

NWA initiative

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- Top-down initiative for a bottom-up research agenda
- ‘Citizen science’: citizens could upload research questions
- Expectations far exceeded: 13,000 questions uploaded
- Then what?

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- Combine the questions in two steps into 16 thematic 'routes'
- To which people (academicians) were free to add -> now 25
- Unseen construction: no format, few rules, 'bottom up'
- Secretariat, led by Louise Gunning
- Route-workshops, leading to 3 page documents to be synthesized into one real agenda
- Aim: to release additional funding for the multidisciplinary, game changing topics

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- Perhaps grandiose, out of the box, wild combinations
- Infectious, but also uncertain
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NWA route conflict & cooperation

- Mix of social, philosophical, legal, criminological, polemological research
- Conflict & cooperation necessary for progress
- Dynamic nature of waxing, tipping points & waning
- Multidisciplinary research

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Backdrop:

- Expansion of the digital space
- Changing nature of conflicts & warfare
- Rise of the victim & need for new modes of settlement of conflicts

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Three substantive 'globs':

- Tipping & dipping points in conflicts
- Modes of conflict resolution (legitimacy crisis)
- Tentacles of conflict: environmental degradation

So where could FM latch on?

- Other routes: maybe less obvious, but 'big data', 'resilient societies', 'measurement and detection'
- This route: likely most obvious

What would be the preconditions?

- Multidisciplinary research, truly intersectional
- Demonstrable game changer

What are the short-term things to do?

Starting impulse:

- Education and youth in resilient society
- Digitization as booster of innovation
- Physical sciences as an innovator

- Valorisation
- Talent

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