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CISSM Fall 2016 Newsletter

CISSM holds cybersecurity seminars for Japanese officials ahead of 2020 Olympics

The Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), together with the Maryland Global Initiative on Cybersecurity (MaGIC), held several cybersecurity seminars for senior Japanese government officials in Tokyo on November 7 and 8 to help them develop effective strategies against cyber threats at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.



CISSM Interim Director Nancy Gallagher, Senior Fellow Daniel Ennis, and Research Scholar Charles Harry spoke at two seminars attended by more than 40 officials from central government ministries in charge of security during the Olympics, including Tamayo Marukawa, Minister of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Drawing on their experiences working on cybersecurity in the government, industry, and academia, Gallagher, Ennis, and Harry underscored the importance of approaching the issue not just as a technical matter, but also as a policy problem that requires a strategic approach. Emphasis was placed on the need for the government, private sector and civil society to work together to set priorities, assign responsibilities, and exercise capabilities needed for effective prevention and consequence mitigation. The Cabinet Secretariat's National Center of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity hosted the seminars. [Read more.](#)

CISSM and SPP remember Professor Thomas Schelling

Professor Thomas Schelling, who served on the School of Public Policy faculty since 1990 and was a Senior Fellow at CISSM, died on December 13, 2016. The School of Public Policy is collecting [tributes to Prof. Schelling](#), who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 2005.

CISSM sponsors workshop on orbital debris

The University of Maryland's [Center for Orbital Debris Education and Research \(CODER\)](#) brought satellite operators, scientists, academics and government officials from around the world together from November 15 to 17, 2016 at the second biennial CODER Workshop on Orbital Debris to elucidate the current state of efforts to lower the risks from orbital debris so that progress can be made toward ensuring safety of space operations. CISSM cosponsored the workshop, and CISSM researchers, Nancy

Gallagher (pictured at right) and Theresa Hitchens, addressed the policy-related sessions. [Read more.](#)



CISSM welcomes research scholars Nilsu Goren and Amy Nelson

This fall, CISSM welcomed two new research scholars, [Nilsu Goren](#) and [Amy Nelson](#). Goren completed her doctoral studies at the School of Public Policy, where she focused on Turkish security policy making. Goren is contributing to CISSM's work to develop a database of cyberspace information-sharing agreements. She also participated in a CISSM co-sponsored event on Islamophobia and the American Elections. [View video of the event.](#)

Nelson was previously a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a policy analyst in the State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. She is working on a book focused on best practices for arms control negotiations. Read Nelson's [recent article](#) on the Iran nuclear agreement.

CISSM co-hosts discussion about impact of cyber activity on presidential elections

While some e-voting systems continued to have security vulnerabilities, the potential for a cyber event to swing the results of the November 8 election was very small, according to the participants in a November 3 discussion at the University of Maryland's Adele Stamp Student Union. Much more likely, however, was the possibility that questions about voting results and the disruptive activities of some actors in cyber space would undermine confidence in American democracy. [Read more.](#)

[VIEW A VIDEO OF THE EVENT.](#)

CISSM hosts workshop on potential for U.S.-Russian security cooperation despite tensions

The need for the United States and Russia to maintain and expand security cooperation on a range of issues--including nuclear arms control, cyber threats, European and Mideast security--despite heightened tensions between the two countries emerged as a common theme from presentations and discussions at an October 11, 2016 workshop between U.S. and Russian security scholars. [Read more.](#)

Also:

[Gallagher and Hitchens participate in Moscow security meetings](#)
[Q & A with Mayya Nguen, 2016 ISKRAN Visiting Fellow](#)

Steinbruner Student Support Fund awards Naoko Aoki research support

The John D. Steinbruner Student Support Fund provided funds to doctoral candidate [Naoko Aoki](#) for her to obtain access to news and data about North Korea. The database includes, for example, North Korean official media articles and information about movements of North Korean leadership. Aoki's dissertation research is focused on understanding the impact of American domestic politics on negotiations

concerning North Korea's nuclear program.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STEINBRUNER STUDENT SUPPORT FUND](#)

CISSM Research Scholar Mohseni participates in U.S.-Iran religious dialogue

CISSM Research Scholar Ebrahim Mohseni (pictured at right meeting Pope Francis) was part of a June 2016 religious dialogue between clerical leaders affiliated with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Society of Qom Seminary Scholars. The meetings, which took place in Rome, led to a [joint declaration](#) addressing a range of issues, including weapons of mass destruction:

"We regard the development and use of weapons of mass destruction and acts of terrorism as immoral. Together we are working for a world without weapons of mass destruction. We call on all nations to reject acquiring such weapons and call on those who possess them to rid themselves of these indiscriminate weapons, including chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons," read the declaration.



The Rome meeting was the second between the two groups of clergy. They first met in Qom, Iran, in March 2014, as part of a project initiated by former CISSM Director John Steinbruner. A separate [joint declaration](#) followed that meeting as well.

Recent CISSM publications

Nilsu Goren, ["Turkey's Nonnuclear Decisions on Nuclear Issues."](#) CISSM Policy Brief, September 15, 2016.

Nancy Gallagher, Ebrahim Mohseni, Clay Ramsay, ["Iranian Public Opinion, One Year after the Nuclear Deal."](#) CISSM Report, July 13, 2016.

Anya Loukianova, ["Clouds of Suspicion: Airspace Arrangements, Escalation, and Discord in U.S./NATO-Russian Relations."](#) CISSM Policy Brief, May 02, 2016.

Recent publications by CISSM researchers

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Madiha Afzal, ["Pakistan's Democratic Opportunity."](#) *Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, October 28, 2016.

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Davin O'Regan, "[Smuggling Wildlife in the Americas: Scale, Methods, and Links to Other Organised Crimes.](#)" Global Crime, May 12, 2016.

Steven Kull, Clay Ramsay, "[Considering the Cost of Clean: Americans on Energy, Air Quality and Climate.](#)" Program for Public Consultation, May 04, 2016.

Elisa D. Harris, "[Dual-Use Threats: The Case of Biological Technology.](#)" American Academy of Arts and Sciences, May 01, 2016.

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