

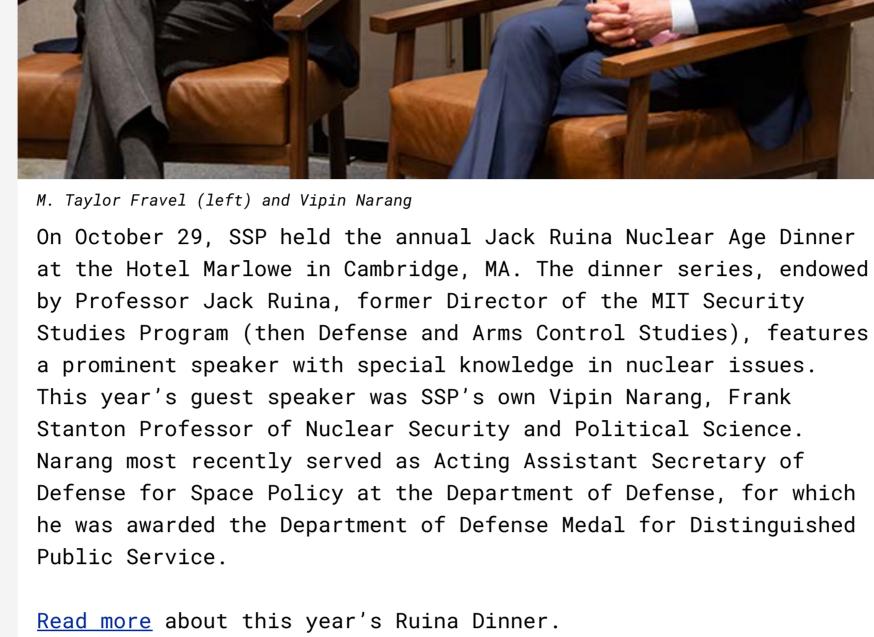
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Stanton Gift Signing Ceremony



and signing ceremony to celebrate SSP's acquisition of a \$45 million gift from the Stanton Foundation. With this gift, the program will launch the Center for Nuclear Security Policy, to expand its leading work on the vital issue of global nuclear security. Vipin Narang, the Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear

Security and Political Science at MIT, will serve as the center's first director. <u>View more</u> photos from the ceremony. 2024 Ruina Dinner



**New Associate Director Announced** We are pleased to announce that Laura Kerwin has been promoted to Associate Director of the MIT Security Studies Program! Since joining the program in June 2022, Laura has been instrumental in creating the foundation for SSP's future. She has also assumed increasing responsibilities within the program, playing a critical

Wargaming Lab

Laura Kerwin, Associate Director SSP

This promotion recognizes Laura's dedication, hard work, and outstanding contributions during a period of unprecedented—and ongoing growth for SSP. Congratulations Laura!

role in establishing the

Wargaming Lab and the new

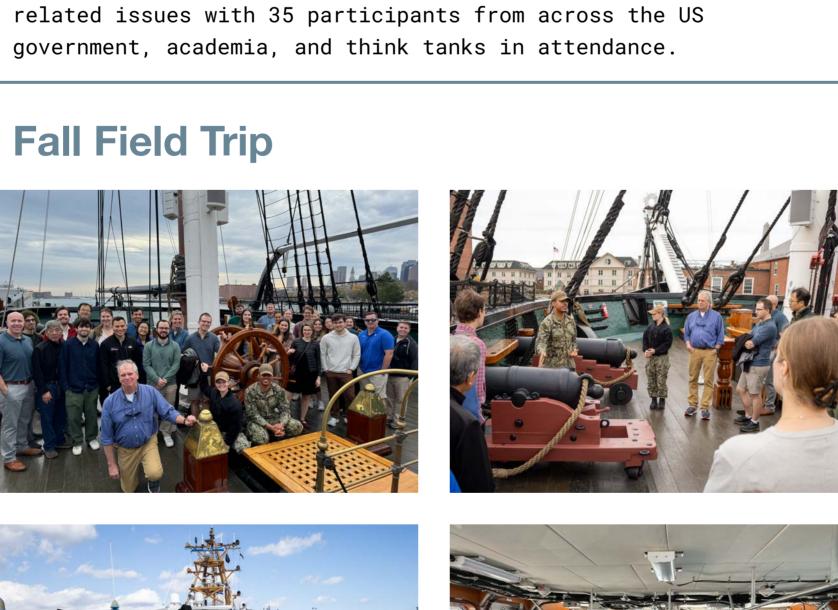
growth of the program's

administrative team.

