

# April 2016

## Early Warning, SSP MIT

March, 2016 SSP Pentagon and Alumni events in Washington, DC

March 31, 2016

Washington, DC



Several members of the MIT Security Studies Program faculty, students, and staff travelled to Washington, DC on March 31, 2016, for a day filled with seminars and events that focused on the Middle East, and alumni outreach.

The first seminar took place at the Pentagon where 120 members of the Department of Defense, Department of State and the four services, all gathered to hear a seminar “Political Struggles in the Greater Middle East: The

Organisation and Sustainment of Violence,” chaired by Prof. Barry Posen, Director of SSP. Professors Roger Petersen, Richard Nielsen, Fotini Christia of MIT, and Peter Krause (SSP alum) of Boston College made up the panel. The presentations were very well received and followed by a Q&A session.

A second seminar was held in the afternoon at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. Several members of the MIT Alumni community in the DC area and several current SSP graduate students were on hand to hear the presentation and then follow it up with a Q&A session. Following the seminar’s conclusion the group adjourned to take part in the SSP alumni reception.

The popular SSP Alumni Reception is held in Washington, DC every two years and provides a chance for former students and fellows, including military fellows, to renew old ties and to meet the current members of the program.

From Left to Right: **Andrew Radin (alum '12)**, **Peter Krause (alum '11)**, **Reid Pauly (graduate student)**, **Marsin Alshamary (graduate student)**

### **January, 2016 Independent Activities Period (IAP) at MIT: Contemporary Military Topics**



This year's military fellows led five IAP sessions on Contemporary Military Topics. In a session titled "Owning the Invisible: Electronic Warfare," Jason Eckberg discussed how Electronic Warfare represents the most versatile and advanced capability to execute national security objectives. Stephen Gabavics offered a session on the overviews of challenges facing the US & allies in a session titled, "Identity Intelligence." Jeff McCoy led a session titled "The USSC in Jerusalem" which

highlighted the rebuilding of the Palestinian Security Forces. Joel Schmidt brought in a great number of weapons from to show case in his session titled "The USMC and Special Operations Forces." An overview of the Navy's newest and most advanced warship was the focus of John Krisciuna's session which concluded the month-long series held at MIT.

### ***Other News***



**Vipin Narang (faculty), Amanda Rothschild (graduate student), and Mark Bell (graduate student)** officially receiving their awards at the ISA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 2016. Vipin won for his recent book, *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era*. Amanda Rothschild and Mark Bell jointly won the 2016 Patricia Weitsman Graduate Student Paper Award. Mark Bell's paper is titled "Beyond Emboldenment: The Effects of Nuclear Weapons on State Foreign Policy." Amanda Rothschild's paper is titled "Tipping Theory: Origins of Great Britain's Suppression of the Slave Trade and Implications for Today's Collective Action Problems." For other award featured in this issue, see our ***Awards and Scholarships*** page.



In February, Professor **Catherine M. Kelleher (alum, '67)** led an East Asia-focused installation of "A Stable Transition to a New Nuclear Order," as part of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur grant awarded jointly to Professor Kelleher and Professor Judith Reppy of Cornell University. See more of the story in *Notes from All Over*.

## Where We Spoke

*January-March 2016*

**Mark Bell (graduate student):**

“What do Nuclear Weapons Offer States? A Theory of State Foreign Policy Response to Nuclear Acquisition,” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

with **Noel Anderson (graduate student)**, “The Limits of Pax Pretoriana: Explaining South Africa’s Cold War Grand Strategy, 1975-1990” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

**David Blum (alum '04):**

“Mathematical Concepts and Developments in Warning Analysis,” invited talk at the Naval Postgraduate School, Department of Operations Research.

**Jonathan Caverley (research affiliate):**

“Who is Arming Asia? Arms Transfers and Their Implications for US Regional Influence,” invited talk for the James Clarke Chace Speaker Series at the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, Bard College, New York, March 10, 2016.

**Fiona Cunningham (graduate student):**

Participated in the 2016 German Marshall Fund of the United States Young Strategists Forum in Tokyo.

