

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Central and South Asia and the Middle East
- Intelligence Analysis/Geopolitics
- Foreign Policy/National Security
- Comparative Political Systems
- Democratization
- Civil-Military Relations
- Geosectarianism
- Counterterrorism/Deradicalization/Countering Violent Extremism
- Islamist/Muslim Moderation
- Islamism/Jihadism

EDUCATION

- **PhD**, *Politics & International Relations*, University of Westminster, London, UK, March 2017

- **Master's**, *International Affairs & Administration*, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, Dec 2002

- **BSc**, *Political Science*, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, May 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy

Senior Director, Eurasian Security & Prosperity

(January 2023 – present)

Developing this new content generating division with an immediate focus on 4 critical issue areas: Russia's southern flank, Rethinking China Strategy, India as an Emerging Power, Evolutionary Regime Change in Iran, and Turkey & the Black Sea Basin, with the objective to produce high-impact cutting-edge analyses, forecasts, and policy recommendations for U.S. policy and decisionmakers and allied and partner nations.

Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy (formerly Center for Global Policy)

[formerly Director, Analytical Development]

(February 2019 - December 2022)

Providing intellectual leadership to this new innovative think tank in Washington, DC. Designed and operationalized the company structures, processes. Developed its institutional analytical methodology, the various product lines. Overseeing the production of content, ensured quality control, and training of its programmatic staff.

U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute, School of Professional & Area Studies

Course Coordinator, Central Asia Studies

(March 2019 – March 2020)

Designed and implemented the Sub-Regional Course on Central Asia for foreign service officers posted to the region. Was part of a 4-member team that conceived of and implemented the entry-level mandatory course ‘Thinking Globally’. Taught Governance and Civil Society modules (two of eight) of the course. Lectured on Countering Violent Extremism in the Pakistan Familiarization and Religion and Foreign Policy courses.

Center for Global Policy

Founder & Director of Strategy & Programs

(May 2016 – January 2019)

Played a critical role in the building and development of this start-up think tank in Washington, DC focusing on issues at the intersection of U.S. foreign policy and the geopolitics of Arab/Muslim states & societies. In this capacity, I designed the group’s flagship analytical product called ‘The Navigator’ and oversaw content production. Conducted monthly interviews with SMEs for its podcast series. Spearheaded the production of its videos and the organizing of events.

Washington College

Adjunct Professor

(August 2017 – June 2018)

Taught two upper-division undergraduate courses Introduction to Global Politics and American Foreign Policy. Designed these courses such that they go beyond the usual academic theoretical treatment topics and offer students a practical understanding from the practitioner’s perspective. Introduced students to geopolitics and intelligence analysis as tools of understanding international affairs. A good chunk of the courses focused on enhancing writing skills of the students.

Geopolitical Futures

Senior Analyst

(October 2015 – February 2018)

Helped build this new start-up private sector intelligence analysis firm. Developed research capabilities on the geopolitics of Middle East, South Asia, Central Asia, and The Caucasus regions, with a specific focus on security issues. Helped developed its podcast and video series. Represented the firm on numerous occasions in the media.

George Washington University, Center for Cyber & Homeland Security/Program on Extremism

Fellow

(January 2016 – February 2018)

Helped enhance the Program on Extremism, a new research unit at the university dedicated to research that could aid in the U.S.-led international counter violent extremism initiatives. Incorporated geopolitical studies and intelligence analysis tradecrafts in countering violent extremism (CVE) research. Focused on the challenge of weak counter-messaging in CVE efforts. Published a detailed monograph on the complex competing perspectives on CVE among Muslim-American communities.

University of Ottawa, Professional Development Institute

Senior Lecturer

(June 2015 – present)

Design & teach courses on national security and foreign policy issues (e.g., Geopolitics of Jihadism, Countering Violent Extremism, Iran & Geosectarianism, and the Black Sea Basin) to officials from Global Affairs Canada, Department of National Defense, Canadian Security & Intelligence Service, Canadian Security Establishment, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Public Safety, and other government departments.

The World Bank Group

Senior Consultant

(May 2015 – June 2016)

Involved with three separate projects. First with the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery in which I prepared an assessment on how the Bank's Country Management Units and Task Team Leaders can carry out their mandated operations in insecure environments, especially in African states under the umbrella of United Nations Peacekeeping mandate. Second, was with the Africa Unit in which I produced a lengthy strategic forecast of the conflict in Africa's Lake Chad region involving the jihadist movement, Boko Haram as part of the Recovery and Peace Building Assessment conducted by the Bank in conjunction with the UN, EU, and Islamic Development Bank. The third one was with the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice on the Yemen Damage and Needs Assessment project.

Stratfor Enterprises, LLP

Strategic Advisor, Middle Eastern & South Asian Affairs

(May 2003–15)

Over the course of 12 years, I served in various capacities (analyst, senior analyst, regional director, vice-president, and advisor). Lead a team of analysts to maintain situational awareness of regional and global developments and published thousands of analyses & multiple time-horizon forecasts on issues in the Middle East, South Asia. Cultivated and managed a large network of sources across my areas of responsibility and developed relationships in the region to support client needs. Supported and worked with the business development team. Trained junior analysts and members of the editorial staff and worked across regional and thematic teams. Helped build the firm's public relations portfolio by connecting with a wide network of journalists and gave hundreds of media interviews.

The University of Westminster

Visiting Lecturer

January – July 2013

Taught two modules: 1) The Politics of Middle East & North Africa & 2) Research Methods, in the Department of Politics and International Relations. Also delivered lectures on Turkey and Iran and other topics on several occasions in the Middle East Politics and others including graduate level modules. Delivered lectures twice a week and graded assignments and exams. Advised students on their research projects in both modules.

The World Bank Group

Senior Consultant

October – December 2009

Two-month project with the Bank's Islamabad's office on a Post-Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA) of Pakistan's northwestern regions, which experienced Talibanization. Wrote a 50+-page report providing a detailed geopolitical analysis of the jihadist insurgency in the country's northwestern Pashtun areas and its domestic, regional, and global repercussions. The crisis assessment heavily shaped the final PCNA report in terms of the political, social, and economic areas that need to be addressed.

CTV News

Freelance Analyst

September 2008 – present

Freelance analyst providing on demand expert analysis to Canada's largest private television network on a variety of issues related to Middle East, South/Central Asia and their impact on Canadian national interests and international security.

CBC Television & Radio

Freelance Analyst

April 2005 – present

Freelance analyst providing on demand expert analysis to Canada's public broadcasting corporation on both radio and TV on a variety of issues related to the Middle Eastern & South/Central Asian geopolitics and their impact on global geopolitics and Canadian foreign policy.

BBC World Service

Freelance Analyst

July 2005 – present

Freelance analyst providing on demand expert analysis to the BBC's various services (English, Urdu, Persian, Hindi) – radio and TV - on a variety of issues related to Levant, Arabian Peninsula, Persian Gulf, South/Central Asia & North/West/East Africa and their impact on international security.

Howard University, Department of Political Science

Graduate Assistant

August 2003 – May 2004

Assigned to two different faculty members to help with research and teaching assistance.

Austin Community College

Adjunct Professor

June – August 2003

Adjunct faculty member, teaching a 9-week introductory course on U.S. Government during the summer semester to a class of ~25 students. Lectured class for two and half hours twice a week and administered multiple exams. A significant portion of the students' grade was based on their performance in the term paper. Spent a considerable amount of time introducing the class of freshman students to the art of writing a paper.

The University of Texas, Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant

September 2001 – May 2003

In Spring 2003, I was assigned to two separate courses – one on Ottoman history and another on the history of Iraq & Syria – lecturing classes, graded exams/papers, maintained weekly office hours, and performed other research and administrative duties for the professor. In Fall 2002, I was assigned to an introductory survey course on the history and civilization of the Middle East from the 7th-14th centuries to a class of 75 students – grading exams, maintained weekly office hours, and performed other research and administrative duties for the professor. During Summer 2002, I was a research assistant in the resource center of the Center for Middle East Studies responsible for maintaining the library and video/DVD collection. During Fall 2001, I served as research assistant responsible for maintaining, cataloguing, and organizing the Center's slide collection.

The University of Texas, Department of Asian Studies

Teaching Assistant

January – May 2002

Was assigned to a professor teaching a second semester Urdu language course. Lead class lectures two days of the week. Graded homework assignments daily and proctored exams. Maintained office hours twice a week.