Center for Nuclear Security

Policy, all while leading the

## Voices in National Security Initiative, the workshop places emerging scholars into conversation with members of the DC policy community, allowing for the sharing of cutting-edge research and



On November 1, the military fellows organized SSP's fall field

in Charlestown, MA. Seamen Riley and Whaley, along with Carl

Herzog, Historian USS Constitution Museum, guided the fellows,

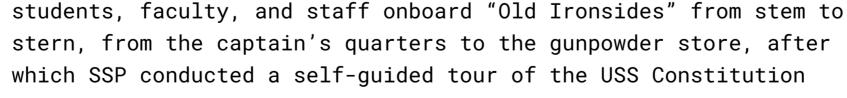
trip, starting with a private tour of the USS Constitution, docked

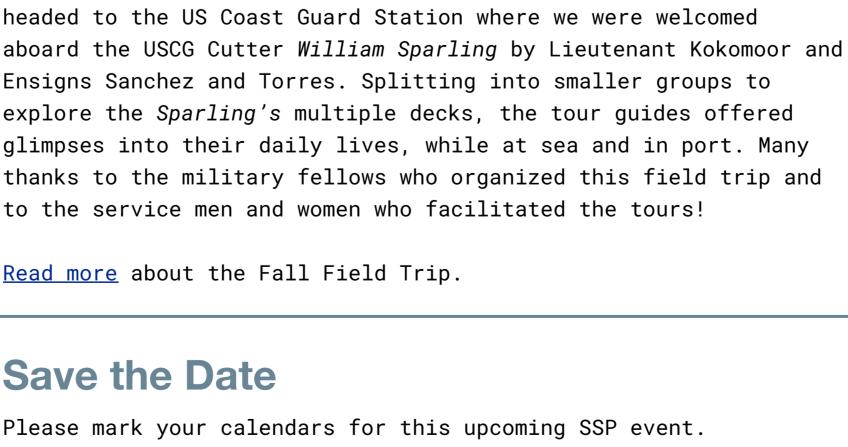
Erik Lin-Greenberg (second from right) on a wargames panel in Washington, DC

DC. Organized as part of the <u>Bridging the Gap Project's</u> New

On November 15, the SSP Wargaming Lab partnered with the Berkeley

Risk and Security Lab to host Wargaming the Future in Washington,





Carol R. Saivetz (Senior Fellow) Texas National Security Review, September 23, 2024 "The Geopolitics of Externalization: Diplomacy, Deal-Making and Transactional Forced Migration" **Kelly Greenhill** (Affiliate) Externalizing Asylum: A Compendium of Scientific Knowledge, September 2024. "Wars Are Not Accidents: Managing Risk in the Face of Escalation" Erik Lin-Greenberg (Faculty) Foreign Affairs (November/December issue), October 8, 2024

"Envisioning a Stable Military Balance" in "<u>U.S.-China Relations</u>

for the 2030s: Toward a Realistic Scenario for Coexistence"

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Chapter 8), October

M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty) and Eric Heginbotham (Faculty)

"The Stakes of the Russia-North Korea Alliance"

Carol R. Saivetz (Senior Fellow)

China Power on October 10, 2024.

Slavic and East European Studies.

"War By Other Means"

Kelly Greenhill (Affiliate)

The National Interest, November 18, 2024

"Cold War Retrospective: Seeking Recognition as a Partner or an

Adversary" of Book Review Roundtable: The Soviet Search for

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace YouTube: "How Will the U.S.-China Military Balance Evolve in East Asia by 2034?" on October 17, 2024. Jim Walsh (Senior Research Associate) was a guest on CBCNN's Canada Tonight to discuss "Can the U.S. stop Israel from attacking Iran's nuclear sites?" on October 2, 2024. **Kelly Greenhill** (Affiliate) was interviewed by Adrian Burtin in "The weaponisation of migration has in recent years become much more visible than it used to be", in Voxeurop on November 7,2024.

