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The Future of Diplomacy  
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A student driven, applied learning seminar limited to 2nd year graduate students, this course will address three main questions:

- What in the world is going on? Using intelligence community and private policy analysis, we will explore the range of global trends currently underway and identify those likely to exert the most significant and lasting impact.
- Is strategic forecasting fate or folly? Conducting an analysis of the principal methodologies employed in strategic forecasting, we will examine the extent to which projections are analytically sound and subsequently validated, or routinely ignored by policymakers and overly prone to cognitive bias.
- Is diplomacy dead? In light of the dramatic disruptions currently underway, has traditional diplomacy become obsolete? If so, what will take its place and how might this have its own impact on trends already underway?