

2013 New Era Foreign Policy Conference Participant Bios

Lionel Beehner is a 3rd-year PhD student at Yale University, focusing on international relations, violent non-state actors and the use of force. He is a fellow at the Truman National Security Project and former senior writer at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he is currently a term member. He is also a member of USA Today's Board of Contributors and a frequent contributor to The Atlantic, New York Times Sunday Travel, and Huffington Post, among other publications. He holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University.

Tarun Chaudhary has both a MS and BS in International Affairs from the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech. After completing a Masters degree, Mr. Chaudhary spent three years working as an analyst for IHS Jane's Information Group in Alexandria, VA. While at Jane's, Mr. Chaudhary worked for both the commercial and government defense consulting divisions, gaining expertise in the collection and analysis of open source intelligence for both government and commercial clients. Additionally, Mr. Chaudhary specialized in executing market studies for corporate defense clients and focused on the soldier systems and small arms markets as well as both mobile land-based and airborne military platforms. Mr. Chaudhary has also provided consulting services for the Department of Defense, having co-authored two research reports for OSD Net Assessment (OSD/ONA, the Pentagon) while working for Joint Management Services, LLC in Atlanta, GA. His research interests include comparative military studies, force transformation issues, and the use of computer-based modeling and simulation for the exploration and analysis of security related international relations questions. He has been the instructor of record for an undergraduate introduction to international relations course and currently helps teach courses in scenario writing, modeling, simulation and war- gaming while completing his doctoral studies.

James Goldgeier is Dean of the School of International Service at American University. Prior to that, he served as professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University. Jim taught previously at Cornell University, and has held appointments at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation, the State Department, the National Security Council, the Brookings Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Library of Congress, the Woodrow Wilson Center, the Hoover Institution, and the Transatlantic Academy. From 2001-2005, he directed GW's Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies. Jim's most recent book is *America Between the Wars: From 11/9 to 9/11* (co-authored with Derek Chollet).

Thomas Hale is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University. Dr. Hale's research explores how we can manage transnational problems effectively and fairly. He seeks to explain how political institutions evolve--or not--to face the challenges raised by globalization and interdependence, with a particular emphasis on environmental and economic issues. He holds a PhD in Politics from Princeton University, a masters degree in Global Politics from the London School of Economics, and an AB in public policy from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. A US national, Hale has studied and worked in Argentina, China, and Europe, and currently lives in London.

Gaurav Kampani is a doctoral candidate at Cornell University's Department of Government. His major and minor fields are International Relations and Comparative Politics. Kampani's research interests cover international security and focus on the relationship between domestic institutions and strategic policy, military strategy, operations planning, and weapons development. Kampani's dissertation project studies the lag in Indian nuclear decision-making from the 1980s until the present. Between 1998-2005, Kampani was a Senior Research Associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey CA. During 2010-2011, he was a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at Stanford University's Center for International Security & Cooperation.

Christodoulos Kaoutzanis is a PhD candidate at Columbia University Department of Political Science. A native of Nicosia, Cyprus he holds a JD from Columbia Law School, a LLM in International Criminal Justice from the University of Amsterdam, and a BS from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. His academic focus is placed on the intersection of international law and international relations. He speaks Greek, English and French.

Jason Klocek is a doctoral candidate at the University of California, Berkeley with research interests in international security, insurgency and counterinsurgency, religion and violence, and post-conflict reconstruction. His dissertation explores how states respond to religiously motivated insurgencies and what effect this has on conflict outcomes. Prior to his move to the west coast, Jason received his M.A. in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University (2009) and his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Notre Dame (2003). He also holds an M.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley (2010). From 2003 to 2005 he served with the U.S. Peace Corps in Yolöten, Türkmenistan.

