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*Andrea's Quick Take On All Things...*

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***Digital Democracy: A Business Issue?***



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Dear Friends,

I hope this beautiful sunset over the Mediterranean and the mountains of Malaga, Spain (my childhood hometown) courtesy of a lifelong friend who lives there, fills you with peace, calm, wellbeing and hope for the holidays and into the New Year!

Before I sign off for 2021, I wanted to share a last set of resources relating to a topic near and dear to my heart: the criticality of good

governance and democracy for which I just wrote this [Diplomatic Courier](#) piece called "[Business and Digital Democracy](#)".

Courtesy of the Center for Private International Enterprise (CIPE), I was invited by the White House to participate in Day Zero of the #SummitForDemocracy leading a panel on "[Open and Resilient Digital Space](#)" with digital experts and luminaries from Cameroon, the Philippines and Canada. We focused on the criticality of business and government partnering to guarantee functional, accessible, affordable, resilient and open digital spaces for democracy not only to survive but also for democracy to be built and rebuilt where it is threatened including in the US, my current home.

- Here's the link to the [Open & Resilient Digital Space Panel \(starting at 4:22:20\)](#) which also includes all panels from Day Zero
- Here's the link to the article [I wrote for Diplomatic Courier on "Business and Digital Democracy"](#)
- Here's the link to the full Summit for Democracy - [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#)

For someone who has lived in and studied autocracies, the bottom line about democracy for me is that even if flawed it is better than the alternative not only for the people but also for business and the economy generally.

As they said in the 1960s, I wish you and yours "peace, love and understanding" for the holidays and, as we say now in the 2020s, I also wish you health, safety and care for the New Year!

[Andrea](#)

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**"Business and Digital Democracy" December 15, 2021 Article  
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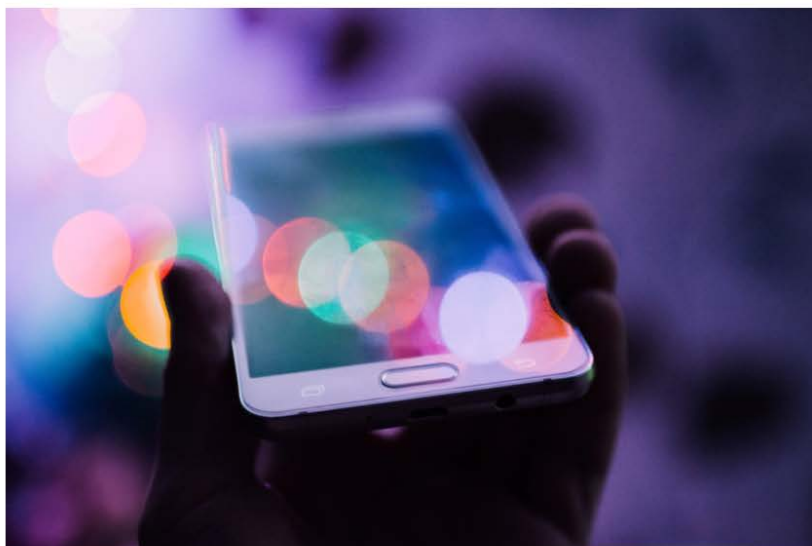


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Bring the headlines to life  
First collaborative project assignment

**Session 2 - March 8, 2022**  
**12:00 Noon (New York) - 90 minutes**

Bring the headlines to life  
Burning questions from online courses on why we take risk  
Collaborative assignment discussion  
Step one toward capstone deliverable  
Second collaborative project assignment

**Session 3 - March 29, 2022**  
**12:00 Noon (New York) - 90 minutes**

Bring the headlines to life  
Burning questions from online courses on risk prioritization  
Collaborative assignment discussion  
Step two toward capstone deliverable