Barry R. Posen (Faculty) was a panelist on "Today Ukraine,

at The Institute for Peace & Diplomacy on November 8, 2024.

East After Ukraine" at the Ruderman-Brandeis Leadership

Tomorrow the World: NATO as the Lynchpin of the American Empire"

Carol R. Saivetz (Senior Fellow) spoke on "Russia in the Middle

Conference, and "The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Russia's

policies in the post-Soviet Region," at the Association for

also discussed "Getting China's Defense Spending Right" in a

their chapter "Envisioning a Stable Military Balance" in the

podcast on Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS):

M. Taylor Fravel (Faculty) and Eric Heginbotham (Faculty) discuss

New Negotiation Framework for the Middle East" on September 13,2024, and wrote for *Israel Today* (in Hebrew), "Courage Needed to End the War" on October 22, 2024. Mark Bell (PhD) published "The Russia-Ukraine War and Nuclear Weapons: Evaluating Familiar Insights" in Journal for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, and also published "Correspondence: Nuclear

<u>Deterrence-What is it Good For?</u>" in International Security.

**Kevin Benson** (Former Military Fellow) was promoting his book

contributed to a discussion event about <u>reinstating the draft in</u>

the U.S. at the Robert Dole Institute of Politics on November 14,

Expectation of Valor Planning the Iraq War, sponsored by the

Vanda Felbab-Brown (PhD) wrote "The Taliban's Three Years in

published on August 14, 2024. She was also interviewed in "How

Power and What Lies Ahead" for the Brookings Institution,

Command and General Staff College Foundation, and also

Boaz Atzili (PhD) was promoted to a full-time Professor at the

International Service, American University. He wrote "A cease-

fire and hostage deal in Gaza will require a change of framework" in The Hill, was interviewed by Inside Sources: "The Urgency of a

Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security, School of

Would Harris Shape U.S.-Latin America Relations?" in The Dialogue on August 15, 2024. Shawn Creamer (Former Military Fellow) was selected as a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Strategy Initiative, the Indo-Pacific Security Initiative, and the GeoStrategy Initiative in the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security. R. David Edelman (CIS Affiliate) published <u>Rethinking Cyber</u> <u>Warfare: The International Relations of Digital Disruption</u> in Oxford University Press, and the book was launched at three separate events. **Paul Heer** (Former CIS fellow) was interviewed on *Un-diplomatic's* "Intelligent China Policy" on November 4, 2024, and published "The Diminishing Prospects for U.S.-China Détente" in the National Interest on October 24, 2024. Doreen Horschig (Former Stanton Fellow) was promoted to Fellow position at CSIS, published "House of Cards?: Nuclear Norms in an <u>Era of Strategic Competition</u>" in *CSIS* on July 18, 2024, and wrote "The Crumbling Nuclear Order: How to Save the Norms Against Testing, Building, and Using the Ultimate Weapon" in Foreign Affairs on September 16, 2024. William James (Former Statecraft Fellow) began a new position as

Peace Review, on October 16, 2024. Jennifer Lind (PhD) published "Back to Bipolarity: How China's Rise Transformed the Balance of Power" in International Security on October 1, 2024. Andrew Miller (PhD) published "Registering Theory-Based Predictions in Political Science" in PS: Political Science & Politics, on October 25, 2024. Dani Nedal (Former Stanton Fellow) was a contributing author in

"Can We Fix American Diplomacy?" in Inkstick on October 16, 2024.

