

Future of Payments and Collections Forum

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Panel 1

THE GLOBAL VIEW: GEOPOLITICS AND REGULATION OF DIGITAL ASSETS

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Meghan Greene currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor for National Security at the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) and dual hats with the National Security Council. In this capacity, she works on digital assets, currency policy, and investment policy, and advises on international economic policy analysis at CEA. Meg joins the White House with prior experience working on sovereign debt, macroeconomics, and economic and political risk for the federal government, the International Monetary Fund, and for think tanks in Washington DC and Santiago, Chile. Originally from Utah, Meg holds a BA in Economics and International Affairs from Wake Forest University and a Masters in International Economics and Finance from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

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Paul Nelson is a Senior Digital Finance Advisor at USAID. He leads policy and regulatory work of USAID's Digital Finance team and manages projects on tech and financial inclusion. He manages the [Digital Ecosystem Fund](#), a flagship initiative under USAID's Digital Strategy that has so far provided funding to activities led by USAID Missions in 14 countries. While at USAID, he has developed the Digital Finance Handbook, [Primer on Blockchain](#), the [FinTech Partnerships Playbook](#), [Virtual Currency Brief](#), and the [FinTech Partnerships Checklist](#). He has shaped a range of digital economy-related programs at USAID at both the HQ and field level, leads Agency work on crypto issues, works on digital issues affected by the PRC, and manages other activities w/ partners including the Better Than Cash Alliance, CGAP, and Digital Frontiers. He has been a fellow with the State Department on the ethical implications of artificial intelligence. Paul worked on community banking and entrepreneurship with the Peace Corps and co-founded a start-up. A licensed attorney, he has a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and degrees in architecture and economics from the University of Minnesota.

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Gosia is a Senior Policy Advisor on the Payments Policy team at the Bank of England. Currently Gosia's main focus is on the development and delivery of the UK domestic regulatory regime for systemic stablecoins. Gosia's whole career has been within the payments industry. Prior to joining the regulator four years ago, Gosia had spent over 10 years working for the payments industry in the UK as well as in the US.

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Julia Smearman is the Acting Co-Director of the Office of International Financial Markets at the U.S. Department of Treasury, where she leads the office in assessing global financial sector vulnerabilities and engaging internationally on financial regulation and financial stability issues, including at the Financial Stability Board. Julia previously was the Deputy Director in Treasury's Western Hemisphere Office. Before Treasury, Julia worked at the Institute of International Finance as an economist.

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