

Howard S. Brembeck Fellowship

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The [Fourth Freedom Forum](#) has awarded the inaugural Howard S. Brembeck Fellowship to Anna Romandash from Ukraine, who is a member of the University of Notre Dame's [Keough School of Global Affairs' Master of Global Affairs \(MGA\)](#) program's Class of 2022. The newly-established Brembeck Fellowship, which was open to recent graduates, is an academic fellowship focused on promoting fair opportunities for



aspiring students to develop practical skills in the field of international peace and security. The fellowship is named to honor the memory of the Fourth Freedom Forum founder, Howard S. Brembeck. He had a vision of multigenerational engagement on these issues and this fellowship will continue his legacy of promoting and supporting young scholars and future leaders whose work will also help to advance the Fourth Freedom Forum's [mission](#).

As the Brembeck Fellow, Romandash will work directly with [Professor David Cortright](#) at the University of Notre Dame to promote the work of the New Paradigm Project, which is taking the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Iraq War to assess the costs of that conflict and consider more humane and effective approaches to security and development as part of a new paradigm for U.S. foreign policy. To this end, Romandash will provide research support for the writing and dissemination of publications, as well as program support to organize public events on issues related to the 20th anniversary of the Iraq War and promoting a more humane and effective use of sanctions in U.S. foreign policy.

Anna Romandash is a multi-award-winning journalist and researcher from Ukraine. She has extensive experience working across Eastern Europe and Central Asia where she researched democratization processes, freedom movements, and human rights violations. Romandash has written substantially on Belarus and Russia's dictatorships and on Ukraine's relations with the EU and the US. Her areas of interest include international security, sanctions, and transitional justice. Romandash is a professional advisor at United Europe where she writes on Europe's defense and response to human rights violations and crises.

Romandash likes the emphasis of the Brembeck Fellowship because "it combines a foreign policy focus with a peace and justice angle," she said. "I also value that it is attentive to underrepresented audiences and aims to include the excluded groups as crucial elements of research. I hope that via this fellowship, I would be able to expand my knowledge, as well as to

make a meaningful contribution to the Brembeck project and an overall revision of foreign policy toward a more peace-oriented world.”

“We’re thrilled to have Anna Romandash as our first Brembeck fellow,” said Cortright, “and are grateful to the Kroc Institute and the Keough School for helping us select a distinguished recent graduate to advance our new paradigm initiative.”

The Fourth Freedom Forum was established in 1982 to advance the ideal that we can preserve and defend our national security more effectively by working together through commerce and diplomacy to uphold international laws, rather than depending on weapons of mass destruction.

The Forum’s mission is to carry forward the Fourth Freedom, “Freedom from Fear” in today’s world. To do that we encourage discussion, development, and dissemination of practical, policy-relevant ideas that will help to free humanity from the fear of terrorism and war. We think globally, promoting security that is inclusive, civilian-led, and consistent with the rule of law, including human rights. We believe that international cooperation and the use of incentives and proportionate, targeted sanctions, rather than overreliance on military force, is essential for the progress of a secure, civilized society in every country.

We have conducted research and produced policy relevant recommendations for governments, non-governmental organizations, and multilateral institutions on a number of international peace and security issues. We focus on sanctions, incentives, and diplomacy; nuclear nonproliferation; counterterrorism and countering violent extremism; human rights and the rule of law; and international cooperation.

Alistair Millar, President of the Fourth Freedom Forum, congratulated Romandash, noting that “we are off to great start with such a bright and capable inaugural fellow. We all really look forward having Anna on board in January.”