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2018 Y20 Argentina Research Fellowship *Proposal Instructions*

Overview

The purpose of your proposal is to provide an overview of your preferred policy area and the topic of your Research Fellowship. You will build upon your research proposal during the program, culminating in the publication of a policy paper with practical recommendations for change. These recommendations must relate to Australian foreign or domestic policy. The purpose of the fellowship is to prepare you for meetings in Argentina and the ultimate aim of being externally published. All Global Voices' delegates have their papers uploaded to the Global Voices website.

We are looking for applicants who demonstrate imagination by providing innovative policy solutions. You should also consider what can be achieved within the research timelines and with the available resources.

Your proposal cannot exceed 500 words. Your final paper will be approximately 2500 words.

Context

The Y20 Summit is a youth-led event bringing together young people from G20 countries to discuss and debate the G20 Leaders' agenda. The summit concludes with the drafting of the Y20 Communiqué which is presented to the G20 leaders.

The Group of Twenty (G20) started out in 1999 as a meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors. In 2008, amidst the global financial crisis, it evolved into what it is today: a major forum that seeks to develop global policies to address today's most pressing issues. The G20 summits are attended by the heads of state and government of 19 of the world's leading economies and the EU. Together, the G20 members represent 85% of global GDP, two-thirds of the world's population and 75% of international trade.

This year's summit will be hosted by Argentina. With a people-centered vision, Argentina will place development, equality and sustainability at the forefront of the G20 agenda. You can read more on the top priorities of the Argentinian presidency [here](#). President Macri will govern the G20 summit under the slogan '[Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development](#)'.

Research Areas

We have split up each priority into a research area and provided prompts and questions for each. You do not need to address the prompts directly, but your proposal must address one of the research areas.

Area One: Skills for the 21st century

1. Rapidly changing technological and environmental forces are changing and shaping the lives of young people. How do we prepare students for these changes in a future workforce?
2. The United Nations and OECD have prioritized global citizenship and [global competence](#) education in recent years. Provide practical guidance for education to embed global competence into their existing curriculum.
3. “Digital transformation can contribute to reducing inequality and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” ([Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform](#)). How can the government utilize digital transformation in order to foster growth and well-being?

Area Two: The Future of work

1. How can the Australian Government ensure globalisation and free trade works for everyone? What impact (either positive, negative or neutral) does globalisation currently have on the Australian economy?
2. According to recent OECD research, as much as one-third of workers in advanced economies are either underutilized or unable to handle their current duties. How can the government improve or exacerbate the skills mismatch that is already acute in developed countries?
3. At the 2017 Y20 forum, the youth called on the G20 member to foster small and medium enterprise (MSME) growth ([Y20 Communiqué 2017](#)). Provide practical adoption measures for the Australian government to achieve these goals.
4. How can the spread of digital technology allow better access to financial markets and improve employment opportunities? Provide case studies of emerging markets that are utilizing digital technology.

Area Three: Develop ‘green growth’ innovation strategies

1. “The first Circularity Gap Report indicates that merely 9% of the world’s exploited natural resources are re-used” ([THE CIRCULARITY GAP REPORT](#)). Identify how the Australian government can limit environmental impact in a manner consistent with the wider goals of green growth and sustainable development.
2. Utilizing a circular economy would assist in the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Examine practical means to integrate the circular economy into the development agenda.
3. “Green finance and Investment provides a global platform to identify reforms needed to steer investment away from fossil fuels” ([Secretary-general’s report to ministers, OECD 2017](#)). Discuss current and prospective green growth’ innovation strategies in relation to finance.

Area Four: Gender Equality

1. How can government, civil society and the private sector work more effectively to achieve gender equality in Australia?
2. How can information and communication technology be used as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women?

3. “Closing the gender gap in every aspect of economy is the most efficient way to reduce inequalities” ([Christine Lagarde, Managing Director IMF](#)). Examine means of decreasing inequality through closing the gender gap.

Proposal Structure

You **must** submit your research proposal in the following structure.

Introduction & Context

- Outline the issues and your research aims (i.e. questions that the proposed study will investigate and answer).
- Provide *brief* context and background.
- Topline review of the existing research and expert commentary.

Proposed Recommendations

- Provide initial or tentative policy recommendations (tip: recommendations should aim to be as practical as possible).
- Determine which factors could influence or change your recommendations during the research process.
- Your policy recommendations must relate to Australia either domestically or globally.