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“Never allow a racial or ethnic slur to go unchallenged” is a statement embedded in my memory. I can no longer remember the source, but I heard it in 1994 in Geneva, at the height of the Balkan wars and way before CGA was established. It was the first of many subsequent trips to the UN in Geneva, one of our most successful initiatives in non-degree education. The program unfolded without a snag until just prior to departure when one of the participants had his briefcase stolen at the Geneva airport. Within minutes the Swiss police had fanned out. One of them approached me and apologized for what had occurred. He said (in French), “Madame, this happened because of the Bosnian refugees in our midst.” I replied (also in French), “Monsieur these things also happen in New York where we have no Bosnian refugees.” Did he understand? Probably not. Did it make me feel better? Yes. Was it a small gesture on my part? Of course… but it brings up the larger question of what each of us can and should do, and of role models who challenge us to keep going.

Today, we are all asking what it is we can do to uphold human rights, combat injustice, lessen poverty and inequality, and increase sustainability. Opportunities abound given the scale of violations: road blocks and border fences (between European countries and along the Mexican-US border), ethnic expulsions (the Rohingya from Myanmar, Africans from Australia, undocumented people from the US), and that is just a sample.

Those of you who know me are aware that I am passionate about what we try to accomplish at CGA. And you also know that some of that comes from my personal history. There should be no room for separating families, for unjustified expulsions, or for hate. By the same token, ethnic cleansing and genocide should have no role to play in relations among civilized countries. Recent events have proven otherwise.

The outgoing UN Human Rights Commissioner Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein is one champion of human rights. Zeid, an honorary member of CGA’s Advisory Board, was elected to the UN position four years ago, following an illustrious diplomatic career. During these years he has spoken out courageously against the most gross human rights violations, earning the ire of violating individuals and countries. We need more Zeid Ra’ads in our midst. We—and by that I mean students, alumni, faculty, friends, and members of our extended community—have invested in education, research, writing, discussion, and respect for each other’s views in and outside the classroom. Understanding causality rooted in history should make us understand some of the tragic happenings of our day, but should not lead to tolerance of their outcomes.

It is my hope that our community will challenge violations and violators of basic human rights as encompassed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with the knowledge, thoughtful analysis, and factual information that our CGA programs offer.

With all good wishes to all of you at the start of what I believe will be another productive year developing the next generation of global leaders.

Vera Jelinek
Divisional Dean
NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs
NEW GLOBAL FIELD INTENSIVE TO TAIWAN EXAMINES CROSS-STRAIT RELATIONS

In June, nine MSGA students accompanied Adjunct Instructor Earl Carr on CGA’s first Global Field Intensive (GFI) to Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, and Kaohsiung to examine Taiwan’s history, economy and culture through the lens of the cross-strait relationship with mainland China. The program offered an opportunity to speak with foreign policy experts, business leaders, and academics in Taipei about Taiwan’s economic development and its transition into a multi-party democracy.

Highlights of the program included meetings with former President Ma Ying-jeou, who discussed his political career and impressions of current US foreign policy, and with New Taipei City Mayor Eric Chu, who briefed students on how the city has integrated with an international marketplace, with many students going abroad for their degrees and forming global connections for their professional careers. Students also met with Ambassador Frederic Chien, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Su Chi former Secretary General of The National Security Council, who both provided students with information and materials to aid them on their final research reports and enable them to develop a more nuanced perspective on cross-strait relations. A visit to Parliament and a meeting with Legislator Dr. Johnny Chiang followed by a short film highlighting the development of Taiwan’s legal institutions enhanced students understanding of the rule of law.

Students had a lively discussion with Margaret Lewis and Yu-Jie Chen about civil society, and political dissent in Taiwan, as well as how the government has addressed human rights violations that took place under the period of martial law. A meeting with US officials in the American Institute in Taiwan offered insights into US economic partnerships in Taiwan.

The group also left Taipei for a trip into the countryside to see Tainan, and Kaohsiung in the south of the island. Brian Aiello, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kaohsiung, discussed Taiwan’s energy infrastructure, use of nuclear power, water access, and how the island’s climate affects debates over energy and natural resource security. At the conclusion of the Taiwan GFI, one student said, “I am still in awe at the line up of speakers for this class.”

In addition to a full schedule of meetings, students found time to enjoy the famous night markets of Taiwan, visit historic monuments, and see The Sun-Moon Lake in the foothills of Taiwan’s central mountains.
PEACE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT CGA

This year, CGA launched the Peace Research and Education Program (PREP) as a home for NYUSPS’s field-based peace research and action. PREP’s mission is to facilitate innovation and deeper learning at the intersection of peacebuilding and higher education through its ongoing projects in Iraq, Colombia, Kuwait and beyond.

