
STUDIES PROGRAM

The Studies Program is the Council's world-class think tank. Over the past year, the program's twenty-seven full-time fellows and more than two dozen adjunct and visiting fellows won six awards, completed twelve books, wrote more than two hundred op-eds, testified fifteen times before Congress, ran thirty-six roundtable series on a broad spectrum of regional and topical issues, conducted more than one hundred and fifty briefings for executive-branch officials and members of Congress, and gave countless media interviews. By any yardstick, the productivity and accomplishments of Council fellows are extraordinary.



Council Vice President and Director of Studies James M. Lindsay with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

America's role in the world was examined in books by a number of fellows this year. In the second edition of the award-winning *America Unbound*, Vice President and Director of Studies **James M. Lindsay** and coauthor Ivo H. Daalder examined George W. Bush's foreign policy. In *Friendly Fire*, **Julia E. Sweig** argued that today's anti-Americanism stems from more than anger over U.S. foreign policy; it reflects resentments over America's past policies, its disproportionate power, and the consequences of globalization. **Walter Russell Mead** completed a book chronicling the rise of Anglo-American global supremacy, and **Edward J. Lincoln** finished a book on the importance of economic change in shaping American foreign policy.

National security issues dominated the nation's headlines, and Council fellows contributed to the debate. **Stephen Biddle** warned in *Foreign Affairs* that the United States faces a very different counterinsurgency challenge in Iraq than it did in Vietnam and therefore needs to pursue a different military strategy. **Max Boot** finished his book on how technological revolutions have transformed warfare and the global balance of power. **Stephen E. Flynn** completed a

Council Special Report on mobilizing the private sector to support homeland security and began a new book on the vulnerability of America's critical infrastructure to natural and man-made disasters. **Richard K. Betts** led the John J. McCloy Roundtable on Setting the National Security Agenda.

The Islamic world was another focus of the Studies Program. In *Thicker Than Oil*, **Rachel Bronson** detailed how the evolution of U.S. policy toward Saudi Arabia helped sow the seeds of today's Islamic radicalism. **Steven A. Cook** completed a book on how the militaries in Egypt, Algeria, and Turkey have shaped the political evolution of those countries, and he coauthored a Council Special Report with **Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall** on U.S.-Turkey relations. **Ray Takeyh** finished a book exploring the evolution of Iran's foreign policy and argued that Washington should change its approach when

New Arrivals

Stephen Biddle, a former associate professor at the U.S. Army War College, joined the Council as a senior fellow for defense policy. His research addresses questions of U.S. national security and strategy.

Noah Feldman, a former adviser to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq and professor of law at New York University, is an adjunct senior fellow in Middle East studies. He is exploring the compatibility of democracy and Islam.

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office, is the new director of the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies and the Paul A. Volcker senior fellow for international economics. His work focuses on American competitiveness.

Michael A. Levi joined the Council as a fellow for science and technology. An expert on arms control and nonproliferation, he is completing a book about defending against nuclear terrorism.

Vall R. Nasr, a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, is an adjunct senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies. His work examines political, religious, and socioeconomic change in the Islamic world.

Steven Simon, an award-winning author and former White House counterterrorism official, is the Hasib J. Sabbagh senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies. His work focuses on terrorism, the consequences of the U.S. occupation in Iraq, and Israel and the Palestinian Authority.



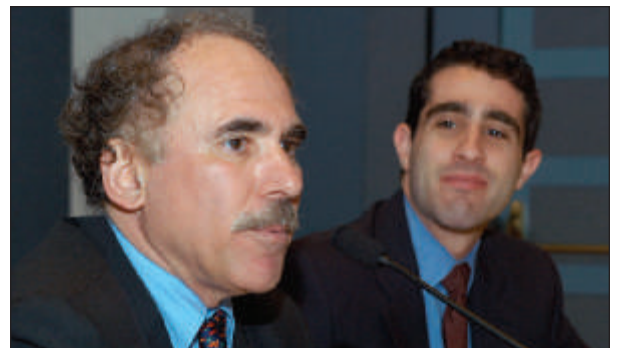
Council Senior Fellow Elizabeth C. Economy with Ambassador Liu Birwei, consul general of China in New York.



Council Senior Fellow Lee Feinstein and John Deutch at a meeting of the Task Force on Energy and U.S. Foreign Policy.



Ira A. Lipman and Council Senior Fellow Stephen E. Flynn.



Lee Silver of Princeton University speaking on religion, science, and the global biotechnology landscape at a roundtable meeting with Council Fellow Michael A. Levi.



