

EXISTENTIAL RISKS



Strategic Foresight Group has focused its attention on Existential Risks in the 2020s. These are:

- ❑ **Extreme risks posed by Artificial Intelligence**
- ❑ **Global catastrophic war**
- ❑ **Nuclear arms race**

These risks are interrelated. AI can trigger a nuclear war through malfunctioning or malicious use through decision support systems of nuclear weapons. It can go out of control, due to strategic deception, self-replication, and recursive self-development. The AI models which are not adequately controlled by humans can also enable the weapons of mass destruction.

A catastrophic global war can take place due to intent, incident or accident, when hyper nationalism, religious extremism and intense geopolitical rivalries dominate the world. There is a cause-and-effect relationship between the risk of a global catastrophic war and an arms race involving weapons of mass destruction.

SFG co-chaired with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), a 3- year dialogue process of experts from 5 Permanent Members of the UN Security Council from January 2022 to December 2024. It was supported by the Future of Life Institute (FLI), with additional cooperation from Normandie pour la Paix and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Since January 2025, SFG and FLI have been jointly steering a process of developing convergence on the governance of AI extreme risks between the countries having substantial AI capabilities.

Our intellectual contribution on preventing a global catastrophic war and restraining the arms race has been in the form of discussions on the founder's book- A World Without War- originally published in English and translated in French, Spanish and Marathi. These discussions were hosted by leading think tanks and universities in Geneva, Oxford, Stockholm, Paris, Auckland, Christchurch, Toronto, Madrid, Andorra, Mexico City, Monterrey, New Delhi and Mumbai and other places in India.

Extreme risks posed by Artificial Intelligence



Convergence Workshop at UNESCO in Paris



P5 Roundtable in Geneva

A WORLD WITHOUT WAR

Discussion with Pedro Sanchez, President of Spain and C P Radhakrishnan, the then Governor of Maharashtra
(Currently, Vice President of India)





Discussion with HRH Prince Michael of Kent

**Joint presentation of book with Hans Blix,
former Director General of IAEA**

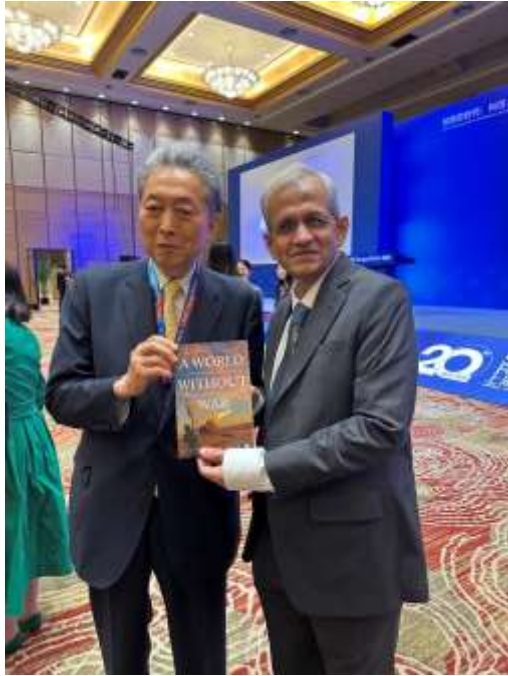




**Discussion with Kgalema Motlanthe,
former President of South Africa**

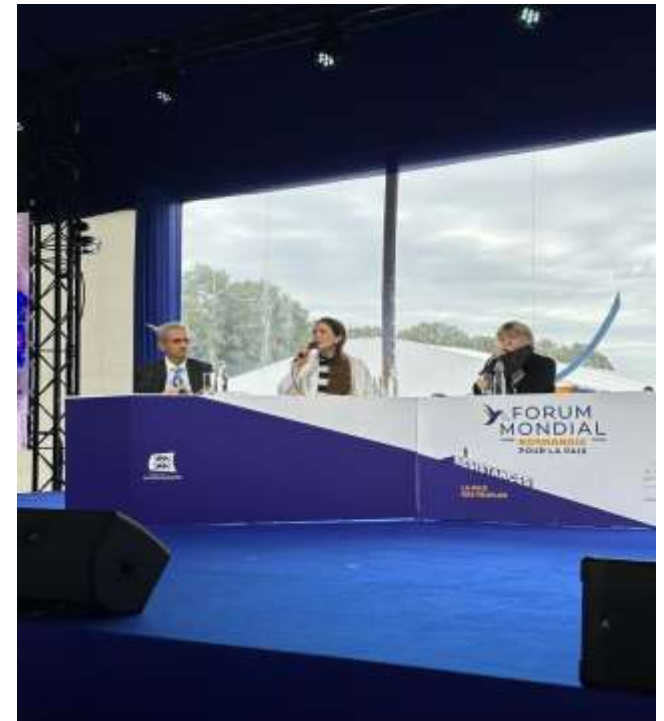


**Discussion with Stefan Löfven,
former Prime Minister of Sweden**



**Discussion with Yukio Hatoyama,
former Prime Minister of Japan**

**Launch of the French Edition at Normandy
Forum for Peace by
Jody Williams and Oleksandra Matviichuk,
both Nobel Peace Laureates**



Launch of the Spanish Edition at Tec de Monterrey in Mexico City



Launch of the Spanish Edition at IE University in Madrid



Launch of the Spanish Edition at Universitat d'Andorra



Four editions of A WORLD WITHOUT WAR

