PAPERS, LECTURES, SEMINARS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE SINCE 1986
January 8, 2019

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Containment and the Decline of the Soviet Empire: Some Tentative Comments on the End of the
World As We Know It. Paper delivered at the International Studies Association Convention,
Anaheim, CA, March 28, 1986

Trends in Images of War. Lecture delivered at Peace Studies Conference, Colgate University,
April 11, 1987

The Obsolescence of Major War. Seminar given at UCLA, November 24, 1987

Retreat from Doomsday: The Obsolescence of Major War. Paper delivered at American Political
Science Association Convention, Washington, DC, September 3, 1988

Taking Peace Seriously: Two Incautious Proposals. Paper presented at Conference on Soviet-
American Relations in the 1990s, Columbia University, December 20, 1988

Is War Becoming Obsolescent? Seminar at Harvard University, March 22, 1989

Retreat from Doomsday. Talk at Albany Law School, April 19, 1989

The Obsolescence of Major War. Presentation at American Academy of Arts and Sciences
Conference on Change in the International System, University of Southern California, May 6,
1989

Is War Becoming Obsolete? Lecture at University of California, Irvine, June 27, 1989

Is War Becoming Obsolete? Lecture at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY, July 21, 1989

Grand Strategy As a Determinant of Interdependence. Presentation on Roundtable on the Determinants of Grand Strategy, American Political Science Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, August 31, 1989

Changing Attitudes Toward War: The Impact of World War I. Paper delivered at American Political Science Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, September 1, 1989

Retreat from Armageddon. Lecture at UCLA, October 4, 1989

Realism, the Cold War, Liberalism, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Talk at graduate colloquium, UCLA, October 5, 1989

The Essential Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons. Presentation at American Academy of Arts and Sciences Conference on Counterfactuals and Nuclear History, Cambridge, MA October 12, 1989

Realism, the Cold War, Liberalism, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Paper presented at PIPES seminar, University of Chicago, October 31, 1989

Participant, Ditchley Conference on Consensus and Conflict in the Non-Communist World, Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, England, November 5-7, 1989

The Obsolescence of Major War. Lecture at Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, November 15, 1989

Is War Becoming Obsolete? Seminar given at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, November 28, 1989


Is War Becoming Obsolete? Seminar given at European University Institute, Florence, Italy, February 2, 1990

Deterrence, Nuclear Weapons, Morality, and War. Paper presented at Conference on Nuclear Deterrence Beyond Containment: Moral Dilemmas Revisited, University of South Carolina, February 9, 1990

Panelist and participant, Aerospace Power Symposium, "Seizing Change," sponsored by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL, March 6-9, 1990

Forward in Peace and Backward in War. Paper (with Richard Rosecrance) given at International Congress of Historical Sciences, Madrid, Spain, August 30, 1990

Participant, Nuclear History Program Workshop, Washington, DC, September 10-11, 1990


Is War Becoming Obsolete? Seminar given at Contemporary History Institute, Ohio University, November 9, 1990

The Marketing of Liberalism. Lecture given at Ohio University, November 9, 1990


The Gulf War: Comparisons with Korea and Vietnam. Lecture given at Hamilton College, February 27, 1991


Public Opinion and the Gulf War. Talk delivered as part of a conference on Coverage of the War in the Gulf, Media Studies Project, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC, September 13, 1991

Commentator on papers, Conference on Nuclear Weapons and Cold War Statesmen, Nuclear History Program, Ohio University, September 19-20, 1991
American Public Opinion and the Gulf War. Paper given at Conference on the Political Psychology of the Gulf War, City University Graduate Center, New York, November 12, 1991


War and Peace After the Cold War. Workshop talk given at McGill University, February 13, 1993

The Gulf War in Retrospect. Commentary delivered at conference on Ethnic Conflict and International Intervention, SUNY Buffalo, April 17, 1993


Political Pressures and Opportunities. Commentary delivered at Conference on the Policy Implications of Non-Lethal Warfare Technologies, Defense and Arms Control Studies Program, MIT, Lexington, MA, June 2, 1993

Nine Propositions About the Historical Impact of Nuclear Weapons. Paper delivered at the International Conference on Nuclear Technology and Politics, Rjukan, Norway, June 17, 1993

Democracy in Theory and Practice. Seminar given at the Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland, April 15, 1994


Democracy, Equality, Apathy, and National Reconciliation. Paper delivered at the conference on "National Reconciliation in Comparative Perspective," Bucharest Social Science Center, Bucharest, Romania, June 3, 1994

"Power" and Order in the "New World Order." Paper delivered at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, August 22, 1994, Berlin, Germany

Is War Obsolete? Reflections on the Future of World Politics. Seminar given at University of Montreal, November 2, 1994

Is War a Spectator Sport? American Public Opinion and the Gulf War. Seminar given at University of Montreal, November 2, 1994


Why Pessimism Is Unwarranted After the Cold War. Seminar given for Center for International Relations, UCLA, March 16, 1995

Capitalism and the Milk of Human Kindness. Paper given at departmental seminar series, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, March 22, 1995


Power and Intervention After the Cold War. Paper given at the Conference on Multilateralism and Regional Security, Donald Gordon Center, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, May 19, 1995


Irrelevanter and Irrelevanter: Nuclear Weapons During and After the Cold War. Paper given at the Conference on Nuclear Weapons in a Transformed World, Montreal, Quebec, November 4, 1995