Led by Clinical Associate Professor Thomas Hill and a team of researchers based in Iraq and New York, and developed from an earlier Initiative for Peacebuilding through Education at CGA, PREP is a space for collaboration between faculty members, students, and researchers from NYU and affiliated universities, as well as representatives of international organizations.

PREP’s early work has been concentrated in the Middle East, primarily Iraq. Programs have included a long-term collaboration with the University of Dohuk to build the university’s capacity for peace education, and a newer effort to support the University of Mosul as it seeks to begin a program in peace and conflict studies. In addition to skills and knowledge development for faculty of these universities, PREP has worked with displaced and host community youth to address tensions in communities surrounding Duhok that have been heavily affected by the population displacement crisis that has resulted from the Syrian Civil War and the emergence of Da’esh (ISIS) in Iraq. This project, supported by the United Nations Development Programme, aims to enlarge and deepen the community of peacebuilding scholars and practitioners in Duhok and Ninea Governorate in Iraq.

Since 2017, PREP has also implemented two 120-hour blended-learning certificate programs, jointly with the University of Duhok, for two groups of 20 Syrian refugees in the Domiz Camp. The second certificate program took place with support from the Catalyst Foundation for Universal Education. PREP’s oversight of the project included quality control and support for the UoD instructors. PREP and UoD conducted a jobs fair for the program’s certificate-holders on January 18, 2018 that brought them together with 11 potential NGO employers.

PREP’s projects recently have extended beyond the Middle East with its agreement to begin a five-year, multi-phased project with the Escuela Superior de Administración Pública (ESAP), Colombia’s public administration school based in Bogotá with campuses throughout the country. In efforts to support Colombia’s implementation of the 2016 peace agreement signed by the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), NYU and ESAP will exchange knowledge and expertise in peacebuilding, conduct joint research, and carry out jointly developed peace education projects.

These activities have been supported by MSGA alumna Audrey Watne (’14), who is based in Dohuk as a monitoring and evaluation specialist and research scientist for PREP. Katerina Siira (’17), also an alumna of the MSGA program, joined PREP in February as a project director and research scientist based in CGA’s New York office.

In addition to applied research in the field, PREP links its field research with CGA’s academic community. In particular, PREP affiliates offer opportunities for students in the MS in Global Affairs to gain practical peacebuilding experience through the Workshop in Applied Peacebuilding each spring and summer.
Alexandra Rogan is an alumna of the MSGA (2010) and a member of CGA’s Advisory Board. She is Managing Director at Teneo Intelligence. She spoke with Preview to explain how political risk has grown as a field, and how rapid global developments intersect with private sector risk analysis.

**PREVIEW:** What does political risk mean to you? How did you first come across the field, and what do you do now?

**ROGAN:** In the simplest of terms, it’s how politics or policies affect a business or the financial markets. But really, it can be much broader than that—the range of influences on the external environment in which a company operates, from political players to social issues—what are the issues constituents are pressuring policymakers to act upon? How could that change the legislative or regulatory environment for a company, or create a reputational risk or opportunity... There are many politically or socially driven pathways which will have an effect on a business or asset.

I actually first came across political risk as a specialist field as a graduate student at CGA but I was aware of the concept for much longer. Before coming to NYU, I worked at JPMorgan in Emerging Market Equity Research and was aware of the different dynamics and considerations to take into account for companies in EMs. I always thought of politics as something essential to international business but didn’t realize it was something you could specialize in as a career until a fellow student told me about it at CGA, and that interest led me to Eurasia Group.

Five years ago, I had the opportunity to move to Teneo to help set up their political risk division, Teneo Intelligence. I lead our work with multinational corporations. Because we’re part of a larger consultancy, a big part of my role is to integrate political risk advisory into other services, such as a communications strategy, crisis management, the divestment of an asset, etcetera.

**PREVIEW:** Why have political risk advisory services become so necessary in the private sector? Do you think the field will continue to grow?

**ROGAN:** The global financial crisis in 2007-09 and the Eurozone crisis were inflection points for the understanding of political risks in many developed markets. We started to see government intervention in the economy at an unprecedented scale. In Europe, it became clear that politics was driving decision-making, not economics, and risks in one market quickly become transnational.

But other factors have also driven greater political involvement in the private sector. Innovation and technology are changing traditional business operations and models, and governments are still catching up to understand the implications—ranging from education and employment to tax revenues and concepts of sovereignty and security. The increasing speed with which we communicate and connect across the entire world has been a challenge for decades now. Voices can be unified and amplified, narratives shaped, and movements made global. That can have significant impact both directly on businesses as well as on politics and policymaking—whether it’s prompting swift action or creating partisan brinkmanship and polarization. And of course, demographic changes are reshaping what governments can and cannot provide for its citizens.

