

Center for International Studies

The Center for International Studies (CIS) is the principal venue at MIT for research, training, and public education on international relations, national security, and international political economy, among other areas of academic, policy, and popular concern.

The Center is home to the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI), the Security Studies Program (SSP), Seminar XXI, Political Economy and Technology Policy, the Inter-University Committee on International Migration (IUCIM), the Program on Human Rights and Justice (PHRJ), Jerusalem 2050, and the Persian Gulf Initiative, as well as several less formal activities and initiatives. Faculty and student participants are mainly associated with the Department of Political Science and the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Approximately 80 faculty, scholars, researchers, and fellows are affiliated with the Center, with 40 administrative and support staff. Graduate students working with affiliated faculty number about thirty.

The director, Richard J. Samuels, Ford International Professor of Political Science, has held this post since 2000. Stephen Van Evera, Professor of Political Science, is associate director. John Tirman has been executive director since October 2004.

Highlights of activities in 2007–2008 include:

- Dr. Jim Walsh, Research Associate in the Security Studies Program, continued his ground-breaking work on Iran's nuclear development, publishing a plan for resolving the crisis in the *New York Review of Books* with coauthors Ambassador William Luers and Ambassador Thomas Pickering. Dr. Walsh has appeared widely in the news media to discuss the plan.
- Led by Professor Samuels, the Center held the fifth Asia-Pacific Crisis Simulation in May. The exercise brought together scholars and practitioners from the United States and countries from the region to examine the impact of a major power transition, specifically the rise of China and India and the waning of U.S. influence. One of the players, Hayashi Yoshimasa, was named Japan's Minister of Defense in August 2008.
- CIS was joined by Neuffer Fellow Sally Sara, an accomplished Australian journalist; and Human Rights & Justice Fellow Anat Biletsky, an Israeli philosopher and activist, among others. Admiral William Fallon, recently retired from a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy, and Abbas Maleki, former deputy foreign minister of Iran, accepted offers to become Robert Wilhelm Fellows in 2008-09.
- The Security Studies Program began a new effort on energy security with a symposium at MIT in February, led by program director Barry Posen, Ford International Professor of Political Science.
- Jerusalem 2050 held its innovative design and planning competition, Just Jerusalem, and convened a distinguished panel of jurors that made awards to four team entries in March; they will be fellows at MIT in Autumn 2008.
- The Starr Forum mounted major events on China, Israel, Iraq, and other topics of international urgency.

CIS scholars work with policy organizations, the news media, and other public audiences. Appearances in the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, National Public Radio, and CNN, among others, by CIS faculty, researchers, and graduate students introduce broader audiences to CIS interests and research. Seminar XXI, the groundbreaking education program for senior military officers, government officials, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), again informed and cultivated this important community of decision makers. Individually, Center scholars advise the U.S. government and multilateral organizations, testify before Congress, and participate in high-level international conferences and consultations.

The work of the Center is typically interdisciplinary, policy relevant, and public spirited while sustaining the highest standards of academic excellence.

MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives

During 2007-2008, the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI) expanded, hosted talks at MIT on international issues, and helped integrate international education into MIT through a number of programs. MISTI interns are trained at MIT in the languages and cultures of the countries that will host them prior to starting their internships. As a result of this training, upon arrival overseas, they hit the ground running, and return to MIT with international networks and an understanding of how to work effectively in foreign cultures. MISTI's efforts have resulted in the internationalization of MIT students' education, including a very popular Minor in Applied International Studies; courses on language and culture held in-country; and workshops involving MIT professors, students and young professionals from global companies and a dynamic speakers series on international issues. The MIT-Israel Program was launched; and MISTI established a formal partnership with the MIT Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science offering international education opportunities to EECS students. MISTI has also seen dramatic growth in its research collaborations with MIT scientists in France, Italy, Spain and Japan.