**Session 4 - April 26, 2022**  
**12:00 Noon (New York) - 120 minutes**

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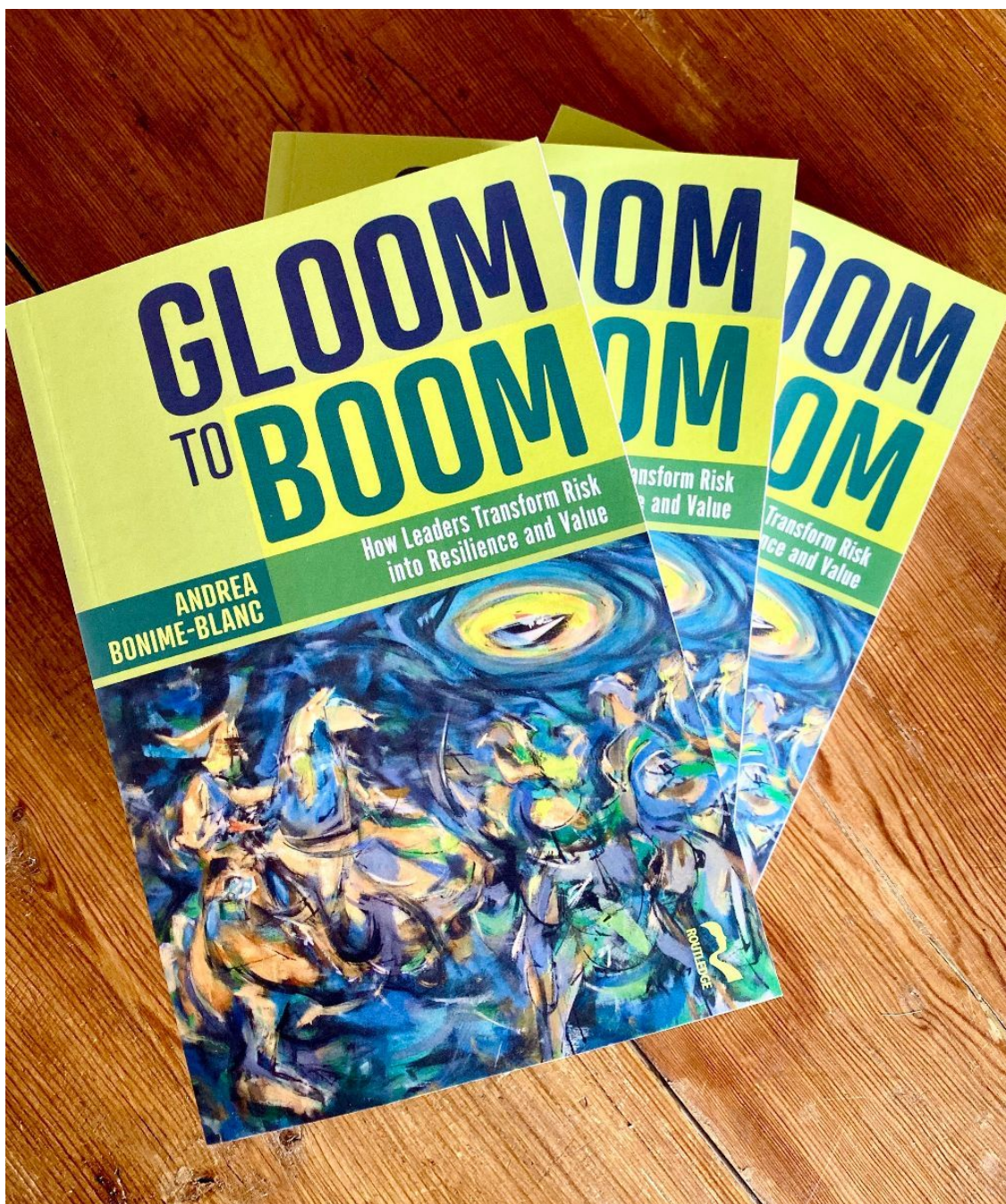