John Park (Former Stanton Fellow) recently joined the Treasury

Department as a Senior Policy Advisory and the Atlantic Council

relationship is blossoming into a common market of autocracies"

as a Senior Fellow, and published "The North Korea-Russia

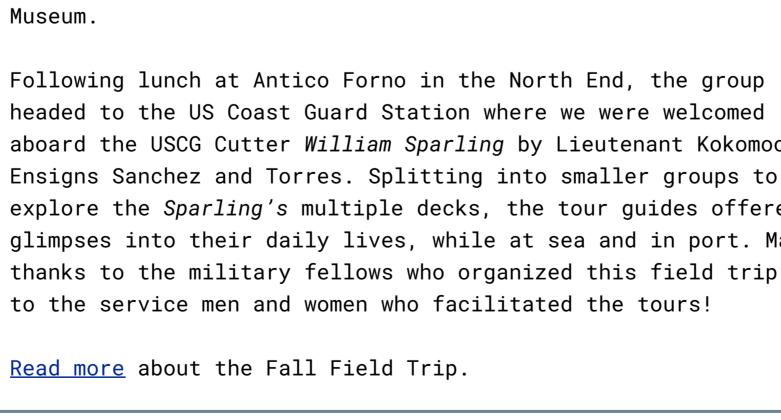
in Atlantic Council, on October 25, 2024.

Responsible Statecraft, on November 22, 2024.

University in December 2024, and "Strategy and Grand Strategy" at Kings College London in November 2024. Len Samborowski (Former Military Fellow) wrote "A Human Collaboration with Chat GPT: Developing Case Studies with Generative AI" in Proceedings of the ISCAP Conference ISSN, and

Reconnaissance Strike" in Journal of Peace Research, "Dracarys: <u>Unleashing the Lessons of Nuclear Conflict from House of the</u> <u>Dragon</u>" in Journal of Political Science Education, and "<u>Diplomatic</u> <u>Double Standards: The Sexism a President Kamala Harris Would</u> Face" in Australian Institute of International Affairs. Brian Taylor (PhD) published "Russian Politics: A Very Short <u>Introduction</u>" in Oxford University Press, 2024. David A. Weinberg (PhD) wrote "Electing the President: From Election Day to the Joint Session" in Campaign Legal Center, on

the exchange of ideas. This year's workshop focused on the use of wargaming to better understand the current and future security environment-including nuclear, cyber, emerging, tech, and trade



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**Publications** 

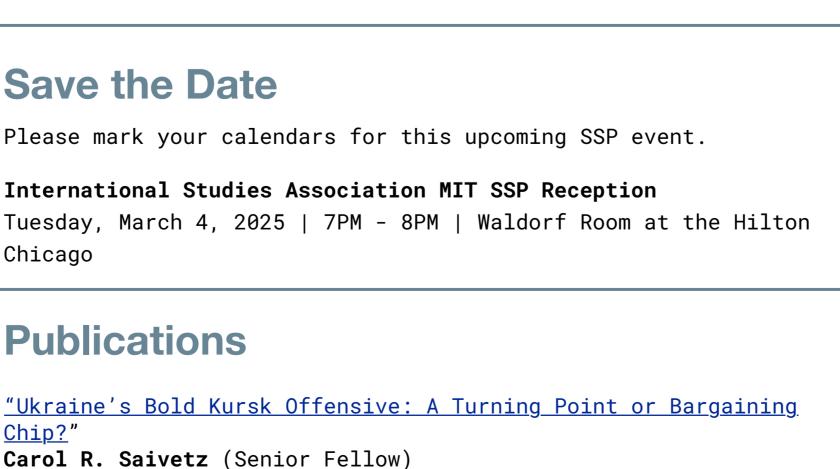
Recognition as a Superpower

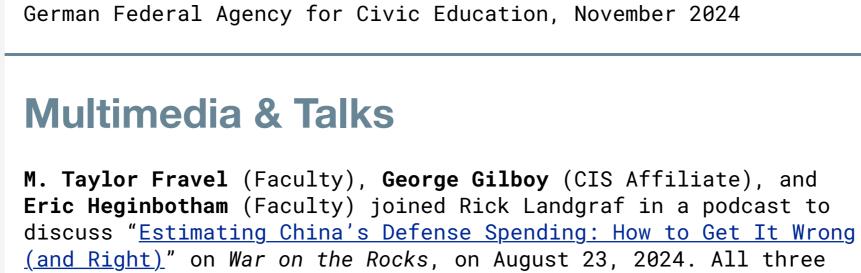
The National Interest, September 19, 2024

Chicago

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News Mariya Grinberg (Faculty) was honored as "Committed to Caring" for supporting graduate students throughout their academic journey at MIT, Political Science Department on September 3, 2024. **Kunal Singh** (PhD Candidate) was featured on MIT News, "Stopping the bomb" on November 14, 2024. Eyal Hanfling (PhD Candidate) was a recipient of the "Next Generation Grant" from Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. Nina Miller (PhD Candidate) was a co-author on 3 RAND Reports of the series "Denial Without Disaster."