Missouri State University, Department of Political Science

Graduate Assistant

August 2000 – August 2001

During Fall 2000 & Spring 2001 semesters, I was assigned to two faculty members – assisting with four different courses. Lectured on US foreign policy, freedom of expression, Muslim political thought in introductory courses on American government, public law, criminal law, and comparative politics. Graded exams/assignments. Assisted with research on radical Islamism and the 2000 Missouri gubernatorial and Senate races. During summer 2001 semester, I assisted the department head with research regarding the potential membership of eastern European states in the European Union.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Political Islam in the Age of Democratization, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2013 (co-authored with Farid Senzai)

Book Chapters:

Saudi Arabia: A Post-Salafist Trajectory? in Wars of Ideas Theology, Interpretation and Power in the Muslim World, edited by Ilan Berman, Rowman-Littlefield, 2021, pp. 123-48

Stratfor: Merging Geopolitics & Intelligence in Strategic Analysis in Support of International Policymaking: Case Studies in Achieving Analytical Relevance, edited by Thomas Juneau, Rowman-Littlefield, 2017, pp. 187-202

Contextualizing Middle East Foreign Policies Through Sectarianism, in Cold War in the Middle East and the New Regional Order, edited by Robert Mason, Rowman-Littlefield, 2017. Pp. 37-60 (co-authored with Farid Senzai)

Jamaat-i-Islami in Pakistan, in Oxford Handbook of Islam and Politics, co-edited by John Esposito & Emad Shahin, Oxford University Press, 2013 pp. 574-86

Defining a Moderate, in Debating Moderate Islam: The Geopolitics of Islam and the West, edited by M.A. Muqtedar Khan, University of Utah Press, 2007, pp. 139-46. (co-authored with Farid Senzai)

Intelligence Analyses:

- *Washington's Opportunity in India*, Geopolitical Futures, June 19, 2023
- *In Pakistan, the Military Sustains Its Dominance for Now*, Geopolitical Futures, May 22, 2023
- *Regime Evolution in Uzbekistan*, Geopolitical Futures, May 5, 2023
- *Opening a Trans-Caspian Corridor*, Geopolitical Futures, April 24, 2023
- *Central Asia: Between China & Turkey*, Geopolitical Futures, April 10, 2023
- *Kazakhstan in an Era of Geopolitical Churn*, Geopolitical Futures, April 3, 2023
- *India's Emerging Foreign Policy*, Geopolitical Futures, March 28, 2023
- *The Evolution of Regime Change in Iran*, Geopolitical Futures, March 10, 2023
- *The Limits of India's Maritime Capabilities*, Geopolitical Futures, February 21, 2023
- *Pakistan's Meltdown*, Geopolitical Futures, Feb 1, 2023
- *Why Tajikistan Is Headed Toward Instability*, Geopolitical Futures, January 9, 2023
- *Pakistan and the Afghan Taliban Are Heading Toward a Fight*, Geopolitical Futures, Dec 21, 2022
- *Turkey Is Drowning in Opportunity*, Geopolitical Futures, November 30, 2022
- *Pakistan's Military Is Weakening Politically*, Geopolitical Futures, November 14, 2022

- *Central Asia in Uncharted Territory*, Geopolitical Futures, October 25, 2022
- *India's Ruling Party Is Losing Control*, Geopolitical Futures, October 12, 2022
- *U.S.-Kazakhstan Relations at 30: Eurasian Security & Prosperity*, The Wilson Center, June 6, 2022
- *The Never-Ending Regime Changes in Pakistan*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, April 5, 2022
- *The Search for Stability in Afghanistan: Can Iran and Pakistan Manage the Taliban's Emirate?* Foreign Affairs, January 11, 2022
- *Ukraine Needs a Political Deal at Home to Defend Against Russia*, Foreign Policy, January 4, 2022
- *The Long Shadow of Deobandism in South Asia*, New Lines Magazine, November 23, 2021
- *The Challenges of a Talibanized Afghanistan*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, August 19, 2021 (co-authored with Rasha Al-Aqeedi, Nicholas Heras, and Caroline Rose)
- *Difficult Dialogue Expected Between the U.S. and Iraq*. New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, April 7, 2021 (co-authored with Rasha Al-Aqeedi)
- *The Coming Turkish-Iranian Confrontation*, New Lines Magazine, February 24, 2021
- *The Taliban Deal & U.S. Jihadist Negotiations*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, September 23, 2020
- *The United Arab Emirates, Israel, and the Strategic Imbalance of Power*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, August 19, 2020
- *China Joins India and Pakistan in the Kashmir Battlespace*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, June 18, 2020
- *What Now After the U.S.-Taliban Deal*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, March 2, 2020
- *Unfreezing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, February 5, 2020 (co-authored with Faysal Itani)
- *Iran is Long Past its Peak*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, January 15, 2020 (co-authored with Minna Jaffery)
- *What Next for U.S.-Iran Conflict After Soleimani's Death*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, January 3, 2020
- *Terrorist Attack at U.S. Naval Air Station Shows Limits of Saudi Reforms*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, December 11, 2019

- *Radicalization, Tradecraft, and Counterterrorism*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, December 4, 2019
- *Governance: A Critical Weak Point in Iran's Regional Strategy*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, November 6, 2019
- *Egypt's Military Regime and the Muslim Brotherhood*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, October 23, 2019 (co-authored with Hassan Hassan)
- *Hard Truths About U.S.-Turkey Deal on Syria*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, October 9, 2019
- *Retaliation Against and Negotiations with Iran*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, September 17, 2019
- *Taliban Unlikely to Abide by A Deal with the United States*, New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy, August 21, 2019
- *Navigating the Navigator*, Center for Global Policy, June 26, 2019
- *Inducing Behavioral Change in the Islamic Republic of Iran*, Center for Global Policy, April 15, 2019
- *India, Pakistan, Iran & Transnational Jihadism*, Center for Global Policy, February 22, 2019
- *Evolutionary Regime Change in Iran*, Center for Global Policy, February 14, 2019
- *A Syria Strategy Based on Battlespace Realities*, Center for Global Policy, January 11, 2019
- *Putting the Syria Withdrawal in Perspective*, Center for Global Policy, January 4, 2019
- *Enemies and Allies Both Undermining U.S. Efforts to Counter Iran*, Center for Global Policy, October 5, 2018.
- *A Fatal Flaw in the U.S. Strategy to Contain Iran*, Center for Global Policy, August 24, 2018
- *Towards a New Turkey Policy*, Center for Global Policy, August 16, 2018
- *Pakistan: Between Democracy, Extremism and the Deep State*, Center for Global Policy, July 13, 2018
- *Peace in Afghanistan: A Faint Light at the End of a Long Tunnel*, Center for Global Policy, June 27, 2018
- *Iraq: The Key to Countering Iran's Growing Regional Influence*, Center for Global Policy, May 31, 2018
- *Saudi Arabia & Iran: At War With Each Other & Themselves*, Center for Global Policy, April 24, 2018
- *How to Manage the Syrian Conflict*, Center for Global Policy, April 17, 2018

- *Extremists & the Political Mainstream: The Case of Afghanistan*, Center for Global Policy, March 6, 2018
- *The Israeli-Iranian Battlespace in Syria*, Center for Global Policy, February 14, 2018
- *Yemen's Unraveling and its Dangerous Consequences*, Center for Global Policy, February 7, 2018
- *Maneuvering the Middle East: Implications of Turkey's Intervention in Syria*, Center for Global Policy, January 31, 2018
- *Iran's Regime at War with Itself*, Geopolitical Futures, January 10, 2018
- *On the Origins of the Conflict in Yemen*, Geopolitical Futures, Dec 28, 2017
- *Pakistan's Disunion Puts Investment at Risk*, Geopolitical Future, Dec 17, 2017
- *For India and China, Southeast Asia Is a Battleground*, Geopolitical Futures, Dec 10, 2017
- *A Complex Dynamic Between Israel and Iran*, Geopolitical Futures, Dec 1, 2017
- *China's One Belt, One Road Faces Pushback*, Geopolitical Futures, Nov 21, 2017
- *A History of the Saudis' Rise on the Arabian Peninsula*, Geopolitical Futures, Nov 16, 2017
- *Profiling Lebanon: The Western Front of a Proxy War*, Geopolitical Futures, Nov 10, 2017
- *Saudi Arabia, at War with Itself*, Geopolitical Futures, Nov 6, 2017
- *After the Islamic State: Too Little, Too Late from Saudi Arabia*, Geopolitical Futures, October 30, 2017
- *The North Caucasus: Russia's Soft Underbelly*, Geopolitical Futures, October 26, 2017
- *The Global Consensus Against the Iraqi Kurds*, Geopolitical Futures, October 17, 2017
- *Saudi Arabia's Transformation: Necessary but Risky*, Center for Global Policy, October 11, 2017
- *Can US Relations Stand the Test of Time?* Geopolitical Futures, October 6, 2017
- *In Saudi Arabia, Expanding Rights and Growing Risks*, Geopolitical Futures, October 6, 2017
- *Turkish-Iranian Rivalry Reborn*, Center for Global Policy, October 4, 2017
- *Iraqi Kurdistan's Unlikely Ally*, Geopolitical Futures, October 3, 2017
- *The Kurdish Conundrum*, Center for Global Policy, September 20, 2017

- *Against the US, Pakistan Stands Its Ground*, Geopolitical Futures, September 18, 2017
- *Can US Relations Stand the Test of Time?* Geopolitical Futures, October 6, 2017
- *The Hajj: An Expression of Saudi Power*, Geopolitical Futures, September 1, 2017
- *Delaying the Inevitable in Afghanistan*, Geopolitical Futures, August 22, 2017
- *In Pakistan, Vulnerability Is the Price of Independence*, Geopolitical Futures, Aug 17, 2017
- *A Brief History of the Imbalance of Power in the Middle East*, Geopolitical Futures, Aug 17, 2017
- *Radical Islam by a Different Means*, Geopolitical Futures, Aug 8, 2017
- *The Islamic State: Lessons in Crossing Boundaries*, Geopolitical Futures, Aug 4, 2017
- *Web of Chaos in the Wake of Al-Aqsa Crisis*, Center for Global Policy, July 26, 2017
- *The Sunni Arab Crisis of Leadership*, Geopolitical Futures, July 21, 2017
- *The Long Road Ahead in the Fight Against Daesh*, Center for Global Policy, July 12, 2017
- *Uzbekistan Flirts with Disaster*, Geopolitical Futures, July 11, 2017
- *Medieval Times in the Modern Middle East*, Mauldin Economics, July 5, 2017
- *Wanna Defeat Violent Extremism? Then Protect Free Speech*, Religious Freedom Institute, July 3, 2017
- *The Retreat of Secularism in India*, Geopolitical Futures, June 30, 2017
- *A Shake-Up in the Saudi Royal Family*, Geopolitical Futures, June 22, 2017
- *For the Islamic State, Distraction Is Survival*, Geopolitical Futures, June 20, 2017
- *The Middle East Changes Shape*, Geopolitical Futures, June 6, 2017
- *Qatar: A Testament to Saudi Weakness*, Geopolitical Futures, June 6, 2017
- *Ramadan: A Holy and Violent Month*, Geopolitical Futures, June 2, 2017
- *The Downfall of Chechnya*, Geopolitical Futures, May 18, 2017
- *Regime Collapse and a US Withdrawal from Afghanistan*, Mauldin Economics, May 1, 2017
- *The Saudi Social Contract Under Stress*, Geopolitical Futures, April 26, 2017
- *The US-Saudi Alliance*, Geopolitical Futures, April 21, 2017

