

News, announcements, research, events, and more from the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland

CISSMUpdate



FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

A graphic with a light blue background and several white snowflake icons of various sizes scattered throughout. The text 'Season's Greetings' is written in a large, elegant, cursive font in the center. Below it, a paragraph of text is written in a smaller, clean, sans-serif font. The text is partially cut off at the bottom.

Season's Greetings

We end this year with gratitude for the many good things that have happened despite the stubbornness of covid and the suffering of war. We have a new appreciation for the intellectual energy and emotional support that comes from holding classes and faculty meetings in person and chatting with each other in the halls of our new building. We have delighted in getting to know the new faculty members and students who joined CISSM this fall. We are also thankful for the opportunity to do research, teach students, and inform

research, teach students, and inform decisions that might help to reduce nuclear risks, improve global public health, promote human security, prevent violent extremism, and much more

Sincerely,

Nancy Gallagher
CISSM Director

CISSM/GoTech Cyber Events Database Leveraged for ECB report



A new report on systemic cyber risk from the European Central Bank (ECB) features data from CISSM and the Center for Governance of Technology and Systems (GoTech) **Cyber Events Database**. "Towards a framework for assessing systemic cyber risk," is a

"Special Feature" analysis included as part of the ECB's Financial Stability Review for November 2022. The taxonomic system used to sort cyber events in the database was originally developed at CISSM by GoTech Director **Charles Harry** and CISSM Director **Nancy Gallagher**.

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The Perils of Escalation in Ukraine



What is America's interest in the Ukraine War? What happens if Russia goes nuclear in Ukraine? CISSM Senior Fellow **Joshua Shifrinson** tackles these pertinent questions in a pair of op-eds published in **The National Interest** and **Inkstick**. In the National Interest, Shifrinson analyzes the current justifications for U.S. material support of Ukraine finding that none hold up to scrutiny and that the Biden administration has failed to offer a strategic argument on behalf of the costs and risks that current U.S. policy incurs. In Inkstick, Shifrinson and co-author Patrick Porter caution against overreaction should Russia use nuclear

weapons in Ukraine and offer their views on an effective response to Russian nuclear use involving a mix of punishment and prudence.

[Read the National Interest op-ed »](#)

[Read the Inkstick op-ed »](#)

The Unintended Consequences of Information Provision in Global Health Emergencies



Why do some international agreements fail to achieve their goals? Rather than states' engaging in cheap talk, evasion, or shallow commitments, the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Health Regulations (IHR)—the agreement governing states' and WHO's response to global health emergencies—point to the unintended consequences of information provision. CISSM Research Fellow **Catherine Worsnop** and her co-authors argue that without raising the cost of disregarding (or the benefits of following) recommendations against border restrictions, information from WHO about outbreak spread and

severity leads states to impose border restrictions inconsistent with the WHO's guidance in their **new journal article** published in *International Studies Perspectives*.

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A Conversation with CISSM Senior Fellow Michael Woldemariam



SPP Associate Professor and CISSM Senior Fellow, **Michael Woldemariam**, sat down for a Q & A covering his reasons for joining the University of Maryland and CISSM, his professional and educational background, and current research projects. Among other interesting tidbits, Woldemariam told us that he is currently working on two book projects with one examining post-secession state-building experiments in the Horn of Africa and a second on the politics of strategic maritime corridors. Woldemariam was also recently shortlisted for the **2023 Bernard Brodie Prize** for his co-authored article in *Contemporary Security Studies* examining the shortcomings of recent U.S. foreign policy toward Ethiopia

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CISSM Grad Students Help Organize and Attend Nuclear Conferences



Kelleher Fellow and PhD Student **Samuel Hickey** attended the **Third Session** of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction this past November as a civil society representative on behalf of CISSM. The UN conference is the latest step in a decades-long process to reach a "zone" agreement barring WMD from the region.

Additionally, PhD candidate **Lindsay Rand** and Master of Public Policy candidate Dimitri Nilov attended the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) **2022 International Nuclear Policy Conference**. The Carnegie conference brings together students, officials, journalists, experts, and executives to discuss and analyze solutions to critical nuclear issues. Rand also helped to organize the Young Professionals Track (YPT) portion of the conference (in which Nilov was a

participant) as part of her **Stanton pre-doctoral fellowship** with CEIP.

[Learn more about the UN Conference »](#)

[Learn more about the Carnegie Conference »](#)

PhD Candidate Paul Massaro Meets with President Zelensky in Ukraine



SPP PhD candidate **Paul Massaro** traveled to Ukraine this past September to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. The two discussed the current conflict in Ukraine and ideas for bringing it to an end. In addition to pursuing his PhD, Massaro is a senior policy advisor at the **Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE)**, a bipartisan U.S. government body led by nine senators and nine representatives. His work at CSCE involves counter-corruption and sanctions and has advanced the recognition of corruption as a national security threat.

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Mark Your Calendars for Spring CISSM Global Forums Held in Our Brand New Home



SPP and CISSM have a new home with the opening of our 77,000 square foot **building** this past fall. The new building offers state-of-the-art teaching and collaborative spaces for students, faculty and staff and was designed for critical exploration of pressing public issues. **CISSM Offices** are in Suite 2200 on the 2nd floor of the building. There is also convenient **pay parking** at Turner Hall Visitor Center and Regents Parking Garage for those visiting campus.

Also, our CISSM Global Forum dates are set for the spring! On February 16th, long-time friend of CISSM Dr. Volodymyr Dubovyk will join us to discuss Ukraine and Black Sea security. On March 30th, Dr. Susan Colbourn will talk about her new book on the 1980s Euromissile crisis. We will have several others join us including Audrey Kurth Cronin on April 13th so mark your calendars for the following dates:

February 2nd

February 16th
March 2nd
March 16th
March 30th
April 13th
April 27th

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY CISSM AFFILIATES

Seven Questions on... NATO History

CISSM Author: Josh Shifrinson

Other Authors: Susan Colbourn, Jeffrey H. Michaels, Timothy Andrews Sayle

December 15, 2022

Evaluating the Strategic Consequences of Cyber Targeting Strategies on Road Transport Networks: A Case Study of Washington DC

CISSM Author: Charles Harry

Other Authors: Skanda Vivek

December 1, 2022

As North Korea readies for a nuclear test, does it have a new doctrine?

CISSM Author: Ariel Petrovics

Other Authors: Hyun-Binn Cho

November 21, 2022

RECENT CISSM NEWS

Admiral Blair Optimistic About U.S. Security Policy and Response to International Threats

December 12, 2022

SPP Alum Elnigar Iltebir Returns to CISSM to Discuss Public Service, NSC China Policy

November 22, 2022

Samuel Hickey Awarded Kelleher Fellowship for 2022-2023

October 13, 2022

ABOUT CISSM

CISSM conducts research, outreach and education focused on multiple, overlapping types of international security challenges. The challenges include those posed by dual-use technologies (e.g., information, nuclear and space), political dynamics that threaten human security, and those that require national governments (including the United States, China, Russia, and Iran) to develop innovative forms of international cooperation and governance.

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CISSM's **Target of Opportunity Fund** supports exploratory research, education, and outreach efforts on security policy problems for which CISSM does not currently have dedicated grant funding.

The **Steinbruner Student Support Fund** provides financial support for research and professional development activities by School of Public Policy students working on any policy problem related to cooperative security.

The **Kelleher Fellowship for International Security Studies** supports School of Public Policy students focused on

international security policy.

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