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RESEARCH FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE WORLD

Global issues, local impact

CFGS research considers the nexus of the local and global—how local concerns have global effects and how global issues manifest at the local level. Our fellows and researchers are exploring issues vital to people, places, policy and the planet and are making an impact

CORE THEMES

CFGS research and public engagement build upon our researchers' expertise in four core themes:

Governance

Research oriented toward governance understood both in institutional and informal terms, including forms of governance not usually associated with the nation-state or other conventional political institutions and community processes where the local and global are tightly interwoven.

Social and Ecological Justice

Research engaged with social problems related to large scale political and environmental changes including themes around decolonization and reconciliation, globalization, mass migration, economic exploitation, and new forms of community governance institutions.

Culture and Identity

Research focused on changes in ethnic, religious and national cultures in a globalizing world and the challenges and opportunities posed by social and cultural forms spawned by new individual and collective identities.

Environmental Challenges

Research concerned with increasingly critical global environmental crises such as climate change, pandemics, and energy and water scarcity.



"CFGS works to connect the global to the local, whether that be in an academic or research sense or a practical, on-the-ground sense of issues of global scale manifesting in local consequences."

Oliver Schmidtke, CFGS Director and Professor, History and Political Science