- *Islamic States & Muslim Secularism*, Geopolitical Futures, April 18, 2017
- *Salafism's Three Strands*, Geopolitical Futures, April 13, 2017
- *Regional Security & Islamic Military Alliance*, Geopolitical Futures, April 5, 2017
- *Extremism & Counter-Messaging*, Geopolitical Futures, March 31, 2017
- *Al-Qaida-Islamic State Competition in Syria*, Geopolitical Futures, March 16, 2017
- *Islamic State's Strategy Involving Jordan & Israel*, Geopolitical Futures, March 9, 2017
- *A Busy Day in Geopolitics*, Geopolitical Futures, March 8, 2017
- *The Afghanistan-Pakistan Faultline*, Geopolitical Futures, March 2, 2017
- *The Unending Muslim Civil Wars*, Geopolitical Futures, February 17, 2017
- *Iran's Economy Is Bouncing Back*, Geopolitical Futures, February 2, 2017
- *Kazakhstan Changing to Secure Continuity*, Geopolitical Futures, January 31, 2017
- *Understanding Peace Talks*, Geopolitical Futures, January 23, 2017
- *Russia's View of Afghanistan and the Taliban*, Geopolitical Futures, January 18, 2017
- *The Palestinian National Project*, Geopolitical Futures, December 29, 2016
- *Jordan: The Small Kingdom in the Middle*, Geopolitical Futures, December 20, 2016
- *The Balance of Weakness in the Syrian Civil War*, Geopolitical Futures, December 15, 2016
- *The Insidious Method to the Jihadist Madness*, Geopolitical Futures, December 12, 2016
- *The Muslim Dispute Over Martyrdom*, Geopolitical Futures, December 7, 2016
- *The Fallout from Saudi Arabia's Economic Downslide*, Geopolitical Futures, December 1, 2016
- *Mosul Battle to Continue Well into 2017*, Geopolitical Futures, November 24, 2016
- *Egypt as a Regional Non-Power*, Geopolitical Futures, November 16, 2016
- *Tensions Brewing Between India and Pakistan*, Geopolitical Futures, November 2, 2017
- *Turkey Faces Serious Obstacles in Syria and Iraq*, Geopolitical Futures, October 26, 2016

- *Afghan Government Staring at the Abyss*, Geopolitical Futures, October 10, 2016
- *Afghanistan's Unending Civil War*, Geopolitical Futures, September 15, 2016
- *The Taliban and the Divided Afghan State*, Geopolitical Futures, August 30, 2016
- *Uzbekistan and the Coming Central Asian Storm*, Geopolitical Futures, August 29, 2016
- *Russia's Illusion of Influence in the Middle East*, Geopolitical Futures, August 23, 2016
- *A Status Check on the War in Syria*, Geopolitical Futures, August 18, 2016
- *Iran's Delicate Stability*, Geopolitical Futures, August 4, 2016
- *Troubling Signs out of Germany and Saudi Arabia*, Geopolitical Futures, August 2, 2016
- *Turkey's Geopolitical Imperatives*, Geopolitical Futures, July 21, 2016
- *How the EU's Crisis Places Limits on NATO*, Geopolitical Futures, July 12, 2016
- *The EU Model and the Muslim World*, Geopolitical Futures, June 27, 2016
- *Central Asia: The Next Region to Unravel*, Geopolitical Futures, June 10, 2016
- *The Future of the Islamic State & its Caliphate*, Geopolitical Futures, June 8, 2016
- *Turkey's Shifting Policy on Syria*, Geopolitical Futures, June 8, 2016
- *The Decapitation-Negotiation Paradox*, Center for Global Policy, May 22, 2016
- *Libya and the Lessons of Afghanistan*, Geopolitical Futures, May 18, 2016
- *The United States: Between Geosectarianism & Jihadisms*, Center for Global Policy, May 15, 2016
- *Saudi Arabia's Cosmetic Leadership Change*, Center for Global Policy, May 8, 2016
- *Turkey: Geopolitics Beyond the Politics*, Geopolitical Futures, May 5, 2016
- *Iraq's Ghost State*, Geopolitical Futures, May 3, 2016
- *The Heirs of Osama bin Laden*, Geopolitical Futures, May 3, 2016
- *Saudi Reforms: More Harm Than Good?* Center for Global Policy, May 1, 2016
- *Saudi Arabia's Risky Reform Project*, Geopolitical Futures, April 26, 2016
- *American Muslims and the Islamic State*, Geopolitical Futures, April 18, 2016

- *Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Arab Security*, Geopolitical Futures, April 11, 2016
- *Shifting Alliances in the Middle East and South Asia*, Geopolitical Futures, April 4, 2016
- *Erdogan's Clash with Journalists*, Geopolitical Futures, April 1, 2016
- *Counterterrorism and Jihadist Capabilities*, Geopolitical Futures, March 30, 2016
- *Iran's Balancing Act in Iraq*, Geopolitical Futures, March 28, 2016
- *Syria and Unwarranted Optimism*, Geopolitical Futures, March 16, 2016
- *Making Sense of Islamic State's Position in Libya*, Geopolitical Futures, March 14, 2016
- *Shaping a Presidential Legacy*, Geopolitical Futures, March 11, 2017
- *Saudi Arabia's Loan Request Underscores Financial Crisis*, Geopolitical Futures, March 9, 2016
- *The Muslim World Between Shariah and the Rule of Law*, Geopolitical Futures, March 7, 2016
- *Saudi Arabia's Untenable Military Position*, Geopolitical Futures, Feb 25, 2016
- *The Destruction of the Iraqi and Syrian States*, Geopolitical Futures, Feb 18, 2016
- *Why Bombings Don't Change Strategy*, Geopolitical Futures, Feb 17, 2016
- *Is ISIS Good at Governing?* Brookings Institution, Feb 17, 2016
- *Iran's Evolving Domestic Politics*, Geopolitical Futures, Feb 11, 2016
- *Geosectarianism and the Future of the Syrian Conflict*, Islamic Monthly, January 29, 2016
- *Countering Violent Extremism & American Muslims*, Program on Extremism at George Washington University's Center on Cyber & Homeland Security, Oct 22, 2015
- *What Should Israel Do About Iran?* co-authored with Tamir Libel, al-Monitor, September 27, 2015
- *The Saudi-Iranian Geosectarian Struggle*, Islamic Monthly, September 1, 2015.
- *Can the U.S. Counter ISIS Propaganda?* Brookings Institution, June 29, 2015
- *Is Quietist Salafism the Antidote to ISIS?* Brookings Institution, April 9, 2015
- *Why the War Against Jihadism Will Be Fought from Within*, STRATFOR, May 15, 2015
- *Why Shia Expansion Will Be Short-Lived*, STRATFOR, May 12, 2015

- *The Myth of Sunni Unity*, STRATFOR, May 5, 2015
- *Saudi Arabia Wages Jihad Against Jihadism*, STRATFOR, March 20, 2014
- *Balancing Shia and Sunni Radicalisms*, STRATFOR, July 4, 2012 (co-authored with Robert D. Kaplan)
- *Salafism & Arab Democratization*, STRATFOR, October 2, 2012
- *Considering A Sunni Regime in Syria*, STRATFOR, July 10, 2012 (co-authored with Reva Bhalla)
- *Halting Syrian Crisis*, STRATFOR, July 4, 2012 (co-authored with Robert D. Kaplan)
- *Saudi Nightmares*, STRATFOR, May 16, 2012 (co-authored with Robert D. Kaplan)
- *Jihadists Opportunities in Syria*, STRATFOR, February 16, 2012
- *Geopolitical Journey: Iran at Crossroads*, STRATFOR, September 27, 2011
- *The Counterinsurgency in Pakistan*, STRATFOR, Aug 13, 2009. (co-authored with Fred Burton)
- *Limits to Exporting the Saudis' Counterjihadist Successes*, STRATFOR, May 14, 2009.
- *Hamas and the Arab States*, STRATFOR, Jan 7, 2009. (co-authored with Reva Bhalla)
- *The Jihadist Insurgency in Pakistan*, STRATFOR, Feb 6, 2008.
- *State Sponsors of Jihadism: Learning the Hard Way*, STRATFOR, July 18, 2007.
- *The Iraq Security Conference: Hanging a Deal on Faulty Assumptions*, STRATFOR, May 1, 2007.
- *The Relationship between the Taliban and Pakistan's Domestic Stability*, STRATFOR, February 27, 2007.
- *U.S.-Iranian Tensions & An Abduction in Baghdad*, STRATFOR, February 7, 2007 (co-authored with George Friedman).
- *A Second Strike: Homing in on Al Qaeda Prime?* STRATFOR, November 29, 2006.
- *Taliban Psyops: Taking the Fight Abroad*, STRATFOR, November 2, 2006.
- *The Nuclear Deadlines and a Strengthening Iran*, STRATFOR, August 23, 2006.
- *The Shiite Schisms*, STRATFOR, April 20, 2006.
- *The World Wide Web of Jihadists*, STRATFOR, December 1, 2005.