Peacekeeping in Bosnia: Controlling Ethnic Conflict. Talk for the Cultural Life Committee's Spring Lecture Series, Roberts Wesleyan College, February 2, 1996

The Role of Greed as a Stimulus to Capitalist Development. Center for International Relations Seminar, UCLA, March 12, 1996


Fifteen Propositions about American Foreign Policy and Public Opinion in an Era Free of Compelling Threats, with Pictures to Prove it. Paper given at Political Science seminar series, University of Rochester, April 26, 1996

Norms as Emulation. Presentation given at the Conference on Power, Governance and Norms in Future International Relations, UCLA, June 9, 1996

Discussant on "Postcommunist Transitions: Rethinking Transitology," Conference on Dilemmas of Transition: The Hungarian Experience, Toronto, September 27, 1996

The Rise of the Politically Incorrect One-Handed Economist. Seminar for Department of History and Classics, University of Alberta, January 9, 1997

Making Sense of Yugoslavia. Lecture for Department of Secondary Education, University of Alberta, January 10, 1997
International Relations After the Cold War: Foreign Policy for Unthreatened Wealth-Seekers. Seminar for Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, January 13, 1997

Fifteen Propositions about American Foreign Policy and Public Opinion in an Era Free of Compelling Threats, with Pictures to Prove it. Talk given at RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, January 28, 1997


Fifteen Propositions about American Foreign Policy and Public Opinion in an Era Free of Compelling Threats. Seminar given at United States Institute for Peace, Washington, DC, March 26, 1997


Discussant on advisory panel concerning the role of armed conflict in post cold war era, convened by and for Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, Canada, September 23, 1997

Democracy, Capitalism, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Lecture for Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and Department of Government, University of Texas, February 13, 1998

The Escalating Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons. Lecture for University of Cincinnati by Teleconference, March 3, 1998


The Rise of the Politically Incorrect One-Handed Economist. Talk given at RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, August 17, 1998


National and Global Security: Getting the Threats Right. Public lecture, Global Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Irvine, January 14, 1999

Seminar discussion of democracy chapters from Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery, Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine, January 14, 1999

Weapons of Mass Destruction and the Escalation of Language. Paper given at Riker seminar series, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, January 22, 1999

The Rise, Decline, and Shallowness of Militant Nationalism in Europe. Paper given at Hoover Institution, Stanford University, February 8, 1999


Democracy: Myths and Realities. Talk given at the National Democratic Institute for International Relations, Washington, DC, February 24, 1999


Iraq, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and the Escalation of Language. Seminar given at RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, April 13, 1999

Political and Humanitarian Sides of Trade Sanctions. Public lecture given at World Peace Week, San Diego State University, April 15, 1999

Trust, Democracy and Culture. Participant on roundtable, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 16, 1999


When Did the Cold War End? Paper given at the Annual Conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Princeton University, June 25, 1999


The Banality of "Ethnic War." Paper given at Riker seminar series, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, October 1, 1999


The Rise and Decline of Militant Nationalism in Europe: Lessons from Bosnia and Kosovo. Talk given at Roberts Wesleyan College, October 29, 1999

The Banality of "Ethnic War." Paper given at Ohio State University, January 10, 2000

Discussion of "Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery." Political theory discussion group, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, NY, January 20, 2000

The Banality of "Ethnic War." Luncheon seminar given at UCLA, February 8, 2000

Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Talk given at Vanderbilt University, February 23, 2000


The Role of Business Virtue in Economic Development: Six Propositions Provoked in Part by P.T. Barnum. Paper given at George Mason University, April 7, 2000

Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Talk given at SUNY Geneseo, April 14, 2000

The Banality of "Ethnic War." Paper given at Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, January 10, 2000

Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Talk given at SUNY Fredonia, April 26, 2000
Public Support for Military Ventures Abroad: Evidence from the Polls. Paper given at the conference on The Real Lessons of the Vietnam War: Reflections Twenty-Five Years After the Fall of Saigon, Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia, April 28, 2000

Participant, colloquium on The Communication of Economics, Liberty Fund, Key West, FL, May 18-21, 2000


Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Talk given at Distinguished Scholar Breakfast, sponsored by Mercatus Center of George Washington University, for congressional staff, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, June 23, 2000

The Banality of "Ethnic War": Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Paper delivered at the American Political Science Association Convention, Washington, DC, September 2, 2000 Available on the web


The Rise of the Politically-Incorrect, One-handied Economist. Lunch talk, Research in International Politics Series, Ohio State University, October 9, 2000

Hate. Talk given at Mershon Director's Lunch, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, October 16, 2000

The Banality of "Ethnic War." Lecture given at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, October 26, 2000

The Banality of Ethnic War: Hate and the Propensity to Violence. Talk given at Solomon Asch Center, Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, PA, November 28, 2000


Participant, Seminar on Just War and Genocide, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, Canada, December 8-9, 2000

Assessing Sanctions in the New World Order. Talk given at PRIO, Oslo, Norway, March 26, 2001
International Politics After the Cold War. Talk given at Norwegian Nobel Institute, Oslo, Norway, March 29, 2001

Democracy and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Hauptmann Distinguished Guest Lecture, Park University, Kansas City, MO, April 4, 2001

