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Current SSP Military Fellows presented a series of talks during MIT's "Independent Activities Period."
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Ruina Dinner

William J. Perry, former U.S. Secretary of Defense from 1994-1997, was the keynote speaker at SSP's annual Jack Ruina Nuclear Age Talk, held virtually in December 2020.

Publications

Harvey Sapolsky, Eugene Gholz and Caitlin Talmadge
Routledge, December 2020

*COVID-19 and Fieldwork: Challenges and Solutions*
Fotini Christia, Richard Nielsen, Aidan Milliff, et al.
*PS: Political Science and Politics*, January 19, 2021,

*China and India are Pulling Back from the Brink. They’ve Created a Buffer Zone and Started Talks*
M. Taylor Fravel

*Access Denied? The Future of U.S. Basing in a Contested World*
Renanah M. Joyce
*War on the Rocks*, February 1, 2021

*Private Eyes in the Sky: Emerging Technology and the Political Consequences of Eroding Government Secrecy*
Erik Lin-Greenberg
*Journal of Conflict Resolution*, February 8, 2021
Russia's New Crises on the Periphery
Carol Saivetz
Lawfare, February 14, 2021

Multimedia

M. Taylor Fravel
U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, January 28, 2021

Watch: Can Europe Defend Itself?
Barry Posen
International Institute for Strategic Studies, March 5, 2021

Watch: Starr Forum: 3.11 Ten Years Later; Disaster and Resilience
Richard Samuels
M.I.T. Center for International Studies, March 11, 2021

Listen: U.S. Launches Airstrikes Against Iranian-Backed Militias In Syria
Jim Walsh
National Public Radio (WBUR), February 26, 2021

News

PhD candidates, Emma Campbell-Mohn and Suzanne Freeman, received special recognition for their work from the Janne Nolan Prize for Best Article on National Security/International Affairs hosted by the Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), and Texas National Security Review.

Erik Lin-Greenberg and PhD candidate, Rachel Tecott, were named Adjunct Fellows with the Center for a New American Security (CNAS).

John Minnich, PhD candidate, was awarded the World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship from the Smith Richardson Foundation. The fellowship supports support PhD dissertation research with a preference to “projects that could directly inform U.S. policy debates and thinking.”

Richard Samuels was quoted in The Economist, “The Fukushima Disaster Was Not the Turning Point Many Had Hoped,” on March 6, 2021.

Alumni News

Alumni Spotlight: Ketian Zhang
Ketian Zhang is an Assistant Professor of International Security in the Schar School
Alumni Highlights


William James (Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Fellow, 2019) was awarded first prize in the Royal United Services Institute’s Trench Gascoigne competition in December 2020. The prize, which dates back to 1874, recognizes original writing on contemporary issues of national and international security and defense. James’ winning article, “Between a pandemic and a hard Brexit: Grand strategic thinking in an age of nationalism, great power competition and human insecurity,” will be published in RUSI Journal.


Caitlin Talmadge (2011), Brendan Green (2011) and Daryl Press (2001) were awarded a grant from the Smith Richardson Foundation for “Assessing and Responding to the Changing Balance of Military Power” in February 2021.