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NEWS | Former UNIDIR director joins CISSM



Theresa Hitchens, the former director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), is joining CISSM as a senior research scholar after 5 years at the U.N. body. At CISSM, Hitchens will conduct research and outreach relating to space security, cyber security, and the governance of disruptive technologies.

“Theresa brings a proven track-record for conducting high-quality, policy-relevant research on a range of issues at the core of CISSM’s agenda,” says John Steinbruner, director of CISSM. “Her commitment to developing creative approaches to global security challenges and her connections to the global policy community will be an asset to CISSM and the entire Maryland School of Public Policy community.” [Read more](#)

School of Public Policy dean highlights importance of innovative international governance

In his [first talk](#) to the School of Public Policy community, Dean Robert Orr spoke about the role that a range of non-governmental actors are playing in conjunction with national governments to build an innovative model for mitigating global climate change. To make the model work, said Orr, “We need all countries on board, we need to keep the coalition of economic actors engaged, and we need more ambition.” [Read more](#)

CISSM scholar Kevin Jones awarded Minerva Initiative grant

A research group that includes CISSM scholar Kevin Jones was awarded a three-year grant by the Department of Defense’s Minerva Initiative to investigate the impact of development aid on conflict. The \$2.5 million project, entitled “Aiding Resilience? The Impact of Foreign Assistance on the Dynamics of Intrastate Armed Conflict,” is being led by researchers at the University’s Center for International Development and Conflict (CIDCM). [Read more](#)

Recent publications by CISSM researchers

Jaganath Sankaran, ["Pakistan's Battlefield Nuclear Policy: A Risky Solution to an Exaggerated Threat"](#) (*International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 3, February 21, 2015)

Davin O'Regan, ["The Geography of Boko Haram: More Deadly but More Remote"](#) (ISN Article, February 16, 2015)

Ekaterina Kudrina, A. Paul Massaro III, ["Students are Political Pawns"](#) (*Moscow Times*, February 01, 2015)

Jaganath Sankaran, ["The United States' European Phased Adaptive Approach Missile Defense System"](#)

(RAND Research Report, February 01, 2015)

Nancy Gallagher, "[Most Americans Want Diplomatic Engagement with Iran](#)" (TheConversation.com, January 22, 2015)

Madiha Afzal, "[To Beat the Taliban, Pakistan Needs School Reform](#)" (Newsweek, January 05, 2015)

Theresa Hitchens, "[A Global Space Control Strategy](#)" (Air & Space Power Journal, January 01, 2015)

Nancy Gallagher, "[Will it Play in Persepolis](#)" (Foreign Policy.com, November 21, 2014)

Ekaterina Kudrina, A. Paul Massaro III, "[Opportunity in a Shared Enemy](#)" (Baltimore Sun Op-Ed, November 13, 2014)

Nancy Gallagher, Ebrahim Mohseni, Clay Ramsay, "[Iranian Attitudes on Nuclear Negotiations](#)" (CISSM/UTCPOR Report, September 17, 2014)

Upcoming CISSM-related events

March 3, 2015 "[The Iran Nuclear Issue: The Current State of Play.](#)" The Sadat Forum, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Colony Ballroom, Adele H. Stamp Student Union, College Park, MD 20742. Featuring [CISSM Senior Research Scholar Steven Kull](#) among others, who will discuss new data on U.S. public opinion regarding the nuclear negotiations.

March 5, 2015 "[Global Internet Governance.](#)" The CISSM Forum, 1203 Van Munching Hall, College Park MD, 20742. Featuring Tim Maurer, Research Fellow, Open Technology Institute, New America Foundation

March 9, 2015 "[Ukraine: Public Opinion during War.](#)" U.S. Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. Featuring [CISSM Senior Research Scholar Steven Kull](#) and [CISSM Senior Fellow Catherine Kelleher](#).

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