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Featured Publication

["Realism, Strategic Interest, and Moral Responsibility Regarding Iran"](#)

John D. Steinbruner | September 2012

Several factors Ashton and Jalili underlie ongoing negotiations over Iran's nuclear program, argues Steinbruner: Iran cannot be coerced into accepting inequitable restrictions on uranium enrichment activities, but neither can it resist restrictions that are equitable. Whichever party in the negotiations establishes the more credible adherence to legal norms will win the critical battle for global support.



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CISSM Working Papers

["Micro-Level Analysis of Civil Violence: An Event Data Analysis of Kenya, Georgia-Russia, and Mexico"](#)

Kevin Jones | August 2012

Jones presents a conceptual framework for analyzing the heterogeneous and dynamic character of local conflict. This work is anchored in the need to describe conflict dynamics as they occur, to understand in real-time the political, economic, and social drivers, and to gather high-resolution (e.g. local, disaggregated) data to analyze social instability. The paper demonstrates the effectiveness of such a framework and applies it to three case studies.

["Are the Better Educated Less Likely to Support Militancy and Terrorism? Women Are"](#)

Madiha Afzal | August 2012

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By examining public opinion data, Afzal shows that in Pakistan the relationship between education and support for terrorism varies by gender. Among her findings are that uneducated women are more likely to support militancy relative to uneducated men, controlling for religiosity, demographics, region, and terrorist events in the district.

Other CISSM Publications

Aviv Melamud and Nilsu Goren, "[A Regional Arrangement on Securing Radiological Agents as a CSBM: Common Interest in Preventing Radiological Terrorism.](#)" (EU Nonproliferation Consortium Background Paper, November 2012)

Madiha Afzal, "[On Malala Yousufzai and Educating Girls.](#)" (The Express Tribune, October 2012)

Jonas Siegel, "[Religious Views on Climate Change Mitigation.](#)" (Conference Paper, Presented at Culture, Politics, and Climate Change International Conference, September 2012)

Nickolas Roth, "[Challenges of Protecting U.S. Nuclear Weapon Materials.](#)" (Prepared remarks, UNIDIR conference "Securing Civilian and Military Nuclear Materials: Current Status and Possible Improvements," September 2012)

John Steinbruner, "[Oversight Required on Influenza Research.](#)" (CISSM Policy Brief, July 2012)

Milton Leitenberg and Raymond A. Zilinskas, [The Soviet Biological Weapons Program: A History](#), (Harvard University Press, July 2012)

Jaganath Sankaran, [Debating Space Security: Capabilities and Vulnerabilities](#), (UMD Dissertation, June 2012)

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