

JOHN TIRMAN

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Center for International Studies, Executive Director and Principal Research Scientist, October 2004 - present. The Center's mission is research, training, and public education, with programs on international education, security studies, migration, science and technology studies, etc. My research has focused on U.S. foreign policy, immigration, armed conflict, and human security.

Director, Persian Gulf Initiative; Steering Committee, Inter-University Committee on International Migration. *Initiatives created or co-created*: International Policy Lab; Project on Secrecy, Privacy, and International Relations; Program on Environmental Governance and Sustainability; Project on Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence; Persian Gulf Initiative; Human Rights & Technology Fellowships.

Social Science Research Council, Program Director, Program on Global Security and Cooperation, Sept. 2000 - Oct. 2004, and Washington Office Director (2001-04). Projects created and managed included migration, social exclusion, and security; humanitarian crises; globalization and armed conflict, and others. Administered a large fellowship program for dissertation students and post-docs funded by the MacArthur Foundation. Responsible for outreach to Washington policy community.

Fulbright Senior Scholar, Republic of Cyprus, December 1999 - September 2000, conflict resolution. Included the creation of a Web site to develop a unitary historical narrative of the conflict.

Winston Foundation for World Peace, Executive Director, April 1986 - December 1999, Boston and Washington. Grant making (averaging \$1 million annually) on education, conflict prevention, human rights, sustainability, and nuclear disarmament.

Managing Consultant to the **Henry P. Kendall Foundation** in 1989-92, which principally funded in environmental issues, education, science, and arms control; and managed the **CarEth Foundation**, Boston, 1990-94, which funded social and economic justice NGOs.

Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Mass. Senior Editor and Director of Communications, 1982-86. Area responsibilities included arms control, environment & energy policy; media relations, outreach.

New England Regional Commission, Boston, Senior Adviser, Energy and the Environment, 1980-82. A federally funded governors' council.

TIME magazine, reporter, 1977-79, New York, reporting on energy, national politics, and business and economics.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Boston University, 1981, in political science (political theory). Teaching Fellow, 1972-75, College of Liberal Arts. Metropolitan College Scholar, 1974. Major professors: Howard Zinn, Alasdair MacIntyre, Frances Fox Piven.

B.A., Indiana University, Bloomington, 1972, major in political science and minor in history. Indiana University Foundation Scholar, 1971-72.

SERVICE

Trustee of:

- The Institute for War & Peace Reporting (London; 2004-2016, chair of U.S. board, 2006-2010), which trains journalists around the world to report on conflict and human rights, 2004-2016
- Nanyang Technological University, Centre for Contemporary Art, Singapore, International Advisory Committee, 2014 – 2017.
- International Alert (London), 1999-2005, one of the world's leading conflict resolution groups
- Foundation for National Progress, publisher of *Mother Jones* (1993-99), co-chair.
- Manuscript reviews and evaluations for the University of California Press, Bloomsbury Press, Carnegie Corporation of New York, several journals, etc.

MAJOR PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS since 2002

- “National Narratives in the U.S.-Iran Relationship,” University of Hamburg, Aug. 2018
- “Human Cost of War,” Conference on Insecurity & Western Policy in the MENA Region, Simon Fraser University, March 23-24, 2016
- “Costs of U.S. Wars,” Nanyang Technical University, Singapore, Jan. 20, 2016
- “What Now? The Iran Nuclear Deal,” M.I.T. Radius forum, September 21, 2015
- “Human Cost of Wars,” Franklin & Marshall College, March 5, 2015

- “International Studies,” Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, February 13, 2015
- “Human Trafficking in South Asia,” Conference on Illicit Networks, A Regional Challenge, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, April 29, 2014.
- “Strategizing Turkey: The Davutoglu Era,” Istanbul Kulture University, Oct. 23, 2013
- For the book, *The Deaths of Others*, talks at Oxford University, London School of Economics, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard School of Public Health, Villanova University, Georgetown University, UC-Berkeley, UC-Santa Barbara, Occidental College, Rhode Island World Affairs Council, University of Massachusetts, Boston, University of San Andres (Argentina), and others, 2011-12.
- “War, Women, and Security,” U.S. Mission to the United Nations, October 28, 2010; U.S. Institute of Peace, November 4, 2010; Harvard Law School, Nov. 13, 2010.
- “Trust Building in International Affairs,” British House of Commons, organized by the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, February 2010.
- “A New Approach to U.S. Policy in the Gulf,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, February 2009.
- “America’s Self-Image and Values, and Global Anti-Americanism,” Testimony, U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, June 11, 2008
- “Divestment in Iran,” Testimony, Massachusetts Legislature, Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, April 2008.
- “Human Rights in Iran and U.S. Foreign Policy,” National Iranian-American Council conference, U.S. House of Representatives. July 26, 2007
- “The New War in the Gulf,” Sidney-Pacific Lecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, December 7, 2006
- “Fear and the Politics of Homeland Security,” Chatham House, London, June 2, 2006
- “Iraq and Durable Insurgencies,” SSRC-NUPI Conference on Political Violence, Oslo, November 2005
- “The Security and Migration Nexus in the U.S.,” 10th International Metropolis conference, Toronto, Oct. 2005
- “Homeland Security and American Muslims,” Security and Terror in the New Century conference, Watson Institute, Brown University, June 2005
- “Civil Liberties, Immigration, Security—the Bush Agenda,” Speech before the annual conference of the Campaign for America’s Future, Washington, June 2005
- “Iran and the Bomb,” Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, Sept. 2005
- “Washington Consensus and Conflict Onset,” U.N.-NGO conference, New York, Sept. 2005
- “Conflict and Globalization: An Introduction,” SSRC, Washington, April 2004
- “The U.S. and 9/11,” Jean Monnet Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

