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THE MANAGING GLOBAL INSECURITY PROJECT (MGI)

The MGI Project focuses on the implications of the changing global order for U.S. and international security. The backdrop is the increased weight and role of the emerging powers, with which we both cooperate and compete, and the increased salience of transnational threats. We aim to develop policy options for U.S. national strategy to grapple with these changing realities – premised on the view that only U.S. leadership offers the prospect of renewed international order that can foster cooperation, manage competition and avoid conflict and crisis in the international system.

Our Work

In 2008, MGI published *Power and Responsibility* which laid out a strategy for reducing the instability risk arising from the changing global order. At its heart was a strategy for building the emerging powers into mechanisms for global cooperation in areas of shared interest. We also laid out a timetable and agenda for reform of key international institutions, such as the G8/G20 and the UN, that are needed to manage transnational risks.

MGI has stimulated policy debates over American leadership and international cooperation in response to transnational threats. Our main arguments and messages resonate with the advent of the G20, new major power efforts to tackle nuclear security, and with renewed attention to the performance of key international tools and alliances, including NATO.

Our Focus

The challenges ahead are greater than those behind, especially as the political impacts of the global financial crisis reverberate through international politics. Looking ahead, MGI is focusing on how U.S. policymakers should respond to:

- **The rise of new global actors, and the implications for regional and international stability**
- **The growing salience of transnational threats**, including transnational terrorism, and biological insecurity
- **Rising energy and scarce resource competition** between the major and rising powers
- The regional and global implications of **fragile states**
- The growing **mismatch between demands on multilateral institutions and arrangements** – including new mechanisms such as the G20 – **and their capacity to deliver**

Our Experts

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Recent Publications

“Making Multilateralism Work: How the G20 Can Help the United Nations.” Bruce Jones. The Stanley Foundation, April 2010.

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