Council Senior Fellow Laurie Garrett (right) with NY1 News reporter Cheryl Willis in front of Ms. Garrett's "Rx Box"—a mobile health clinic retrofitted from a freight shipping container that can be easily transported to underserved communities in the developing world.

dealing with Iran's leaders. **Isobel Coleman** wrote in *Foreign Affairs* that Washington could usefully promote the cause of reform in the Islamic world by working with progressive religious Muslims to advance the role of women. **Steven Simon** launched a project on the regional and global consequences of the American invasion and occupation of Iraq. **Vali R. Nasr** was named a Carnegie Scholar for 2006 and began the Roundtable on the Regional Dimensions of Shia-Sunni Conflict. **Noah Feldman** studied the compatibility of democracy and Islam. **Henry Siegman** met with heads of state during a ten-day investigative trip to the Middle East, while **Judith Kipper** directed the Middle East Forum and led a Council delegation to the annual Jeddah Economic Forum.

Under the direction of **Douglas Holtz-Eakin**, the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies continued its pathbreaking examination of the interplay of economic and political forces in world politics. **Jagdish N. Bhagwati** worked on a book on U.S. immigration policy and wrote about the future of trade agreements in *Foreign Affairs*, **Peter B. Kenen**

worked on a book about the monetary dimensions of regional integration, and **Benn Steil** and his coauthor Robert E. Litan released their book *Financial Statecraft*. **David Braunschvig** led the Business and Foreign Policy Roundtable Series, and **James P. Dougherty** directed the Roundtable on Technology, Innovation, and American Primacy. **Caroline Atkinson** led the Global Economics Roundtable Series, which examines issues affecting global trade and financial flows. **Roger M. Kubarych** wrote about challenges to continued U.S. economic growth.

The Center for Preventive Action doubled its programming and publications over the past year, while its director, **William L. Nash**, also led the Council-sponsored Independent Task Force on Post-Conflict Capabilities and oversaw the publication of two Council Special Reports.

The Studies Program continued its long-standing tradition of helping policymakers and the public better understand important regional issues. Several fellows examined political developments in Asia, while others explored events in Europe, Russia, and Africa. **Elizabeth C. Economy's** book *The River Runs Black* won the International Convention of Asian Scholars award for the best social science book published on Asia. **Adam Segal** continued working on his book about the rising technological prowess of China and India, and he testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on the current state of China's technology policies. **Mahnaz Ispahani** led the South Asia Roundtable and **Jerome A. Cohen** directed the Winston Lord Roundtable on the Rule of Law in Asia. **Charles A. Kupchan** led the Pieter A. Fisher European Studies Roundtable. **James M. Goldgeier** led a roundtable on the future of Europe. **Stephen Sestanovich** directed *Russia's Wrong Direction*, the widely cited report of the Council-sponsored Independent Task Force on U.S. policy toward Russia. **Princeton N. Lyman** codirected the highly praised Council-sponsored Independent Task Force on U.S. policy toward Africa and its report, *More Than Humanitarianism*.

The international profile of crucial health and science issues was raised this year, in part due to the work of Council fellows. **Laurie Garrett** heightened public and governmental awareness of the threat

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of pandemic flu and detailed the lesson of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in separate articles in *Foreign Affairs*; her flu article was nominated for a National Association of Science Writers Science-in-Society Award. **Charles D. Ferguson** completed a Council Special Report on ways to prevent catastrophic nuclear terrorism. **Michael A. Levi** finished a book on strategies for defending against nuclear terrorism. **Gene B. Sperling** worked on universal education issues. **David G. Victor** directed the Council-sponsored Independent Task Force on Energy and U.S. Foreign Policy.

Council fellows also addressed pressing issues of global governance. **Lee Feinstein** examined changing notions of the limits of sovereignty and the progress of reform at the United Nations, while **Elliot Schrage** led a roundtable titled “Beyond the Letter of the Law: The Global Impact of Compliance as a Foreign Policy Tool.”



Steve Coll, contributing writer at the *New Yorker*, and Council Adjunct Senior Fellow Mabnaz Ispahani.

The Center for Preventive Action

The Center for Preventive Action works to devise strategies to help prevent, defuse, or resolve deadly conflicts around the world and to expand the body of knowledge on conflict prevention. Under the leadership of William L. Nash, the General John W. Vessey senior fellow for conflict prevention, the center advances its mission by issuing Council Special Reports, hosting roundtables on emerging conflicts, engaging policymakers and the news media, and building networks for conflict prevention.

CPA activities doubled over the past year.

CSRs produced included *Afghanistan's Uncertain Transition From Turmoil to Normalcy*, by Barnett R. Rubin, and *Peace in Papua: Widening a Window of Opportunity*, by Blair A. King. The CPA launched a new Potential Conflict Roundtable Series to bring government attention to countries at significant risk of deadly conflict over the next two to five years and to develop recommendations for responding to these emerging trouble spots.

The CPA continued to convene its Preventive Action Commission on Angola, which is addressing the challenges Angola faces in its post-conflict transition, and to engage policymakers, the media, and other communities on *In the Wake of War: Improving U.S. Post-Conflict Capabilities*, the report of the Council-sponsored Independent Task Force chaired by Samuel R. Berger and Brent Scowcroft.



Eduardo A. Gamarra of Florida International University with Council Senior Fellow Julia E. Sweig at a Bolivia CSR advisory group meeting.



Director of the Council's Center for Preventive Action William L. Nash