1. Books

- *Dream Chasers: Immigration and the American Backlash* (MIT Press, 2015)
- *U.S.-Iran Misperceptions: A Dialogue* (Bloomsbury, 2014), coeditor & coauthor
- *Becoming Enemies: U.S.-Iran Relations and the Iran-Iraq War, 1979-1988* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2012), coauthor with four others
- *The Deaths of Others: The Fate of Civilians in America’s Wars* (Oxford University Press, 2011)

- *Women, Migration, and Conflict: Breaking a Deadly Cycle* (Springer, 2009), coeditor
- *Terror, Insurgency, and the State* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), coeditor and contributor
- *Multilateralism under Challenge? Power, International Order, and Structural Change* (UN University Press, 2006), coeditor and contributor
- *100 Ways America is Screwing Up the World* (HarperPerennial, 2006)
- *The Maze of Fear: Security & Migration After September 11th* (The New Press, 2004), editor and contributor
- *Making the Money Sing: Private Wealth & Public Power in the Search for Peace* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000)
- *Spoils of War: The Human Cost of America's Arms Trade* (Free Press, 1997)
- *Sovereign Acts: American Unilateralism and Global Security* (Harper & Row, 1989)
- *Empty Promise: The Growing Case Against Star Wars* (Beacon, 1986), editor and contributor
- *The Militarization of High Technology* (Ballinger, 1984), editor and contributor
- *The Fallacy of Star Wars* (Vintage/Random House, 1984), editor

2. Major Articles and chapter contributions, selected list

- Review of "East West Street: On the Origins of 'Genocide' and 'Crimes Against Humanity,'" *Washington Post Book World* (July 22, 2016)
- "The Human Cost of War and How to Assess the Damage," *Foreign Affairs* (online October 8, 2015)
- Review of "Human Trafficking Around the World," *Washington Post Book World* (August 2013)
- Review of "Kill Anything that Moves," by Nick Turse, *Washington Post Book World* (Jan. 2013)
- Review of "Howard Zinn: A Life on the Left," by Martin Duberman, *Washington Post* (Dec. 2012)
- "Why do we ignore civilians killed in America's wars?" *Washington Post* (January 8, 2012)
- "How Will We Remember Operation Iraqi Freedom?" *Washington Spectator* (Nov. 15, 2011)
- "A Bloody Affair," Response to Alexander Downes, *Boston Review* (Sept.-Oct. 2011)
- "Citizen Zinn," *The Nation* (May 6, 2011), online <https://www.thenation.com/article/citizen-zinn/>
- "UNSCR 1325: Slow Progress, Uncertain Prospects," *Foreign Service Journal* (April 2011)
- "Security and Antiterror Policies in America and Europe," in Ariane Chebel d'Appollonia and Simon Reich, eds., *Managing Ethnic Diversity After 9/11* (Rutgers University Press, 2010)
- "Immigration and Insecurity: Post-9/11 Fear in the United States," in David Neville-Wright and Anna Halafoff, eds., *Terrorism and Social Exclusion* (Edward Elgar, 2010)
- "Diplomacy, Terrorism, and National Narratives in the U.S.-Iran Relationship," *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, Vol. 2, No. 3 (December 2009): 527-539
- "The Future of the Frontier," *The American Scholar* (Winter, 2009)
- "International Relations," in Robert Looney, ed., *Handbook of U.S.-Mideast Relations* (Routledge, 2009)
- "Counting Iraqi Casualties—and a Media Controversy," *Editor & Publisher* (Jan. 2008)
- "Shadows of the Images': The Allegory of Iraq," *Strategic Insights*, VI:6 (Dec. 2007)
- "Diplomacy and the Iraq War," *Strategic Insights*, VI:2 (March 2007)
- "Regionalizing the Iraq Conflict," Audit of the Conventional Wisdom (series), MIT Center for International Studies (December 4, 2006)
- "The Washington Consensus and Armed Conflict: Impacts on health care and education," *Development* 48:3 (Sept 2005)
- "Security the Progressive Way," *The Nation* (April 11, 2005)
- "Mistrusted Muslims" *National Catholic Reporter* (January 14, 2005)
- "Homeland Security: The Fear Factor," *Washington Post* (August 29, 2004)

