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Suggested Research Topics

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Interagency Research Topics

The Simons Center welcomes original research, study, and exploration on topics involving interagency cooperation, coordination, and collaboration at the tactical and operational levels of effort. Works should contribute to the body of interagency knowledge and enhance understanding of how the various departments and agencies of government work together, identifying challenges and offering solutions. Some topics of interest include but are not limited to:

Agency Specific Topics

- Legal authorities
- Responsibilities
- Culture/personality
- Demographics
- Organizational structure
- Risk tolerance
- Processes and procedures

Task-Related Interagency Topics

- Planning
- Staffing/organizing
- Resourcing
- Intelligence fusion
- Command and control
- Decision making
- Information flow

Operational Focused Topics

- Domestic disaster response
- Counterterrorism operations
- Border security operations
- Defense support to civil authorities
- Humanitarian assistance and foreign disaster response
- Diplomacy, defense and development (3D)
- Conflict prevention
- Failing or failed state operations
- Reconstruction and stabilization
- Building partner capacity
- Cyber-security operations
- Transitions/Transfers of Authority/ Missions

General Topics

- Interagency Coordination Models
- DoD and State Department relationships
- Validity of “whole-of-government” approach
- Challenges in applying “whole-of-government” concept
- Collaboration in age of WikiLeaks
- Countering non-state adversaries
- Interagency education and leader development

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