Does War Still Exist? Paper delivered at the conference, "The Waning of Major War," University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 7, 2001

Capitalism, Democracy, and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery. Talk at NTNU, Trondheim, Norway, May 4, 2001


Western Policy and the Wars in Yugoslavia. Seminar presentation, University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, May 21, 2001


The Remnants of War: Thugs as Residual Warriors. Paper given at World Bank Conference on The Economics of Civil War: Launching the Case-Study Project, Oslo, Norway, June 11, 2001


Business Virtues: Six Propositions Provoked in Part by P.T. Barnum. Talk given as part of the George H. Moor Lecture Series, Capital University, Columbus, OH, September 17, 2001


Panelist, Issues in the Study of Modern Conflict, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, October 12, 2001
The Remnants of War: Thugs as Residual Warriors. Paper given at Research in International Politics series, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, November 18, 2001


The Remnants of War: Thugs as Residual Combatants. Seminar given at Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA, January 9, 2002


Thugs as Residual Combatants. Talk given at Brown University, April 11, 2002

Changing Attitudes toward War. Seminar given at Brown University, April 11, 2002

Policy toward Iraq and the Effect of Economic Sanctions. Talk given at Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, April 18, 2002

Panelist, Conflict in the Twenty-First Century, MIT Center for International Studies 50th Anniversary Celebration Symposium, May 16, 2002

Discussant, Conference on Globalization, Terrorism, and National Self-Determination, Belfer Center, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, May 17-18, 2002

Terrorism and War in the New Century. Charles Phelps Taft Lecture, University of Cincinnati on May 30, 2002

Participant, conference "Redefining Sovereignty, The Use of Force after the End of the Cold War: New Options, Lawful and Legitimate?" Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, June 6-8, 2002


When Did the Cold War End? Paper presented at meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 1, 2002 Available on the web
The Remnants of War: Thugs as Residual Combatants. Talk given at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, October 24, 2002


The Remnants of War: Thugs as Residual Combatants. Talk given at University of California, San Diego, March 21, 2003

Participant, panel on "America at War," Dickey Center for International Understanding and Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Dartmouth College, March 28, 2003

Participant, Panel on "War in Iraq? Now and What's Next? Law School, Ohio State University, April 1, 2003

Ordering the New World. Talk for the Peace and Conflict Series, Salisbury University, Maryland, April 23, 2003


Ordering the New World. Paper presented at the conference on Redefining Sovereignty, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, May 2003


The Remnants of War: Thugs as Residual Combatants. Talk given at RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, August 13, 2003


Panel participant, Conference on Deprivation, Violence, and Identities: Mapping Contemporary World Conflicts, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, October 4, 2003


Public Opinion and the Wars of the Bushes. Talk given at Ohio Wesleyan University, November 11, 2003

Panel discussion with Max Boot, chaired by James M. Lindsay on "America's Role in the World." Council on Foreign Relations, New York, February 3, 2004


Devils and Duct Tape: Assessing Threats During and After the Cold War. Paper presented at International Studies Association meetings, Montreal, Quebec, March 19, 2004

Simplicity and Spook: Reaction and Overreaction from Pearl Harbor to Iraq. Talk given at RAND Corporation, Washington, DC, April 12, 2004

An Alternative Policy Perspective on Terrorism. Paper given at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, Chicago, April 15, 2004

U.S. Policy in Afghanistan and Iraq. Talk given to an AP Government class at Upper Arlington High School, April 27, 2004

Talk at roundtable discussion on "Political Economy and Socialism." Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, June 14, 2004

This Just In: War Has Almost Ceased to Exist. Talk given at RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, August 9, 2004

Eight Policy Modest Suggestions Concerning Korea. Talk given at panel at the conference on The Strategic Flexibility of the USFK: Its Possibility and Direction, Korean National Defense University, Seoul, South Korea, September 17, 2004

This Just In: War Has (Almost) Ceased to Exist. Talk given at National Security Seminar, Olin Institute, Harvard University, October 4, 2004

The U.S. Response to Terrorism: Placing Terrorist Acts in Context. Talk for Renaissance Rediscovery, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences, Ohio State University, October 8, 2004


Participant, public panel discussion on "Security after September 11: Are We Safer Now?" Ohio State University, October 26, 2004

This Just In: War Has Almost Ceased to Exist. Dinner talk, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, January 20, 2005


Terrorism and Bumps in the Night. Paper presented at the conference on "Terrorism and Terror: Imagination and Practice," University of Pittsburgh, March 26, 2005

The Vietnam Syndrome and Its Consequences. Talk delivered at the colloquium marking the thirtieth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, British Academy Public Event, London, May 14, 2005

Six Rather Unusual Propositions about Terrorism. Paper presented as part of the Research in International Politics (RIP) series, Political Science Department, Ohio State University, May 18, 2005

Roundtable on Offensive Realism. American Political Science Association meetings,
Washington, DC, September 1, 2005

Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Paper presented at American Political Science Association meetings, Washington, DC, September 3, 2005

Devils and Duct Tape: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Talk for the CPASS Speaker Series on Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, September 13, 2005


Five Rather Unusual Propositions about Terrorism. Lunch talk for the conference, "Post-Soviet In/Securities: Theory and Practice," Mershon Center, Ohio State University, October 8, 2005