**M. Taylor Fravel (faculty):**

“Assuring Assured Retaliation: China’s Nuclear Posture and the Future of U.S.-China Strategic Stability,” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

**Mayumi Fukushima (graduate student):**

“China-Russia Relations and Their Implications for Japan’s Diplomacy” as an invited speaker at a symposium organized by the World Affairs Council of Atlanta and sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, March 2016.

**Eugene Gholz (alum, '00):**

“Bridging the Political Economy and Security Gap,” Roundtable presentation at the ISA annual meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.

“No Man’s Sea: Implications for Theory and Strategy,” presented at ISA, annual meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.

**Kelly M. Greenhill (research affiliate):**

“Better than the Truth: Extra-factual Sources of Threat Conception and Proliferation,” Ohio State University's Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Columbus, OH, February 25, 2016.

“Relocation Strategies: Population Displacement in Counterinsurgency Operations,” ISA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 19, 2016.

“Mediums and Messengers: the Effect of Information Source on the Credibility and Diffusion of Rumors in Conflict Areas”, ISA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 19, 2016.

“People in Flight: A Global Perspective and Implications for US National Security,” Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO, March 25, 2016.

**Jeanne Guillemin (senior advisor):**

On January 27-31 Jeanne Guillemin taught a seminar on "Biosecurity and Bioterrorism" at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, as part of the Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program, a series for academically gifted students sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

**Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch (alum, '09):**

with Jennifer Dixon, “Norm Strength and the Norm Life Cycle,” ISA annual meeting, Atlanta, March 2016.

**Peter Krause (alum, '11):**

“To the Victor Go the Spoils? Hierarchy and the Impact of Group Strength on Regime Capture,” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

with Liane Young and Jordan Theriault, “Know thy Enemy: Education About Terrorism Improves Social Attitudes Toward Terrorists,” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

“When Terrorism Works: ISIS and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East,” Boston College Dean’s Colloquium, March 2016.

**Alan Kuperman (alum, ’02):**

“Liberia: How Diplomacy & Intervention Ended a 13-Year Civil War,” Conference on “Impossible Peace? Finding Solutions to the Most Challenging Intra-State Conflicts,” The University of York (England), March 11, 2016.

“Constitutions and Conflict Management in Africa,” SAIS-Europe, Bologna, Italy, March 4, 2016.

**Jennifer Lind (alum, ’04):**

with **Chikako Ueki (research affiliate)**, “Is Nationalism on the Rise in Japan?” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

**Rachel Odell (graduate student):**

“Civilian Control, Civilian Nationalism: Differences in Chinese Military and Diplomatic Press Statements,” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

**John Park (research associate):**

“The North Korean Nuclear Threat,” Hill briefing for staffers organized by the Foreign Policy Initiative (Washington, DC), Feb. 24, 2016.

“Nuclear Proliferation – The Case of North Korea,” DoD Senior Manager Course in National Security Leadership, The Elliott School (Washington, DC), Feb. 26, 2016.

“The Sanctions Puzzle – North Korea’s Growing WMD Capabilities Amid Increasing Sanctions,” National Bureau of Asian Research (Washington, DC), Mar. 8, 2016.

“The Rise of North Korea, Inc.,” Roundtable briefing for ADM Jon Greenert (former CNO), National Bureau of Asian Research (Washington, DC), Mar. 10, 2016.

**Barry Posen (faculty):**

On January 14, Barry Posen was a participant at the RAND corporation for the “Workshop on International Order.”

On February 25, Barry Posen was the moderator of a Starr Forum titled **“With Friends Like These: America’s Allies and the Fight Against ISIS.”**

Participant in “American Restraint, European Responsibility,” ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

**Amanda Rothschild (graduate student):**

Invited speaker at the Pine Crest School Holocaust Awareness Symposium in Fort Lauderdale Florida (March 2-3).

“‘Courage First and Intelligence Second:’ US Responsiveness to Mass Killing,” ISA annual meeting, Atlanta, March, 2016.

**Carol Saivetz (senior advisor):**

“Energy Challenges in the Black Sea Region,” at Tufts University Global Leaders Program, January 2016.

“Black Sea Security Challenges for Europe,” Pugwash-Tufts Conference on European Security, February 2016.

“Russia in Syria: A Dangerous Game,” Lincoln Laboratory.