MIT-China

Since MIT-China's inception in 1995, China program participants have completed individual internships with companies and institutes while others have participated in team teaching projects through the MIT-China Educational Technology Initiative (CETI). CETI initially trained small teams of MIT students to work with numerous high schools in China, building cross-cultural understanding between younger generations of Chinese and American students through the application of technology. In recent years, CETI has expanded its educational technology programs to Chinese universities through innovative partnerships with MIT-OpenCourseWare and MIT-iLabs. These collaborations have led to the new partnership between MISTI and the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science on global education opportunities for EECS students. The MIT-China Program works closely with the VI-A International program, which offers EECS students the opportunity to carry out Masters of Engineering thesis projects at VI-A company locations in China.

The China program is also closely integrating its activities with the new MIT China Strategy Working Group, headed by CSAIL Director and Professor Victor Zue, and composed of MIT faculty and staff with interests in and knowledge of Greater China. This new China Group is charged with identifying new initiatives and collaborations that MIT might launch with China in the coming years. The new monthly lecture series, the MIT-China Forum, is part of this broader MIT effort of looking at new ways of fostering ties with China.

In 2007-08, 35 interns were sent to China.

MIT-France

The MIT-France Program sent MIT students to institutes, companies and workshops in France last year. During this reporting period, MIT-France had special training sessions for its interns on French culture, history and society. In addition to a dynamic internship Program, MIT-France supports budding collaborative research between faculty and students at MIT and in France. This year the program received 36 requests for funding from professors and 18 were funded. The MIT-France Program maintains close relations with its sponsors. For the third year, it organized a week-long seminar at MIT for top managers from Total, France's largest company. The program included meetings with MIT experts in science, engineering, economics and political science. The MIT-France Program sponsors numerous activities on pertinent issues involving France at MIT.

During this reporting period, 37 MIT-students were sent to France.

MIT-Germany

During this reporting period, the MIT-Germany Program has expanded its mission of international education through internships, workshops and developing a hands-on symposium in Germany on German culture, society and economics. Specifically, the MIT-Germany Program offered workshops with German companies, two in Germany supported by Lufthansa on transportation and energy and on future trends in the aviation industry respectively and two at MIT supported by Deutsche Bahn, Lufthansa Technik and Karlsruhe University on working in Germany and on German transportation issues. MIT-Germany sponsored a second in-country course with money from The Max Kade Foundation for a four-week long intensive language and culture course for MIT students. The MIT-Germany Program supports events on pertinent issues at MIT.

During the 2007-08 academic year, the MIT-Germany placed 60 interns in German companies, research institutes and universities.

MIT-India

During this reporting period, The MIT-India Program in cooperation with partners has developed a variety of programs that have deepened student access to Indian institutions NGOs and companies. With the support of a NSF Developing Global Scientists and Engineer Grant, the MIT-India Program sent MIT graduate students to India's leading centers of research where they will continue their research. MIT-India is also cooperating with the Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS) at MIT on an international competition for the best research paper on innovative institutional responses to India's rapid urbanization. Finally, the MIT-India Program hosted a one-day MIT-India Bio Tech Conference at MIT on May 5, 2007. The MIT-India Program hosts pertinent talks on India throughout the year.

MIT-India sent 35 interns to India in the 2007-08 year.

MIT-Italy

The MIT-Italy Program has continued to work at consolidating its presence on campus through student internships and exchanges and faculty collaborations between MIT and top Italian universities and research centers. To widen its recruitment, the Program has for the second year doubled its language course offerings over IAP and launched some high visibility projects and partnerships with a small number of high-profile Italian companies and institutions and MIT research centers. Through the Consorzio Italia MIT and the Progetto Rocca, a program that funds academic exchanges between MIT and the Milan Politecnico, the MIT-Italy Program has launched new academic collaborations. During this reporting period the Rocca Foundation funded four proposals between MIT and Politecnico of Milan faculty. The MIT-Italy Program sponsored several talks and events at MIT.