Reactions and Overreactions to Terrorism. Paper presented at the 25th Anniversary Conflict Studies Conference, "Terrorism in History: The Strategic Impact of Terrorism From Sarajevo 1914 to 9/11," Centre for Conflict Studies, University of New Brunswick, October 15, 2005

Public Participation and Democracy: Optimal Illusions and Grim Realities. Paper presented at the Fall Conference of the Association for Public Policy and Management, Washington, DC, November 3, 2005

Two conference call presentations arranged by the Council on Foreign Relations in New York based on "The Iraq Syndrome," as published in Foreign Affairs, November 17, 2005

Hysteria, Hype, and Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why Most of the Aren't. Talk for the Great Issues lecture series, Upper Arlington Lifelong Learning and Leisure Program, Council Chambers, Upper Arlington Municipal Services Center, November 29, 2005


Vietnam and Iraq: Military Strategies and Public Opinion. Talk at Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio, February 2, 2006

Devils and Duct Tape: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Talk for the Columbia Political Union, Columbia University, February 15, 2006
Devils and Duct Tape: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Talk at LBJ Library and Museum, University of Texas, February 21, 2006

Devils and Duct Tape: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Talk at Browne Center, University of Pennsylvania, March 2, 2006

This Just In: War Has Almost Ceased to Exist. Paper presented at International Studies Association meetings, San Diego, California, March 24, 2006


Panelist, Defining a Metric for Assessing Progress on Terrorism, Symposium on America in the World 2006: Assessing the State of Terrorism. Center for Global Affairs, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, New York University, March 31, 2006

Simplicity and Spook: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Talk at Rand Corporation, Washington, DC, April 18, 2006

The Remnants of War. Joseph S. Lepgold Prize Lecture, Georgetown University, April 19, 2006

Devils and Duct Tape: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Luncheon talk, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, April 24, 2006

Imagining Elephants: The Risk of Terrorism. Talk given as part of the roundtable on Fostering Collaboration in Risk Analysis, sponsored by the Social Responsibility Initiative, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of Ohio State University, and the Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ohio State University, May 17, 2006

Devils and Duct Tape: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Luncheon talk, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, May 24, 2006

Reactions to Terrorism. Talk at Annual Symposium of Lifelong Learning Institute, Columbus State Community College, at Westminster-Thurber Community, Columbus, Ohio, June 17, 2006

Roundtable participant, Is Deterrence a Failed Paradigm? American Political Science Association meetings, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2006


Conference call discussion on "Is There Still a Terrorist Threat?" as published in the September/October 2006 Foreign Affairs. Arranged by the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, September 12, 2006

Overblown: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Lecture, International
Relations Lecture Series, Colgate University, September 13, 2006

Is There a Terrorist Threat? Talk given at The Forum, Independent Living Activities, Knightsbridge, Columbus, September 27, 2006

Exaggerating the Terrorist Threat: Costs and Consequences. Talk at conference on September 11 Attacks: 5 Years Later. Raoul Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, University of Québec at Montréal, Canada, October 20, 2006

Panelist on Counter-Terrorism: Problems and Potentials for the University, Conference on Terrorism and the University. Center on Terrorism, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York, New York, NY, November 11, 2006

Talk on terrorism for Men's Luncheon Group, 1st Community Church, Marble Cliff, Ohio, November 28, 2006

Overblown: The War on Terror. Talk for Columbus Council on World Affairs and the Columbus Metropolitan Club, Hyatt Regency, Columbus, December 7, 2006


Participant, panel on "Debating the 'Long War': What are the threats and how should we respond?" conference on "Debating U.S. Navy Roles in the National Strategy, Given a Changing International Environment," Center for Naval Analysis, Washington, DC, January 18, 2007

Overblown: Terrorism and the Dynamics of Threat Inflation. Talk given at Purdue University, January 26, 2007


Overblown. Seminar speaker, Politics/Research Group on American Power, University of Manchester, UK, February 19, 2007

Speaker, Honours Class on Political Terrorism: Causes and Consequences, Department of Political Science, Leiden University, Netherlands, February 23, 2007

Reacting to Terrorism: Probabilities, Consequences, and the Persistence of Fear. Paper presented
Available on the web

Available the web

Is the "Terrorism Threat" a Fake? Talk for the MIT Center for International Studies' Starr Forum, MIT, April 5, 2007

Overblown: Iraq, Terrorism, and Threat Exaggeration. Talk for Oberlin College Democrats and the Oberlin Peace Activists' League, Oberlin College, April 14, 2007

A Case for Complacency. Keynote address, Belmont Connections: Learning...to Engage and Transform the World, Belmont College, April 16, 2007

Terrorism, Iraq, and the Dynamics of Threat Exaggeration. Talk at Page Hall Policy Forum, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Ohio State University, April 18, 2007

Participant, Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid Panel Discussion, CAIR-Ohio, Ohio State University, April 18, 2007

Overblown: The American War on Terror. Talk at Libertarian Party State Convention, Deer Creek Resort Lodge, Deer Creek State Park, Ohio, April 21, 2007


Overblown. Talk for Kit Kat Club, Columbus, Ohio, May 15, 2007

Keynote speaker. American Muslims: Connecting and Sharing, CAIR-Ohio banquet, Cleveland, Ohio, June 3, 2007


Five Unusual Propositions About Terrorism. Talk for Liberty and Current Issues Institute for
Humane Studies Summer Seminar, Catholic University, Washington, DC, July 29, 2007


