

Session 1: Norms and their roles in international relations (Thursday, 9:00 – 10:30 AM)

Roundtable: Martha Finnemore (moderator), Joe Nye (co-moderator), Nazli Choucri, Paul Cornish, Chris Painter, Eneken Tikk

Questions with names of their “first responders” in parentheses:

1. What do we mean by "norms" and why do we care about them? How are norms different from various legal instruments (both "hard" and "soft") as tools to shape behavior? How do they work together or conflict? (Finnemore)
2. How do norms gain authority and spread, particularly among adversaries or those (initially) opposed? (Cornish)
3. What are the comparative advantages of norms versus more binding agreements in addressing cyber concerns? Overview of current USG efforts. (I'm hoping Painter might weigh in on this.)
4. How do other nations see the advantages of norms vs. other tools? Overview of efforts in diverse countries. (Tikk)
5. What lessons can we learn from norm promotion efforts in other issue areas, particularly environmental protection? (Choucri)