

Center for International Studies

The Center for International Studies (CIS) is a principal venue for research and training on international relations, security, political economy, and several other areas of scholarly and popular interest at MIT. It has, since its founding more than a half century ago, become one of the most productive and respected research institutions of its kind.

The Center houses the Security Studies Program (SSP), Seminar XXI, Political Economy and Technology Policy, International Migration and Humanitarian Studies, Program on Human Rights and Justice, Jerusalem 2050, Critical Policy Studies of China, Forum on the Rise of China, and the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI), as well as several less formal activities and initiatives. Associated faculty are drawn mainly from the Department of Political Science and the Department of Urban Studies and Planning; some 80 faculty, scholars, researchers, and fellows are affiliated with the Center, joined by 40 administrative and support staff and 30 graduate students.

In 2005–2006, CIS director and Ford International professor of political science Richard J. Samuels was on leave, and the acting director was Stephen Van Evera, professor of political science. John Tirman has been executive director since October 2004.

Several new developments and activities in 2005–2006 are worth highlighting:

- Harvey Sapolsky, professor of public policy and organization in the Department of Political Science and director of SSP since 1989, retired at the end of the academic year. The new director of SSP is Barry Posen, Ford International professor of political science.
- The Inter-University Program on Migration completed its decade-long grant from the Mellon Foundation to examine forced migration via conferences and grants to postdocs and graduate students for fieldwork. A high-level conference was convened in December on the economics of forced migration. The program's seminar series was named in honor of Myron Weiner, the late CIS director and one of the world's leading migration scholars.
- A series of sharply analytical policy briefs, the "Audit of Conventional Wisdom in US Foreign Policy," completed its first full year with 20 published pieces on a broad range of topics reflecting the Center's expertise.
- The Neuffer Fellowship, honoring Elizabeth Neuffer, a *Boston Globe* reporter killed in Iraq in 2003, hosted its first recipient, Catherine Elton, and selected its second, Huda Ahmed, a journalist from Iraq.
- The Starr Forum, CIS's key public education venue, mounted major events on Iraq, avian flu, and terrorism among many others in Cambridge and elsewhere.
- The Center hosted visiting scholars Ranil Wickremesinghe, the former prime minister of Sri Lanka, and Fatemeh Haghighatjoo, former parliamentarian and human rights activist from Iran, among others in SSP and other programs. Ambassador Barbara Bodine, a longtime diplomat in the Middle East, joined CIS

in May as a research fellow, and James Walsh, an expert on Iran, joined SSP as a research associate.

The Center's scholars continue to serve the MIT community while engaging more broadly with policy professionals, the news media, and other public audiences. The Starr Forum mounted another full menu of informative sessions for the MIT and Boston-area audiences. CIS scholars published articles in the *New York Times*, *Boston Review*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Boston Globe*, and elsewhere that took up a number of key issues atop the global agenda, including Iraq, Iran, human rights, and military strategy. In addition, they made frequent appearances on National Public Radio programs such as *On Point*. The Persian Gulf Initiative mounted full-house sessions in Washington and New York. Seminar XXI, the groundbreaking education program for senior military officers, government officials, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), again informed and cultivated this important community of decision makers. SSP brought to campus a broad range of thinkers and doers in international security to meet with faculty and students.

The work of the Center is intended to be interdisciplinary, policy relevant, and public spirited while sustaining the highest standards of academic excellence. Cooperation with other universities and peer institutions is frequent and highly productive, and Center scholars often bring their knowledge and insights to the councils of government.

Security Studies Program

SSP is a graduate-level research and educational program. The program's teaching ties are primarily with MIT's Department of Political Science, and the courses offered emphasize grand strategy, causes of conflict, military technology, bureaucratic politics, and budgetary issues. The senior research and teaching staff of the program include social and natural scientists as well as policy analysts. A special feature of the program is its integration of technical and political analyses in studies of international security problems.

On April 13, 2006, SSP held its 13th Doolittle Awards Lecture in memory of General "Jimmy" Doolittle, American war hero, aviation pioneer, and MIT graduate. This year's recipient of the Doolittle Award was General T. Michael Moseley, chief of staff of the US Air Force.

Along with the Committee on International Security Studies of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and Alice P. Gast, the vice president for research at MIT, SSP continued the Biosecurity Seminar Series, which brings together international security specialists and the life sciences research community to examine the potential threat and policy implications of biological weapons and bioterrorism. In June 2006, with the support of the National Defense University, SSP sponsored the Pandemic Influenza: Science and Policy workshop.