Available on the web

War, Crime, and Terrorism: Some Distinctions. Talk at conference on the Meaning of War, Notre Dame University, September 14, 2007

Participant, invited conference on "Competing Hypotheses for Terrorist Attack Frequency: What have we not been attacked again?" SAIC, McLean, VA, September 25, 2007


Overblown. Talk at Security First Foreign Policy Roundtable, Hotel Lombardy, George Washington University, Washington, DC, October 25, 2007

The Atomic Terrorist. Paper given at Research in International Politics, Ohio State University, October 30, 2007


The Atomic Terrorist: Assessing the Likelihood. Talk at Graduate Center for Social and Public Policy, Duquesne University, January 24, 2008
Have We Exaggerated the Threat of Terrorism? Crisis in the Middle East Task Force. Talk for Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, February 21, 2008

Speaker on atomic terrorism, Board Lunch, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School, Harvard University, March 18, 2008


Overblown: The Political Uses of Fear. Speaker, Terror at the Voting Booth Conference, Central Michigan University, March 29, 2008


Reacting and Overreacting to Terrorism. Talk at Hypervigilance: Fact, Fiction, or Fault? Presidential Symposium on Research, Kent State University, April 22, 2008

Panelist, The End of War, A Conference in Honor of Dr. Randall Forsberg, Great Hall of Shepard Hall, City College of New York, May 5, 2008

Misoverestimating the Terrorist Threat. Talk for Faculty Dinner Series on Biosecurity, MIT, May 6, 2008


US Foreign Policy: Continuity or Rupture? Talk at Colloquium Series, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, UCLA, May 12, 2008


The Atomic Terrorist: Evaluating the Likelihood. Seminar talk at Aberysthwth University, Wales, UK, June 17, 2008

Terror. Panel Participant, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Security and Human Behaviour, MIT, July 1, 2008

Perspectives on American Foreign Policy. Six lectures on foreign affairs, Smithsonian Journeys, Chautauqua Institution, New York, July 20-25

The Atomic Terrorist: Assessing the Likelihood. Seminar speaker, RAND, Santa Monica, CA, August 11, 2008


The Costs and Consequences of Efforts to Prevent Proliferation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 30, 2008

Existential Threat or Historical Footnote: What Our Obsession With Islam Is Costing Us. Panel participant, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, program sponsored by The American Interest, September 15, 2008

War and Presidential Politics. Panel participant, Conference on The American Presidency at War, Institute of Governmental Studies and the School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, September 19, 2008


The Atomic Terrorist: Assessing the Likelihood. Talk at University of Newcastle, Australia, February 4, 2009


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Speaker and discussion leader on nuclear issues for fellows of the War and Peace Program, Dartmouth College, February 26, 2009

Speaker and discussion leader on nuclear issues for First Years of the War and Peace Program, Dartmouth College, Dartmouth College, February 27, 2009


Panelist, How do we fix the world? Security and Human Behaviour Conference, MIT, June 12, 2009

Establishing Principles for Evaluating Measures Designed to Protect the Homeland from Terrorism. Talk at Annual Conference on Security Analysis and Risk Management, Security Analysis and Risk Management Association (SARMA), George Mason University, Arlington, VA, June 16, 2009

Informal seminar for Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies, June 23, 2009

Nuclear alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda. Seminar presentation, Nobel Institute Seminar, Oslo, Norway, June 24, 2009


National Security and Terrorism. Columbus Rotary, Columbus, OH, August 3, 2009


Panelist, Roundtable on Atomic Obsession by John Mueller. Annual Meeting of the American
Political Science Association, Toronto, September 5, 2009

Attitudinal Prerequisites for a Capitalist Peace. Paper presented at the Fifth European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Potsdam, Germany, September 10, 2009

Obsessed, and Why? Presentation on Atomic Obsession, TEDx, Wexner Arts Center, Columbus, OH, October 20, 2009


Presentation on Atomic Obsession with comments by Michael Krepon and Jeffrey G. Lewis, Book Forum, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, October 29, 2009

Panelist, Afghanistan: The Choices. Law School Auditorium, Ohio State University, November 9, 2009

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda. Edwin H. Fedder Lecture in Foreign and International Affairs, University of Missouri, St. Louis, November 11, 2009 (taped for C-SPAN)

Atomic Obsession. Seminar presentation for International Security Program, Notre Dame University, November 12, 2009

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda, talk at International Relations Faculty Colloquium, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, February 8, 2010

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda, talk for physics class and members of the nuclear physics group, Notre Dame University, February 11, 2010

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda, talk at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, February 15, 2010

Talk on evaluating the cost-effectiveness of security costs for a workshop of Public Safety Canada, Ottawa, Canada, February 15, 2010


Hardly Existential: Terrorism as a Hazard to Human Life, Mark G. Stewart, co-author, delivered at International Studies Association meetings, New Orleans, February 18, 2010

Panelist on Hendrickson’s “Union, Nation or Empire: The American Debate,” International
Studies Association meetings, New Orleans, February 19, 2010

Conflicts without Borders: Assessing the Threat of Terrorism, International Affairs Symposium, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, April 6, 2010

Is America Exaggerating the Nuclear Threat, public conversation with Fred Andrle, Old Worthington Library, April 7, 2010