I don’t think the field of political risk is going away any time soon. I think it’s more a matter of how political risk firms are going to adapt to meet the needs of businesses, and how businesses themselves are going to incorporate political risk into their strategy.

**PREVIEW:** Do you find some elements of global politics to be essentially unpredictable? Or have global politics become more difficult to analyze?

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ROGAN: People are difficult to predict, and with more noise, data, opinions and voices out there, I do think everyone is finding that mass decisions—including referenda and elections—have become more difficult to predict. Traditional polling is appearing to be less effective in many cases, and the efficacy of a campaign—political, NGO or business-led—is less predictable. But institutions change more slowly, so the procedures for policymaking and the constraints on political power remain very relevant.

We don’t make predictions, but we will forecast the likelihood of outcomes based on an analytical framework: a clear set of assumptions, an understanding of the motivations of the players involved, identifying signposts and scenarios which might confirm the direction of an outcome or change the trajectory towards a different outcome, etcetera.

PREVIEW: What global issue do you consider now poses the most inherent risk—or have you found to most affect your clients?

ROGAN: The uncertainties around global trade and the evolution of protectionism are certainly among the most pressing business concerns right now. Longer term, companies are under pressure to articulate what technology will mean for their workforce, and how to address the talent gap and potential fall in employment which are feared as a result of automation and the digitization of industry. Also, the environmental impact of businesses and consumers—from energy consumption to recycling and waste management—is becoming a political and regulatory challenge for many companies, while also opening new focus (and funding) for innovation.

But I think the most inherent risk facing business long-term, and which is a major factor in all of these present challenges, is demography and governments’ ability to provide for or respond to changing populations. The implications of evolving demographics are being felt through every aspect of business and government from workforce, consumer patterns, the fiscal outlook of a country, inequality, urbanization, basic welfare services, technology, security and so many ways we’ve yet to realize.

PREVIEW: How would you advise current CGA students who are interested in political risk analysis?

ROGAN: The business opportunity lies in connecting the dots between politics and business impact. It’s not enough to be really interested in politics, geopolitics or global trends – you have to connect how a political decision will materially impact a business’s operations and bottom line. You have to build an understanding of business as well.

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INTERNATIONAL CAREERS WITH NGO's AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
Thursday, October 4, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Moderated by Brad Heckman, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor of Global Affairs, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS
Monday, October 15, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Moderated by Christopher Ankersen, Clinical Associate Professor, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND US GOVERNMENT
Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Moderated by Judith Siegel, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Information Programs, US Department of State

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR
Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.
Moderated by Steve Godeke, Principal, Godeke Consulting

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE FIELD: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN MAKING, BUILDING, AND SUSTAINING PEACE

CO-SPONSORED BY THE NYUSPS PEACE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) AND THE PEACE AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION CLUB

Friday, September 21, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

A panel of MSGA students who have recently completed summer graduate student consultancies through the Workshop in Applied Peacebuilding will address the importance of Sustaining Peace from the perspective of youth—both young practitioners and young stakeholders. Following their discussion, join a panel of senior practitioners for a critical discussion about how youth-focused peacebuilding is becoming recognized as an increasingly crucial element of programs and processes that seek to contribute to the construction of peaceful societies globally.

Moderator: Thomas Hill, Clinical Associate Professor, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs; Director, NYUSPS Peace Research and Education Program (PREP)

BEIJING, 25 YEARS ON: UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

CO-SPONSORED BY OXFAM'S JOURNAL, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Monday, September 24, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

In just over a year it will be a quarter century since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action at the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women. The Platform for Action was widely welcomed by feminists for the progressive global agreements embedded in its twelve action areas. Yet the Platform merits further development—it did not, for instance, develop an analysis of globalized capitalism and did not address structural changes in the economic domain to reduce gender, race, and other inequalities. It pre-dated social media, online violence, and the #MeToo process. Forged at the height of the optimistic post-Cold War moment, it did not imagine the democratic reversals of recent years that have included attacks on women’s rights by religious extremists as well as nationalist populist governments.

While the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals have a powerful goal on gender equality and women’s empowerment, there is still much to be done for gender equality beyond the SDGs. This panel discussion marks the 25th anniversary of Oxfam’s Journal of Gender and Development, which has followed normative and operational advances on women’s empowerment in developing countries since before the Beijing Conference. It will begin a process of reflection in advance of the Beijing anniversary to outline some of the unfinished and new business in the global women’s rights agenda.

