10th Anniversary Review
The Notre Dame International Security Center
Dear Students, Colleagues, Alumni, Benefactors, and Friends of the Notre Dame International Security Center,

It is hard to believe that NDISC is already in its 10th year.

The Notre Dame International Security Program (NDISP), NDISC’s predecessor, started in the fall of 2008 with what has become the jewel in our programmatic crown: our regular seminar series. In it each semester, we bring to campus scholars doing cutting-edge research which addresses the most pressing international security issues, or current or former national security policymakers and senior military officers who are interested in reflecting on the larger conceptual or historical background of what they do in their day jobs. The seminar was meant to be a forum for not only our faculty but also students and the entire Notre Dame community.

From the beginning, my colleagues and I were convinced that this seminar series could be a launching pad for so much more that could connect what we at Notre Dame and other universities were researching and teaching with the broader international security debates in Washington and around the world. So in addition to the seminar series, we soon began organizing larger events—major talks by the most senior former policymakers such as two-time National Security Advisor Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft or current officials such as then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, workshops and conferences to bring together leading scholars from across the country to discuss important U.S. government initiatives including the National Intelligence Council’s quadrennial Global Trends, and major research projects funded by eminent foundations such as the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

In 2011, we put some initial thoughts down on paper—it was more of a wish list at that point—that roughed out a vision for a larger program that would include undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral programming in international security. We also sketched out some other protean ideas about a regular workshop for emerging scholars in international security and tried to think of ways to bring more active-duty military officers to campus to leaven our scholarly community with some practitioners. Looking back at that white paper, you can see the seeds of something larger germinating.

The opportunity for NDISP to undertake truly transformational growth came in 2016 when the Charles Koch Foundation, which had just begun to support programming in foreign policy and national security issues in a major way, awarded Notre Dame a five-year grant of $3.6 million to turn our program into a center. Going from a $25,000-a-year program to an almost three-quarters-of-a-million-dollars-a-year center represents more than 3,000 percent growth.

With those additional resources, we have hired three more prominent faculty, established a unique undergraduate international security policy certificate program to prepare Notre Dame students for careers in international security, and expanded our graduate program to include not only civilian academics but also active-duty military officers. We also now organize a nationally competitive workshop for the leading younger scholars in international security to present their work, bring more current and former national security policymakers to Notre Dame on a regular basis, host a postdoctoral fellow each year, and yes, we still hold our regular Tuesday seminar.

I invite you to read more of the details about who we are and what we are doing for “God, Country, Notre Dame” in the following pages of this 10th anniversary report.

Michael C. Desch
Packey J. Dee Professor of International Affairs
Founding Director, Notre Dame International Security Center
NDISC
MISSION
The Notre Dame International Security Center (NDISC) was founded on the conviction that first-rate scholarship contributes to effective policymaking and engagement with the real world produces better research. We also believe that academia has an obligation to contribute to the formulation of effective national security policy. We fulfill this mission through our research, our teaching, and our public affairs programming designed to broaden and deepen the discussion of international security policymaking on campus, across the country, and around the world.

History
Founded a decade ago as the Notre Dame International Security Program (NDISP), NDISC quickly established itself as one of the country’s leading centers for policy-relevant academic national security studies. In 2008–2009, the program inaugurated a seminar series, which continues to thrive today.

In the spring of 2010, we held our first NDISP mini-conference to assess and critically evaluate how academics previously contributed to national security policy. In April 2012, NDISP hosted its second mini-conference to discuss and critique a draft of the National Intelligence Council, Office of the Director of National Intelligence Global Trends: 2030 report. In February 2014, NDISP and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs co-sponsored a major public address by Gen. Keith Alexander, the director of the National Security Agency, and then organized a series of follow-up panels to discuss the challenges of balancing security and privacy in the current security environment. Over the years, our seminars, mini-conferences, and major public addresses have featured not only leading scholars but also distinguished current and former practitioners and public commentators such as Brent Scowcroft, Tom Ricks, Andrew Bacevich, Marine Generals Tony Zinni and Bernard Trainor, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey.

In 2011, NDISC’s principals drafted a white paper outlining a long-term vision for NDISC that, in addition to the seminar series and public events, included an innovative undergraduate certificate program combining curricular and extracurricular elements such as policy internships and experiential learning opportunities on the ground at military and other national security facilities. It also envisioned expanding our core faculty, adding a post-doctoral fellows program, establishing a regular workshop bringing together the next generation of younger scholars in international security, bolstering our graduate program in international security by including active-duty military officers, and reaching an agreement to bring U.S. military officers slated for War College assignment to Notre Dame.

