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CISSM research points to importance of U.S. politics in securing North Korean denuclearization

In a new CISSM Policy Brief, "Will North Korea Denuclearize after the Singapore Summit? Lessons from the Past," Research Associate Naoko Aoki argues that U.S. policy makers should not assume that North Korea will not follow through on its denuclearization pledges based on the failure of past agreements.

By examining the negotiations and implementation of the 1994 Agreed Framework and the agreements that were reached through the Six Party Talks, Aoki finds that U.S. domestic politics played a signficant role in the failure of both the Agreed Framework and the Six-Party Talks agreements.

"[T]he only way for the United States to find out if engagement will work this time is to test North Korea's intentions by carrying out Washington's own cooperative commitments more consistently than in the past," writes Aoki.

The Policy Brief is drawn from Aoki's doctoral dissertation, "The Domestic Politics of Implementation: A Case Study of U.S. Denuclearization Agreements with North Korea," for which she was awarded the 2018 Yamamoto-Scheffelin Dissertation Prize.
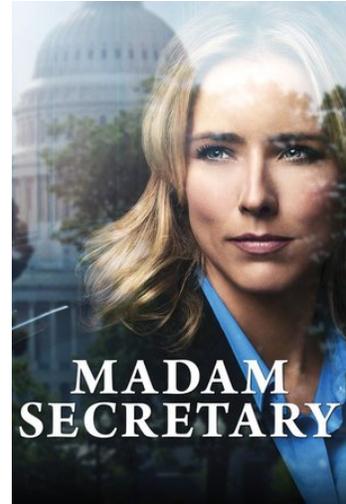
CISSM co-develops online nuclear weapons decision-making game

Earlier this summer, fans of the CBS political drama Madam Secretary watched as a nuclear crisis between Russia and the United States played out to a peaceful conclusion. The moments when U.S. officials were deciding whether to launch a nuclear counterattack were harrowing— and relatively true to life.

To give viewers and the public at large greater insight into the factors that real decision makers confront as they make critical decisions about nuclear weapons, the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) partnered with online game designer Playmatics, Public Radio International and the N-Square Collaborative to produce a role-playing online game, "Nuclear Decisions," which was

released in coordination with the Madam Secretary episode. (Don't worry if you are not a Madam Secretary fan, the game is useful for everyone!)

All are invited to sign up to receive each module of the game as they become available; a new module will be released soon. In each module, players find themselves in the shoes of an official--the president of the United States, a member of Congress, an average voter, etc.--and have to weigh real-world dilemmas and make decisions that raise or lower the risks of nuclear war.

CISSM celebrates 30th anniversary with gala event

CISSM—together with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends—celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a gala event on April 14, 2018 at the Riggs Alumni Center.

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The event included several policy related discussions between CISSM Director Nancy Gallagher, and CISSM alumni and collaborators.

School of Public Policy Dean Robert Orr also honored past CISSM directors Catherine Kelleher (director from 1987-1991), I.M. "Mac" Destler (director from 1991-1999), John Steinbruner (director from 1999-2015) throughout the evening.

VIEW PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT

Russia security and nuclear policy research associates join CISSM

CISSM welcomed two new research associates this summer--one focused on U.S.-Russian security relations and the other on nuclear policy.

Maria Snegovaya joined CISSM after completing her doctoral work at Columbia University, where she wrote on political radicalization in Central and Eastern Europe, and will help to lead CISSM's project on U.S.-Russian Security Relations. She is an adjunct fellow at the Center for European Policy Anaysis, and was a columnist for Vedomosti, a leading Russian business newspaper for several years.

[Sara Kutchesfahani](#) is a senior policy analyst at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation and the senior program coordinator for the Fissile Materials Working Group (FMWG), where she focuses on efforts to reduce the risk of nuclear proliferation and terrorism. Kutchesfahani will also be teaching at the School of Public Policy as an adjunct professor.