**Richard Samuels (faculty):**

“Japan’s Nuclear Hedge,” Presentation to panel on “Prospects and Limitations of the Humanitarian Initiative: Changing German and Japanese Nuclear Policy?” at the Graduate School of East Asian Studies, Free University of Berlin, January 2016.

“Japan’s 3.11 Master Narrative Still Under Construction,” at the East Asian Forum held at the Australian National University, March 2016.

“Sino-Japanese Relations,” Presidency of the Italian Council of Ministers, Rome, January 2016.

In February Richard Samuels was a panel discussant for “Domestic Politics and Grand Strategy in East Asia,” Program on US-Japan Relations at Harvard University.

Chair and discussant for the panel on “Promoting Peace and stability in East Asia: Theory and Policy” at the ISA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, March 2016.

**Jim Walsh (research associate):**

“Countries that Didn’t: Egypt,” for DNI Conference Nudging Toward Nuclear: An Investigation of the Drivers, Deterrents, and Indicators of Nuclear Proliferation, January 2016.

Presented and moderated a panel for Reinvent on Nuclear Triad, January, 2016.

Briefed 40 House of Representative Staffers in Washington DC on Implementation of the Iran Agreement.

Visiting lecturer on “Nuclear Power and Nuclear Proliferation,” at Dartmouth Tuck Business School.

Visiting lecturer on Nuclear Proliferation at SAIS Bologna.

“Decoding the 159-Page Iran Agreement: Obligations, Risks & the Nature of Agreements,” at the MIT Lincoln Lab, February 2016.

“The Nuclear World: Present and Future,” at Claremont College, CA, February 2016.

In January and February, Jim Walsh appeared as discussant on various National and Internet TV and Radio programs including *NPR Here & Now*, *CCTV*, *Al Hurra*, *CNN*, *FOX Biz*, *Huffington Post*, *CCTV US*, *FOX*, *Bloomberg*, *Press TV*, *MSNBC*, *BBC*, *AJAM*, *France 24 TV*, *AJE*, *CSM*, and *Washington Post*.

## What We Wrote

*January-March 2016*

**Dan Altman (alum, '15):**

“The Long History of Green Men Tactics – And How They Were Defeated,” War on the Rocks, March 17th, 2016.

**David Blum (alum '04):**

with Elisabeth Pate-Cornell (Stanford University), “Probabilistic Warnings in National Security Crises: Pearl Harbor Revisited,” *Decision Analysis*, published by INFORMS, March 2016.

**Jonathan Caverley (research affiliate):**

“Sub-Optimal: The Pivot and Australia’s New Fleet,” *Foreign Affairs*, March 14, 2016.

“When Peacekeepers Come Home,” *New York Times*, February 21, 2016.

**Eugene Gholz (alum, '00):**

“Emerging Technologies’ Potential to Change the Balance of Power in Asia,” in Richard A. Bitzinger, ed., *Emerging Critical Technologies and Asian Security* (New York: Palgrave, 2016), pp. 51-60.

**Kelly M. Greenhill (research affiliate):**

“The Weaponization of Migration,” in Mark Leonard (ed.), *Connectivity Wars: An Essay Collection* (London, UK: European Council on Foreign Relations, January 2016).

A new paperback edition and a German translation of *Weapons of Mass Migration: Forced Displacement, Coercion and Foreign Policy* (German language edition [Kopp-Verlag, January 2016]; paperback in English, Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, February 2016).

**Robert Haffa (alum '82):**

“Learning from Acquisition History,” *Aerospace America*, January 2016, pp. 30-35.

**Alan Kuperman (alum, '02):**

“Obama’s Bomb-Grade Mistake,” *New York Times*, op-ed, March 26, 2016.

“Bad Idea for Nuclear Security,” *Huffington Post*, March 29, 2016.

“Why Isn’t There More Scholarly Evaluation of U.S. Wars?” H-Diplo | ISSF Forum, No. 13, March 4, 2016, pp. 15-17.

“Constitutional Reform to Manage Ethnic Conflict,” *Ethnopolitics*, pre-publication online, February 25, 2016.

“An Illuminating Dialogue,” *Ethnopolitics*, pre-publication online, February 25, 2016 (forthcoming in print).

**Eric Labs (alum, '94):**

“A Fiscal Pearl Harbor,” *Proceedings of the U.S. Naval Institute*, February, 2016.