Throughout the academic year, the weekly Wednesday Seminar Series offered talks on topics relevant to national defense and international relations, including Iraq, Afghanistan, China, Iranian nuclear policy, terrorism, the European Union, the defense industry, humanitarian intervention, military technology and transformation, and

military history. Speakers were academics, military officers, government officials, and journalists.

Also, SSP launched a series of special sessions labeled the SSP Star Seminar Series. Among the distinguished speakers were General Peter Schoomaker, chief of staff of the Army; Admiral William J. Falon, commander of the US Pacific Command; Professor Charles Vest, former president of MIT; and John J. Hamre, president and CEO of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The war in Iraq, the *Report of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction*, and US military preparedness after 9/11 were among the topics covered. This series brought together SSP faculty, MIT graduate students and faculty, and academics from other Boston-area universities.

Program research is built around the interests of the faculty, the dissertations of the graduate students, and occasional commissioned projects. Key research areas and projects follow.

Proliferation of Destructive Technology

- Nuclear Nonproliferation Pessimism
- Biosecurity: Bridging the Gap Between the Life Sciences and National Security

Global Security Order

- European Union Security and Defense Policy
- Working Group on Insurgency and Irregular Warfare
- The Military Foundations of US Hegemony

Change and Stability in Asia

- How Will China Manage Active Territorial Disputes as a Rising Power?
- The Role of Nationalism in Shaping China's Foreign Policy
- Implications of China's Growing Engagement Within the Asian Region
- Securing Japan

US Foreign and Defense Policy

- The Future of Conventional Warfare
- The Sources of Innovation in Military Doctrine
- Explaining the Revolution in Military Affairs: The Causes of Recent Military Innovation
- Restructuring the Defense Industries

- The Politics of Defense
- Large-scale Defense Systems: Their Organization, Management, and Consequences
- Project on the Federal Budget and Budget Process for National Security and International Affairs
- US Intelligence and Foreign Policy
- Transforming the Rewards for Military Services
- The Influence of the Government and Military-Industrial Complex in R&D and Innovation

The program publishes an annual report; a research journal, *Breakthroughs*; a seminar summary series, "SSP Seminars"; a monthly newsletter, *Early Warning*; and a working paper series. All are distributed via the internet and a large mailing list. Several *Breakthroughs* articles have been reprinted by other publications, and several working papers have been adopted for courses at other universities.

In July 2005, SSP received a one-year \$400,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. In December 2005, SSP also received a donation from the Frankel Foundation as well as one-year awards from the Lincoln Laboratory, the Draper Laboratory, and Abt Associates Inc.

MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives

MISTI promotes internationalization of education and research at MIT and provides students as well as faculty with the skills and opportunities to create new knowledge through several avenues:

- Intensive professional internships for culturally aware MIT students in companies, research laboratories, and universities around the world
- Support of MIT faculty for cross-border research collaborations
- Facilitating research opportunities for international students and postdoctoral visitors at MIT
- Providing MIT students with study at selected universities abroad
- Working with corporations, government, and nongovernmental organizations to internationalize industry, education, and research
- Establishing new MISTI country programs
- Initiating new courses on globalization and cross-cultural education at MIT
- Creating new relationships with MIT departments to integrate international education at MIT
- Organizing symposia and workshops on globalization issues at MIT and abroad

During the 2005–2006 year, approximately 200 students went abroad with MISTI's country programs to China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Spain, and Nigeria. All students are prepared through language and culture courses before their placement in the host country. MISTI participants emerge from their stays abroad with the capacity to build enduring professional relationships across national and cultural boundaries.

This year MISTI has initiated, cooperated with, or substantially expanded the following programs: iCampus, the OpenCourseWare project, the MIT-Spain Program, the Africa Forum, and workshops and symposia abroad.

OpenCourseWare and iCampus

China

The MIT-China Program is continuing to expand its innovative educational technology programs at Chinese universities through partnerships with OpenCourseWare and iCampus. The MIT-China iCampus introduced iCampus online, interactive electrical engineering/computer science courseware, Structure and Interpretation of Computer Program and Artificial Intelligence, at Tsinghua University and Xi'an Jiaotong University. An MIT-China iLab team was sent to Dalian University of Technology. These programs have integrated the MIT-China Program into the MIT Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and transformed the MIT-China Program. The US State Department recognized the initiative as a model program of "educating for success in a global economy." These projects were equally well received in China.