## Michal Ben-Josef Hirsch (PhD) wrote "A year after Hamas attack, more continuity than change for the Palestinians and Israel" in The Conversation on October 4, 2024, and was a panelist on "The <u>Middle East and the U.S. Presidential Election</u>" at the Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University on September 12, 2024.

September 2024.

Fall 2024.

2024.

**Alumni Highlights** 

the Israel-Hamas War, was a speaker on related issues with MIT-Sloan, Emerson College, Pratt Institute, and William James College. **Gregory Koblentz** (PhD) published "<u>Establishing a National</u> Biosafety and Biosecurity Agency for the United States" in Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology, on October 17, 2024. Alan J Kuperman (PhD) published "On Army bases, nuclear energy can't add resilience, just costs and risks," in Breaking Defense on October 7, 2024, and "Nuclear Nonproliferation via HEUMinimization: Progress and Challenges" RERTR 2024: 44th International Meeting on Reduced Enrichment for Research and Test Reactors, Lyon, France. Cağlar Kurç (Former Fulbright Fellow) was a project member in "National Defence Industry: From an Enabler of Turkey's Pursuit of Strategic Autonomy toa Bridge between Turkey and Europe," in

Eric Labs (PhD) wrote a CBO Report on the Cost of the

systems" in Cerebral Cortex on September 2024.

CoastGuard's Polar Security Cutter, and spoke at the 26th Annual Expeditionary Warfare Conference in October 22, 2024, and at the

U.S. Naval Institutes Defense Forum 2024 on December 11, 2024.

Marika Landau-Wells (PhD) published "Partisans process policy-

based and identity-based messages using dissociable neural

**Zoe Levornik** (Former Stanton Fellow) published "Lessons In

Nuclear Disarmament: Constructive Intervention In Ukraine" in

Assistant Professor in Strategic Studies at RSIS/NTU Singapore in

Fred Kaplan (PhD) published a new novel, A Capital Calamity.

**Peter Krauae** (Affiliate) presented 3 webinars with MENA-MIT on

David Pendall (Former Military Fellow) will contribute to upcoming Geneva Manual's "Cyber Threat Intelligence Sharing: Security Policy Implications and Recommendations," and continues to serve as Board Advisor to George Washington University, Masters in Cybersecurity Program. **Sara Plana** (PhD) became the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense (DSD) in June 2024. **Jeremy Pressman** (PhD) wrote "Protests in the United States on

Palestine and Israel, 2023-2024," in Social Movement Studies on

October 2024, and wrote "Quincy Brief #66: Mind the Gap: U.S.

<u>Preferences and Israel's War Conduct</u>" in Quincy Institute for

Josh Rovner (PhD) wrote "Barriers to Escalation in the 'New

Nuclear Age'" for the Nuclear National Security Administration.

He also spoke about "The Limits of Intelligence Reform" at Hebrew

"College Enrollment and Digital Maturity: A Quantitative Study of

Connecticut Learning in Retirement (LiR) conference, at Quinebaug

Small New England Colleges" in Strategic Enrollment Management Quarterly for Fall 2024, and presented "Legacy Literature" at

Valley Community College, on October 4, 2024. Erik Sand (Affiliate) published "Fighting to Supply the Fight-<u>Assessing Approaches for Overcoming Contested Logistics</u>" in Naval War College Review, Fall 2024. Joshua Schwartz (Former Statecraft Fellow) published "To

<u>Competeor Strategically Retreat? The Global Diffusion of</u>

September 18, 2024, and wrote for Joint Report of the Campaign

Legal Center, Bipartisan Policy Center, and Protect Democracy, on

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Jonatan (Yoni) Shimshoni (Affiliate) published "Israel in Gaza: The Quicksand of Societal War" in Survival, 66 on December 2,

September 2024.

2024.