

Early Warning

MIT Security Studies Program



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Newsletter

Welcome Note

Welcome to the first issue of SSP's revamped newsletter, *Early Warning*. A new semester always brings new faces to our community, including SSP's newest faculty member, Erik Lin-Greenberg, as well as ten fellows, all of whom you can learn more about below. As the program continues to adapt to the pandemic, our [Wednesday seminars](#) will now be live-streamed on our YouTube channel at 12pm EST for those who would like to join. This issue also includes a roundup of recent publications, talks, and news about past and present members of our community.

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Welcome to Erik Lin-Greenberg

SSP is pleased to welcome to the faculty Erik Lin-Greenberg, Assistant Professor of Political Science at MIT. [Read more about our newest faculty member.](#)



Meet Our New Fellows

[Meet our Military Fellows](#)

[Meet our Stanton and Statecraft Fellows](#)

Publications

[Training the Covid-19 Cohort: Adapting and Preserving Social Science Research](#)

Fotini Christia and J. Chappell Lawson

Social Science Research Council, July 30, 2020

[Pandemic Politics: How the Future Strategy Forum amplifies the expertise of women](#)

Sara Plana & Rachel Tecott

International Affairs Blog, August 5, 2020

[Do Pandemics Promote Peace? Why Sickness Slows the March to War](#)

Barry R. Posen

Foreign Affairs, April 23, 2020

[The Debate to Use Atomic Bombs Against Japan](#)

Richard J. Samuels

New York Times, August 3, 2020

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News

Assistant Professor Erik Lin-Greenberg was named the recipient of the [American Political Science Association's 2020 Merze Tate Award](#), awarded annually for the best dissertation successfully defended during the previous two years in the field of international relations, law, and politics.

Congratulations to those starting new jobs:

[Marsin Alshamary](#) (Post-doctoral Fellow, Brookings)

[Mayumi Fukushima](#) (Stanton Nuclear Security Post-doctoral Fellow, Rand)

[Andrew Miller](#) (Assistant Professor, Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy)

[Kacie Miura](#) (Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Relation, University of San Diego)

[Cullen Nutt](#) (Assistant Professor, Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy)

[Rachel Esplin Odell](#) (Research Fellow, East Asia Program, Quincy Institute)

[Sara Plana](#) (Research Fellow, Belfer Center International Security Program, Harvard Kennedy School)

[Erik Sand](#) (America in the World Pre-doctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins' Kissinger Center for Global Affairs)

[Rachel Tecott](#) (Pre-doctoral Fellow, George Washington University's Institute for Security and Conflict Studies)

Emma Campbell-Mohn and Susanne Freeman's article, "[COVID-19 and grand strategy,](#)" and Eleanor Freud's co-written article, "[COVID-19 and the US military,](#)" were published as part of the "Pandemic Politics" series through *International Affairs' Blog* on August 10, 2020 and August 17, 2020, respectively.

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Alumni News



Alumni Spotlight: Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch

Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science & Legal Studies, Suffolk University.

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Alumni Highlights

James R. FitzSimonds's (1980) article, "[Aircraft Carriers versus Battleships in War and Myth: Demythologizing Carrier Air Dominance at Sea,](#)" published in the *Journal of Military History*, Vol. 84 Issue 3 (July 2020): 843-865.

Brendan Green and Caitlin Talmadge (2011) received a grant from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, U.S. Department of Defense, to study the strategic military implications of Chinese control of Taiwan.

Brendan Green (2011) was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati.

Michael Miklos (2005; U.S. Army fellow) was sworn-in as the [Deputy Administrator of TSA](#) in August 2020.

Mary Whisenhunt (2003; U.S. Air Force Fellow) graduated with a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Texas at San Antonio in August 2020.



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