India

On August 17, 2005, with the support of the MIT-India Program, the MIT iCampus program signed a one-year agreement with the Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani (BITS), for academic collaboration between the two institutes. This pilot program designates BITS as the first hub institution in India for disseminating MIT's iCampus programs within BITS and with five additional universities and colleges in India. In addition, in May of 2006 the MIT-India Program received a major grant from the ICICI Bank in India to adapt MIT's OpenCourseWare courses to be taught in India.

MIT-Spain Program

MISTI created its newest country program, MIT-Spain. The MIT-Spain Program offers students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of Spanish companies, research institutions, and universities through internships, research stays, and study abroad. In addition, the program will strengthen the ties between the Spanish corporate and academic sectors and the MIT community through workshops, collaborative research, lectures, and other events at MIT and in Spain. The program is headed by three codirectors, Professor Manuel Martinez-Sanchez, Professor Jaume Peraire, and Mercedes Balcells-Camps. Student demand for an MIT-Spain Program is significant.

MIT-Africa Forum

Working with the Carnegie Corporation grant for iLabs in sub-Saharan Africa, MISTI has contributed interns with knowledge on Africa and iLab technology to the iLabs African project. The project is a partnership among Makerere University, the University of Dar Es Salaam, Obafemi Awolowo University, and MIT. The program includes three main components: teaching, lab dissemination, and student/staff exchanges. It sent two MIT undergraduate (MISTI interns) to Nigeria in January 2006.

Symposia and Workshops Abroad

The MIT-Japan Program, MIT-India Program, and MIT-Germany Program have organized symposia and workshops abroad. In August 2005, the MIT-India Program organized the Summit on Emerging Market Business Strategies in Mumbai, hosted by MIT-India and the ICICI Bank. In January 2006, the MIT-Japan Program, in cooperation with the Keizai Koho Center, held a symposium in Tokyo on the topic of “Globalization and the Future of the National Economy.” In June 2005, the MIT-Germany Program flew five members of MIT’s SAE Formula 1 Team to Friedrichshafen, where they participated in a workshop on project management together with race car teams from universities in Aachen and Munich. In January 2006, the MIT-Germany Program brought MIT experts and students together with young professionals from DaimlerChrysler AG and Siemens AG to work on communication in the car of the future for an aging population. In November 2005, the MIT-France Program organized a weeklong seminar at MIT for top managers from Total, France’s largest company. The program also organized a workshop at Alcatel in France for MIT students and young Alcatel researchers.

Inter-University Committee on International Migration

The Inter-University Committee on International Migration (IUCIM), established in 1974, engages faculty, scholars, and students at Brandeis, Boston University, Harvard, MIT, Tufts, and Wellesley—as well as visiting international scholars—in the broad range of issues associated with population movements around the world.

The core activity of IUCIM is a seminar series now named in honor of the late Myron Weiner, professor of political science at MIT and the lead founder of IUCIM. Among the speakers and topics in 2005–2006 were Michael Teitelbaum (vice-president and program director, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation), Policy Implications of International Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars in the United States; Jeff Crisp (director of policy and research, Global Commission on International Migration), Findings of the Global Commission on International Migration; Stephen C. Lubkemann (assistant professor of anthropology and international affairs, George Washington University), Where in the World Is Liberia? Perils and Possibilities of Displacement Diasporas in Post-conflict Reconstruction; and Gordon Hanson (professor of economics, University of California, San Diego), Illegal Migration from Mexico to the United States. Professor Reed Ueda of Tufts, a member of the Steering Group, took the lead in generating resources for and renaming the seminar series.

From 1997 to December 31, 2005, CIS administered the Mellon-MIT Inter-University Program on Nongovernmental Organizations and Forced Migration, funded by the

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Mellon-MIT Program components included a competitive small grants program linking researchers at IUCIM member institutions with NGOs actively working with refugees, forced migrants, and internally displaced populations in the field; a grantees' presentation series; two working paper series; and occasional conferences. The grants also provided support for the seminar series.

Over the life of the Mellon-MIT Program, 88 grants were awarded for work with 63 different NGOs. The final grants, awarded in fall 2005, included work with refugees in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in association with the Jesuit Refugee Services; an investigation on sex trafficking among Nepali women and girls and a similar effort in Mumbai, India; work in Nigeria with people displaced by ethnic and religious conflicts; and research in Darfur on the livelihoods of displaced individuals in cooperation with Mercy Corps. Several grantee studies are posted on the IUCIM website in the Rogers Working Papers Series and in the Mellon Reports Series.