During the reporting period, the MIT-Italy Program placed 24 interns in Italian companies and institutions.

MIT-Japan

The MIT-Japan Program continues to enjoy great success in educating MIT students in Japanese studies and sending them on internships to Japan. During this reporting period, the Program received a second grant from the Toshiba Foundation to support a two-day retreat, an eight-session spring training and a weekend in-country training in Kyoto that educate interns on Japan. The Program also awarded a Hayashi Fund seed grant to an MIT student which enabled him to do research in Japan. In addition, the Program educates the community at large through meetings on pertinent issues. In January 2008, the Program hosted a meeting in cooperation with Kaizai Koho Center called "Meeting a Rising China," held in Tokyo. More than 200 business, academic and government professionals attended the meeting. The Program educates American business professionals on being effective in Japanese business culture. This year sponsors including 3M, Biogen, Genzyme and Merck participated in

training and information sessions. The Program hosts talks on pertinent issues at MIT as well as a weekly lunch table, a movie series and other cultural events.

The Program placed 28 MIT interns in Japanese laboratories and companies in Japan.

MIT-Mexico

The MIT-Mexico Program has continued to grow and has attracted the attention of small and large companies in Mexico. The Program has expanded to more regions of the country. The Program has hosted events on pertinent issues at MIT.

During this reporting period, the MIT-Mexico Program sent 20 interns to work in private companies, governmental organizations and foundations.

MIT-Spain

The MIT-Spain Program has attracted the attention of Spanish businesses and governmental organizations. During this reporting period, the Program used funds from the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce to provide a first round of seed funds dedicated to promote research collaboration between Spanish and MIT researchers. Three projects were funded. The Program also supported an in-country course on Spanish language and culture for MIT students. MIT-Spain supports a variety of events and talks on campus. With the support of the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, MIT-Spain hosted the 2nd Technology and Business Bridge to Boston. Over 60 representatives from companies, institutions, and government entities attended the event. Additionally, MIT-Spain held the first of a series of Symposiums on the Internationalization of Innovation in Barcelona, Spain.

MIT-Spain sent 26 students to Spanish companies, research institutes and universities during the year.

MIT-Israel

MISTI is proud to announce the official launch of the MIT-Israel Program with the hire of a Program Coordinator in February 2008. The Program has attracted the attention of private donors, Israeli companies and students.

Over the course of 8 weeks, MIT-Israel students took a new six credit course entitled "Israel: History, Culture and Identity" to give them a basic understanding of modern Israel through lectures, discussions and projects. The MIT-Israel students also took part in preparatory training sessions during May, 2008, met with Israeli students on campus, and took part in a seminar led by Rony Yedidia, Consul of Israel at the Consulate General of Israel to New England. This seminar was entitled "Israel at 60: Technology, Politics, and the Israeli Psyche."

During this reporting period no interns were sent to Israel, however 15 MIT students from eleven different academic Departments were picked to do the first MIT-Israel internships this summer.

MISTI Africa and Singapore Forums

With the support of the Starr Foundation and working with a Carnegie Corporation grant on iLabs in sub-Saharan Africa, MISTI has contributed two interns with knowledge of Africa and iLab technology to the iLabs African project. The project is a partnership among Makerere University, the University of Dar Es Salaam, Obefermi Awaolwo University and MIT. The Program includes three main components: teaching, lab dissemination, and student/staff exchanges.

The MISTI Singapore Forum has made substantial contacts with Singapore's ASTAR research institutes. Last summer the Forum sent four undergraduate students to intern in Singapore at the Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology and the Institute of Materials Research and Engineering.

Security Studies Program

The Security Studies Program (SSP) is a graduate-level research and educational program. The senior research and teaching staff includes social scientists and policy analysts. A special feature of the program is the integration of technical and political analyses of national and international security problems. Security studies is a recognized field of study in the MIT Department of Political Science. Courses emphasize grand strategy, causes and prevention of conflict, military operations and technology, and defense policy.

