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

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)
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.

Alumni Highlights


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.