Moderator: Anne Marie Goetz, Clinical Professor, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs

SMALL WARS, BIG DATA: THE INFORMATION REVOLUTION IN MODERN CONFLICT

Thursday, October 11, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

The way wars are fought has changed starkly over the past sixty years. International military campaigns used to play out between large armies at central fronts. Today’s conflicts find major powers facing rebel insurgencies that deploy elusive methods, from improvised explosives to terrorist attacks. Modern warfare is not about struggles over territory but over
people; civilians—and the information they might choose to provide—can turn the tide at critical junctures. *Small Wars, Big Data* examines this shift, drawing practical lessons from the past two decades of conflict in locations ranging from Latin America and the Middle East to Central and Southeast Asia. Building an information-centric understanding of insurgencies, the authors examine the relationships between rebels, the government, and civilians. Ultimately the authors show how the stronger side can almost always win the villages, but why that does not guarantee winning the war.

Join CGA faculty Mary Beth Altier and Michael Oppenheimer for a discussion with Jacob Shapiro, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, co-director of the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, and co-author of *Small Wars, Big Data*, which presents a transformative understanding of these contemporary confrontations and how they should be fought.

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**LEGAL OUTCASTS: DEPRIVATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND ITS GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES**

**CO-SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS (SAGA)**

**Thursday, October 18, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.**

Every person has a human right to nationality; yet over 10 million people worldwide are “stateless” meaning no State considers them citizens. Stateless people have difficulty accessing basic services, such as medical care, education, or bank accounts. In some cases, governments create discriminatory policies that target specific groups’ nationality on a mass-scale due to their ethnicity, religion, gender, or other factors. The Rohingya in Myanmar, people of Haitian descent in the Dominican Republic, and most recently four million Muslim residents of the Indian state of Assam have all have been rendered stateless due to mass deprivation of citizenship by their governments. Mass deprivation of citizenship by a government can leave entire communities vulnerable to the loss of property, exploitation, and even mass killing or genocide.

How can we understand these cases of reclassifying residents as non-citizens, and what do they signal about the intents or directions of governments that are taking these actions? Where might this happen next? Join us for a panel discussion on what can be done about mass deprivation of citizenship. Legal experts, activists, and diplomats also will discuss where we can expect the next debates over citizenship worldwide.

Moderator: Laura Bingham, Senior Managing Legal Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative

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**GLOBAL LEADERS: CONVERSATIONS WITH ALON BEN-MEIR**

**TURKISH POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Thursday, October 25, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.**

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan rose to power as Prime Minister of Turkey in 2003 with an ambitious agenda of significant social, political, and economic reforms. Over the last several years, as president of Turkey, he has changed direction and assumed increasing power to the point where today, Turkey is a de facto dictatorship. This panel examines the evolution of Turkish politics and international relations under President Erdoğan and analyses the nation’s evolving relationship with the West as well as future directions in its leadership.

Moderated by: Alon Ben-Meir, Adjunct Professor, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs; Middle East expert and syndicated columnist
#FAKENEWS AND THE NEXT INFORMATION SECURITY CRISIS

Monday, October 29, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Information security is based upon three pillars: confidentiality, availability, and integrity of information. To date, the information security community has focused myopically on the first two, and big breaches of both confidentiality (Equifax) and availability (the Dyn DDOS) come readily to mind. But amidst that focus, the community missed what some may call the real “cyber 9/11,” the large-scale, coordinated disinformation campaigns executed around the 2016 election cycle that continue to this day. We now recognize the so-called #FakeNews problem as the next big crisis in cybersecurity. Join CGA to discuss narrative warfare with panelists who will enumerate the tactics, techniques, and motivations of various threat actors; identify intelligence that can help us predict where the threat will come from next; and discuss interventions with a pragmatic eye toward alleviating the crisis before it’s too late.

Moderator: Danny Rogers, Co-Founder and CTO, The Global Disinformation Index

CGA CONFERENCE ON ARMED FORCES, THE STATE, AND SOCIETY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: IDENTITY, AUTHORITY, AND LEGITIMACY

Friday, November 2, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

What is the relationship between the military and political authority? Civil-military relations theory proceeds from a central normative premise: the military must not be involved in politics. Samuel Huntington, for instance, claims that militaries should be content with having autonomy over their professional affairs in exchange for non-interference in the political realm—a system that legitimizes both bodies. In Southeast Asia today, there exists a range of civil-military relations along a spectrum. Some countries (such as Singapore, Malaysia, and the Philippines) operate, at least nominally, under a system in which civilian political leadership is firmly and clearly in control. In others, the military operates explicitly (Vietnam and Lao PDR) or implicitly (Cambodia) as a tool of the ruling political party. Indonesia is a former military dictatorship that has reformed its armed forces; Myanmar, operates what might be called a transitional model. Thailand today remains under military rule, with the possibility of extended military oversight of the political system for some time to come.