Intervention after 9/11, talk at Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions Conference, Mershon Center, Ohio State, April 9, 2010

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda, lecture at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, April 13, 2010

Panelist, America’s Wars: The Way Forward in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq, Wexner Center, Ohio State University, May 10, 2010


Countering Nuclear & Biological Threat of Terrorism, speaker at workshop on Modern Methods in Countering Terrorism, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK, July 29, 2010

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda, lecture for the Hertog Global Strategy Initiative Lecture Series, Columbia University, August 5, 2010

Acceptability of Terrorism Risks and Prioritising Protective Measures for Key Infrastructure, paper co-authored by Mark G. Stewart, presented by Stewart at the First International Conference of Protective Structures, Manchester, UK, September 29-October 1, 2010


Nuclear Proliferation: Do We Still Need to Worry? Panel speaker with Henry Sokoloski and Tom Karako, Kenyon College, October 11, 2010

Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda, lecture for the Global Studies Security Program, Washington, DC, campus of Johns Hopkins University School of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC, November 4, 2010

Maintaining the Catastrophe Quota, Keynote Lecture the 2010 International Public Lecture and Workshop Series, The World in Crisis—Business as Usual?, Deakin University, Melbourne,
Australia, November 12, 2010

The Remnants of War, talk by Skype to War and International Conflict class, IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 18, 2010

Homeland Security: A Case Study in Risk Aversion for Public Decision-Making, paper co-authored with Mark G. Stewart and Bruce R. Ellingwood, presented by Stewart at the Fifth International Forum on Engineering Decision Making, Stoos, Switzerland, December 7-11, 2010

Public Opinion and U.S. Foreign Policy, talk for United States Institute on U.S. National Security Policymaking, University of Delaware, January 5, 2011

Terror, Security, and Money, Research in International Politics talk and paper, Political Science Department, Ohio State University, January 7, 2011


The Costs of Inflating National Security Threats, talk on panel at Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, April 12, 2011


Keynote speaker, Junior State of America Spring State Convention, Senate Chambers, Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, April 20, 2011


Panelist and speaker, Al-Qaeda: Moving on or Marching Out? International Security Forum, Zurich, Switzerland, May 31, 2011

Culture, Risk, and Fear, presentation on a panel at Security and Human Behavior Workshop, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, June 17, 2011

War, Democracy, and Peace, paper presented that the Nobel Symposium, Twenty Years of
International Relations: Some Key Dimensions, Lofoten, Norway, June 23, 2011

No Major Threats, talk on panel, The Emerging Security Environment, Center for Naval Analysis conference on American Grand Strategy and Seapower, Washington, DC, August 4, 2011

Nuclear Terrorism, talk for IGCC Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Summer Training Workshop, University of California, San Diego, August 16, 2011

Balancing the Risks, Costs, and Benefits of Homeland Security, paper with Mark G. Stewart, presented (by Mueller) at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 1, 2011


How Much Homeland Security is Enough? talk with Mark G. Stewart, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, October 25, 2011
http://www.cato.org/multimedia/events/how-much-homeland-security-is-enough


American Debt and Defense Policy, debate with James Jay Carafano, Alexander Hamilton Society, Ohio State, November 2, 2011


The Terrorism Delusion, Oakland University International Relations Lecture Series, Rochester, Michigan, March 15, 2012

“At All Costs”: The Destructive Consequences of Anti-Proliferation Policy, paper presented at the National Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, April 4, 2012
http://politicalscience.osu.edu/faculty/jmueller/ISA12prl.pdf

http://politicalscience.osu.edu/faculty/jmueller/ISA12ter.pdf


Panelist on Why Capitalism? by Allan H. Meltzer, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, April 24, 2012
http://www.cato.org/multimedia/events/why-capitalism

The Terrorism Delusion, Mershon Dinner Seminar Series, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, May 22, 2012

Terror, talk at Security and Human Behavior Conference, Goggle, New York, June 5, 2012


http://www.cato.org/multimedia/events/how-much-homeland-security-is-enough
http://www.cato.org/multimedia/events/airport-body-scanning-will-tsa-follow-law


Public Opinion on Terrorism and on Pearl Harbor, talk at Cato Institute Luncheon, Washington, DC, July 30, 2012


Keynote Speaker, Nuclear Forum: The Future of Nuclear Power in the United States and Ohio:
Why is Nuclear Power Necessary? Ohio State University, August 14, 2012

Are Nuclear Reactors Too Safe? Talk for the UC/OSU Nuclear & Radiological Engineering Seminar, Ohio State University, August 29, 2012

Two planned presentations at American Political Science Association meetings cancelled by New Orleans hurricane, August 31, September 1, 2012

Code RED: The Cost of Fear, talk for the Ashland Center for Nonviolence, Ashland University, September 18, 2012


Talk on threats and terrorism for Strategic Studies Group, Chief of Staff of the Army, Arlington, VA, November 6, 2012

Talk on threats and terrorism for Dr. Roger Mason and others, Director of National Intelligence, Liberty Crossing, Washington, DC, November 7, 2012


Are Nuclear Reactors Too Safe? Talk for Cincinnati Radiation Society dinner, Lebanon, Ohio, December 6, 2012