In December 2005, in collaboration with the Refugee Studies Centre at Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, IUCIM held a conference at MIT called The Economics of Forced Migration. Among the organizers was Anna Hardman, a visiting scholar at the Center in fall 2005 who researched the state of the art of the economics of forced migration in preparation for the conference. The conference's 66 participants represented a broad range of disciplines and institutions and came from the United States, Africa, Latin America, Australia, and Western Europe.

The Center congratulates IUCIM on the successful completion of the Mellon-funded program, and particularly CIS research affiliate Sharon Stanton Russell, who was the founder of the program in addition to being its director from 1997 to 2005 and chair of the IUCIM Steering Group from 1999 to 2005.

Jerusalem 2050

Jointly sponsored by MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning and the Center for International Studies, Jerusalem 2050 is a uniquely visionary and problem-solving project true to the mission of MIT. The project seeks to understand what it would take to make Jerusalem "merely" a city, a place of difference and diversity in which contending ideas and citizenries can coexist in benign yet creative ways. To further this goal, the project is hosting the Just Jerusalem vision competition.

In 2005–2006, Jerusalem 2050 welcomed the addition of Leila Farsakh, CIS research affiliate, as codirector along with Diane Davis, professor of political sociology; a project coordinator, Jennifer Klein, was also named. In January 2006, Davis and Klein traveled to Israel/Palestine. While there, they met with universities, NGOs, foundations, and other organizations in both Israel and the Palestinian territories. Many of these meetings strengthened relationships forged during the project's 2005 Visionaries Conference, but Davis and Klein also met many people new to the project, including individuals from nearly all of the major local institutions doing work on Jerusalem. The meetings secured local institutional partners, developed new ideas, and confirmed that many people in the region are interested in entering the competition.

Since January, the project has continued to form alliances with universities and interested parties around the world, including the Netherlands, Argentina, England, Israel, and Palestine. In June 2006, Jerusalem 2050 hosted an event at the Center for Architecture in New York City. Attended by more than 60 people, the event was an excellent introduction to the New York architecture and planning community.

Jerusalem 2050 will launch its international, juried, vision competition in the fall of 2006. The competition will provide opportunities for people of different nationalities, religions, and disciplines to ask new questions and imagine new possibilities to create a just, humanist city for all of its inhabitants.

Program on Human Rights and Justice

Established in 2001, the Program on Human Rights and Justice (PHRJ) aims to create a cutting-edge interdisciplinary environment for research, teaching, curricular development, and real-world application in human rights, especially relating to the global economy and science and technology. It is the first human rights program in a leading technology school and the first in the world with a specific focus on the human rights aspects of economic, scientific, and technological developments. Cross-cultural dimensions of human welfare, security, and dignity animate all the activities of the program, which is jointly sponsored by CIS and the Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

Courses offered by the program's director, associate professor Balakrishnan Rajagopal, and others are a key element of PHRJ. The program also hosts visiting research fellows, which in this academic year included Luise Druke, formerly with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees; Miriam Zoll, chief global researcher for the UN report *Women and HIV/AIDS: Confronting the Crisis*; Florian Wettstein of Universität St. Gallen; and Habib Rahiab, a renowned human rights activist from Afghanistan.

A key part of PHRJ is summer internships for graduate and undergraduate students at MIT. Funded by Chancellor Phillip Clay's office, the grants support field work on human rights and the environment. In the cohort that began in summer 2006, work was being pursued in India, Ethiopia, the Philippines, Guatemala, the United States, and Brazil on a broad range of issues.

Seminar XXI: Outreach to the Washington Policy Community

The Center for International Studies operates an educational program, Seminar XXI, for senior military officers, government officials, and executives in NGOs in the national security policy community. The program provides future leaders of that community with the analytic skills needed to understand other countries and foreign relations generally. Fellows learn to recognize the assumptions that underlie assessments of foreign societies and to explore policy issues critical to American interests through a variety of lenses. At each session, eminent speakers present alternative perspectives from which to understand a given country or problem. The fundamental criterion for choosing fellows is that they currently hold or are expected to hold top posts in the military or government within the next three to five years. The program celebrated its 20th anniversary this year and now has more than 1,200 alumni.