This conference explores how these two perspectives (the theoretical and the actual) combine in Southeast Asia today and how issues of legitimacy are managed, conferred, and maintained across the region.

Moderator: Christopher Ankersen, Clinical Associate Professor, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs

ONE BELT, ONE ROAD: EXAMINING CHINA’S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND FOREIGN POLICY

Thursday, November 8, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

The Belt and Road Initiative was announced by Chinese President Xi in 2013, ushering in a new phase of Chinese engagement regionally and globally. With broad goals to enhance China’s trade relationships through Central Asia and into Europe, as well as East Asia, Oceana, and Africa along maritime routes, the Initiative has the capacity to make China the most significant global power in the 21st century. What will this mean for China’s neighbors, trading partners, and other
global superpowers? What could be the long-term economic impacts of Chinese infrastructure development in African and Asian countries—and these countries’ role as consumers of Chinese exports? And as China increases the development of large scale physical infrastructure across Asia and into the Arctic, what new security threats might countries such as the US, India, Japan, and Australia face as a result? Join CGA for an examination of the shifting landscapes of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Moderator: Carolyn Kissane, Clinical Associate Professor and Academic Director, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs

“AMERICA FIRST” AND THE FUTURE OF THE LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL ORDER

Wednesday November 14, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Two years ago, President Donald Trump was elected on a nationalist “America First” platform, centered on economic protectionism, reduced immigration, deregulation, and the rollback of civil rights protections. Internationally, this platform, faintly reminiscent of the anti-interventionist America First Committee of the early 1940s, has translated into an aggressive break with the internationalist—and interventionist—foreign policy of his predecessors, a rejection of multilateralism, the weakening of the transatlantic alliance and NATO’s collective security system, a hardline Iran containment policy in the Middle East, and the alienation of European allies. Is this the death knell for the liberal international order, created by the United States in its own image after the devastation of two world wars? What is the end goal of President Trump’s foreign policy, his vision for a new global order, and the role of the United States? What opportunities emerge for European countries, Canada, or China to take the global lead in the promotion of open societies, collective security, free trade and alternative energy resources? Join a panel of international foreign policy experts for a conversation on the contours and impact of President Trump’s foreign policy and the future of a new liberal international order.

Moderator: Sylvia Maier, Clinical Associate Professor, NYUSPS Center for Global Affairs

FUELING OUR FUTURE: THE COST OF AMERICAN ENERGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Tuesday, November 27, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
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When the fracking boom comes to her hometown of Amity, Pennsylvania, Stacey Haney is intrigued by reports of lucrative natural gas leases and strikes a deal with a Texas-based energy company. Soon trucks begin rumbling past her small farm and a fenced-off drill site rises on an adjacent hilltop. Then domestic animals and pets start to die, and her own children become sick. When she appeals to the company for help, its representatives insist that nothing is wrong. Against local opposition, Haney and her allies doggedly pursue their case in court, and a community that has long been suspicious of outsiders faces wrenching new questions about who is responsible for their fate, and for redressing it: The corporations that are poisoning the land? The environmentalists who fail to see their economic distress? A federal government that is mandated to protect but fails on the job?
What does the resource curse mean in a domestic context? How do US communities experience energy development on the ground? In *Amity and Prosperity*, Eliza Griswold tells the story of the energy boom’s impact on a small town at the edge of Appalachia through one woman’s transformation from a struggling single parent to an unlikely activist.

Join Eliza Griswold in conversation with Dan Fagin, Professor of Journalism and Director of the Science, Health, and Environment Reporting Program at the NYU Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute.

**CONFLICT, SECURITY, AND DEVELOPMENT: ISSUES, ACTORS, AND APPROACHES**

*Tuesdays, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., September 11 - October 9*

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Alumni of CGA’s Masters in Global Affairs find themselves responding to rapid changes in politics, economics, and society in their careers. Below, a few MSGA alumni share some observations on their current professional focus and how their work is changing in response to various shifts in global affairs.

**THE AFTERMATH OF ISIS**

Colin Clarke ’07

My current job is senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation. I’m also a lecturer at Carnegie Mellon University, and a research associate at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism–The Hague (ICCT), a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), and a fellow at the Program on Extremism at the George Washington University.

The global affairs story that has had the biggest impact in my field is the ongoing campaign to counter the Islamic State. I’d say that the major change in the campaign against ISIS is that it has gone from one of killing and capturing its fighters to a post-conflict setting, where the US (and its allies) now need to figure out what to do with the remaining fighters from a legal perspective. Should foreign fighters be returned to their countries of origin? If so, are they rehabilitated and reintegrated, or imprisoned? Tough questions ahead. I’ve been invited to testify on the topic in front of Congress, while also giving research briefings to the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF) in Brussels, the Department of State and the Counter ISIS Financing Group (CIFG), which is part of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

I envision many challenges in the upcoming year as I finish my manuscript for Polity Press titled “After the Caliphate,” in which I attempt to discuss and analyze the aftermath of the demise of the Islamic State and what happens next with ISIS.