On April 17, 2008, SSP held its 15th Doolittle Awards Lecture in memory of General "Jimmy" Doolittle, American war hero, aviation pioneer, and MIT graduate. This year's Doolittle Award recipient was Mr. Thomas Christie, former Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E), U.S. Department of Defense.

On June 13, 2008, SSP hosted a half-day seminar on Iran, the United States and NATO for a delegation of NATO parliamentarians.

SSP organized and hosted a one and a half day conference. "Options for Submarine Force Experimentation", February 12 -13 at the Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, MA.

On February 22, 2008, MIT Center for International Studies and the MIT Security Studies Program held a conference, which focused on the Persian Gulf and world energy supplies. A report was published as an SSP working paper titled "Energy, National Security and the Persian Gulf."

SSP convened two major seminar series. The Biosecurity Seminar Series brought together international security specialists and the life sciences research community to examine the potential threat and policy implications of biological weapons and bioterrorism.

The Wednesday Seminar Series offered talks on topics relevant to national defense and international relations, including Iraq, Afghanistan, Russian energy policies, Iranian nuclear policy, terrorism, radicalization of Muslims in Europe, the defense industry, humanitarian intervention, military technology and transformation, and military history. Speakers were academics, military officers, government officials, and journalists.

Together with the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard, SSP cohosted a series of special talks called the Future of War Dinner Series. Among the speakers were Ambassador Chas. W. Freeman, Jr., President of the Middle East Policy Council and Chairman of the Board of Projects International, Inc., a Washington-based business development firm that specializes in arranging international joint ventures. His talk was titled, "American Interests, Policies, and Results in the Middle East: Energy, Israel, Access, and the Containment of Muslim Rage." This series brought together SSP faculty, MIT graduate students and faculty, as well as academics from other Boston-area universities.

The program publishes an annual report; a seminar summary series, "SSP Seminars"; a monthly newsletter, "Early Warning"; and a working paper series. In June 2008, Cindy Williams and Gordon Adams published an occasional paper, *Strengthening Statecraft and Security: Reforming U.S. Planning and Resource Allocation*.

In June 2008, SSP received a two-year \$700,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. In January 2008, SSP also received one-year awards from Lincoln Laboratory and Draper Laboratory.

Program research is built around the interests of the faculty, the dissertations of the graduate students, and occasional commissioned projects. Key research areas and projects follow.

Proliferation of Destructive Technology

- Nuclear Nonproliferation Pessimism
- Biosecurity: Bridging the Gap Between the Life Sciences and National Security

Global Security Order

- The Military Foundations of US Hegemony
- European Union Security and Defense Policy

Change and Stability in Asia

- How Will China Manage Active Territorial Disputes as a Rising Power?
- The Role of Nationalism in Shaping China's Foreign Policy
- Implications of China's Growing Engagement Within the Asian Region
- Securing Japan

U.S. Foreign and Defense Policy

- The Future of Conventional Warfare
- The Sources of Innovation in Military Doctrine
- Explaining the Revolution in Military Affairs: The Causes of Recent Military Innovation
- Project on the Federal Budget and Budget Process for National Security and

International Affairs

- Transforming the Rewards for Military Services
- The Influence of the Government and Military-Industrial Complex in R&D and

Innovation

Seminar XXI: Outreach to the Washington Policy Community

For more than two decades, the Center for International Studies has hosted Seminar XXI, an educational program for senior military officers, government officials, and executives in NGOs in the national security policy community. The program provides future leaders of that community with the analytic skills needed to understand other countries and foreign relations generally. A cohort of about 80 meets throughout the academic year in Washington, DC, and northern Virginia.

