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NATO Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations visits SSP



A delegation from NATO's Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations (PCTR) visited SSP on October 22, 2018 for two panel discussions presented by SSP faculty. Barry Posen and Owen Cote discussed "US Grand Strategy: Implications for US Military Strategy and Defense Budget." Roger Petersen and Rich Nielsen spoke about "The 'War on Terror': The State of Play." The group included 25 delegates from over 10 member countries plus three English-French interpreters.

2018 Jack Ruina Nuclear Age Dinner



David Holloway, the Raymond A. Spruance Professor of International History and professor of political science at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University was the 2018 keynote speaker for the Security Studies Program's annual Jack Ruina Nuclear Age Dinner. The speech

was centered on the international history of nuclear weapons where Holloway pinpointed specific instances of nuclear provocation and the future of these weapons in turbulent times.

Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Seminar Series



On November 14, 2018, Charles Kupchan, Professor at Georgetown University and a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations was the guest speaker for SSP's first annual Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft seminar series. Kupchan's talk "The Illiberal Disruption: Temporary Detour or Historical Turning Point?" focused on the topic of illiberal democracy and what the future of standing democracies will look like in the years to come. This series is co-sponsored by the MIT Security Studies Program and the International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs through an ongoing grant funded by the Koch Foundation.

Where You Spoke

Roftiel Constantine (Air Force Fellow, '07-08)

Constantine served as the guest speaker at the Scott Air Force Base Banquet to celebrate a successful National Cyber Security Awareness Month, October 25, 2018.

Taka Daitoku (Stanton Fellow, '17-18)

"Nonproliferation as Politics: Japan, the Superpowers, and the Making of the NPT Regime, 1964-76," *History and Technology* workshop on "Nuclear Diplomacy: The Past, the Present, and the Future," at the Graduate School for Advanced Studies, Kanagawa, Japan, November 8-12, 2018.

"The 'Nth Country' Problem in an Age of Nuclear Globalization: The Pax Russo-Americana and the Rise of the 'Japan Model,' 1952-77," *Technological Innovation and the spread of Globalization in the Cold War*, at the University of Vienna, Austria, October 11-13, 2018.

M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty)

Fravel participated in a dialogue on US-China relations and maritime security in Beijing, China. He also spoke at MIT's China Forum on "US-China Relations on the Eve of the Mid-Terms."

Eugene Gholz (Affiliate)

"No Man's Sea: Implications for Theory and Strategy," presented at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, October 15, 2018; the U.S. Naval War College conference on *Bridging the Straits: A Research Agenda for a New Era of Maritime Competition*, December 12, 2018.

"Come Home America: The Case for Restraint," presentation to the Johns Hopkins University John Quincy Adams Society, Baltimore, MD, November 7, 2018.

"Hegemonic Stability Theory and U.S. Grand Strategy," presentation to the Conference of the International Security Studies and International Security Sections of ISA and APSA, West Lafayette, IN, November 11, 2018.

Kelly M. Greenhill (Affiliate)

"Coercion: The Power to Hurt in International Politics," with Peter Krause, *New Hampshire World Affairs Council*, Concord, NH, December 2018.

"Understanding the Spread of Science Denial," as part of a panel at the *Science Denial: Lessons and Solutions Symposium*, New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY, November 2018.

"Truthiness and Tribalism as Political Weapons: Fear, Cognitive Hacking and the Strategic Use and Abuse of Extra-factual Information," as keynote speaker for the *APPSA Annual Meeting*, St. John's, Canada, October 2018.

Paul Heer (Robert E. Wilhelm Fellow, '15-16)

Heer gave a presentation on his recently published book, *Mr. X and the Pacific: George F. Kennan and American Policy in East Asia* at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, October 10; Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, November 7.

Se Young Jang (Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, '18-19)

"Extended Nuclear Deterrence and Decoupling Fears in Asia: South Korea and Japan," as a part of an undergraduate course, *Nuclear Governance*, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University.

