agendas

A Planning Committee of 60 members from 30 countries and the Board of Directors oversees the Project's direction. The Project's administrative principals are director Jerome C. Glenn, senior fellow Theodore J. Gordon, and director of research Elizabeth Florescu. The Washington, D.C. office of The Millennium Project acts as the coordinating and publishing facility.

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- Global project managers
- Government policymakers
- Universities
- Associations
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