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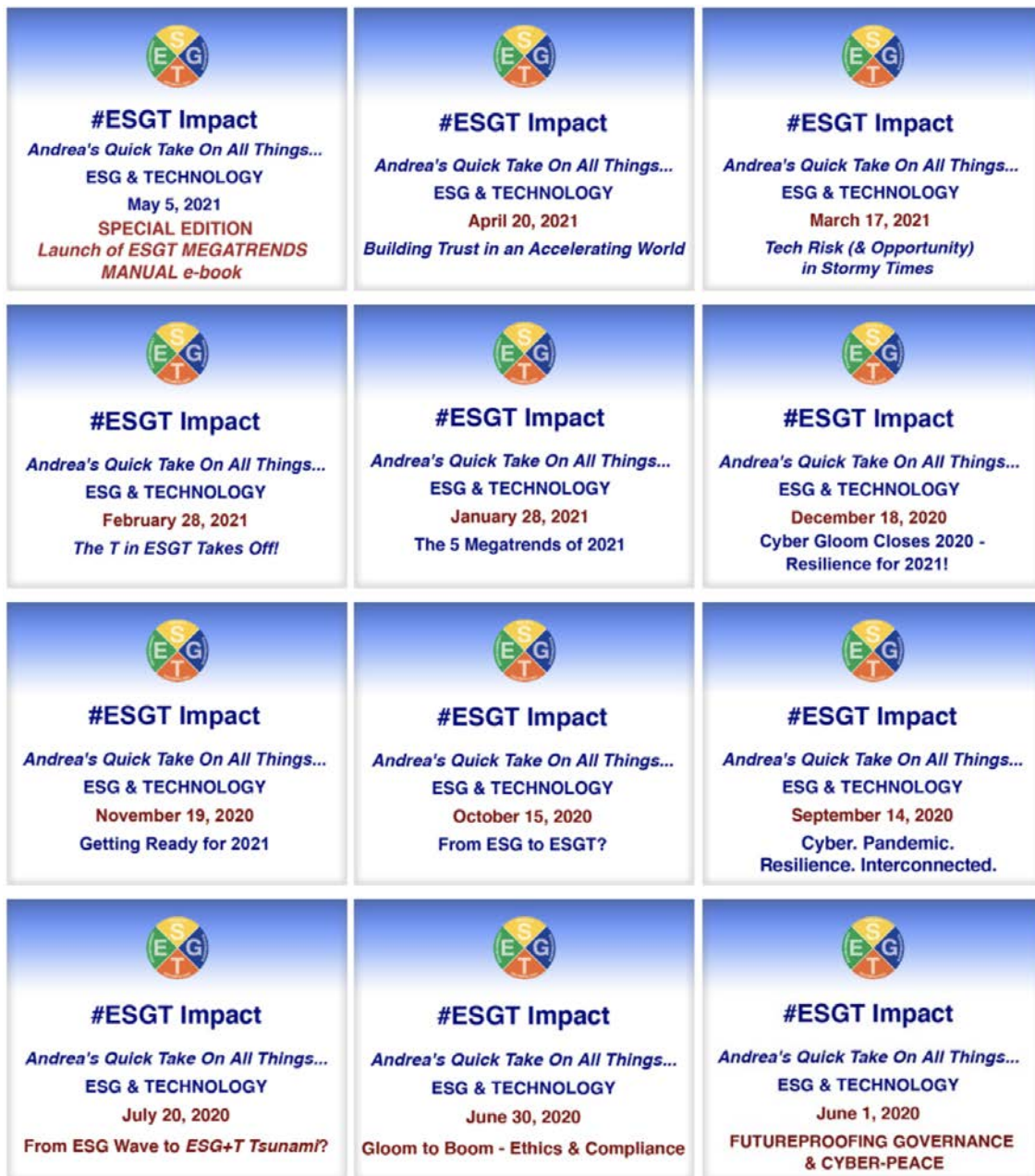
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