

Policy Matters



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Antisemitism worldwide: 2023 report

[This report](#), from Tel Aviv University and ADL, is a messenger of bad news. The data collected from law enforcement authorities, governmental agencies, Jewish organizations, and media platforms tell a story of Jewish existence under growing threat, and not just since Hamas's attack of October 7th.

Russia aims at small-scale Western infrastructure

The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center reports that according to a range of Western security agencies, [Russian hackers are seeking to compromise](#) modular, internet-exposed, small-scale industrial control systems such as water and wastewater systems, dams, energy, and food and agriculture sectors.

Economic diversification is tough

Achieving economic diversification asks policymakers difficult questions about which areas to support, which not to support, and where untapped potential lies. In WIPO's latest [World Intellectual Property Report](#), their economic team set out a novel methodology, mapping twenty years of innovation capabilities across more than 150 member states, to help lift the lid on innovation policy design and the secrets to success.

TPS: better for families and the economy

FWD.US has examined US census and other data to find that hundreds of thousands of people are eligible for Temporary Protected Status, and if they were to join the workforce, [the economy would be boosted and families would be better off](#).

Taking climate risk seriously

This is a report that the Australian Security Leaders Climate Group (ASLCG) wishes it did not need to publish. After the 2022 election, the government said that a national climate and security risk assessment should be carried out, but it faltered in the face of a refusal to accept the size and immediacy of climate risk. [This report](#) provides an overview of a climate risk assessment methodology, analyzes the current failure, explores four case studies, and identifies specific and necessary priority actions for the government.

Brexit: yet more evidence that it wasn't a good idea

- This time it's the French Ministry of Finance. They've [published a paper](#) showing that Brexit penalized the UK's trade in goods and services and that investment has been flat since the vote was taken. (In French.)
- The UK will be the worst-performing economy in the G7 next year, [according to the latest OECD Economic Outlook](#), as high interest rates and the lingering effects of last year's surge in inflation drag on growth.

Migrants in the UK

With the Rwanda scheme now law, [this timely report examines the legal and policy infrastructures of irregular migration in the United Kingdom](#). It investigates the intersection between immigration, labor, and welfare regimes, how they contribute to the lack of regularization of migrants, and how they determine migrants' living and working conditions. The report also identifies private and public actors' co-option of immigration control as a key feature of the so-called "hostile environment."

Innovation: video games

[This study](#) from WIPO explores the evolution and success drivers of the global video game industry, focusing on key hubs within Finland, Poland, Japan, and the United States.

What's in our new *Public Health and Social Care* module?

We're sharing examples of what you'll find in our new *Public Health and Social Care* module. Following are this week's examples.

Domestic violence: do "Clare's Laws" work?

Domestic violence disclosure schemes have emerged as a policy option that may improve safety outcomes for victims. Clare's Law, the first domestic violence disclosure scheme (DVDS), was introduced in England and Wales in March 2014, and similar schemes have been introduced internationally. [This is the first study in Australia and New Zealand](#) to examine the degree to which a DVDS provides an effective intervention for victim-survivors of intimate partner violence in enhancing their safety, and its findings are relevant wherever Clare's Laws exist.

Work-related suicide

About twelve percent of suicides are work related, yet this is an unexamined area that receives insufficient investigation. In three sections, [a report from New Zealand's safety at work agency](#) looks at how work factors may contribute to suicidality. It considers the questions: What is work-related suicide? What is the prevalence and nature of work-related suicide in New Zealand? And what actions might help us understand and respond to work-related suicide?

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