"Nuclear Re-proliferation and Reversal: The Change of South Korea's Nuclear Strategy Under U.S. Carter and Reagan Administrations," *Stanton Nuclear Security Seminar*, organized by the Stanton Foundation, Washington DC, October 18, 2018.

Gregory Koblentz (Alum, '04)

“Biosecurity in the Age of Genome Editing,” presentation at New America, Washington, DC, December 3, 2018.

“Dictators and the Demand for Weapons of Mass Repression,” presentation at *The Dynamics of Technology Push and Market Pull: Exploring Links Between the Adoption of Emerging Technologies and WMD*, Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction, National Defense University, Washington, DC, October 31, 2018.

Peter Krause (Affiliate)

“To Which Victor Go the Spoils? Explaining Which Factions Take Power After Regime Change,” at Charles University, Prague, November 2018; The University of Amsterdam, Holland, October 2018; The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2018; ETH Zurich, Switzerland, October 2018; The University of Genoa, Italy, October 2018.

“Rebel Power: Why National Movements Compete, Fight, and Win,” at The University of Tennessee, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, November 2018.

“Coercion: The Power to Hurt in International Politics,” with Kelly Greenhill at the World Affairs Council, New Hampshire, December 2018.

Alan Kuperman (Alum, '02)

“Libya’s 2011 Uprising: What Really Happened?” Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney (Australia), December 12, 2018.

“Plutonium for Energy?” at the following locations: I-COOP Daejeon Center, Daejeon, South Korea, November 30, 2018; Seoul National University, South Korea, November 28, 2018; Parliament (Diet) of Japan, Tokyo, November 26, 2018; International Symposium on Nuclear Fuel Cycle Policy in Japan and Korea: Impacts and Alternatives, Tokyo, Japan, November 26, 2018; Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (Austria), October 25, 2018.

Eric Labs (Alum, '94)

Spoke at a panel at the 23rd Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference on October 16, 2018.

Marika Landau-Wells (Alum, '18)

“Danger is What We Make of It: How Threat Perception Shapes Policy Preferences,” at the University of Chicago’s Workshop on International Politics, November 2018.

Andrew Miller (Graduate Student)

Presented research on police-community relations in Lagos, Nigeria at the MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development conference and at the Boston-area Working Group in African Political Economy.

David Pendall (Army Fellow, '12-13)

COL David Pendall served on an international security panel at the Lennart Meri Conference in Tallinn, Estonia, June 2018.

Richard Samuels (Faculty)

"Japan's Strategic Choices," Presentations to the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki, October 2018; Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, October 2018; Barcelona Center for International Affairs and Open University of Catalonia, January 2019.

"Japan's 2018 National Defense Program Guidelines," Presentation at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, January 2019.

David Schwartz (Alum, '80)

David Schwartz gave the commencement address, "Accidental Science" at the University of Arizona (Tucson) College of Science on December 14, 2018.

What you Wrote**Boaz Atzili (Alum, '06)**

Boaz Atzili with Wendy Pearlman, *Triadic Coercion in the Middle East: Israel's Targeting of States that Host Non-State Actors* (New York: Columbia University, 2018).

Boaz Atzili with Wendy Pearlman, "[Israel-Hamas Fighting Erupted Just as Negotiations Advanced. What Started It and Why does it Matter?](#)" *The Washington Post* (in "The Monkey Cage"), November 15, 2018.

Boaz Atzili, "[Israel's Next War with Hezbollah: Targeting the Wrong Enemy,](#)" in *Political Violence @ a Glance*, December 17, 2018.

Owen Cote (Faculty)

Owen Cote, "Invisible Nuclear-Armed Submarines, or Transparent Oceans? Are Ballistic Missile Submarines Still the Best Deterrent for the United States?" *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, vol. 75, no. 1, 2019, pp. 30-35.