- “The New Humanitarianism,” *Boston Review* (Dec. 2003); reprinted in *Papeles de Cuestiones Internacionales* (Madrid), Spring 2004
- “What Lurks in the Ruins?” AlterNet (April 10, 2003), on the future of Iraq
- “Providing Resources for Peace,” in J.P. Lederach et al, eds., *Into the Eye of the Storm* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2002). Chapter contribution.
- “How the Cold War Ended,” *Global Dialogue* (Winter, 2001-02)
- “Unintended Consequences,” AlterNet (October 2001). Reprinted in *After 9/11: Solutions for a Safer World*, D. Hazen et al, eds. (San Francisco: IMI, 2002)
- “Nationalism in Exile,” *Boston Review* (Summer 2001)
- “International Mediators Should Forget Cyprus,” *Wall Street Journal Europe* (Aug. 4, 2000)
- “How We Ended the Cold War,” *The Nation* (Nov. 1, 1999). Reprinted in *After the Fall: 1989 and the Future of Freedom*, G. Kastsiaticas, ed. (N.Y.: Routledge, 2001)
- “No Arming of Freedom Fighters in Kosovo,” *Insight* (May 3, 1999)
- “Forces of Civility: The NGO Revolution and the Search for Peace,” *Boston Review* (December ’98-January ’99)
- “The Ankara-Jerusalem Nexus,” *The Nation* (January 4, 1999)
- “Improving Turkey’s ‘Bad Neighborhood,’” *World Policy Journal* (Spring 1998)
- “Who Needs Weapons?” *Boston Sunday Globe* (January 4, 1998)
- “Ataturk’s Children,” *Boston Review* (December 1997)
- “Habitat for Inhumanity,” *The Nation* (June 24, 1996)
- “Beyond the Cold War,” *Boston Sunday Globe* (April 2, 1995)
- “Les is More,” *Boston Sunday Globe* (May 9, 1993) Aspin at the Pentagon
- “Shifting Balances Point to New Spurs for War,” *Boston Sunday Globe* (Dec. 21, 1991)
- “A Second Nuclear Age,” *Boston Sunday Globe* (January 20, 1991)

3. Short articles, opinion pieces, etc. selected list (since 2004)

Contributions to the online publications [Huffington Post](#), [Cognoscenti](#) (WBUR), and [AlterNet](#) (via hyperlink)

- “On Reducing Gun Violence,” MIT School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, online, Oct. 2018
- “An Adolescent’s Foreign Policy,” *Helsinki Times* (February 6, 2018)
- “The Iran Deal Comes with a Price” *Boston Globe* (October 16, 2015)
- “The Failure of Neoliberalism,” *Boston Globe* (June 2, 2015)
- “In U.S., Concern for Syrian Civilians, but not Iraqi Civilians,” *Boston Globe* (February 6, 2013)
- “The Forgotten Wages of War,” *New York Times* (January 3, 2012)
- “After War: Reconstruct,” *Boston Globe* (August 5, 2011)
- “The Real Threat Isn’t From Muslims,” *Boston Globe* (March 11, 2011)
- “Wikileaks Docs Underestimate Iraqi Dead,” AlterNet (October 25, 2010)
- “The Twenty Years’ War,” *Boston Sunday Globe* (August 1, 2010)
- “Achieving Détente with Iran,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, July 2, 2009
- “Bush’s War Dead,” *The Nation* (February 16, 2009)
- “The Battle for Iran,” *Boston Globe* (Nov. 29, 2008)
- “What Counts as Success in Iraq?” *Boston Globe* (August 15, 2008)
- “The Divestment Trap,” *Boston Globe* (April 24, 2008)
- “The Murky Toll of the Iraq War” *Boston Globe* (January 19, 2008)
- “An Inspiration Against Nuclear Arms” *Boston Globe* (October 30, 2007)
- “A New Cold War with Iran?” *Boston Globe* (August 14, 2007)
- “We Can Learn Something From The Dead In Iraq,” *National Catholic Reporter* (Jan. 19, 2007)
- “In Iraq, Losses Americans don't see,” *Newsday* (December 31, 2006)
- “Regionalizing Iraq,” *Boston Sunday Globe* (November 26, 2006)
- “The Trouble with Turkey,” *Boston Globe*, (November 30, 2005)

- "The Heavy Price of Censorship," *International Herald Tribune*, (November 22, 2005)
- "The Future of American Foreign Policy," *Boston Review* (February-March 2005)
- "A focus on facts ought to dispel mistrust of US Muslims," *Christian Science Monitor* (January 31, 2005)
- "One Island, Divided," *Wall Street Journal Europe* (April 2, 2004)