**EQUAL NATIONALITY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN**

Catherine Harrington ’08

I am Campaign Manager for the Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, a coalition of national and international NGOs, independent activists, and UN partners working for the reform of nationality laws that discriminate on the basis of gender. Our main areas of work consist of advocacy at the international and national levels, and the development of advocacy tools and resources.

Though not a new news story, the ongoing Syrian crisis continues to drive attention to the rights and protection concerns of displaced populations, including the risk of statelessness. The refugee crisis has heightened attention to the linkages between displacement, gender discrimination in the region’s nationality laws, and statelessness.

This context, combined with multilevel efforts to advance gender equality, helped to facilitate the first ever Arab League conference on women’s nationality rights, cosponsored by the Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, UN Women, UNHCR, and UNICEF. This convening ultimately resulted in the Arab Declaration on Belonging and Identity—a regional declaration calling for the reform of nationality laws to allow women and men equal ability to confer nationality on children and spouses across the Member States of the Arab League. Now the challenge is to make sure that this historic Declaration isn’t just words, but is reflected in actions taken by governments in the region to uphold equal nationality for their citizens, regardless of gender.

At the same time, the increase in genocidal violence perpetrated against the Rohingya, and the significant displacement of that population over the past year have increased international...
attention to the plight of stateless persons. This has provided entry point for advocacy to end
gender discrimination in nationality laws, a leading cause statelessness globally.

The Sustainable Development Goals provide another entry point for advocacy in the coming year,
as at least nine of the seventeen SDGs are inhibited by gender discrimination in nationality laws. 
Countries' stability and prosperity require gender equality and inclusion, both goals that cannot
be achieved in the absence of gender-equal nationality rights.

BRACING FOR HURRICANE SEASON
Chloe Demrovsky '13

I am the President and CEO of Disaster Recovery Institute International, a global nonprofit
training institute for resilience, business continuity and risk management.

The 2017 hurricane season won’t soon be forgotten—with 16 named storms, including
major hurricanes like Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Nate. As if that wasn’t enough, two enormous
earthquakes shook Mexico City and a storm called Ophelia even reached Ireland, which rarely
faces these kinds of threats. Although it’s too soon to accurately assess the impacts of these
events, it’s certain that supply chain networks and resources will be strained for years to come,
the economic consequences will be dire, and the recovery phase extensive. Although there are a
range of estimates, the cost of these disasters will be in the hundreds of billions, much of that for
uninsured losses.

As part of our outreach efforts, DRI is a member of Caribbean-Central American Action (CCAA)
and I was honored to present as a part of its 2018 Disaster Management Workshop Series. The
series is co-hosted by CCAA and Tropical Shipping alongside collaborating partners from the
Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism
Association (CHTA), and in collaboration with the national disaster management organizations,
as well as with community-based private sector organizations, in each destination. This year’s
theme is “Building a Culture of Preparedness–When Seconds Count”.

My presentation was entitled “Community and Business–Threats & Response Mechanisms”. I
discussed what makes a system resilient and how both public and private organizations can
apply them to minimize disruption and most importantly, to care for their people.

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We are still recovering from the 2017 hurricane season and yet the 2018 season is upon us. In places like Puerto Rico, the response and recovery has been completely unacceptable and we are woefully underprepared to handle any coming challenges. We often say that storms are inevitable, but disasters are man-made. That’s why what we do at DRI is so important. Our mission is to increase preparedness and find better approaches for protecting people, property, and communities. I am more motivated than ever to recommit myself to this important work.

**ASIA-PACIFIC SECURITY ISSUES**

Rorry Daniels ’11

I am the Deputy Project Director for the Forum on Asia-Pacific Security at the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, where I run several Track II conferences per year on Asia-Pacific security issues such as cross-Taiwan Strait relations, US-China relations, and the North Korean nuclear issue. There have been two major stories in the past year that have had a massive impact in my field—first, the newly restarted diplomatic process with North Korea aimed at both denuclearization and ending the Korean War; and second, the US-China trade disputes and consecutive tariffs.

Both stories have increased the need to do additional research and news tracking as developments have shifted the policy conversation so many times over the last six months. Both stories have also increased our activities and shifted the focus of our work. We receive delegations of visiting scholars and officials on an ad-hoc basis, and the number of visitors has spiked this year as our Asian interlocutors attempt to analyze American foreign policy in the Trump era. We are also fielding more press requests for interviews and background information.