- *The Crisis in U.S.-Pakistan Relations*, STRATFOR, August 25, 2005(co-authored with George Friedman).
- *From Islamism to Post-Islamism*, STRATFOR, April 18, 2005.
- *The Push for Democracy: Ending the 'Karzai Effect'*, STRATFOR, April 6, 2005
- *An End to War?* STRATFOR, April 1, 2005.
- *Al Qaeda Networks: Concerns and Probabilities*, STRATFOR, November 5, 2004
- *The Finances of Terrorism*, STRATFOR, October 22, 2004 (Co-authored with Jeremy Lippart).
- *Al Qaeda: The Measurement for 'Success'*, STRATFOR, September 10, 2004.

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- *US Needs to Better Protect our Allies While Fighting Russia, Especially in Central Asia*, [The Hill](#), February 27, 2023
- *Kazakhstan Faces Challenging Times & Deserves U.S. Support*, [The Washington Times](#), Dec 28, 2022
- *Uzbekistan Pushing Back Against Russia*, [The Hill](#), December 16, 2022
- *Russia War Sanctions Should Not Deprive Asia of Fertilizer*, [Nikkei](#), December 6, 2022
- *Why the Saudis Aren't Crazy About Democrats*, [Newsweek](#), November 11, 2022
- *Here's How to Stop Putin and Prevent a Global Food Crisis*, [Aljazeera](#), September 20, 2022
- *Can the World Defuse the Threat of Nuclear War?* [The National Interest](#), September 17, 2022
- *Uzbekistan: Coming of Age Amid Great Power Competition*, [The National Interest](#), September 14, 2022
- *The U.S. Still Has Leverage Over the Taliban*, [Newsweek](#), September 12, 2022
- *Uzbekistan Faces Headwinds in Stabilizing Central and South Asia*, [The National Interest](#), July 25, 2022
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- *Home is No Haven for Iran*, [Wall Street Journal](#), November 27, 2020
- *Economic Fallout: Why Central Asia Is Still Struggling to Survive the Coronavirus*, [The National Interest](#), June 15, 2020
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- *The Iran Plan: Can America Contain Tehran's Damage?* [The National Interest](#), July 11, 2019
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- *The Kremlin's Interpol Power Play*, [Wall Street Journal](#), Nov 20, 2018
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- *Pakistan and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, [Daily Times](#), October 30, 2018
- *Canadian Muslims Can Combat Homegrown Extremism*, [Toronto Star](#), October 28, 2014.
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- *The Challenge of Combatting Militancy*, The Express Tribune, June 9, 2013
- *Fight Now, Negotiate Later*, The Express Tribune, May 23, 2013.
- *The Many Shades of Islamists*, Huffington Post, November 21, 2011 (co-authored with Farid Senzai)
- *Exciting? Yes. Contagious? No. First Make It Happen in Tunisia*, op-ed in Democracy Digest (blog of National Endowment for Democracy), January 20, 2011.
- *Political Elite: Poverty of Thought*, op-ed piece in the largest circulation Pakistani English language daily, The News, November 11, 2007.
- *View: Musharraf's Several Fronts*, op-ed in leading Pakistani English language daily, the Daily Times, April 14, 2007.
- *The U.S.-Pakistan Tango*, op-ed co-authored with Muqtedar Khan, Brookings Institution, March 19, 2007
- *Pakistani Leader Caught in a Volatile Situation*, article on my meeting with Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf in the Austin-American Statesman, March 9, 2007.
- *Pakistani Democracy: Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, an opinion piece co-authored with Muqtedar Khan in the leading Pakistani English language daily, the Daily Times, September 18, 2004.
- *Who Are Moderate Muslims and What is Moderate Islam?* a thought piece in the March 2004 issue of the British monthly periodical Q-News.
- *Is Democracy Disbelief?* Thought piece in the December 2003 issue of the British monthly periodical Q-News.
- *'Labeling All Political Violence Terrorism' dangerous*, op-ed in the September 29, 2002 edition of Springfield News-Leader.
- *Border Patrol Won't Stop Terrorist Raids*, op-ed in the June 23, 2002 edition of Springfield News-Leader.
- *Pakistan Should Be One to Lead Way Toward Peace*, op-ed in the May 31st, 2002 edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Journal Articles:

- *Pakistan: Local Politics with Global Implications*, International Security Studies, Canadian Institute of International Affairs, May 2007.
- *Developing a Philosophy of Counterterrorism*, Journal of Muslim Public Affairs (April 2006), pp.11-19.

- *The Social & Ideological Roots of Jihadism: A Constructivist Understanding to Non-State Actors*, Middle East Affairs Journal (8:4) 2002, pp. 91-118.

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PRESENTATIONS/BRIEFINGS/WEBINARS/PODCASTS:

- July 11, 2023: *Strengthening CVE Efforts: Learning From Islamist Failures in Governance*, a presentation delivered in a session on ‘Devising CVE Strategies’ at the Community Policing-Countering Violent Extremism Seminar organized by the Near East & South Asia Strategic Studies Institute, National Defense University, Washington, DC.

- July 11, 2023: *U.S. Foreign Policy & Iran*, a lecture presented at the University of Delaware to foreign scholars of the 2023 cohort of the Department of State’s Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program.

- June 8, 2023: *Bringing Back Geopolitics in the National Conversation on Foreign Policy* A presentation to senior USAF officials in a seminar on Leadership in a Transformational Age in Washington, DC.

- May 24, 2023: *India, Pakistan & Afghanistan: The Good, Bad, and the Ugly*, a presentation delivered to senior officers from U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, St. Louis, MO.

- May 17, 2023: *Strategic Fragmentation, Great Power Competition and the African Continent*, a presentation delivered to senior USAF officials at a seminar on Africa: Demographics, Resources & Governance, Washington DC.

- April 26, 2023: *The Geopolitics of the Black Sea Basin*, a presentation to senior USAF officials in a seminar on Eurasia in Washington, DC.

- March 15, 2023: *Genuine Partnership or PR Blitz? The Normalization of Saudi-Iranian Relations* - Interviewed in the Cognitive Dissident podcast series by Cognitive Investments Partner & Director of Geopolitical Analysis Jacob Shapiro on China brokering an agreement between Riyadh and Tehran.

- March 2, 2023: *Crafting National Security Strategy to Counter Extremist Narratives* A presentation delivered at a Senior Executive Seminar Countering Narratives of Extremist Organizations: Managing Disinformation to three dozen military, intelligence, and security officials from 25 different countries organized by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University, Washington, DC.

- January 27, 2023: *Central Asia’s Geopolitical Challenge* Interviewed in the Applied Geopolitics podcast series by Rane Network’s Executive Director, Stratfor Center for Applied Geopolitics how Central Asia is reemerging as a key region for trans-Eurasian trade as Russia, China and Turkey vie for influence over Central Asian nations.

- December 19, 2022: *End of the Iranian Regime?* Interviewed in the Cognitive Dissident podcast series by Cognitive Investments Partner & Director of Geopolitical Analysis Jacob Shapiro on the likely outcome of the unprecedented scale of unrest in Iran.
- Nov 22, 2022: *The Geopolitical Environment of Kazakhstan's Political Economic Transformation.* A presentation at a conference on the Modernization of Kazakhstan's Economy organized by the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies & Stiftung Fredrich Ebert Stiftung at the St Regis Hotel in Astana.
- Nov 21, 2022: *The Results of the Presidential Election: New Views, New Challenges.* Participated in this panel discussion featuring U.S., Kazakh, & Russian organized by the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies at the Central Communications Service under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Astana.
- November 10, 2022: *Bringing Back Analysis in the National Security Conversation in an Age of Political Polarization.* A presentation to senior USAF officials in a seminar on Leadership in a Transformational Age in Washington, DC.
- October 19, 2022: *The New Eurasia Geopolitical Chessboard.* A presentation delivered to USAF officials in a seminar on National and International Security Leadership in Washington, DC.
- September 29, 2022: *Between the U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan & the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Implications for Central Asia.* A presentation to senior USAF officials in a seminar on the Middle East & South Asia in Washington, DC.
- September 16, 2022: *How U.S. Policy Makers Can Hear the Signal Amid the Noise.* A presentation delivered to senior USAF officials in a seminar on Enterprise Perspectives in Washington, DC.
- September 9, 2022: *Hindu Extremism, South Asian Security, and Global Implications.* A wargame exercise that I along with my New Lines colleagues organized in Austin Texas for The Concordia Forum's annual retreat.
- September 6, 2022: *Emerging Threats in Eurasia; State & Nonstate Actors.* A presentation delivered to senior officers from Maxwell Air Force Base in a seminar on Predominant Threats in Washington, DC.
- August 16, 2022: *Central Asia Security and Prosperity and in Age of Peril.* A presentation delivered to senior officers from U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base in St. Louis, MO.
- August 9, 2022: *The Status and Future of US-Kazakhstan Relations.* Spoke at this panel discussion on my June 2022 report for The Wilson Center featuring Brianne Todd from the Department of Defense, Lisa Curtis of the Center for New American Security, Margarita Assenova of the Jamestown Foundation, and my New Lines colleagues Eugene Chausovsky, & Caroline Rose.
- August 3, 2022: *Central Asia Security and Prosperity and in Age of Peril.* A presentation delivered to Senior Air Force officials in a seminar on Europe, Russia and Central Asia at Hurlburt Field in Pensacola, FL.