Heather Gregg (Alum, '03)

Heather Gregg, *Building the Nation: Missed Opportunities in Iraq and Afghanistan* (University of Nebraska, 2018)

Jeanne Guillemin (Senior Advisor)

"C.P. Snow, Sputnik and the Cold War," *European Review* (February, 2019), 1-7.

"From Reviled Poisons to State Arsenals: The Un(necessary) Proliferation of Chemical Weapons," *Chemical Bodies: The Techno-Politics of Control*, Alex Mankoo and Brian Rappert, eds (Rowman & Littlefield, NY, 2018), 23-40.

“The 1925 Geneva Protocol: China’s CBW Charges Against Japan at the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal,” *One Hundred Years of Chemical Warfare: Research, Deployment, Consequences*, Bratislav Friedrich et al. (Springer Open, 2017)

Eric Heginbotham (Principal Research Scientist)

Eric Heginbotham, Jacob Heim, and Christopher P. Twomey, “Of Bombs and Bureaucrats: Internal Drivers of Nuclear Force Building in China and the United States,” *Journal of Contemporary China*, December 2018.

William James (Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Fellow, '18)

William James, “Déjà Vu? 'Global Britain' Versus the Continental Commitment,” [*The National Interest*](#), October 2018.

Gregory Koblentz (Alum, '04)

Jesse Kirkpatrick, Gregory D. Koblentz, Megan J. Palmer, Edward Perello, David A. Relman, and Sarah W. Denton, *Editing Biosecurity: Needs and Strategies for Governance of Genome Editing* (Arlington, VA: George Mason University, 2018)

Alan Kuperman (Alum, '02)

Alan Kuperman, [*Plutonium for Energy? Explaining the Global Decline of MOX*](#) (Austin: NPPP, 2018)

Peter Liberman (Alum, '92)

Peter Liberman with Linda J. Skitka, “[Vicarious Retribution in US Public Support for War Against Iraq](#),” *Security Studies*.

Eric Labs (Alum, '94)

Eric Labs, *An Analysis of the Navy’s Fiscal Year 2019 Shipbuilding Plan*, Congressional Budget Office, October 2018.

Reid Pauly (Graduate Student)

“Would U.S. Leaders Push the Button? Wargames and the Sources of Nuclear Restraint,” *International Security*, Vol. 43, no. 2 (Fall 2018), 151-192.

David Pendall (Army Fellow, '12-13)

David Pendall, “*Semper Optiones*: 21st Century Intelligence,” [*Air and Space Power Journal*](#) and ASPJ’s Chinese Edition (Spring 2018).

Barry Posen (Faculty)

Barry Posen, “[Want NATO Allies to Boost Defense Spending? Don’t Build Fort Trump](#),” *Defense One*, December 18, 2018.

Jeremy Pressman (Alum, '02)

Matthew Leep and Jeremy Pressman, “Foreign Cues and Public Views on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, online, November 21, 2018.

Carol Saivetz (Senior Advisor)

Carol Saivetz, “What to Do About Nasser’s Egypt: The View from Moscow,” “What to Do About the Crisis: The View from Moscow,” and “What to Do About the War: The View from Moscow,” in Philip Zelikow and Ernest R. May, *Suez Deconstructed, an Interactive Study in Crisis, War, and Peacemaking* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2018).

Richard Samuels (Faculty)

Eric Heginbotham and Richard J. Samuels, “An Agenda for Japanese Military Reform,” *East Asia Forum Quarterly*, vol. 10, no. 3, July-September 2018.

Yoni Shimshoni (Affiliate)

Ariel E. Levite and Jonathan (Yoni) Shimshoni, “[The Strategic Challenge of Society-centric Warfare](#),” *Survival*, vol. 60, no. 6, December 2018-January 2019, pp. 91-118.

