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UPDATE

CISSM Summer 2015 Newsletter

NEWS | CISSM research informs Iran Deal debate

In a series of reports and news articles, CISSM researchers have been working to inform citizens and policy makers in both the United States and Iran about public attitudes toward the recently completed negotiations between Iran, the United States, and 5 other nations.

In the most recent reports, "[Iranian Public Opinion on the Nuclear Agreement](#)" (September 9, 2015) and "[Assessing the Iran Deal](#)" (September 1, 2015) majorities of respondents in the United States and Iran backed the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. Though some misperceptions of the deal persist on both sides, American attitudes are more closely divided. View [all studies and articles](#) coming from CISSM's work on public opinion related to Iran's nuclear program.

News coverage of these reports has been widespread and has reached across the globe. The contributors to these reports, including CISSM Interim Director Nancy Gallagher, CISSM Research Associate Ebrahim Mohseni, and CISSM Senior Research Scholar Steven Kull, have all also participated in public and private briefings. Some of this Iran-related work was funded by an anonymous donation to the [CISSM Target of Opportunity Fund](#).

As part of its effort to foster public discussion about the JCPOA, CISSM and the School of Public Policy also hosted U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) to discuss the deal's merits and implications. [View the video](#) of the event.



Former students establish Steinbruner Student Support Fund

Former School of Public Policy students established the [John Steinbruner Student Support Fund](#), in memory of the late CISSM director. The fund will provide financial support for research and professional development activities by School of Public Policy students working on any policy problem related to cooperative security, broadly defined. The fund has thus far raised more than \$10,000. [Read more](#)

Gallagher named Interim CISSM Director

Robert Orr, the dean of the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland, announced on May 21 that he was appointing [Nancy Gallagher](#), who has been the associate director of research at CISSM since 2001, to be CISSM's interim director. In making the announcement, Orr praised Gallagher's leadership and her many contributions to CISSM and the school. [Read more](#)

Q & A with Kirill Tanaev, 2015 visiting ISKRAN fellow

Tanaev, a former Russian journalist, is examining U.S.-Russian relations through the lens of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action negotiated between the P5+1 and Iran. [Read more.](#)

Recent CISSM Working Papers

Theresa Hitchens, "[Forwarding Multilateral Space Governance: Next Steps for the International Community.](#)" CISSM Working Paper, August 6, 2015.

Charles Harry, "[A Framework for Categorizing Disruptive Cyber Activity and Assessing its Impact.](#)" CISSM Working Paper, August 4, 2015.

Jonas Siegel, "[Expanding Nuclear Weapons State Transparency to Strengthen Nonproliferation.](#)" CISSM Working Paper, March 12, 2015

Marianna Yamamoto, "[Terrorism Against Democracy.](#)" CISSM Working Paper, January 1, 2015

Recent publications by CISSM researchers

Nancy Gallagher, "[Say Something Nice or Nothing at All.](#)" U.S. News and World Report, September 11, 2015

Steven Kull, "[After Assessing the Alternatives, Americans Reluctantly Embrace the Iran Deal.](#)" HuffingtonPost.com, September 2, 2015

Nancy Gallagher, "[Space Weapons and the Risk of Nuclear Exchanges.](#)" Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists Roundtable, July 30, 2015

Steven Kull, "[The Iran Deal: The More People Hear, the More They Like it.](#)" HuffingtonPost.com, July 29, 2015 "

Ebrahim Mohseni, "[Managing Post-Nuclear Deal Expectations: Rouhani's Difficult Road Ahead.](#)" HuffingtonPost.com, July 15, 2015

Nancy Gallagher, "[A Diplomatic Masterpiece.](#)" TheConversation.com, July 14, 2015

Ebrahim Mohseni, "[Misreading Public Opinion on P5+1 Nuclear Negotiations With Iran.](#)" HuffingtonPost.com, July 5, 2015.

Madiha Afzal, "[Violence, Pakistan's New Normal.](#)" ForeignPolicy.com, June 2, 2015.

Steven Kull, "[Conflict in Ukraine is a Conflict of Ukrainians.](#)" TheHill.com's Congress Blog, April 29, 2015.

Madiha Afzal, "[Education and Attitudes in Pakistan: Understanding Perceptions of Terrorism.](#)" USIP Special Report, April 21, 2015.

Upcoming CISSM-related events

September 17, 2015 "[Egypt--Revolution Interrupted?](#)" CISSM Forum/Development Circle, 12:00-1:15 pm, 1203 Van Munching Hall, College Park MD, 20742. Featuring Steve York, documentary film maker.

September 24, 2015 "[Non-Traditional Security in East Asia: Actors, Institutions, and Regional Governance.](#)" CISSM Forum/Development Circle, 12:00-1:15 pm, 1203 Van

Munching Hall, College Park MD, 20742. Featuring Mely Caballero-Anthony, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

October 1, 2015

["Global Internet Governance."](#) The CISSM Forum/Development Circle, 12:00-1:15 pm, 1203 Van Munching Hall, College Park MD, 20742. Featuring Tim Maurer, Research Fellow, Open Technology Institute, New America Foundation

October 6, 2015

["America and the Middle East: How Did We Get Here and Where Do We Go From Here?"](#) The Sadat Forum, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Prince George's Room, Adele H. Stamp Student Union. Featuring Shibley Telhami, Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, and William Burns, President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

October 8, 2015

["The Rapidly Changing Policy Landscape in Peace, Conflict, and Fragility."](#) CISSM Forum/Development Circle, 12:00-1:15 pm, 1203 Van Munching Hall, College Park MD, 20742. Featuring Robert D. Lamb, Visiting Research Professor, U.S. Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute.

October 15, 2015

["States, Private Actors, and the Struggle for the Governance of Global Challenges."](#) CISSM Forum/Development Circle, 12:00-1:15 pm, 1203 Van Munching Hall, College Park MD, 20742. Featuring Bruce Jones, Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy Program, Brookings Institution.

About CISSM

The Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy conducts research, education, and outreach about how powerful trends associated with globalization are affecting international security. It focuses on strategies to increase international cooperation, especially where powerful technologies—with both beneficial and dangerous uses—are becoming widely available to states and non-state actors. [Contact CISSM.](#)

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