- June 20, 2022: *Kazakhstan, Pakistan, & Iran*. Interviewed in the Perch Pod podcast series by Perch Perspectives Founder & Chief Strategist Jacob Shapiro on the turbulence brewing in Eurasia, with the war in Ukraine and the US, China, Pakistan, Turkey, and Iran all pushing for a foothold in the region, with Kazakhstan at the center of this tug-of-war.
- June 13, 2022: *U.S. Foreign Policy & Iran*, a lecture presented at the University of Delaware to foreign scholars of the 2022 cohort of the Department of State's Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program.
- June 1-3, 2022: *The Battle of Ideas Against Islamic Extremism*. An invited delegate to this 2-day private symposium organized by the American Foreign Council at Airlie Conference Center in Warrenton, VA.
- May 18, 2022: *The New Eurasia Geopolitical Chessboard*. A presentation delivered to senior U.S. Air Force officers in a seminar on Transnational Issues in Washington, DC.
- March 8, 2022: *The Russia-Ukraine Crisis and the Shifting Geopolitics of Eurasia*. A presentation delivered to senior U.S. Air Force officers in a seminar series on Eurasia Washington, DC.
- March 7, 2022: *Thirty Years of U.S.–Kazakhstan Relations: The Winter Crisis and the Path Forward*. Spoke at this Atlantic Council panel discussion featuring Dr. Ariel Cohen, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council; Ambassador John Herbst, Senior Director, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council & Melinda Haring, Deputy Director, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council and Kazakhstan's Ambassador to Washington, Yerzhan Ashikbayev.
- January 20, 2022: *Afghanistan: Between War & Peace*. Spoke in this NATO Association of Canada panel discussion along with veteran journalist & AP's Afghanistan/Pakistan News Director Kathy Gannon on the state of the country five months after the Taliban takeover.
- January 7, 2022: *The Islamists You've Never Heard Of*. An interview with Rasha Ellass for the New Lines Magazine podcast series on my essay on the geopolitics of Deobandism in South Asia.
- December 10, 2021: *Islamism and the Making of Pakistan*. Interviewed in the Pakistonomy with Uzair Younus podcast on my essay on the geopolitics of Deobandism in South Asia published in New Lines Magazine.
- December 2, 2021: *India 2022 & Beyond: A Geopolitical Intelligence Analysis*. A corporate briefing delivered to executives at Sales Force on the emerging domestic, regional, and global challenges of doing business in India.
- November 30, 2021: *U.S.-Kazakhstan Relations*. Participated in this panel jointly organized by the International Tax and Investment Center and the Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy featuring Congressman Jimmy Panetta (D-CA); U.S. Trade Representative for South/Central Asia, Zeba Reyazuddin, Acting Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Irfan Saeed, Kazakhstan's Ambassador to the U.S., Yerzhan Ashikbayev.
- November 18, 2021: *The Influence of Afghanistan on the Issues of Secularism, Freedom of Religion in Central Asia*. A presentation delivered at a 2-day conference on the Challenges of Freedom of Religion

and Belief, Role of Religion and Secularism organized by the Search for Common Ground in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

- November 9, 2021: *Whither Afghanistan After the U.S. Withdrawal*. A presentation delivered to senior U.S. Air Force officials in a 2-day seminar on ‘Emerging Technology & Predominant Threats’ at Edwards Air Force Base, Palmdale, CA.
- October 27, 2021: *China, Russia, and Emerging Global Competition Amid Strategic Vacuums*. A presentation delivered to senior U.S. Air Force officers attending a ‘Leadership in a Transformational Age’ seminar, Washington, DC.
- October 20, 2021: *Whither Afghanistan After the U.S. Withdrawal*. A presentation delivered to a group of 40 senior U.S. Air Force officers attending a ‘Enterprise Perspective Seminar’, Washington, DC.
- October 18-30: *Exodus: U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan*. Participated in this multi-day wargame simulation as Deputy Team Lead for Pakistan at the School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC.
- October 7, 2021: *Central Asia: An Emerging Power Vacuum?* Participated in this panel discussion organized by the Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy featuring Jennifer Murtazashvili of the University of Pittsburgh, Erica Marat from the National Defense University, and Daniel Markey of the United States Institute of Peace.
- October 5, 2021: *Whither Afghanistan After the U.S. Withdrawal*. A presentation delivered to a group of 40 senior U.S. Air Force officers attending a ‘Middle East & South Asia Seminar’.
- September 21, 2021: *Whither Afghanistan After the U.S. Withdrawal*. A presentation delivered to a group of 40 senior U.S. Air Force officers attending a ‘National and International Security Leadership Seminar’.
- August 24, 2021: *Political Polarization and the Changing National Security Environment*. Participated in this day-long seminar to senior commanders from the U.S. Air Force during which I presented on the topic of ‘Bringing Back Geopolitics in the National Conversation on Foreign Policy’.
- July 20, 2021: *China and the Indo-Pacific*. Participated in this day-long seminar to senior commanders from the U.S. Air Force’s Special Operations Command.
- July 19, 2021: *Iran, Israel, and Imran Khan*. Interviewed in the Perch Pod podcast series by Perch Perspectives Founder & Chief Strategist Jacob Shapiro on how will Iran behave under a Raisi presidency; what will it take to move the needle on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; & since it’s not working out with China so why can’t Pakistan mend ties with the US?
- July 16, 2021: *U.S. Foreign Policy and Iran*, a lecture presented at the University of Delaware to foreign scholars of the 2021 cohort of the Department of State’s Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program.
- July 13, 2021: *China, Russia, and Emerging Global Competition Amid Strategic Vacuums*. Delivered this in seminar series on Transnational Issues to a group of 40 senior U.S. Air Force officials.

- July 8, 2021: *Middle East & South Asia*. Participated in this day-long seminar attended by senior U.S. Air Force commanders.
- June 30, 2021: *Forecasting Raisi's Reign in Iran*. Participated in this panel discussion for the Newlines Institute's Contours podcast series.
- May 20, 2021: *The Caucasus Challenge and External Actors*. Delivered this seminar to senior Air Force commanders in the European Command of the Department of Defense.
- May 5, 2021: *China Seeking to Replace Russia in Central Asia*. Delivered this seminar to senior Air Force commanders in the Indo-Pacific Command of the Department of Defense.
- April 22, 2021: *Between War & Peace: Implications of the Afghan Peace Deal*. Spoke at this NATO Association of Canada panel discussion along with veteran journalist & AP's Afghanistan/Pakistan News Director Kathy Gannon on how much progress was achieved in Afghanistan over the last 20 years and how much of it will be undone by the Taliban after the US mil exit in the fall.
- March 30, 2021: *Pakistan and the U.S. Strategy for the South Asia in the 2020s*. Co-hosted this conversation with my Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy colleague Caroline Rose, featuring Mosharraf Zaidi, former foreign affairs advisor to Pakistani government, on the ongoing policy challenges in Pakistan and its role in the US' unfolding South Asia strategy.
- March 19, 2021: *The Geopolitics of Pakistan*: Interviewed for Stratfor's podcast series Baker's Dozen on how the outcome of the US-Taliban talks, increasingly acrimonious US-China relations, the never-ending Indian-Pakistani rivalry, and U.S.-Iranian dealings will be the four geopolitical trends that will shape Pakistan in the 2020s.
- March 10, 2021: *Afghanistan: Change and Continuity in the 40 Years' War*. Delivered this presentation to senior Air Force commanders in the Central Command of the Department of Defense.
- January 19, 2020: *Tackling Right-Wing Extremism in an Age of Severe Political Polarization*: Led a panel discussion with fellow Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy Fellow Alejandro Beutel & former DHS analyst Daryl Johnson in this conversation on how the U.S. defend against the biggest threat to its democracy.
- November 30, 2020: *Disruption or Continuity: Doha Peace Process & U.S. Politics*. Spoke in this panel discussion organized by the Islamabad, Pakistan-based think tank, Tabadlab.
- November 16, 2020: *Freedom of Speech in the Muslim World*. Interviewed in the Perch Pod podcast series by Perch Perspectives Founder & Chief Strategist Jacob Shapiro on the cartoons of Prophet Muhammad, blasphemy, Islamist separatism in France, & Turkey's geopolitical maneuverings.
- November 3, 2020: *What are the Real Chances for Peace in Afghanistan?* Interviewed by former Canadian intelligence officer Phil Gurski on his 'An Intelligent Look at Terrorism' podcast series on what to expect from the US-Taliban talks, how will they impact Afghanistan, and what are the dangers of U.S. negotiating with Islamist radicals?

- September 29, 2020: *Post-Election Violence in the U.S.: A Ripple, or a Tsunami*. Led a Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy panel discussion with renowned former federal agents Fred Burton & Scott Stewart on a threat assessment of the growing turmoil in the US is increasing the fear of major political violence in the wake of the outcome of 2020 presidential vote.

- September 22, 2020: *Global Geopolitics Amid Turmoil in the U.S.*, a conversation with prominent geostrategic thinker Robert Kaplan on what happens on the foreign affairs front while the US is preoccupied with problems at home.

- September 17, 2020: *Strategic Vacuums Resulting from U.S. Retreat*, a conversation with Dr. Ariel Cohen on his Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy Special Report on the threat of strategic vacuums emerging because of a growing US disengagement from the world.

- September 15, 2020: *Pakistan: Between the United States and China*. Led a Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy panel discussion with Tamanna Salikuddin of the United States Institute of Peace. Elizabeth Threlkeld of the Stimson Center and Syed Mohammed Ali of Georgetown University on the implications for U.S. foreign policy and South Asian geopolitics of Pakistan being the most strategically sandwiched nation between the United States and China.

- September 10, 2020: *Weaponizing Faith: Religion, Identity, and Soft Power in the Arab/Muslim World*. A conversation with Prof Peter Mandaville of George Mason University on how Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia & Pakistan use different Islams as soft power tools in their foreign policies.

- August 13, 2020: *Lebanon: The Regime and Its Future After the Beirut Blast*. A podcast conversation with my Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy colleague Faysal Itani on why the Lebanese state failed at governance & what can be expected of it in the context of growing regional turmoil.