Fellows learn to recognize the assumptions that underlie assessments of foreign societies and to explore policy issues critical to American interests through a variety of lenses. At each session, eminent speakers present alternative perspectives from which to understand a given country or problem. The fundamental criterion for choosing fellows is that they currently hold or are expected to hold top posts in the military or government within the next three to five years.

The program just completed its 23rd year and now has more than 1,400 alumni. Robert Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations at Brandeis University and Senior Fellow in the CIS Security Studies Program, directs Seminar XXI.

Political Economy and Technology Policy Program

This CIS program applies theories and methods from the discipline of political economy to issues in science and technology policy, with work in three primary areas. The program is headed by Kenneth Oye, Associate Professor of Political Science and former CIS Director.

Program on Emerging Technologies (PoET). Daniel Hastings, Frank Field, Kenneth Oye and Merritt Roe Smith manage this research and doctoral training program. PoET examines the nature and effects of emerging technologies; conducts research on key areas of uncertainty on these issues; and offers recommendations for improving the capacity of public and private institutions to adapt in the face of irreducible uncertainty.

Retrospective studies on the automobile, laser, and GPS provide a basis for identifying factors that affect the diffusion of technologies across actors and applications; and for evaluating assessments of effects of these technologies during their infancies. Prospective studies on current technologies center on: (1) Internet II and ubiquitous computing, conducted in partnership with David Clark of CSAIL and NSF Future Internet Design (FIND); (2) synthetic biology, conducted in partnership with Drew Endy, Natalie Kuldell, and Tom Knight of MIT Biological Engineering, Jay Keasling of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories. Prospective work centers on protocols and standards, safety and security issues, and intellectual sharing and ownership. The group is adding a proactive component on the design and demonstration of applications of emerging technologies for safety, sustainability and security. Funded by NSF IGERT and NSF Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center (SynBERC), this initiative supports ten doctoral trainees a year.

Project on Knowledge Assessment, Anticipation, and Adaption. Lawrence McCray and Kenneth Oye are leading research on the evaluation and utilization of scientific and technical knowledge in areas of uncertainty and controversy. *Grasping Third Rails: Assessing Scientific and Technical Knowledge in Areas of Controversy* will examine public controversies with significant scientific and technical content, with research underway on security issues including ballistic missile defense and Iraq WMD claims; and on health and environmental issues including PM2.5, methyl mercury, climate change, and dietary standards. *Uncertainty, Anticipation, and Adaption: Empirical Studies* will assess the potential of anticipation and adaptation under conditions of pervasive uncertainty, using studies comparing US and EU policies on particulates, prion based diseases, water, and pharmaceuticals. Studies and workshops are funded by NSF and US EPA.

Project on Technology Transfer for Climate Change and Development. The 13th Session of the Conference of the Parties at Bali reestablished the centrality of technology development and transfer for addressing climate change and promoting development. At the request of the United Nations, Kenneth Oye and associates in the United States and abroad are addressing three sets of issues.

- To identify key technology development and transfer issues at the heart of continuing discussions on how to address climate change and development issues effectively;
- To specify policy relevant sources of uncertainty associated with such issues and to define researchable questions that would address such sources of uncertainty;
- To suggest some research approaches appropriate to these ends and to identify individuals who might be productively engaged in such research activities.

Critical Policy Studies of China

Headed by Jing Wang, S.C. Fang Professor of Chinese language and culture, the interdisciplinary Critical Policy Studies of China (CPSC) Project brings together scholars and practitioners from several American and Chinese universities to consider broad themes related to China's future, particularly its encounters with the West. With the support of the Ford Foundation, the project convened a workshop in China in July 2005 cosponsored with the School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, People's University of China. The project was co-organized with Harvard University.

CPSC is currently working with Creative Commons (CC) China Mainland, which is designed to encourage and enable the use, creation, and sharing of creative work on the Internet, to develop activities promoting the use of CC licenses and design research projects related to issues of peer-to-peer governance and the intellectual property of digital content. A grant from the Ford Foundation enabled the two partners to unveil the first phase of CC China events. The grant also enabled the program to hold annual contests of CC-licensed photography works.