Roundtable panelist, The Past, Present and Future of Nationalism and Conflict, at the conference, “Nationalism and Conflict: Interdisciplinary Methodological Approaches” at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, December 12, 2012
Embracing Threatlessness: Evaluating Military Expenditures, talk for an American Studies class at the University of Warsaw, December 13, 2012

The Delusion of Terrorism, public talk at the University of Warsaw, December 13, 2012

The Terrorism Delusion, talk for the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies 2013 Seminar Series, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, January 29, 2013

Panelist for an informal discussion, Summer School Sessions, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, January 30, 2013

Talk to Jacques Hymans class, University of Southern California, February 6, 2013

Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Threat, Capacity, Risk, Cost Benefit, presentation to Create, University of Southern California, February 6, 2013

Panelist, Nuclear Energy after Fukushima, University of Southern California, February 7, 2013

Assessing Threats to the U.S., talk for Great Decisions, Delaware, Ohio, February 22, 2013

Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Threat, Capacity, Risk, Cost, Benefit, presentation at Winter meeting, International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering, Scottsdale, Arizona, March 2, 2013


Noontime presentation (with Mark Stewart) on security and cost-benefit analyses for staffers, Raeburn Building, Capitol Hill, May 3, 2013

Presentation, with Mark Stewart, on our work for the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, May 8, 2013

Assessing Threats to the U.S., talk for Great Decisions, Delaware, Ohio, May 17, 2013

Presentation on Counterterrorism and the FBI: Assessing the Costs and Benefits, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Security and Human Behavior, University of Southern California, June 4, 2013
Risk aversion and decision-making for homeland security infrastructure protection, paper (with Mark G. Stewart) presented at the International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR), Columbia University, New York, June 17, 2013.

The curse of the black swan, paper (with Mark Stewart) presented at the International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR), Columbia University, New York, June 18, 2013.


Science, Morality, and Counterterrorism, paper presented at a workshop held by the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, St Andrews & Imperial College, “Science, Society, and the Future of Terrorism, The good, the bad and the curious,” Pembroke College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, September 3, 2013.


Panelist, “Cybersurveillance, Privacy, and Security” panel, Mershon, Ohio State University, October 3, 2013.

Panelist, “NSA Surveillance: What We Know; What to Do About It” conference, Cato Institute, October 9, 2013.

Speaker, Risk Assessment and Terrorism, Alexander Hamilton Society debate, Ohio State University, October 17, 2013.

http://www.cato.org/multimedia/events/dangerous-world-threat-perception-us-national-security-panel-3-what-else-are-we


January 13, 2014: Talk, Chasing Ghosts, 2014: The FBI and Counter-Terrorism, Director’s Speaker Series, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University

January 30, 2014: History and the Changing Nature of War, talk as part of a roundtable discussion, “Can We Prevent War?” Ashland (Ohio) University


March 12, 2014: Talk for America’s Future Foundation, Columbus, OH


April 3, 2014: Empire Lecture, Assessing the Historical Movement of Ideas, Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QI4ekQqiTQE&feature=youtu.be

April 5, 2014: Speaker at “Violence Session 4, 2014: War” of the Origins 5th Anniversary
Celebration and Workshop, “The Origin of Violence: From the Brain to World Wars,” Arizona State University, The Phoenician Resort, Phoenix


April 14, 2014: Plenary Speaker, “‘We Track ’Em, You Whack ’Em’: Counterterrorism and the NSA,” Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas


May 8, 2014: Responsible Policy Analysis in Aviation Security With an Evaluation of PreCheck, paper (co-written by Mark G. Stewart) presented at International Symposium on Aviation Security, sponsored by The Department of Public Safety (Canada), Greater Toronto Airport Authority, and The Laurier Centre for Economic Research and Policy Analysis (LCERPA), Toronto, Canada

June 6, 2014: Organizer, moderator (on panel 1), and panelist (on panel 2) of the conference, “Francis Fukuyama’s ‘The End of History?’ 25 Years Later,” with Francis Fukuyama, Stanford University; Michael Mandelbaum, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Marian Tupy, Cato Institute; Adam Garfinkle, editor, American Interest; Paul Pillar, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence, Brookings Institution. Held at the Hayek Auditorium, Cato Institute, Washington, DC
http://www.cato.org/events/francis-fukuyamas-end-history-25-years-later

July 14, 2014: Talk to invitees at Cato on comparative debacles (Iraq vs. Vietnam)

July 15, 2014: “At All Costs”: The Destructive Consequences of Antiproliferation Policy, paper presented at a conference in Washington by the Nonproliferation Policy Education Center.

August 28, 2014: Panelist, Public Opinion and War, Cato Institute, carried on C-SPAN
http://www.cato.org/multimedia/events/public-opinion-war


Violence,” held at the University of St Andrews, Scotland


October 29, 2014: Panel participant, “Surveillance and Democracy,” Joint Final Event, DEMOSEC (IRISS, RESPECT, SURVEILLE), funded by the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development, and Demonstration, Diamant Conference and Business Centre, Brussels, Belgium

October 30, 2014: Panel participant, “The Intersection of Surveillance with Citizen’s Rights,” Joint Final Event, DEMOSEC (IRISS, RESPECT, SURVEILLE), funded by the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development, and Demonstration, Diamant Conference and Business Centre, Brussels, Belgium

“Embracing Threatlessness: Reassessing US Military Spending,” paper presented at Research in International Politics, Political Science Department, Ohio State University, February 13, 2015