It is near impossible to predict with any accuracy what pitfalls or breakthroughs are likely on either issue in the coming year, and yet much of our time and resources are spent on doing exactly that at the expense of thinking about the broader security landscape in East Asia. So, I think bringing attention to less sexy but still very urgent issues such as cross-Taiwan Strait relations is both a challenge and an opportunity. It’s a challenge because it is difficult to find funding and a wide audience to support this work when other issues seem more pressing, but it is also such an important issue in that it can shift the atmosphere for US-China relations in either a better or worse direction. Similarly, contextualizing and better understanding how China’s rise will manifest in policy projects and choices, such as the Belt and Road Initiative, will be critical to shaping an effective US global foreign policy orientation in an era of increased great power competition.

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF TAIWAN**

Hsin-Hui Hsu ’17

I’m a research associate at the National Security Council of Taiwan, where we focus on a variety of global affairs issues, in particular the Asia Pacific (or the trendy term, the Indo-Pacific). If I have to choose, I would say our biggest impact stories have been the Trump-Kim summit, US trade war with China, the signing of CPTPP, and China’s pressure campaign against Taiwan. We pay close attention to how these issues have impact on Taiwan. For instance, the U.S. trade war with China could have spillover effects on Taiwanese corporations. Particularly, China's intensifying pressure campaign against Taiwan has eroded Taiwan's international space. I believe it has caused greater stress for many people's daily work, and even for bureaucrats on the other side of the Taiwan Strait.

One current concern here is that China might target the upcoming local elections and the 2020 presidential election in Taiwan, considering that it consistently seeks to exploit or interfere with Taiwan’s elections. On the other hand, drawing from those attempts, Taiwan also gained first-hand experience in dealing with China’s meddling and intimidation. When facing the emerging trend of authoritarian intervention in the global context, Taiwan actually has much to contribute

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to the discussion about how to protect democratic systems. In the foreseeable future, Taiwan will continue strengthening relationships with regional partners and like-minded countries and seeking opportunities for greater economic integration and cooperation in all aspects.

**ENERGY PRICING IN MEXICO**

*Marcela Roque Ramirez '17*

As Head of Pricing at CFE Calificados, leading electricity supplier for large users in Mexico (89 percent market share), my day to day involves making customized commercial offers to potential clients. Decreasing costs of renewables around the world and low cost natural gas coming from the US enable the construction of new and more efficient power plants in Mexico. Low marginal cost of renewables and efficient CCGT power plants, will contribute to lower Local Marginal Prices (LMPs).

The developments with the biggest impact in my field have included electricity auctions price reductions in Mexico, Chile and India. We are seeing solar PV prices around $30/MWh. This has a direct impact in technology deployment, and as the marginal cost of renewables is zero, we’re expecting LMPs to come down in the next year, making commercial offers, such as the ones I oversee, more competitive.

We also have seen increased natural gas demand in January 2018 due to low temperatures in the US, and higher natural gas prices. Natural gas prices have a direct impact on electricity prices, as natural gas accounts for around 55 percent of Mexico’s power mix. High natural gas prices make commercial offers less competitive, and therefore more difficult to sell. In addition, higher gas prices make fuel oil and other fossil fuels more competitive.

More and more clients are asking for renewable energy, and this poses a challenge because the commercial offers have to integrate two types of generation (CCGT & Solar or Wind).

**EBOLA RECOVERY IN WEST AFRICA**

*Mariama Cire Keita '12*

I work for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) leading the strategic communication, outreach and partnership efforts for USAID Africa Bureau Ebola recovery-funded programs in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. The US government provided more than 2.3 billion dollars in humanitarian assistance to support the Ebola emergency response, designed to address the secondary impacts of the outbreak and recovery efforts from 2014-2017. For the past three years, I have spent 70 percent of my time based in US Embassies throughout West Africa to increase awareness of USAID’s impact in cross-cutting priority sectors—Global Health, Food Security, Governance, and Innovation.

On a quarterly basis in Sierra Leone and Guinea, I visit USAID project activities with technical team leads that include health facilities in rural areas and aquaculture productivity of rice-and fish farming systems for improved nutrition. In addition, I assess how our non-Ebola USAID democracy and governance program—Women Empowerment Leadership Development (WELD)—positively impacted women in Ebola-affected areas. I also organize high-level public engagement forums that define how USAID is transforming lives, communities and economies in sub-Saharan Africa.

As over 90 percent of USAID dedicated assistance in the three Ebola-affected countries lies in the health sector, President Trump’s deep cuts to the international affairs budget has had the biggest impact in my field. The Trump administration zeroed out funding for family planning and reproductive health in FY 2018 as well as eliminated the Food for Peace (FFP) program dedicated
to restoring food production and consumption in West Africa to pre-Ebola levels through the distribution of food aid. Key results of FFP included the expansion of traders’ businesses, and increased school enrollment and attendance because parents now have money to pay fees and provide lunch for their kids.