Implementation of cybernorms is the subject of a recent CISSM Working Paper
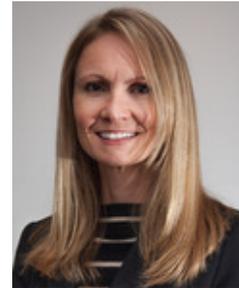
A CISSM working paper, authored by Senior Research Associate Theresa Hitchens and CISSM Director Nancy Gallagher, examines recent efforts by a United Nations (UN) Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) and the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe (OSCE) to establish norms for national Internet activities and transnational cyber interactions. The paper, ["Building Confidence in the Cybersphere: A Path to Multilateral Progress,"](#) identifies disagreements between the norm-building processes, highlights several priorities for cooperation in both forums, and proposes three practical projects for future collaboration.

Steinbruner Student Support Fund provides award to doctoral work on Arctic security

Doctoral student Rachael Gosnell attended the 2018 High North Dialogue in Norway this past April with [support from the Steinbruner Student Support Fund.](#)

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Gosnell's doctoral research examines the impact of maritime activity in the "High North" on the development of governance and behavior of the five Arctic coastal states and China, a self-declared "near Arctic" state. While in Norway, Gosnell also participated in a Nord University course on "Governance in the High North: Implications for Arctic Private and Public Sectors."

Gallagher and Vogel each honored

School of Public Policy Dean Robert Orr [awarded CISSM Director Nancy Gallagher](#) the inaugural Dean's Award at the school's celebration of service on April 26, 2018. CISSM Senior Fellow Kathleen Vogel was [selected for a Rutherford Visiting Fellowship](#) to support her work studying biosecurity threats, knowledge production on security, and patterns in human trafficking. As part of the fellowship she'll be based at the Alan Turing Institute in London for the fall of 2018.

Recent CISSM publications

Naoko Aoki, ["Will North Korea Denuclearize after the Singapore Summit? Lessons from the Past,"](#) CISSM Policy Brief, July 11, 2018.

Nancy Gallagher, Ebrahim Mohseni, Clay Ramsay, ["Iranian Public Opinion after the Protests,"](#) CISSM Report, July 09, 2018.

Amy J. Nelson, ["Arms Control as Uncertainty Management,"](#) CISSM Working Paper, April 23, 2018.

Nancy Gallagher, Theresa Hitchens, ["Building Confidence in the Cybersphere: A Path to Multilateral Progress,"](#) CISSM Working Paper," March 31, 2018.

From "The Bear and the Eagle," CISSM's U.S.-Russia Security blog

Theresa Hitchens, "Don't let UN, OSCE Cyber Norm-setting Efforts Sputter," May 31, 2018.

Paul Massaro, "The Corruption-Security Nexus and the OSCE," April 24, 2018.

Yevgen Zagudaev, "The OSCE Police Mission in Ukraine – Not Mission Impossible," April 20, 2018.

Rachael Gosnell, "An Arctic Role for OSCE?" March 30, 2018.

Erica Symonds, "Can the OSCE Facilitate Greater U.S.-Russia Collaboration?" March 30, 2018.

Recent publications by CISSM researchers

Steve Fetter, Jaganath Sankaran, "A Path to Reducing Iran's Missile Threat and Reconfiguring U.S. Missile Defenses," Arms Control Today, July 4, 2018.

Amy J. Nelson, "'De-nuking' in Trump-land: Where There's a Will There's a Way," Inkstick, June 18, 2018.

Alec Worsnop, "From Guerrilla to Maneuver Warfare: A Look at the Taliban's Growing Combat Capability," Modern War Institute June 6, 2018.

Steve Fetter, Jaganath Sankaran, "The Iran Nuclear Deal Could still be Saved, Experts say," TheConversation.com May 17, 2018.

Davin O'Regan, "Police-Citizen Interaction in Africa: An Exploration of Factors that Influence Victims' Reporting of Crimes," AfroBarometer Working Paper, April 23, 2018.

About CISSM

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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.

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