**Jennifer Lind (alum, '04):**

“Japan’s Security Evolution,” *CATO Institute*, February 25, 2016. This paper was also read at the CATO institute on March 29, 2016.

**John Park (research associate):**

with **James Walsh (research associate)**, “To Stop the Missiles, Stop North Korea, Inc.,” *The New York Times* Op-Ed, March 10, 2016.

**Amanda Rothschild (graduate student):**

“ISIS and Genocide: How the United States Talks about Atrocities,” *Foreign Affairs*, February 28, 2016.

“American Dream in ‘N.Y. Values,’” *Boston Herald*, February 7, 2016, Opinion 16.

**Joshua Shifrinson (alum, '13):**

“The United States, German Reunification, and NATO Expansion at the End of the Cold War,” *International Security* (forthcoming)

“Donald Trump’s foreign policy views are actually pretty mainstream,” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, February 4, 2016.

**Caitlin Talmadge (alum, '11):**



“Different Threats, Different Militaries: Explaining Organizational Practices in Authoritarian Armies,” *Security Studies*, 25(1), spring: 111-141.

**Glenn Voelz (U.S. Army War College Fellow, '14-15)**

“Catalysts of Military Innovation: A Case Study of Defense Biometrics,” *Defense Acquisition Review Journal*, April, 2016.

**Jim Walsh (research associate):**

Contributor/signatory for the Iran Project Statement on Implementation of the Iran Agreement. Jim Walsh also was contributor/editor for the Iran Project Fact Sheet on Iran’s ballistic missile program.

## Notes from All Over

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**Mark Bell (graduate student):**

ISQ online held an online symposium on Mark Bell’s article, “Examining Explanations for Nuclear Proliferation.”

**M. Taylor Fravel (faculty):**

In January 2016, M. Taylor Fravel joined the advisory board of the China Power Project, a new program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC. He also joined the editorial board of the *Journal of Strategic Studies* in the same month.

**Oliver Fritz (alum, '03):**

Accepted the position of lecturer in the Global Security Studies program at Johns Hopkins University, and is teaching a graduate school course on energy, security, and defense.

**Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch (alum, '09):**

Accepted a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor at the Government Department, Suffolk University.

In February, Professor **Catherine M. Kelleher (alum, '67)** led an East Asia-focused installation of "A Stable Transition to a New Nuclear Order," as part of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur grant awarded jointly to Professor Kelleher and Professor Judith Reppy of Cornell University. The three-day workshop, which took place at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies (MIIS) in Monterey, California, included security and nonproliferation experts from the U.S., China, South Korea, and Japan. Notable scholars included Dr. Elena Sokova and Dr. Jeffrey Lewis from MIIS, Dr. Jina Kim from the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, and Dr. Tong Zhao from the Carnegie–Tsinghua Center for Global Policy in Beijing. Other participants were "next generation" scholars interested in achieving strategic stability while still reducing the numbers of nuclear weapons worldwide. This workshop was the third in its series, preceded by workshops in Berlin, Germany and Ithaca, New York. The final meeting, to address the proliferation crisis in South Asia, will take place

in D.C. this May. For more information and past workshop summaries, please visit the project website: <https://pacs.einaudi.cornell.edu/project-“-stable-transition-new-nucle...>

**Alan Kuperman (alum, '02):**

On February 5, 2016, Alan Kuperman appeared as a discussant on “Isis in Libya,” *Charlie Rose Show*, PBS-TV.

On March 25, 2016, Alan Kuperman appeared as a discussant on “Are US Nuclear Sites Protected Against Terrorist Attacks?” *Fox & Friends*, FOX News.

**Barry Posen (faculty):**

On February 21, Barry Posen was quoted in “The Gulf War Victory That Never Was,” by James A. Warren, in *The Daily Beast*.

**Jacob Hale Russell (alum, '08):**

Accepted a position as assistant professor of law at Rutgers University.

**Carol Saivetz (senior advisor):**

Appeared in an interview with [slon.ru](http://slon.ru) on March 29.

## Awards and Scholarships

*January-March 2016*

**Fiona Cunningham (graduate student):**

Received a Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship for 2016.

**Caitlin Talmadge (alum, '11):**

Received the Smith Richardson Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2016-18.