In 2016, with the support of generous gifts and grants from individual benefactors including Jack Kelly ’74 and Gail Weiss, Brian ’74 and Jeannelle Brady, and Kevin ’88 and Cynthia O’Brien, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the Charles Koch Foundation, NDISP became NDISC. With that change came the opportunity to realize major aspects of our ambitious white paper vision, including adding three new faculty members and a permanent staff person, establishing a regular postdoctoral fellowship, expanding and improving our undergraduate and graduate programs, holding our inaugural Emerging Scholars in Innovative Grand Strategy workshop, and regularizing experiential learning visits to national security sites such as the Marine Air Ground Combat Center at Twenty-nine Palms, CA; U.S. Strategic Command in Omaha, NE; and Nellis Air Force Base and the Department of Energy’s Nevada Nuclear Security Site.

NDISC’s period of transformative growth will not end with the close of its first decade; indeed, stay tuned for even more in its second!
Eugene Gholz, a former Defense Department official, a former associate professor at the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Austin, and the co-author of one of the most influential articles on the grand strategy of restraint (with Daryl G. Press and Harvey M. Sapolsky): “Come Home America: The Strategy of Restraint in the Face of Temptation,” International Security, Vol. 21, No. 4 (Spring 1997): 5–48.

Joseph Parent is an associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, and the co-author (with Paul K. MacDonald) of Twilight of the Titans: Great Power Decline and Retrenchment (Cornell University Press, 2018).


Dan Lindley received his Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and French from Tufts University in 1984. Before starting graduate school in the Security Studies Program at MIT (Ph.D. 1998), he worked in Washington, D.C., for Congressman Ratchford, the Center for Defense Information, the Federation of American Scientists, and the Brookings Institution. Lindley’s book, Promoting Peace with Information: Transparency as a Tool of Security Regimes, was published by Princeton University Press in 2007. He is currently conducting research on the prevalence of preemptive and preventative war, on the extent to which miscalculation and misperception have come to dominate states’ decisions for war, and whether the development of new weapons helps lead states into war. He started in fall 1999 as an assistant professor in political science at the University of Notre Dame, where he is a fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies as well as co-director of the Notre Dame International Security Program.

Sebastian Rosato is an associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame. He is the author of Europe United: Power Politics and the Making of the European Community (Cornell University Press, 2011) and has published scholarly articles in several journals, including the American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, International Security, Perspectives on Politics, and Security Studies. Rosato has been a fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, and the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies and the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University. He received a BA (honors) in history from Cambridge University, an M.Phil. in international relations from Oxford University, and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago.

Anieka Johnson earned a global master’s degree in international relations from Webster University, where she focused on the mutual impact of gender and international relations. She joined the Notre Dame International Security staff in 2016, where she is responsible for the center’s administrative, event planning, and marketing operations.
Our Benefactors

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Seminar Series

NDISC explores the major scholarly and policy debates in the field of international security, broadly defined. Within the Speaker Seminar Series we invite prominent scholars or current or former national security practitioners to speak on a wide range of international security–related topics. These events provide a forum for policy experts, outside academics, and Notre Dame faculty and students to present and discuss their work.
Annual Emerging Scholars Conference

Each year, the Notre Dame International Security Center seeks nominations of outstanding candidates (advanced ABD students or pre/postdoctoral fellows) to present their work at the Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference.

By grand strategy, we mean some aspect of where, when, and how states (as well as armed groups) consider using military force among other instruments of statecraft to achieve foreign policy goals, broadly defined.

We seek nominees whose work applies the very best scholarship to the most pressing issues facing the United States in the 21st century and does so in a way that broadens the intellectual and practical discussion of these issues in innovative ways. In addition to having first-rate scholarly credentials, ideal nominees will also have an interest in applying their scholarly work to some aspect of the formulation and implementation of foreign policy goals.

The three-day conference consists of six workshops. Each workshop includes a research presentation by the Emerging Scholar, a response by a senior scholar in the field, and a general discussion.

Lecture Series

Jack Kelly and Gail Weiss Lecture Series

The Kelly/Weiss Lecture Series makes it possible for NDISC to continue to bring current or former national security practitioners to campus to enrich the Notre Dame community’s discussion of and engagement with national security issues.


The James P. Reilly Jr. Annual International Security Lecture is named in honor of the father of Sean M. Reilly (’90), a man who immigrated to the United States in 1950 and two years later went to war to fight for his new country. The individuals who deliver this prestigious lecture address the vital international security issues facing this nation. They represent and embody the best of what it means to be an American. James P. Reilly Jr. is a man of great faith, a committed husband and father, and a person who deeply understands the role education and intellectual discourse play in advancing and protecting this great nation. James Reilly, and this lecture series, truly epitomize the motto “God, Country, Notre Dame.”
The Undergraduate Certificate Program goal is to train students who seek a career in policy or academic work in international security and security-oriented foreign policy.

Upon completion of the certificate program, undergraduate students will be able to demonstrate a broad understanding of international security, United States foreign policy, and United States national security policy from a theoretical and practical perspective, and critically interpret and appraise arguments in international security and security policy made by others. In addition, students will develop and defend their own arguments pertaining to international security and security policy, undertake independent research at varying levels of depth and sophistication, and write and present theoretical research and policy positions. Lastly, they will gain experience working in a professional environment.

