



Perry World House Announces New Program Manager for the Future of the Global Order: Technology, Power and Governance Research Theme

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Perry World House is pleased to announce that John Gans will be joining us as the new Program Manager for the Future of the Global Order: Technology, Power and Governance research theme on November 27, 2017.

In this new capacity, Gans will work with the two Penn faculty leads of the Future of the Global Order theme to shape and direct it. The theme examines the implications of changing global power dynamics, impacts of new technologies, and contributions of governance institutions for the future of international cooperation.

The Future of the Global Order research theme is one of two inaugural research themes within Perry World House's Global Innovation Program. The second theme is Global Shifts: Urbanization, Migration, and Demography. The Global Innovation Program is the vehicle through which Perry World House advances its research and policy agenda, bringing Penn's academic knowledge to bear on major global policy challenges. Each theme convenes interdisciplinary dialogues that bring together the worlds of policy and academia to generate impactful research products that influence policymaking in global affairs.

In addition, Gans will have responsibilities for Perry World House's graduate student programming, including its newly-launched Graduate Research Fellows and Graduate Associates programs.

"John will bring invaluable knowledge, experience, and expertise to Perry World House," said William Burke-White, Richard Perry Professor of Law and inaugural director of Perry World House. "John's academic credentials, government experience, and thoughtful policy analysis make him a perfect fit for Perry World House."

Gans is currently a professorial lecturer at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a resident fellow at the German Marshall Fund in Washington. He is completing a book about the people and extraordinary power of the National Security Council staff. Until earlier this year, Gans was the chief speechwriter to Secretary of Defense Ash Carter. Gans has also worked with U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, and others. Gans earned his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins SAIS in 2014 and his M.A. in 2009. He received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University.

Perry World House is the University of Pennsylvania's newly-launched global policy research center. It advances interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research on the world's most urgent global affairs challenges. Drawing on the wide range of expertise found across Penn's 12 Schools, Perry World House connects Penn with policymakers, practitioners, and researchers from around the world to develop and advance innovative policy proposals.

For additional information about Perry World House's work, please contact its inaugural executive director, Professor William Burke-White at wburkewhite@pwh.upenn.edu.