The highlights of 2007-2008:

(1) An international conference on "Information Technology and Social Responsibility," jointly organized by MIT, CC China Mainland, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Over thirty experts, scholars and professionals from America, Britain, Canada, Australia, China Mainland, and Hong Kong attended this event held in Hong Kong on December 17-18, 2007. Topics addressed include the future and present of information society; citizens' responsibilities and digital media; public domain in the digital world and intellectual property in politics; state responsibility; corporate social responsibility and the building of IT infrastructure.

(2) The first Creative Commons Photography Contest and the Award Ceremony and Exhibition of Award-winning Works was held in the National Library of China on November 4, 2007. There were 10,000 submissions of professional and amateur works licensed under various localized CC licenses. There were three categories: "Society & humanity", "Nature and Landscape" and "Portraits."

In collaboration with CC China Mainland and the Chinese University of Science and Technology, CPSC is planning a three-headed project that will serve NGOs in China through (1) the design, development, and maintenance of a new technology platform that combines the strengths of Web 1.0 and 2.0 for capacity building of targeted NGOs, and (2) annual ICT (Information & Communication Technologies) training workshops on this free platform for small, emerging NGOs in West China, and (3) the design of CC-licensed training materials on Web 2.0 culture and technology for delivery at those training workshops.

In addition, CPSC is working with CC China to build partnerships with China Open Resources for Education, the Education Roundtable, the Music Society, NPhoto (a music Internet portal), Baidu.com (the largest search engine in China), and China Scientific Data Sharing Project. In order to understand the impact of open access on effective intellectual property governance, a parallel research project on new media users' behaviors and communication patterns is planned for fall 2009.

Inter-University Committee on International Migration

The Center hosts the Inter-University Committee on International Migration (IUCIM), established in 1974 to bring together faculty, scholars, and students at Brandeis, Boston University, Harvard, MIT, Tufts, and Wellesley—as well as visiting international scholars—in the broad range of issues associated with worldwide human mobility. This year the committee was chaired by Professor Reed Ueda and Professor Anna Hardman, both of Tufts University.

A seminar series, renamed in 2004 in honor of the late Myron Weiner, professor of political science at MIT, director of CIS, and the lead founder of IUCIM, is the main focus of the Committee's work. In 2007-08, the series featured "Deportation Nation: Outsiders in American History," Professor Daniel Kanstroom, Boston College School of Law; "God Needs No Passport: Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape," Professor Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College, Department of Sociology; "The Coercive Power of Unnatural Disasters," Professor Kelly M. Greenhill, Department of Political Science, Tufts University; "Making Population Estimates of Internally Displaced People in Urban Centers," Professor Karen Jacobsen, Tufts University; "The Changing Role of UNHCR: Internal Displacement, Mixed Migration and other New Challenges," Judith Kumin, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; and "Iraq in the Light of Population Movement," Professor Noah Feldman, Harvard Law School. Two films were also presented in the series, "The Guestworker," with speaker Helen Marrow, Lecturer, Harvard University; and "Deshantori (The Migrant)," with the film's co-director, Mridul Chowdhury.

The Center, with the advice of the Committee, completed a project, *Women, Conflict, and Migration*, which was commissioned by the UN Population Fund (UNFPA). The papers from the project are being published by Springer in 2009.

Program on Human Rights and Justice

Established in 2001 and jointly sponsored by CIS and DUSP, the Program on Human Rights and Justice (PHRJ) aims to foster interdisciplinary research, teaching, curricular development, and real-world application in human rights, especially relating to the global economy and science and technology. It is the first human rights program in a leading technology school and the first in the world with a specific focus on the human rights aspects of economic, scientific, and technological developments. Cross-cultural dimensions of human welfare, security, and dignity brace the program.

