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**

**Rofiel 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)**
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)


Kelly M. Greenhill (Affiliate)


“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.

Gregory Koblentz (Alum, ’04)


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.


Alan Kuperman (Alum, ’02)

“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.

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, “Israel’s Next War with Hezbollah: Targeting the Wrong Enemy,” in Political Violence @ a Glance, December 17, 2018.

Owen Cote (Faculty)

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.


Eric Heginbotham (Principal Research Scientist)

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

Gregory Koblentz (Alum, '04)

Alan Kuperman (Alum, '02)

Peter Liberman (Alum, '92)

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)

David Pendall (Army Fellow, ‘12-13)

Barry Posen (Faculty)

Jeremy Pressman (Alum, '02)
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)

Yoni Shimshoni (Affiliate)

Paul Staniland (Alum, ’10)


Caitlin Talmadge (Alum, ’11)

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.


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.
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.
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.