Paul Staniland (Alum, '10)

Paul Staniland, Asfandiyar Mir, and Sameer Lalwani, “[Politics and Threat Perception: Explaining Pakistani Military Strategy on the North West Frontier](#),” *Security Studies*, vol. 27, issue 4, 2018.

Paul Staniland, “[The Future of Democracy in South Asia: Why Citizens Must Stay Vigilant](#),” *Foreign Affairs*, January 4, 2019.

Caitlin Talmadge (Alum, '11)

Caitlin Talmadge, “Beijing’s Nuclear Option: Why a U.S.-Chinese War Could Spiral Out of Control,” November/December 2018, *Foreign Affairs*.

David Andrew Weinberg (Alum, '12)

David Andrew Weinberg, [Teaching Hate and Violence: Problematic Passages from Saudi State Textbooks for the 2018-19 School Year](#), ADL International Affairs report, November 2018.

David Andrew Weinberg, “[Saudi textbooks still foment hate: The kingdom’s education materials are rife with anti-Semitism and calls to hurt Shiites, gays, women and more](#),” *New York Daily News*, November 30, 2018.

Awards**Randy Jayne (Alum, '69)**

Randy Jayne was named one of USAFA Distinguished Graduates of 2018.

William James (Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Fellow)

In December, James was awarded second prize in the Royal United Services Institute’s Trench Gascoigne essay competition for my entry, ‘Salvaging Grand Strategy.’ The award was presented by the UK Chief of Defence Staff, General Sir Nick Carter, and former British Foreign Secretary Lord William Hague. The

Trench Gascoigne Essay Prize, which dates back to 1874, is awarded for original writing on contemporary issues of national and international defence and security.

Barry Posen (Faculty)

Barry Posen's article "The Rise of Illiberal Hegemony," was named [Best of 2018 by Foreign Affairs](#).

News From All Over

Fiona Cunningham (Alum, '18)

Cunningham will be joining the faculty at the George Washington University Political Science Department as Assistant Professor. She will begin her position in Fall, 2019.

Roftiel Constantine (Air Force Fellow, '07-08)

Constantine retired from the Air Force in September 2014, and was promoted in June 2018 to serve as the Chief Information Security Officer of the Barry-Wehmiller (\$3B revenue, manufacturing industry, 13,000 employees, 170 location in 23 countries).

Gregory Koblentz (Alum, '04)

Koblentz was a part of a joint George Mason-Stanford team that released a report in December 2018 on genome editing and biosecurity called *Editing Biosecurity: Needs and Strategies for Governance of Genome Editing*. The report and supporting working papers and issue briefs can be found at www.editingbiosecurity.org.

Björn Seibert (Affiliate)

Seibert has been named German Defense Minister, Dr. Ursula von der Leyen's, Chief of Staff.

Caitlin Talmadge (Alum, '11)

Caitlin Talmadge earned tenure and has changed jobs. After 7 years at the George Washington University, she is now Associate Professor of Security Studies in the Walsh School of Foreign Affairs at Georgetown University.

Olga Oliker (Alum, '16)

Oliker is now [Program Director for Europe and Central Asia](#) at the International Crisis Group in Brussels.

Reid Pauly (Graduate Student)

Pauly will be joining the Political Science Department and the Watson Institute at Brown University as Assistant Professor. He will begin his position in Fall, 2019.

David Pendall (Army Fellow, '12-13)

COL David Pendall is now the Commander of the European Cryptologic Command (in Germany) since September 2018, after serving as the Senior Army Intelligence Officer for US Army Forces in Europe from August 2016 to August 2018.

COL Pendall completed the Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in National and International Security in Nov-Dec 2018.

Ketian Zhang (Alum, '18)

Zhang will be joining the Schar School at George Mason University as Assistant Professor of International Security. She will begin her position in Fall, 2019.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of [Enid Bok Schoettle](#), one of the first women to graduate with a PhD in political science from MIT. She had a prominent career at the Ford Foundation and at the National Intelligence Council, among other positions.