As we move further away from the dark years of the Ebola crisis in the three most affected countries in West Africa, the most recent news story of an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, affirms the need for continued investment in the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)—growing global partnership to help build countries’ capacities to help create a world safe and secure from infectious and zoonotic disease threats.

Despite progress USAID Ebola recovery investments have made over the last two years, activities will end by 2019. USAID’s aid model is approaching the private sector as an essential partner to address development challenges. This has affected my work tremendously as I am observing how each country has different political, local and social constructs that are at different stages of Ebola preparedness. The question remains: if an outbreak where to happen again, will these three countries be able to survive on their own? Sustainable development is a process, and aid interventions require an extended period to rebuild previously weak institutions and systems, but for now it is clear our partners are not ready for our development assistance to end.

GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS
Amelia Mae Wolf ’15

I am an All-Source Intelligence Analyst at Radiant Solutions, a Maxar Technologies company that performs data collection and enrichment and geospatial analysis to reveal unique insights. I focus on geopolitical and national security issues all over the world depending on the needs of our clients. My position allows me to combine my desire to constantly learn with my passion for visuals and data, and I absolutely love it!

Throughout the past year, there have been numerous natural disasters—including hurricanes in the Dominican Republic and United States, floods in Bangladesh and Japan, and wildfires in California—with response efforts that included vital satellite imagery and crisis mapping to better enable response efforts. I think these events have drawn public attention not just to the utility of geospatial technologies for preparing for and responding to natural disasters, but also to the endless possible uses for satellite imagery and remote sensing. Many leading geospatial companies have identified the role their technologies can play in humanitarian efforts and created divisions to partner with NGOs and other humanitarian actors. I expect this cross-industry collaboration to expand as NGOs become better versed in geospatial technologies and more geospatial companies seek to play a role in making the world a better place.

Responding to natural disasters sometimes requires fast-paced innovation to identify the best way to apply geospatial technologies, make them useful to first responders as soon as possible, and even develop new tools to deal with a crisis at hand. This innovation has inspired me to think outside

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the box about how geopolitical challenges, not typically viewed through a spatial lens, could be analyzed spatially. The United States has many national security challenges—such as information warfare, illicit uses of cryptocurrencies, and the rise of populism—that are hard to spatially define. As big data analytics and machine learning algorithms continue to improve, we will be able to use geospatial technologies to help address challenges that are historically not defined through a spatial lens.

ADDRESSING THE GENDERED IMPACTS OF ISIS IN ERLIL, IRAQ

Dalia Amin '15

I am Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Adviser for Save the Children International, based in Erbil, Iraq.

From 2014 to 2017 ISIS caused several massive waves of displacement, with a total of 5.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs). The offensive against ISIS came to a formal close, but the security environment remains challenging to navigate as the consequences of this protracted crisis continue to threaten the physical safety and psychological well-being of children and families.

All civilians in the conflict-affected areas within Iraq are at great risk of violence, but women and children are at particular risk due to forced displacement, family separation, lack of basic structural and social protections, and limited availability and safe access to services. Large numbers of children born under ISIS control are without birth certificates, putting both children and mothers in situations of discrimination, violence, and lack of access to services. Limited economic opportunities, overcrowding in camps, and movement restrictions force women and children to resort to negative coping strategies such as survival sex, child marriage, and child labour.

As communities reform, children and families who have real or perceived affiliation with ISIS are excluded and may also be subjected to collective punishment. Children born in these families, or to women who have been raped or forcibly married to ISIS fighters (some of whom are children themselves), are at particular risk of rejection and discrimination. Unaccompanied and separated children from known ISIS families are rejected by relatives. The cumulative impact of loss of family member and family separation on top of the personal trauma experienced is severe.

As a GESI adviser my role was impacted by the changing dynamics—especially noting the increase of harmful traditional practices and noting how the political and economic situation on the ground further restricted the freedom and rights of children, women, and ethnic and religious minorities. I ensure that Save the Children represents the most vulnerable group’s voice in strategy development and advocacy and that our services, opportunities and resources offered are accessible to such groups.

I have been focused on the development of a GESI strategy action plan for SCI Iraq to ensure that we can be accountable in providing gender sensitive programming and operations to appropriately serve girls, boys, women, and men. The government and donors recognize the potential in Iraq, and as the humanitarian scene moves towards development, many organizations are beginning to implement more long-term phased programming, considering the importance of gender sensitive programming. Within SCI this presents an opportunity to work with our partners and fellow INGO colleagues to continue to advocate for social inclusion and equality while building the knowledge base of Iraqi citizens on the rights and responsibilities.
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