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A Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome our newly elected Fellows to CORE Academy. Your election honors contributions that have deepened understanding, opened new fields of inquiry, and enriched intellectual life. You bring to this community the experience of distinguished careers, together with the curiosity to ask fresh questions. We look forward to the ideas and perspectives you will contribute to the Academy's future.

This year, our Fellows' continuing contributions to knowledge and innovation have been accompanied by new collaborative projects and the development of further CORE Scientific Center Programs. Through visits across Eurasia and scholarly events jointly convened with partners in Americas, Europe and Asia, we have strengthened the relationships on which this work depends. The launch of CORE Academy Digital Editions extends these efforts into publishing, creating new opportunities for ideas to circulate and reach a wider readership.

Together, these efforts reflect our belief in what an academy can make possible: helping a promising idea find collaborators, giving an emerging research community a place to grow, and sustaining inquiry whose significance may take years to become clear. Our ambition is to build relationships and institutions that allow such work to flourish. This calls for patience, sound judgement, and the foresight to support people and ideas while their possibilities are still unfolding.

The sciences and humanities belong at the heart of this endeavor. Each deepens our understanding of the world through its own methods and traditions; their encounter can change the questions we ask as well as the answers we find. As discovery extends what humanity can do, scholarship also helps us consider what we should seek to accomplish, whose lives our choices affect, and what responsibilities accompany our growing capabilities. An academy that brings these perspectives together has much to

contribute to our common future.

International cooperation gives this purpose a wider reach. It grows through sustained exchange, careful listening, and the willingness to examine evidence and reconsider assumptions together. We want CORE Academy to be a community in which scholars from different traditions can develop that trust and undertake meaningful work. We also have a responsibility to create opportunities for younger researchers to shape this exchange and pursue questions of their own.

To our existing Fellows and partners, thank you for the ideas, effort, and trust you bring to this community. To our newly elected Fellows, I extend a warm invitation to help shape its next chapter. Bring us the questions you believe deserve attention and the collaborations you would like to pursue. Share your discoveries, perspectives, and news of your work with the Academy, so that others may learn from them and find opportunities to work alongside you.

The Academy's future will be shaped by what we undertake together. My hope is that the knowledge we advance, the institutions we strengthen, and the scholars we encourage will expand the possibilities for those who follow us. It is with this longer view, and with confidence in the contributions each of you can make, that I warmly welcome you to CORE Academy.

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