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The Millennium Project Nodes

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- London/Pontypridd, United Kingdom
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- Moscow, Russia
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- Perth/Sydney, Australia
- Penang, Malaysia
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Pretoria/Johannesburg, South Africa
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- Santiago, Chile
- São Paulo, Brazil
- Seoul, Korea
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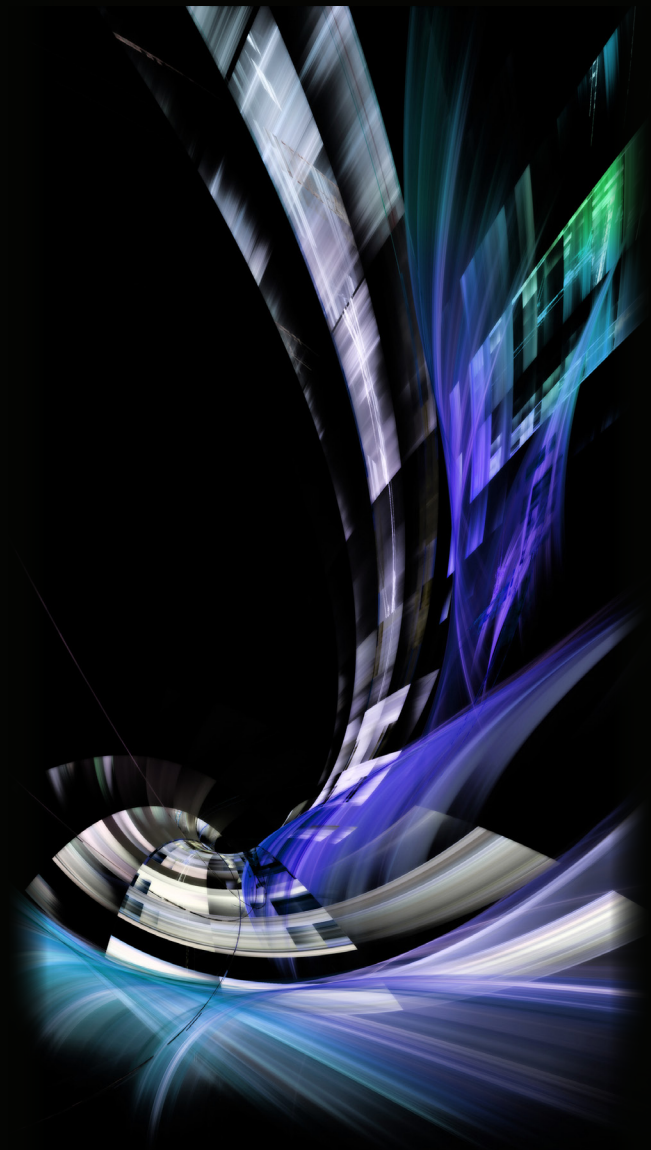
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GLOBAL FUTURES RESEARCH

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- Sustainable Development & Climate Change
- Water
- Population and Resources
- Democratization
- Long-term Policymaking
- Globalization of Information Technology
- Rich-Poor Gap
- Health
- Decisionmaking Capacities
- Conflict Resolution
- Improving the Status of Women
- Transnational Organized Crime
- Energy
- Science and Technology
- Global Ethics

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- Government Future Strategy Units
- Collective Intelligence Systems
- Education and Learning 2030
- Future Issues of Science and Technology
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- Business strategic planning
- University courses
- NGO issue analysis
- Media interviews
- International consultants
- UN Agencies' priorities
- Those studying future prospects for the world