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For The Atlantic online, international service professor Robert Pastor wrote an op-ed about items that Congress should address before making a decision to approve Obama’s military retaliation plans instead of a diplomatic course of punishment. (9/4)

Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies Akbar Ahmed appeared in studio on WUSA-CBS9 to discuss Obama’s choice to pursue military actions in Syria. (8/31)

Executive Director of Initiative for Russian Culture Anton Fedyashin appeared on Al Jazeera America to discuss Syria in terms of U.S.–Russian bilateral relations and the G20 meeting. (9/4)

Additional Features
Social Scientists Seek New Ways to Influence Public Policy

In a trend story about connecting academics with public policy makers in order to influence debate, Chronicle of Higher Ed talked to James Goldgeier, dean of the School of International Service, about how the school’s International Policy Summer Institute and New Era Foreign Policy Conference teaches professors how to target the right audiences. (9/2)

Moscow Piques Student Interest As Geopolitical Relevance Rises

In a Washington Diplomat trend story about the growing appeal of Russian studies programs in the United States, Initiative for Russian Culture executive director Anton Fedyashin and director Eric Lohr explained the resurgence in student interest. (8/30)

D.C. Residents Have Biggest Tax Headaches in the Region

David Kautter, managing director of the Kogod Tax Center, spoke to Washington Business Journal online about the center’s regional tax practitioner survey that showed that Virginia and Maryland’s tax forms, guidance and regulatory assistance rate higher than in the District of Columbia. (9/5)

Op-Eds/AU Authors
Politics Counts: How Military Communities View Conflict

In his weekly Wall Street Journal online column, government professor Dante Chinni discussed his American Communities Project research which reveals areas of the United States with large concentrations of military families that are significantly impacted when the United States enters into an extended military conflict. (8/30)

Deadly Devices Are Futile Way to Battle Terrorism

In a point-counterpoint op-ed with the Orlando Sentinel, Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, argued why the U.S. should curtail its drone strikes in the fight against terrorism. (8/30)