Courses and practicums on human rights are taught by PHRJ's director, DUSP Associate Professor Balakrishnan Rajagopal, among others. With the support of the chancellor's office, the program offers summer internships for MIT students to work abroad with NGOs with a focus on environmental justice. The program also welcomes visiting research fellows, and in 2007-08 Professor Anat Biletsky of Tel Aviv University was in residence at CIS and served on the steering committee of the Jerusalem 2050 project. Another fellow, Jung-Hoon Kim, visited on a Fulbright scholarship from South Korea, where he is a leader on environmental justice issues.

Public education events PHRJ organized or cosponsored in this year included a talk by Dr. Ashis Brahma is a physician who has been working with Sudanese refugees in Chad; "Responding To and Rebuilding After Disasters: Human Rights and Development Challenges," a discussion with Stephen Bradberry and Eric Schwartz, and Professor Philip Thompson (DUSP); activist Jeff Halper and Professor Biletsky on the politics of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank; and "Sovereignty and Traditional Peacemaking in Navajo Nation," featuring Larry Susskind, Ford Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning.

Persian Gulf Initiative

The importance of the Persian Gulf region led the Center to begin organizing a series of research activities and public programs in the spring of 2005. Two main activities in 2007-08 were organized. An ongoing project to assess U.S.-Iran relations continued to develop in cooperation with MIT's HyperStudio, the Watson Institute at Brown University, and the National Security Archive at George Washington University, specifically, organizing research and meetings on the U.S. role in the Iran-Iraq War. The second activity is a Web site, "[Iraq: The Human Cost](#)," an outgrowth of commissioned research on mortality in the Iraq War. This work on Iraq also resulted in articles in the *Boston Globe* and the *Strategic Insights* (a periodical at the Naval Postgraduate School), congressional testimony, a presentation in the MIT's "Zones of Emergency" series convened by the Visual Arts Program, and several conference presentations.

Audit of the Conventional Wisdom

The Audits are a unique resource for intellectuals, teachers, students, and journalists, a way of presenting empirical evidence on press issues of national concern. Typically 2000 words in length, the Audits dissect an issue to inform and enlighten. In this academic year, 22 new Audits were published on a wide range of matters—Japan's security agenda, Putin's Russia, migration policy, Iraq and Iran, homeland security, human rights, and international development. Written mainly by CIS-affiliated scholars, the Audits are published and distributed to policy, academic, and other such audiences, are reproduced in on-line venues and are sometimes republished in newspapers such as the *Boston Globe*.

A complementary on-line resource, the [Foreign Policy Index](#), provides in-depth information on regions and issues that the Audit series addresses.

Under the auspices of the Audit project, the Center organized a one-day conference, "The Liberal Foreign Policy Tradition," in partnership with the History and Democracy Project (University of Massachusetts) and the U.S. Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. Presenting before a group of policymakers, journalists, and scholars at the Wilson Center were Professors Tony Smith (Tufts), Erez Manela (Harvard), Ted Widmer (Brown), Elizabeth Borgwardt (Washington University), Charles Maier (Harvard), and Amy Staples (Middle Tennessee State) on the legacies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The presentations and papers are on-line and several were reproduced as Audits.

Public Outreach

Through our Starr Forum and other public lectures, we offered topically diverse and accessible events. Lectures are video streamed from our Web site and periodically appear on MIT World. Occasionally, we partner with media outlets, such as the BBC or NPR, to co-produce our events.

Highlights from the past academic year include:

- A public forum on the Israel's influence on American foreign policy. Featured guests were Professor John Mearsheimer, University of Chicago, and Professor Stephen Walt, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, coauthors of the bestselling *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy*; and Bruce Riedel, former presidential adviser and Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution. The event was attended by an overflowing audience and concluded with a spirited question-and-answer session.
- Julie Mertus, co-director of Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs Program at American University and award-winning author of *Bait and Switch: Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy*, talked on how America applies human rights to its foreign policy.