- August 10, 2020: *The World When the United States is in Turmoil*. A Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy podcast conversation with Jacob Shapiro, Founder & Chief Strategist of Perch Perspectives, who explains the U.S.-China competition in the Covidian age, the geopolitics of Black Lives Matter, the State of the Union & its global implications.

- August 4, 2020: *India: A Year After Revoking Kashmir's Special Status*. A conversation with Prof Sumit Ganguly of Indiana University on the unprecedented domestic political strife in the world's soon-to-be most populous nation and the broader South Asian region.

- July 1, 2020: *China's Entrance into the Kashmir Battlespace*. Led a Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy panel discussion on China pushing into the traditional India-Pakistan battlespace featuring Stratfor's Rodger Baker, The Brookings Institution's Madiha Afzal & King's College, Pennsylvania's Ayesha Ray.

- June 29, 2020: *Evolution of Geopolitics, the Possibility of a New Caliphate, and Islam's Globalization*. Interviewed in the Perch Pod podcast series by Perch Perspectives Founder & Chief Strategist Jacob Shapiro on the geopolitics as a discipline; think tank space; the Muslim world, the idea of the caliphate; US foreign policy.

- June 2, 2020: *China's Western Horizon: Beijing & the New Geopolitics of Eurasia*. Conversation with Daniel Markey on his new book on the evolving political, economic, and security links between China and its western neighbors, including Pakistan, India, Kazakhstan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Iran.
- May 28, 2020: *Iran, Russia, Pakistan, and Afghanistan: Prospects and Potential Trajectories*. Participated in this Middle East Institute panel discussion moderated by Alex Vatanka of the Iran Program at the Middle East Institute featuring Madiha Afzal of The Brookings Institution, Fatemeh Aman of The Atlantic Council, and Amin Tarzi of the Marine Corps University.
- May 27, 2020: *Disunited Nations: The Scramble for Power in an Ungoverned World*. Conversation with Peter Zeihan on his new book about the future of a world where trade agreements are coming apart and international institutions are losing their power.
- May 20, 2020: *The Battle for Pakistan: The Bitter US Friendship & A Tough Neighborhood*. Conversation with Shuja Nawaz on his new book about how the U.S. & Pakistan became frenemies & its effect on civil-military relations in the Southwest Asian nation.
- April 29, 2020: *Iran Reframed: Anxieties of Power in the Islamic Republic'*. Conversation with Prof Narges Bajoghli on her new book about Iran's elite military force, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps
- April 15, 2020: *The Storm Before the Calm*. Conversation with the world's foremost geopolitical forecaster Dr. George Friedman on his new book *The Storm Before the Calm: America's Discord, the Coming Crisis of the 2020s, and the Triumph Beyond*
- April 9, 2020: *The State of Negotiations for Peace in Afghanistan*. Conversation with Prof Hassan Abbas in this special episode of the newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy's *Contours* podcast jointly produced with the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) at the National Defense University on the state of negotiations for peace in Afghanistan.
- April 7, 2020: *How Jihadism is Evolving*. Interviewed Dr. Aaron Zelin on his new book *Your Sons Are at Your Service: Tunisia's Missionaries of Jihad*
- February 27, 2020: *A Strategic Net Assessment of Northwestern Syria*. Conversation with Sasha Ghosh-Siminoff on the geopolitical implications of the multi-player battlespace in the Syrian province of Idlib.
- January 22, 2020: *A Conversation on the U.S. Maximum Pressure Against Iran in the Post-Soleimani Era*. Spoke alongside top Trump White House advisor on Iran, Dr Michael Bell and Patrick McElwain, Deputy Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Department of Homeland Security at this panel organized by the Near East & South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University, Washington DC.
- December 20, 2019: *Good Governance and the Problem of Islamism*. Conversation with Professor Muqtedar Khan on his new book *Islam & Good Governance: A Political Philosophy of Ihsan*
- December 16, 2019: *Religious Extremism, the Kashmir Crisis, & U.S. South Asia Policy*. Moderated this panel discussion at the Newlines Institute for Strategy & Policy, Washington DC featuring Prof Sumit

Ganguly of Indian University, Prof Hassan Abbas of the National Defense University, and Michael Kugelman of the Woodrow Wilson Center.

- October 28 - Nov 1, 2019: *Central Asia: Reemergence, Evolution, and Trajectories*. Led the sub-regional course (ASSCA6001) at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- October 15-18: *Ungoverned Spaces & Uncivil Societies*. Taught these two modules in the course ASA101 Thinking Globally at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- August 19-23, 2019: *Central Asia: Reemergence, Evolution, and Trajectories*. Led the sub-regional course (ASSCA6001) at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- August 8-12, 2019: *Ungoverned Spaces & Uncivil Societies*. Taught these two modules in the course ASA101 Thinking Globally at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- July 23, 2019: *Changing in Trends in U.S. Foreign Policy*. A lecture presented to foreign scholars of the 2019 cohort of the Department of State's Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program.
- July 18, 2019: *Countering Violent Extremism*. A lecture delivered in the Pakistan Familiarization Course at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- June 24, 2019: *U.S.-Iran Tensions*. A lecture presented at the University of Delaware to foreign scholars of the 2019 cohort of the Department of State's Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI) program.
- June 10-14, 2019: *Central Asia: Reemergence, Evolution, and Trajectories*. Led the sub-regional course (ASSCA6001) at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- June 3-7, 2019: *Ungoverned Spaces & Uncivil Societies*. Taught these two modules in the course ASA101 Thinking Globally at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- May 23, 2019: *Countering Violent Extremism*. A lecture delivered in the Pakistan Familiarization Course at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- May 14, 2019: *Countering Violent Extremism*. A lecture delivered in the Pakistan Familiarization Course at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.
- May 6, 2019: *Regional Roundup: Afghanistan, Pakistan, India & Sri Lanka*. Led this podcast conversation with prominent U.S. expert on South Asia, Dr. Christine Fair on the domestic political and security situations in each of these four South Asian nations.
- April 23, 2019: *India & Pakistan in Uncharted Territory*. Led this podcast conversation with Dr. Moeed Yusuf, national security advisor to Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan on what to expect from the decades-old India-Pakistan conflict after the recent unprecedented retaliatory use of airpower.
- April 16, 2019: *Iran's Information Operations*. Participated in this working lunch organized by the Department of State's Global Engagement Center.

- April 8, 2019: *Tackling the Threat of White Extremism*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Cynthia Miller-Idriss of American University on the rising threat of White extremism and how it can be countered and prevented.
- March 23, 2019: *The Iraqi Shia Post-ISIS Caliphate*. Led this podcast conversation with prominent Middle East expert Geneive Abdo on how an ISIS comeback in Iraq will depend on how the country's majority Shia community behaves at both the intra- and inter-communal levels.
- March 21, 2019: *Islam, America & Liberalism*. Led this podcast conversation with Cato Institute Senior Fellow Mustafa Akyol on how western notions are shaping Islam as practiced in North America:
- March 21, 2019: *GCC-South Asia: A New Role for the Gulf Countries in the Subcontinent?* Participated in this panel discussion organized by the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, DC.
- October 16, 2018: Met with the Israel-Palestinian Affairs directors in the National Security Council at the White House and advised them to focus on investing in Palestinian youth and the political economy of the West Bank.
- August 11, 2018: *The Muslim Brotherhood and American Muslims*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Peter Mandaville of George Mason University on the Muslim Brotherhood's many incarnations and how concerns about the group have affected policies and conversations about Islam in the United States.
- June 10, 2018: *Pakistan's Nuclear Bomb: A Story of Defiance, Deterrence and Deviance*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Hassan Abbas of National Defense University on his book on the non-proliferation lessons that can be gleaned from the experience with Pakistan's nuclear weapons program.
- May 8, 2018: *Challenges to Managing Nuclear Crises*. Led this podcast conversation with Dr. Moeed Yusuf, national security advisor to Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan on his book Brokering Peace in Nuclear Environments U.S. Crisis Management in South Asia.
- May 1, 2018: *Multiple Sources of Extremisms*. A talk presented at an analytical exchange organized by the Bureau of Intelligence & Research at the Department of State for Ambassador Sam Brownback.
- March 6, 2018: *Countering Violent Extremism*. Delivered this lecture at the National Defense University, Washington, DC.
- February 25, 2018: *Russia & Turkey in Syria and their Broader Shared Geopolitical Space*. Led this podcast conversation with Atlantic Council Senior Fellow Ariel Cohen on the complexity of Russian-Turkish dealings in Syria & other geopolitical commons and how the U.S. should respond.
- February 8, 2018: *Is A Two State Solution Viable Under the Trump Administration? A View from Israel*. Led this podcast conversation with Shalom Hartman Institute Senior Fellow Yossi Klein-Halevi on the future trajectory of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- February 6, 2018: *Geopolitics of Africa*. Delivered this talk to a group of senior officials from the United States Air Force at Capitol Hill Club, Washington, DC.