Wendy Leutert is a Ph.D. student in international relations in the Department of Government at Cornell University. Her research interests include international political economy, Chinese politics, and China's foreign relations with the developing world. Before coming to Cornell, she earned a master's degree in international relations from Tsinghua University. She also worked as Researcher/Office Manager for International Crisis Group in Beijing, and as a student research assistant for the Brookings-Tsinghua Center for Public Policy. She is a former Chinese Scholarship Council Fellow, 2008-2010; Wellesley College Graduate Fellow, 2007-2008; and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow, 2005-2006.

Noa Levanon is a third year doctoral candidate in the Conflict Management program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Her dissertation examines how state governments assess and respond to inter-party dynamics among various non-state sub-groups when evaluating the degree to which such sub-groups can -- collectively or individually -- be approached as negotiating partners. Her MA thesis, from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, explored the way in which network dynamics influenced discourse and policy at holy sites in Israel and India. While in graduate school, she has also been involved in research projects spanning a wide range of topics, including: post-conflict reconciliation efforts, international interventions in different civil conflicts, unofficial diplomacy efforts in the Middle East, interfaith cooperation in the Middle East, and power-sharing agreements between majorities and minorities in a number of regional conflicts. Prior to graduate school, Noa received a BA from Princeton University and served as a lieutenant in the Israel Defense Forces' Liaison and Foreign Relations Division.

Eric Lorber is a JD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Duke University. He is an adjunct staff member at the Institute for Defense Analyses and has worked as a summer associate and consultant at the RAND Corporation. He has served on the Iran Sanctions desk in the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Intelligence, as well as in the Counsel's Office at the Office of Foreign Assets Control. He has also advised Fortune 500 companies on U.S. sanctions law -- as well as establishing sanctions compliance programs -- for Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher, L.L.P., where he will be returning full time in the fall of 2013.

Eric has written on cyber warfare, economic sanctions, the credibility of security assurances, and civil-military relations. His most recent works include: "Executive Warmaking Authority and Offensive Cyber Operations: Can Existing Legislation Successfully Constrain Presidential Power?" 15 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 3 (March 2013); "Turning a Blind Eye: Towards a Theory of Punishment in Civil-Military Relations" (with Daniel Bessner), *Armed Forces and Society* (October 2012); and "Containing Iran: What Does It Mean?" (with Dalia Dassa Kaye), *Middle East Policy* (Spring 2012).

Eric holds a BA, magna cum laude and with departmental honors, in political science from Columbia University, where he won the Charles Beard Prize for academic excellence. He also holds an MA in War

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Edward Lucas is a Ph.D. candidate at the American University's School of International Service. His research focuses on maritime piracy and counter-piracy operations. He is also a research fellow at the Center on Non-Traditional Threats and Corruption. Prior to entering academia Edward served for ten years as an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Christopher Mitchell is a Ph.D. candidate at the George Washington University. His doctoral research explores patterns of response in advanced capitalist economies to banking and financial crises, and how the organization of financial interests affects the political strength of failing firms and thus the policy choices of states. His dissertation especially focuses on explaining why the US and UK favored bank nationalization approaches which imposed costs on bank shareholders, while Germany favored policies which preserved private ownership and insulated bank shareholders and creditors from losses. Past work experience in the public and nonprofit sectors include work as a Congressional staffer, at the World Bank, and the United Nations Foundation. Private sector experience includes work in mortgage services and financial advising. Previous academic work includes work on paramilitary movements in interwar Europe and on the economics of the developing world.

Fouad Pervez is a PhD student in the Department of Government at Georgetown University, with a focus on international political economy and international security. His dissertation deals with international trade disputes. He holds an MPH in Health Policy from the University of Michigan and a BS from Boston University. Prior to his doctoral studies, he worked as a health policy researcher for several organizations. He is an occasional writer for *Foreign Policy in Focus*, and has participated in several talk shows and panels to discuss foreign policy topics. His policy writing has focused on counterterrorism strategies, private military contractors, and American foreign policy in the Middle East and South Asia.