The certificate program also organizes orientation visits to military bases and other national security sites. The program also regularly facilitates a hands-on Small Unit Leadership Exercise training led by the Notre Dame ROTC program. There, students get an opportunity to practice on-ground military strategies with the ROTC cadets.

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GRADUATE PROGRAM

In addition to NDISC’s undergraduate certificate in international studies, our faculty are intimately involved in training graduate students who aim to join the next generation of scholars in the subfield. NDISC faculty regularly supervise political science and other Ph.D. students. NDISC also oversees a special program for active-duty military officers who pursue an accelerated Ph.D. and then go back to their service to teach and conduct research in professional military education or other assignments. Finally, NDISC hosts U.S. Army War College Senior Leader fellows on an annual basis, during which field-grade U.S. Army officers take classes and conduct research under the direction of NDISC and other Notre Dame faculty.

Luis Leandro Schenoni is a native of Argentina. He has an MA in international studies from Torcuato Di Tella University (2012) and worked as assistant professor at the Argentine Catholic University. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, he was also a visiting fellow at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA, Hamburg University, Germany), the Institute of International Relations (IRI, Sao Paulo University, Brazil), and the Center for Social Studies (CES, Coimbra University, Portugal). He recently coauthored with Andrés Malamud “Neo-Liberal Institutionalism and Neo-functionalism in Latin American Security” for the Routledge Handbook of Latin American Security Studies, edited by David R. Mares and Arie M. Kacowicz (London: Routledge, 2015).

Dan Flynn is a United States Army captain and affiliate of the Notre Dame International Security Center. His recent dataset proposal to the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association’s Conference was accepted by the health, education, and social policy section this year. His proposal discusses the following ideas: Why do strategic outcomes fail to maintain pace with tactical success? Since WWII, the U.S. experienced a marked decline in strategic success while simultaneously improving its capacity to win decisively on the battlefield. What accounts for this disconnect? At the most senior ranks, the military maintains an active, though subservient, role in strategic planning. These leaders are easily identifiable by their rank, “admiral” or “general,” that accompanies the four stars placed on their uniform. To date, the strategic development of U.S. military officers is largely an unexamined phenomenon. These leaders represent the apex of military experience and decision-making, yet we know very little about those aspects of their career development that led to strategic success or failure. One component of these career timelines—civilian graduate education—represents a critical aspect of leader development on which variation is considerable. During the epoch of strategic underperformance, many of these officers attended civilian institutions while continuing their service. The Four Star Dataset Project systematically collects and presents data on critical aspects of leader development for all U.S. four-star officers.

Roland (Woody) Olmstead, a U.S. Air Force major, began his graduate work at Notre Dame in 2017. He wrote papers on the U.S. occupation of Germany, the U.S. role in transitional justice during armed state building, and the role of retributive justice in armed state building. An abstract based on the latter project was accepted for presentation at the 2018 MPSA conference in April. His work has been greatly facilitated by the availability of a cubicle in NDISC’s office in O’Shaughnessy.

Jeremy Graham is a Ph.D. student studying international relations in the Department of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. He is a recipient of the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship. Prior to arriving at Notre Dame, he spent six years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy.
**Former Graduate Students**

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Charles Fagan  
Eastern Carolina University

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National University of Singapore

Kirstin Hasler  
James Madison College at Michigan State University

Ben Denison  
Dickey Center and Dartmouth College

Kathryn Boehlefeld  
USAF Air Command and Staff College

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School of Advanced Air and Space Studies at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base

**Dave Stevenson** is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Notre Dame. He is an active-duty Air Force officer with assignments in NATO, in Air Force Special Operations, and as a Presidential Communications Officer. Additionally, Dave has deployed in support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Philippines, Haiti, and Turkey. He earned his BS in computer information systems from BYU and MA’s from the University of Oklahoma and Air University. His recent MA thesis examined how the internet lowers the barrier for entry for foreign powers looking to intervene in democratic elections. At Notre Dame, Dave plans to study how cyber is changing the landscape of international security and the ways in which the internet, social media, and emerging information technologies are transforming the nature of conflict.

**Danielle Mueller** is a graduate student in political science at the University of Notre Dame. Her research focuses include international criminal law, international criminal courts, and war crimes. In 2016, Danielle served as the program chair of both WIIS (Women In International Security) and the ISAC-ISSS conference hosted at Notre Dame. She is currently working on her dissertation, "The Impacts of the Hybrid Legal Structure of International Criminal Courts on the Prosecution of Crime Types," under the direction of Dr. Emilia Powell.

**Moritz Graefrath** is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in international relations. Broadly speaking, his research interests include international relations theory and security studies with a particular focus on interwar Europe. Currently, he investigates the role of uncertainty about intentions in international politics and Anglo-German relations in the 1930s.
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