- January 2018: *U.S.-Pakistan Relations: A Way Forward*. Delivered this presentation at a roundtable on organized by the Center for Pakistan & Gulf Studies at the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services, Islamabad.
- November 19, 2017: *The Muslim Challenge to Europe*. Delivered a presentation to military officers and commanders at the U.S. Transportation Command's Joint Enabling Capabilities Command at Naval Station Norfolk, VA.
- October 19, 2017: *Shia-Sunni Conflict and its Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy*. Delivered a briefing to U.S. Air Force officials on as part of the White House Workshop at the Capitol Hill Club, Washington, DC.
- October 17, 2017: *Hindu Nationalism and Islamist Radicalism in South Asia*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Muqtedar Khan of the University of Delaware on the symbiotic relationship between Right-Wing Hindu nationalism in India & Islamist militancy in Pakistan.
- October 5, 2017: *The Failed State' of Afghanistan*. Delivered a talk as part of the Fragility of States: Issues in Global Studies lecture series at the University of Delaware.
- September 14, 2017: *Autocratic Meltdown, Jihadism & Geo-Sectarianism in the Middle East*. Delivered this briefing to government officials on as part of the White House Workshop at the Capitol Hill Club, Washington, DC.
- Sept 7, 2017: *Urdu-Language Counter-Messaging Violent Extremists*. Spoke in this panel on organized by the Department of State's Global Engagement Center, Washington, DC.
- September 1, 2017: *The Geosectarian Imbalance in Post-Mosul Iraq*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Hassan Abbas of National Defense University on the growing Shia-Sunni tensions in Iraq after Shia-dominated security forces and militias liberated Sunni areas from ISIS control.
- Aug 29, 2017: *ISIS Ideology*. Spoke in this panel organized by the Department of State's Global Engagement Center, Washington, DC.
- August 24, 2017: *International Relations of the Middle East & Africa*. Delivered this talk at a session of the Governance & Public Administration Immersion Program for Students & Professionals organized by Creative Learning, Washington, DC.
- August 21, 2017: *America's War on Terror*. Delivered this talk at a session of the Governance & Public Administration Immersion Program for Students & Professionals organized by Creative Learning, Washington, DC.
- August 17, 2017: *Writing Policy Briefs*. A lecture delivered at a session of the Governance & Public Administration Immersion Program for Students & Professionals organized by Creative Learning, Washington, DC.

- August 17, 2017: *The State of Global Politics*. Delivered this presentation at a session of the Governance & Public Administration Immersion Program for Students & Professionals organized by Creative Learning, Washington, DC.
- July 27, 2017: *The Authoritarianization Effect of Transnational Counterterrorism*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Sahar Aziz of Rutgers University on how Middle Eastern regimes like Egypt's leverage counterterrorism cooperation with the United States to consolidate their autocratic grip on power.
- July 13, 2017: *Civil-Military Relations in the Middle East & South Asia*. Led this conversation with Prof Saira Yamin of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii on civil-military dynamics in emerging democracies and autocracies, especially those of Pakistan, Egypt and Turkey, and Myanmar.
- June 1, 2017: *Gender and Violent Extremism Across American Societies*. Led this conversation with Prof Mariam Durrani of Hamilton College on American Muslim communities, patriarchy, and violent extremism.
- May 18, 2017: *Where is Egypt Headed?* Led this podcast conversation with Egyptian-British political analyst Dr. Hisham Hellyer on his book *A Revolution Undone: Egypt's Road Beyond Revolt* about Egypt's short-lived experiment with democratic politics.
- May 24, 2017: *Freedom of Belief: Countering Religious Violence*. A testimony delivered to the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission in the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.
- May 17, 2017: *Drivers of Insecurity and Instability in the Middle East and South Asia*. A fireside chat at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC.
- May 8, 2017: *A Critical Look at Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood*. Led this podcast conversation with Eric Trager on his book *Arab Fall: How the Muslim Brotherhood Won and Lost Egypt in 891 Days*, which challenges the view that the Muslim Brotherhood is a moderate Islamist movement.
- April 24, 2017: *Extremism in South Asia: New Ways to Respond*. Participated in this panel discussion jointly organized by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and the Center for Global Policy at USIP headquarters in Washington, DC.
- April 18, 2017: *Islamists, Jihadists, Autocratic Meltdown & Geosectarianism*. A presentation delivered as part of the Strong Lecture Series organized by the Political Science Department at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- April 13, 2017: *The Longest War in US History*. Led this podcast conversation with former U.S. military commander Col Christopher Kolenda on the security and political challenges that the United States is facing in Afghanistan.
- April 12, 2017: *America's War on Terror*. Delivered this presentation at a session of the Governance & Public Administration Immersion Program for Students & Professionals organized by Creative Learning, Washington, DC.

- April 5, 2017: *Middle East Morass: The Future of American Involvement in the Region*. Presented in this panel at a conference The Next 4 Years: The Role of the United States in the World at the Army & Navy Club, Washington, DC.
- April 3, 2017: *Islam & Politics; A Spectrum*. Led this podcast conversation with Brookings Senior Fellow Shadi Hamid on his book Islamic Exceptionalism: How the Struggle Over Islam is Reshaping the World.
- March 28, 2017: *Building Narratives for Countering Violent Extremism*. Delivered this lecture at National Defense University, Washington, DC.
- March 26, 2017: *Radicalization in the Age of ISIS*. Led this podcast conversation with Prof Akil Awan of Royal Holloway College, London professor in modern history, political violence and terrorism at Royal Holloway, University of London on how the transnational jihadist entity was recruiting, the foreign fighter phenomenon, and what Western societies can do to help address Islamist extremism.
- March 19, 2017: *Afghanistan: Security, Insurgents, and Regional Stakeholders*. Led this podcast conversation with former senior Afghan intelligence and national security official Ali Mohammad Ali on where Afghanistan stands after 16 years since the toppling of the Taliban regime.
- March 12, 2017: *Countering Violent Extremism*. Led this podcast conversation with former U.S. counterterrorism official Dr. Muhammad Fraser Rahim on the U.S. government's efforts to combat Islamist extremism under the Trump Administration.
- March 5, 2017: *South Asia in 2017*. Led a podcast conversation with Michael Kugelman of the Woodrow Wilson Center on U.S. foreign policy towards Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India under the Trump Administration.
- February 3, 2017: *The State of Affairs in Syria and U.S. Foreign Policy Implications*. Led a podcast conversation with Middle East Institute Senior Fellow Charles Lister on discusses the state of the affairs in Syria after the fall of Aleppo, and the foreign policy considerations for the new Trump Administration.
- December 7, 2016: *U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East in an Age of Turmoil*. Delivered this lecture at Washington College, Chestertown, MD.
- September 15, 2016: *U.S. Foreign Policy & Muslim Geopolitics*. Delivered this Foreign Policy Forum Brown Bag lunch talk on at the George C. Marshal International Center, Leesburg, VA.
- September 4, 2016: *Countering Violent Extremism*. Participated in this debate organized by the Institute for Social Policy & Understanding at the annual convention of the Islamic Society of North America, Chicago, IL.
- June 1-3, 2016: *Countering Violent Extremism & Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Middle East*. Delivered the opening talk in this plenary session, at the Exploring the Relationship Between the Rule of Law & Violent Extremism in the Middle East symposium co-organized by the Rule of Law Collaborative at the University of South Carolina and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs at the U.S. Department of State in Dubai, UAE.

- May 20, 2016: *Canadian Defense Policy Review*. Participated in a day-long roundtable of 15 top national experts in consultation with Canadian Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan at the Fairmont York Hotel in Toronto to update the new national defense strategy. I made two recommendations: 1) Double the size of the military forces; 2) Create a dedicated foreign intelligence service. In the June 2017 National Defense Strategy document, the government of prime minister Justin Trudeau implemented stated that it would be increasing the size of the military from 63,000 to 120,000 personnel.
- April 21, 2016: *Promoting Democratization in the Face of Autocratic Meltdown and the rise of Geosectarianism & Jihadism*. Presented this paper in the panel ‘Strategizing Democratization’ at the 17th annual conference of the Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy titled Democratization, Authoritarianism & Radicalization: Exploring the Connections in Washington, DC.
- April 6, 2016: *Reintegration of Extremists: Priorities and Lessons Learned*. Participated in this panel at the Countering Violent Extremism Symposium co-organized by Creative Associates and International Peace & Security Institute in Washington, DC.
- March 17, 2016: *Stratfor: Merging Intelligence & Geopolitics*, a paper presented at a panel on Strategic Analysis in Support of International Policymaking at the 57th annual International Studies Association conference in Atlanta, GA.
- September 9-10, 2015: *Combating Extremism Discursively*, a paper presented at a panel on the Role of International Media in Shaping the Narrative at a seminar on ‘Countering Violent Extremism: A Global Action Plan’ organized by the Center for Pakistan & Gulf Studies, Islamabad.
- July 9, 2015: *Autocratic Meltdown, Geo-Sectarianism, & Jihadism in the Middle East*, a talk delivered at the Office of Religion and Global Affairs in the Department of State, Washington, DC.
- April 23, 2015: *Why ISIS and Global Terrorism Matter to Canada*, a luncheon speech organized by the Canadian Club of Ottawa at the Fairmont Château Laurier hotel, Ottawa, Canada.
- April 20, 2015: *Current Geopolitical Security Realities in South Asia*, a briefing presented to a group of visiting Pakistani, Saudi, & Turkish military officers at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.
- March 31, 2015: *Combating Extremism Discursively*, a presentation in a panel on Challenges in Addressing Religious Extremism Within Cultural Communities at a workshop titled ‘Extremist Travel & Lone Actors: Taking Stock of Recent Developments in Research on Radicalization’ organized by the Academic Outreach Program of the Canadian Security & Intelligence Service, Ottawa, Canada.
- March 30, 2015: *Security Implications of Terrorism in South Asia*, a presentation delivered in a session at Strategic Forecasting: Global Terrorism Trends and Implications, a conference organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade & Development, Ottawa, Canada.
- March 13-15, 2015: *Moderation Among Salafists & Jihadists*, a paper presented in a panel on *Salafism & Islamism* at a conference titled Islamism and Post-Islamism in Muslim Societies, organized by the Queens

University's School of Religion, Department of History, and Initiative for Muslim Societies and Global Perspectives, Kingston, Canada.