Ionut C. Popescu is the Duke American Grand Strategy Program Fellow, and a PhD candidate in international relations. His dissertation examines the interplay of design and emergence in the making of American Grand Strategy in several strategic eras in US history. Prior to joining Duke, Ionut graduated Summa cum Laude from Occidental College with a B.A. in Diplomacy and World Affairs, and he worked for the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC. His articles appeared in *Orbis*, *Armed Forces Journal*, *Joint Force Quarterly*, and *Contemporary Security Policy*.

Ely Ratner is currently serving on the China Desk at the State Department as the lead political officer covering China's external relations in Asia. His appointment is an International Affairs Fellowship sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations. At the conclusion of his fellowship, Ely will be joining the Center for a New American Security as an Asia-Pacific Security Fellow. Prior to joining the State Department, Ely was an Associate Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation, where he performed research and long-range analysis on the rise of China, the People's Liberation Army, and regional security in Asia. His commentary and research have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *The National Interest*, *Democracy*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *Chinese Journal of International Politics*. Ely previously worked as a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley and his B.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Megan Reiss is currently working on a PhD in public policy at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, focusing on international security, grand strategy, and presidential decision making. Prior to this she completed an LLM at the University of Nottingham in international criminal justice and armed conflict. She received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in human biology.

Catherine (Kate) Sanger is a PhD Candidate in the University of Virginia's Politics Department. Her research and teaching focuses on international security and foreign policy analysis, specifically issues concerning interstate conflict and cooperation, international organizations and law, the impact of new technologies on international politics, and the domestic sources of foreign policy. Her dissertation, "On the Origin of Commons: Great Power Politics and Property Rights in International Frontiers" investigates why some international frontiers such as air space are governed by exclusive, national ownership regimes while other frontiers such as outer space are openly accessible to all as common property. Kate aims to conduct innovative, policy-relevant research using qualitative methods and embraces opportunities for collaboration with others. She is also an enthusiastic teacher and dedicated community-builder. Prior to graduate school she worked as a researcher and administrator at International Crisis Group in New York.

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Steven Weber is Professor of Political Science and The Information School at UC Berkeley, on leave this year as Senior Advisor at The Monitor Group. His research, teaching, and advisory work have for two decades focused on the politics and business models of knowledge intensive industries, with special attention to health care, information technology, software, and global political economy issues relating to competitiveness and innovation. His current research focuses on the intersection between data science and individual and group decision-making inside large organizations. He is also a frequent contributor to scholarly and public debates about US foreign policy.

Weber's 2004 book, *The Success of Open Source*, is the leading study of the political economy of the open source software community. He has also authored numerous articles in academic and popular publications about international political economy, globalization, emerging security issues, etc. (including "How Globalization Went Bad," in *Foreign Policy* 2007, "A World Without the West," *The National Interest* summer 2007, and "America's Hard Sell", *Foreign Policy* 2008). His recent books are *The End of Arrogance: America in the Global Competition of Ideas* (2010), with co-author Bruce Jentleson of Duke, which proposes terms of global leadership for an emerging era of ideological competition; and *Deviant Globalization: Black Market Economy in the 21st Century* (2011), co-edited with Nils Gilman and Jesse Goldhammer.

Rachel Whitlark is a sixth year PhD candidate in the Political Science Department at the George Washington University and for the 2012-2013 academic year a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her interests lie in international security and foreign policy decision-making and her research focuses on weapons proliferation, U.S. grand strategy, and threat perception. Her dissertation explores how state leaders decide to use preventive military force as a counter-proliferation strategy against adversarial nuclear programs. She is a member of the Nuclear Scholars Initiative at CSIS, a regular participant with the Public Policy and Nuclear Threats program at IGCC, and a fellow with the Bridging the Gap Project's New Era Conference on Foreign Policy. Whitlark received a master's degree from Stanford University and a bachelor's degree also from George Washington. Prior to beginning her PhD, Rachel worked in a variety of capacities in the Los Angeles office of AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. She is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.