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Featured Publications

["Americans on Negotiations with Iran"](#)

Steven Kull, Nancy Gallagher, Clay Ramsay, and Evan Lewis
July 2014

With the outcome of ongoing Zarif and Ashton - cropped negotiations about Iran's nuclear program still to be decided, this innovative public opinion study--where members of the U.S. public reviewed arguments for and against a negotiated solution to the impasse over Iran's nuclear program--finds that a majority (61 percent) of surveyed Americans favored making a deal that would limit Iran's enrichment capacity and impose additional intrusive inspections in exchange for the lifting of some sanctions. Thirty-five percent of Americans surveyed endorsed calls for not continuing the current negotiations but increasing sanctions in an effort to get Iran to stop all uranium enrichment. The complete study also examines views of U.S.-Iran cooperation on other issues, including violence in Iraq.



["Anticipating Climate Mitigation: The Role of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors \(SMRs\)"](#)

John Steinbruner | July 2014

["Rethinking U.S.-China Security Cooperation"](#)

Nancy W. Gallagher | August 2014

As part of a CISSM research project aimed at understanding the security impact of an expansion of global nuclear energy generating capacity and how best U.S. and Chinese policy makers can reduce these risks, CISSM Director John Steinbruner, CISSM Research Director Nancy Gallagher, CISSM Senior Fellow Steve



CISSM News

CISSM to hold its [annual open house](#) on September 4, 2014.

CISSM to release [new Iranian public opinion study](#) on September 17, 2014.

CISSM welcomes [the appointment of Dr. Robert Orr](#) as the new dean of the Maryland School of Public Policy.

CISSM participated in a [U.S.-Iranian religious dialogue](#) that resulted in a [joint statement](#) on weapons of mass destruction.

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Fetter, and CISSM Project Manager Jonas Siegel travelled to Beijing in June 2014 to meet with Chinese officials and experts. Steinbruner and Gallagher made a series of presentations that served as the basis of these two CISSM Working Papers.

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CISSM Policy Briefs

["Are Attacks on U.N. Refugee Facilities in Gaza the United Nations' Fault?"](#)

Daniel Levine | August 2014

Levine assesses arguments that the U.N. Works and Relief Agency (UNRWA) in the Gaza Strip acted in ways that made it morally responsible for the deaths of civilians under its care. He argues that critics of UNRWA are asking it to do things that it has no reasonable way of doing, and for which critics are not offering reasonable solutions. Levine concludes that claiming that UNRWA supports terrorism is a convenient way for critics to downplay Israeli responsibility for attacks that harm civilians, by undermining the sense that UNRWA schools, shelters, and hospitals are really neutral humanitarian sites and so deserving of the deference those sites are granted under the laws and morality of war.

["The Limits of Chinese Anti-Satellite Capabilities and the Resilience of U.S. Space Power"](#)

Jaganath Sankaran | July 2014

Sankaran argues against common assumptions about Chinese ASAT capabilities and U.S. space vulnerabilities by critically examining the difficulties involved in executing a direct attack and the limited potential benefits such an action would yield for China. He also provides policy recommendations for U.S. decision makers to dissuade China from pursuing an anti-satellite capability.

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CISSM Working Papers

["Challenges to Developing a Global Satellite Climate Monitoring System"](#)

Mariel Borowitz | July 2014

Borowitz argues that significant gaps exist within international climate monitoring capabilities. Certain types of data aren't collected; others aren't collected in a way that supports climate assessment and forecasting. A lack of free and open data sharing compounds this challenge, argues Borowitz. As a result, disagreement about the requirements of a global climate monitoring system makes it difficult for nations to use international coordination mechanisms to plan and prioritize future satellite systems.

Other recent CISSM Publications

Gokul Iyer, Nathan Hultman, Steve Fetter, and Son H. Kim, ["Implications of Small Modular Reactors for Climate Change Mitigation,"](#) (Energy Economics, July 2014)

Steve Fetter and Catherine Kelleher, ["Preparing for Deep Cuts: Options for Enhancing Euro-Atlantic and International Security,"](#)

(First Report of the Deep Cuts Commission, April 2014)

Jonas Siegel, John Steinbruner, and Nancy Gallagher,
[*Comprehensive Nuclear Material Accounting*](#), (CISSM Monograph,
March 2014)

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