- March 7, 2015: *Fragmentation in the Middle East & South Asia & its Implications*, a presentation in a panel on Imperatives of Multi-dimensional Security: Political, Economic, Strategic Dimensions at the 6th Think Tank Forums of Islamic Countries in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- March 4, 2015: *Fragmentation in the Middle East & South Asia & its Implications*, a presentation delivered at the Overseas Research Foundation (ORF) in New Delhi, India.
- March 2, 2015: *Evolving Geopolitics of Middle East & South Asia*, a presentation given at the Institute of Defense Studies & Analysis (IDSA), New Delhi, India.
- February 24, 2015: *Fragmentation in the Middle East & South Asia & its Implications* a talk delivered at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Doha, Qatar.
- January 31, 2015: *Moderation Among Salafists and Jihadists*, a presentation at Uluslararası International Terrorism Conference co-organized by Küreselden Yerele Türkiye Grubu & Üsküdar Belediyesi, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Nov 25, 2014: *Fragmentation in the Middle East & South Asia & its Implications*, a speech delivered in the Upper House of Parliament, Ottawa, Canada
- Nov 14-16, 2014: *Moderation Among Jihadists & Salafists* a paper presentation in a panel on Civil War Settlements at the Security Studies Conference jointly organized by the American Political Science Association and the International Studies Association at the University of Texas at Austin.
- January 22, 2014: *Contemporary Islamist Trends*, a presentation at the Office for Security and Counter Terrorism, Home Office, London, UK.
- Oct 4, 2013: *Post-Arab Spring Tunisia*, a presentation in a workshop titled Rethinking the Arab Transition, organized by the Center for the Study of Democracy at the University of Westminster, London, UK.
- Nov 28, 2012: *The Geopolitics of the Syrian Civil War*, a paper presented at a conference titled Securing Arab Democracies, organized by the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSID) at the University of Westminster, London, UK.
- Nov 28, 2012: *Kurdish Geopolitics*. A presentation at a conference on Kurdistan organized by Tudor Pickering at the Sofitel Hotel St. James, London UK.
- Sept 7-9, 2009: *Jihadism: A Transnational Challenge to the Nation-State from Non-State Actor*. Presented this paper in a panel on Jihad, Martyrdom, and the Politics of Religion in the Modern World at a 'Rethinking Jihad' conference organized by the Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World at the University of Edinburgh, UK.

- Jan 30, 2009: *The Middle East & South Asia After Seven Years of the U.S.-Jihadist War*. A paper presented at a conference titled The Never-Ending Story: Conflict in the Middle East organized by the Political Studies Department at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.
- November 8, 2008: *The Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa*. A day long course I delivered to the 2008 cohort of Canadian non-commissioned officers as part of the annual Officership Colloquium at the Royal Military College Saint-Jean in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.
- Oct 7, 2008: *Rise of Violent Radical Extremism*. Presented in this panel on a conference titled Pakistan Matters: Regional & Global Security Implications organized by the Canadian International Council (CIC), Ottawa, Canada.
- Aug 11-13, 2008: *Understanding Relations between the Muslims and the West with Special Reference to Pakistan*. Participated in a three-part televised dialogue series entitled organized by Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (PILDAT) in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad.
- Feb 14, 2008: *Canada's Military Mission in Afghanistan*. Appeared as a witness before the Canadian Parliament's Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to testify on the situation in Afghanistan ahead of the parliamentary vote authorizing a 3-year extension to Ottawa's military involvement in the southwest Asian country.
- Dec 13, 2007: *The Geopolitics of Middle East & South Asia*. A day long course I delivered to the 2007 cohort of Canadian non-commissioned officers as part of the annual Officership Colloquium at the Royal Military College Saint-Jean in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.
- Dec 7, 2007: *Shia-Sunni Tensions in the Persian Gulf and U.S. Public Diplomacy*. Participated in this panel discussion organized by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Policy Planning.
- Nov 8, 2007: *U.S.-Iran Negotiations on Iraq*, a presentation delivered at the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA) in Ankara, Turkey.
- Sept 19, 2007: *The Future of Pakistan*, a talk delivered as part of the Defense Studies Roundtable organized by the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto.
- Aug 20, 2007: *Radicalization in Europe: A Post-9/11 Perspective*. Delivered a presentation on the UK-based Islamist movement, al-Muhajiroun, at this seminar organized by the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen, Denmark.
- May 7, 2007: *The Diversity within Islamism*. A presentation delivered to the Office of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.
- March 21, 2007: Afghanistan & South Asian Geopolitics. Presentations delivered to the Chief of Defense Intelligence at Canadian Department of National Defense and the Prime Minister's Privy Council Office, Ottawa, Canada, respectively.
- Feb 15, 2007: *Pakistan: Local Politics with Global Implications*, a talk delivered at the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, Toronto, Canada.

- Nov 16, 2006: *Current Situational Analysis for Afghanistan and Possible Developments in the Next 1-3 Years*. Participated in this session at a roundtable on ‘NATO in Afghanistan: Benchmarks for Success & ‘Exit Strategy Scenarios’ organized by Canadian Institute of International Affairs, Toronto, Canada.
- Sept 3, 2006: *Democratization, Post-Islamism, and Counterterrorism*, a paper presented in a panel on Dynamics and Challenges of the Democratization Process at a conference on Citizenship, Security, and Democracy, in Istanbul, Turkey.
- December 2005: *Understanding Islamism*, a lecture delivered to an upper-division political science course on comparative politics at the University of Toronto in Mississauga, Canada.
- December 13, 2004: *Bridging the Divide? The Role of American Muslim Community in U.S. Relations with the Wider Islamic World*. Participated in this round table discussion, organized by the Project on U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World of the Saban Center for Middle East Studies, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC.
- November 22, 2004: *Islam and the West: A Dialogue*. Presented in this panel discussion at a workshop on Franco-German Relations and the Transatlantic Agenda After November 2, organized by the American Institute for Contemporary Germanic Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC.
- October 16, 2004: *Locating Moderate Islamism in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, a paper presented in a panel Islam & Politics in South Asia, at the 33rd Annual South Asia Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- September 24-26, 2004: *Moderate Islam, Progressive Muslims, Democracy, & Post-Islamism*, a paper presented at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
- September 24-26, 2004: *Iraq: The US-Iranian Intrigue*, a paper presented at a roundtable discussion on The US War in Iraq: The Broad Spectrum of Consequences at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
- September 4, 2004: *Jihad and Jihadism: A Rendition of Transnational Militant Non-State Actors*, a paper presented in a panel on International Security and the Middle East at the 100th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- May 28, 2004: *Justice and Political Legitimacy in Islamic Political Thought*, a paper presented in a panel on Political Foundations of Justice at the 5th annual conference of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Washington, DC.
- April 2, 2004: *Root Causes of Anti-Americanism in the Muslim World*, presented in this panel discussion with Director of Foreign Press Centers, U.S. Department of State, first of a four-part lecture series on international terrorism and homeland security organized by the Department of Political Science, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

- November 6-8, 2003: *Jihad & Jihadism: A Rendition of Militant Transnational Non-State Actors*, a paper presented in a panel Rescuing Islamic Political Theory from the Jihadist Ideology, at the 37th annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Anchorage, AL.
- September 26-28, 2003: *Islamist Political Thought: Incorporating Medieval Islamic [Eastern] Political Philosophy in Modern [Western] Democratic Discourse*, a paper presented at 32 Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), University of Indian, Bloomington, IN.
- August 28-31, 2003: *Islam and Democratic Political Theory*, chaired this panel at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA.
- May 16-17, 2003: *From Classical to Contemporary Sources: Understanding Islamic Notions of Political Authority, Legitimacy, and Islamic Governance*. Participated in this panel presentation at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Washington, DC
- November 2-3, 2002: *Jihad & Jihadism: A Rendition of Militant Transnational Non-State Actors*, a research paper presented in a panel on Political Violence and the Nature and Causes of Terrorism at a seminar on 'Jihad, Peace, & Conflict Resolution' organized by the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (CMCU) at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
- October 25-27, 2002: *Civil Society in the Islamist Discourse & Democratization in the Muslim World*, a research paper presented in a panel entitled State-Society Relations and Democratization at the 31st annual conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists held at the American University, Washington, DC
- June 6, 2002: *Political Islam in South Asia*, a presentation delivered at the Summer Teaching Institute 2002 on War and Peace: Teaching About World Conflict organized by the area studies centers at The University of Texas at Austin.
- April 6-7, 2002: *The Social and Ideological Roots of Jihadism: A Constructivist Approach to Understanding Armed Transnational Non-State Actors*, a research paper presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy held in Arlington, VA.
- October 18, 2001: *Islamism in Afghanistan & US Foreign Policy*, a lecture at a panel delivered at a teach-in session at The University of Texas at Austin.
- September 19, 2001: *America Under Attack: A Search for Meaning*, a panel discussion in a Town hall meeting in which I was the sole graduate student participant along with faculty members from The University of Texas' Department of Government, organized by the Student Government and the Multicultural Center.
- April 28, 2001: *Islam & Democracy*, a presentation on my MA thesis research in the Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum organized by the Graduate College, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

- April 7, 2001: *Islamist Attitudes Towards Democracy*, a research paper presented at a panel Democracy in Practice, and Islam in Context at the 2nd Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy (CSID) at Georgetown University, Washington DC.

- October 14, 2000: *The Diverse Nature of the Global Islamist Movements*. A research paper presented in a panel on Multi-Culturalism, Civil Society, and Islamic Movements at the 29th Annual Convention of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS) organized in conjunction with the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (CMCU) at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL/SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Have given hundreds of interviews to leading global media outlets including: The New York Times, The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Thomson Reuters, AP, AFP, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, Foreign Policy, NPR, Forbes, Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail, CBC, CTV, BBC, Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya, Israel 24, CNN Turk, Pakistan's GEO TV, India's Hindustan Times, Xinhua, and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

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