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Project focus: *U.S. Rhetoric and the Erosion of International Norms*

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About the project

Faruk is currently writing a research paper examining how U.S. expansionist rhetoric under the Trump administration may have weakened international norms against territorial conquest. His work explores how this type of rhetoric—especially from major powers—can undermine the legal principles that form the foundation of the current global order, potentially legitimizing aggressive behavior by other states.

This research is not only a historical or theoretical exercise—it reflects real concerns about the erosion of international law, the normalization of power politics, and the implications for global stability. Faruk's goal is to produce academically rigorous, politically relevant analysis that contributes to understanding how peace and order are built, maintained, and challenged.

What he's working toward

In the next year, Faruk will begin his master's in Transnational Governance. His goals include deepening his academic and policy expertise, developing a clearer long-term research trajectory, and building connections with scholars and practitioners who bridge the gap between theory and action.

Global relevance

Faruk's research directly ties into pressing geopolitical concerns—such as the erosion of the liberal world order, the shifting balance of power, and the fragility of peace-building mechanisms. His work highlights the role that language, law, and leadership play in shaping international norms and influencing state behavior in high-stakes environments.

How the ReDefine community can support him

Mentorship is a priority, particularly from scholars and practitioners who connect international law, global governance, and real-world application. Faruk is also interested in GARI's methodological tools—especially data-informed approaches that integrate socio-political complexity. These would strengthen the analytical foundation of his future work.