- A film series on women in the Middle East earned an excellent response. For each feature, a scholar was brought in to lead a question-and-answer session.
- On Iraq, Professor Juan Cole, University of Michigan, spoke on "Iraq's Three Civil Wars: Is the U.S. Relevant to Them?" The talk was published as a CIS Audit publication and was reprinted in the *Boston Sunday Globe*. "The Failings of the Media on Iraq" was addressed by Greg Mitchell, author of *So Wrong for So Long* and editor of *Editor & Publisher*.
- Marc Sageman, an expert on al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations, gave a talk on the paths to political violence in a post-9/11 world. His talk built upon his best-selling books, *Understanding Terror Networks* and *Leaderless Jihad*.
- The Center teamed up with the Discovery Channel to present the Boston screening of *Koppel on Discovery: The People's Republic of Capitalism*. The June screening was well attended and concluded with a question-and-answer session with one of the producers. Moderating the discussion was Professor Yasheng Huang, of the Sloan School of Management.

Public Programs manages several of the Center's publications: *précis*, a bi-annual newsletter, the *Audit of Conventional Wisdom* essay series, and the Web site, which has expanded with video presentations of conferences and public forums. In addition, Public Programs oversees media relations for the Center. For example, CIS's Jerusalem 2050 media campaign surrounding the announcement of the winners of the international competition "Just Jerusalem" resulted in coverage by the BBC, Reuters, *Haaretz*, and the *International Herald Tribune*, among others.

Finally, the Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar (organized by Philip Khoury, associate provost & Ford International Professor of History) continued this year with several lectures, including: Augustus Richard Norton, Boston University, on "Lebanon's Political Gridlock"; Ibrahim Warde, Tufts University, on "Financing Islamic Terrorism"; and Bernard Avishai on "Globalized Israel—Why Olmert's Center Government is the Last-and Best-Chance for a Peace Deal."

Grant Programs

One of the ways in which the Center promotes scholarship and graduate education is through its grant programs. In addition to support conveyed through the MISTI internships and research assistantships, these efforts include:

- MIT graduate students writing their dissertations are eligible for summer research grants; 16 were awarded in 2008 under the auspices of the MIT-Japan International Studies Fund.
- Seven students were awarded paying PHRJ internships for summer 2007 projects of their own design on environmental justice, an opportunity provided by the Chancellor.
- Travel grants for presentations at international conferences, supported by the Starr Foundation, are provided for eligible students.

CIS is also involved in promoting and selecting MIT candidates for other awards, including the Luce Fellowships, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace junior fellows program, and the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods.

Affirmative Action Goals and Successes

The Center seeks to guarantee equality of opportunity in employment and to increase the representation and participation of minorities and women in management and in administrative and technical staff positions. To that end, we have adopted a rigorous search process for new positions in which we post our job listings on websites that serve underrepresented populations, and we seek the help of MIT Human Resources recruiters in identifying qualified applicants from underrepresented groups.

Publications

Faculty and researchers published on a range of international issues in 2006–2007. A small selection of scholarly work:

Books

Alice Amsden, *Escape from Empire: The Developing World's Journey Through Heaven and Hell* (MIT Press, 2007) Translated into Japanese, Korean, and Spanish.

Balakrishnan Rajagopal, co-editor, *Reshaping Justice: International Law and the Third World* (Routledge, 2008)

Richard J. Samuels, *Securing Japan: Tokyo's Grand Strategy and the Future of East Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2007) Translated into Japanese and Chinese. Finalist for the 2008 Lionel Gelber International Affairs Book Prize.

Harvey M. Sapolsky, Eugene Gholz, and Caitlin Talmadge, *U.S. Defense Politics: The Origins of Security Policy* (Routledge, 2008).

Jing Wang, *Brand New China: Advertising, Media, and Commercial Culture* (Harvard University Press, 2008).

Articles and Book Chapters

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