“Trends in Public Opinion on Terrorism: Some Puzzles,” talk at University of Southern California, March 23, 2015

Panelist, The Newburgh Sting and the FBI’s Production of the Domestic Terrorism Threat,” Cato Institute, April 13, 2015
http://www.cato.org/events/newburgh-sting-fbis-production-domestic-terrorism-threat

http://www.cato.org/multimedia/daily-podcast/case-studies-foiled-terror-plots

Chair Plenary Session, panel on “Presentation of the Main Results of the SURVEILLE Project” as member of the Advisory Board at SURVEILLE Final Conference, Florence, Italy, May 7, 2015


Panelist on a Book Forum discussion of Economic Interdependence and War by Dale C. Copeland, Hayek Auditorium, Cato Institute, May 12, 2015
http://www.cato.org/events/economic-interdependence-war

Podcast interviewed by Dick Meyer, Chief Washington Correspondent, Scripps News
http://www.decodedc.com/105/
Related column by Meyer: http://www.decodedc.com/terrorism-threat-exaggerated/

Participant, CREATE-TSA Symposium on Aviation Security, University of Southern California, July 20-21, 2015, at which Mark Stewart presented some of our work


Talk on terrorism and foreign policy for the Collegiate Council on World Affairs, Ohio State University, September 23, 2015


(with Mark Stewart) What Are the Risks of Terrorism? interviewed by Trevor Burrus and Aaron Ross Powell, Free Thoughts, December 11, 2015 http://www.libertarianism.org/media/free-thoughts/what-are-risks-terrorism#.gue8fv:zovA


“Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism,” talk for RIP, Political Science Department, Ohio State University, January 21, 2016

“Combatting the Domestic Terrorist Threat: Are We on the Right Track?” talk for the Global Security Seminar, UCLA, February 11, 2016

Participant, ISA Global Trends Working Group, at the National Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, March 15, 2016


“Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism,” talk (with Mark Stewart), Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, March 30, 2016

“Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism,” talk (with Mark Stewart), Brennan Center for Justice, NYU, March 31, 2016

“Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism,” talk (with Mark Stewart), John Jay School of Criminal Justice, April 1, 2016

“Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism,” talk (with Mark Stewart), Cato Institute, Washington, DC, April 4, 2016

Panel chair, Risk Conference, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, April 9, 2016


Organizer and moderator, panel on “Is ISIS Economically and Socially Sustainable?” with Howard J. Shatz and Jacob Shapiro, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, May 19, 2016

Presentation on terrorism at Security and Human Behavior conference, Harvard University, June 1, 2016

Participant (with presentation by Mark G. Stewart), “CREATE-TSA Symposium: Risks to Transportation Security,” Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, June 13-14, 2016

“Chasing Ghosts: The Policing of Terrorism,” talk for Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University, September 21, 2016


Panelist, “The All-Volunteer Force—Is it Working?” John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Ohio State University, September 27, 2016


(with Mark G. Stewart) “Chasing Ghosts: The Nature of the Terrorist Adversary,” paper presented by Stewart at the 4th International Conference on Protective Structures (ICPS4), Beijing, China, October 18-21, 2016 pdf


“How Safe Are We? Asking the Right Questions About Terrorism,” talk for Pasadena Rotary, January 25, 2017


Talk on skype with a class at Williams College, March 6, 2017

War and the Media, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, presentation on April 22, 2017


Presentation at Security and Human Behavior Conference, University of Cambridge, UK, May 26, 2017

Presentation on airline security at CREATE/TSA conference (delivered by Mark Stewart), USC, June 27, 2017

Talk, “Embracing Threatlessness: Evaluating the Relevance and Effectiveness of the US Military,” for The John Quincy Adams Society, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, October 27, 2017

(with Mark Stewart) presentation on Are We Safe Enough? Cato Institute, Washington, DC, November 14, 2017

(with Mark Stewart) presentation on Are We Safe Enough? RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia, November 15, 2017

Presentation on Are We Safe Enough? Australian Embassy, Washington, DC (delivered by Mark Stewart), November 20, 2017

Talk on North Korea at Cabot High School, Cabot, VT, December 5, 2017

Debate with Max Boot on “America in Afghanistan: Should We Stay or Should We Go?” Alexander Hamilton Society, Ohio State University, March 6, 2018

Organizer and chair, panel on David C. Henderson’s book, Republic in Peril, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, April 16, 2018

Roundtable, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, April 17, 2018

Organizer and chair, panel on Christopher J. Fettweis’s book, Psychology of a Superpower: Security and Dominance in U. S. Foreign Policy, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, May 14, 2018

Participant, panel presenting Stimson Study Group on Counterterrorism Spending, Counterterrorism Spending: Protecting America While Promoting Efficiencies and Accountability, Washington, DC, Stimson Center Report, May 16, 2018 [link to video]
Talk on terrorism for Center for Terrorism and Research Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Washington, DC, May 17, 2018

Panel on foreign policy with Sahar Khan for University of Massachusetts Lowell, Cato Institute, May 21, 2018

“Terrorism and Bathtubs: Comparing and Assessing the Risks,” paper (co-written with Mark G. Stewart) presented at the Annual Convention of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018 pdf


Webinar presentation, Bill of Rights Institute, October 15, 2018