Robert Art, a professor at Brandeis University and a senior fellow in the MIT Security Studies Program, directs Seminar XXI.

Political Economy and Technology Policy Program

This CIS program applies theories and methods from the discipline of political economy to issues in science and technology policy, with work in three primary areas. The program is headed by Kenneth Oye, associate professor of political science.

Program on Emerging Technologies

Daniel Hastings, Dava Newman, Kenneth Oye, and Merritt Roe Smith manage this research and doctoral training program. The Program on Emerging Technologies (PoET) examines the nature and effects of emerging technologies, conducts research on key areas of uncertainty on these issues, and offers recommendations for improving the capacity of public and private institutions to adapt in the face of irreducible uncertainty.

Retrospective studies on the automobile, laser, and GPS provide a basis for identifying factors that affect the diffusion of technologies across actors and applications and for evaluating contemporaneous projections on the effects of these technologies. Prospective studies on current technologies center on Internet II and ubiquitous computing (in partnership with David Clark of the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory and the GENI project of the National Science Foundation [NSF]), synthetic biology (in partnership with Drew Endy, Natalie Kuldell, and Tom Knight of MIT Biological Engineering; Jay Keasling of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories; and Stan Finkelstein of MIT's Engineering Systems Division and the Harvard School of Public Health). Funded by the NSF's Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program and the Cambridge-MIT Initiative, PoET supports 10 doctoral trainees a year.

Project on Knowledge Assessment, Anticipation, and Adaption

Lawrence McCray and Professor Oye are leading research on the evaluation and utilization of scientific and technical knowledge in areas of uncertainty and controversy. *Grasping Third Rails: Assessing Scientific and Technical Knowledge in Areas of Controversy* will examine public controversies with significant scientific and technical content, with research under way on security issues including ballistic missile defense and Iraq's claims regarding weapons of mass destruction and on health and environmental issues, including PM2.5, methyl mercury, climate change, and dietary standards. *Uncertainty, Anticipation, and Adaption: Empirical Studies* will assess the potential of anticipation and adaptation under conditions of pervasive uncertainty using studies comparing US and EU policies on particulates, prion-based diseases, water, and pharmaceuticals. Studies and workshops are funded by NSF and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Competitive Advantage and Regulation Project

Professor Oye, James Foster, and Thomas Bernauer (Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology [ETH]) continued work on the effects of environment, health, and safety regulations on terms of economic competition. Activities in the past year included presentations invited by the UK Department of Trade and Industry, the Finland Ministry

of Environment, Catalyst MDRU, TOTAL, and AGS; HDV and LDV diesel studies completed by Christine Ng; pulp and paper studies continued by James Foster; and a carbon sequestration study continued by Mark DeFigueredo and Howard Herzog (Laboratory for Energy and the Environment). These studies will provide the empirical foundation for a prospective book. Competitive Advantage and Regulation Project research is conducted with ETH, Cambridge University, Chalmers University, and the Stockholm School with funding by AGS.

Public Programs

The Center's public events, mainly organized as Starr Forums (made possible with the generous support of the Starr Foundation) and managed by director of public programs Amy Tarr, presented a rich menu of high-quality speakers, debates, and discussions. The CIS Starr Forums also continued outreach to the local community, particularly to high school students, and the program "webstreams" some of its events on the CIS Starr Forum web page. Highlights of the year included the following:

- Former US senator Gary Hart, with former White House aide Daniel Benjamin and his coauthor Steven Simon (*The Next Attack*), gave a "report card" on the nation's efforts to protect the American people from terrorism.
- Jonathan Schell, Phebe Marr, William Kristol, and Professor Posen presented The Big Question: How and When to Exit Iraq, a spirited forum that was reproduced in part in the *Boston Review*.
- Laurie Garrett of the Council on Foreign Relations and Marc Lipsitch, Harvard professor of epidemiology, presented "Implications of an Avian Flu Pandemic."
- Francis Mading Deng, former foreign minister of Sudan and undersecretary general of the United Nations, discussed human security and the Darfur crisis.
- Former Sri Lankan prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe discussed the dynamics of conflict in his native land.
- Prince Turki Al-Faisal, the new Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States, spoke to a large audience on economic and strategic cooperation. The talk was chaired by Institute Professor John Deutch.
- Mustafa Ceric, grand mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina, came to campus for a talk about the integration into Europe's mainstream of that continent's Muslim population.
- Chaim Yavin, Israel's leading television journalist, screened his documentary for Israeli television on the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.
- Journalist Kevin McKiernan presented a photo-filled lecture on his book, *The Kurds: A People in Search of Their Homeland*, which was broadcast on C-Span.
- The CIS Starr Forum on the Rise of China, organized by Professor Yasheng Huang and now in its second year, focused on topics such as AIDS in China, gender and education in rural China, and economic transitions.

The Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar, established in 1985, brought another round of insightful and timely presentations to the MIT community. Organized by Philip Khoury, professor of history and Kenan Sahin dean of the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, the series held five sessions open to the public, including Rima Khalaf Hunaidi, UN assistant secretary general, on the Arab development report; Professor Mark Tessler of the University of Michigan on Arab attitudes on religion and politics; and visiting professor Nilüfer Göle of the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, on “Europe’s Encounter with Islam.”

Other Activities

Audit of the Conventional Wisdom

This series of policy briefs, which debuted in April 2005, produced some 20 new audits in the 2005–2006 academic year. Topics ranged from Iran and Iraq to homeland security, military spending, and the drug war. Written mainly by CIS-affiliated scholars, the audits have been well received by their audience of journalists, policy professionals, and academics. In January, the popular webzine AlterNet began to run the series as a featured sub-site. The series is supported by grants from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the HKH Foundation, and the Deer Creek Foundation.

Persian Gulf Initiative

The Persian Gulf Initiative began its second year with public forums in Washington, DC, and New York City; at these well-attended forums, which focused on the future of Iraq and the nuclear issue in Iran, the initiative distributed its report *The Crisis of Governance in the Gulf*. The Washington sessions were cohosted by the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars and the Stimson Center’s Capitol Hill program; in New York, sessions were held before the UN community and at the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. Panelists on the Iran issue briefed the UN Department of Political Affairs as well. The initiative mounted a seminar on Turkey’s place in the region, also held at the Wilson Center. A workshop on political violence in the Gulf was convened in the spring, with several leading scholars participating. New research on violence was also commissioned. The initiative, headed by executive director John Tirman, is supported by a generous gift from an MIT alumni family.

Critical Policy Studies of China

Headed by Jing Wang, S. C. Fang professor of Chinese language and culture, this interdisciplinary project brings together scholars and practitioners from several American and Chinese universities to consider broad themes of China’s future, particularly its encounter with the West. With the support of the Ford Foundation, the project convened a workshop in China in July 2005 cosponsored with the School of Agricultural and Rural Developments, People’s University of China. The project has been co-organized with Harvard University.

Project on Post-Conflict Violence

With a grant from the Compton Foundation, the Center began work in 2006 on a set of case studies designed to examine the violence that besets societies recently emerging

from civil wars. The work is organized by Dr. Tirman and research affiliate Sanam N. Anderlini. They convened a group of scholars at the World Bank in the spring to help shape methods for pilot studies.

UN Studies

The Center is exploring a multi-university program to examine issues of multilateralism. Bishwapriya Sanyal, professor of urban planning, is co-organizing the program with Dr. Druke and Dr. Tirman from MIT and several faculty members and administrators from Tufts and Harvard universities. At the Kennedy School of Government in May, the Center cohosted a faculty seminar and public address on UN reform attended by the undersecretary general of the UN, Christopher Burnham.

Visiting Fellows

The Center places considerable emphasis on developing visiting fellowships for scholars, practitioners, and journalists. The Robert Wilhelm Fellowship, endowed by MIT Corporation member and alumnus Robert Wilhelm, is an especially important example. Francis Deng was selected to be the second Wilhelm fellow and is scheduled to begin at the Center at the end of the 2005–2006 year. Dr. Deng is former representative of the UN secretary general for internally displaced persons, former foreign minister of Sudan, and a leading theorist on international relations.

Another new fellowship, named in honor of Elizabeth Neuffer, who was killed in 2003 while reporting for the *Boston Globe* in Iraq, was established in conjunction with that newspaper. The first Neuffer fellow, freelance journalist Catherine Elton, spent 2005–2006 at the Center and the *Globe*. Ms. Elton completed work on remittances and Latin America while at the Center. The second Neuffer fellow, Huda Ahmed, an Iraqi who has worked for the *Washington Post* and *Knight Ridder*, was selected for 2006–2007. The fellowship is cosponsored by the International Women’s Media Foundation.

Other visiting scholars included Fatemeh Haghighatjoo, a leading human rights activist and member of the “reform Majlis” in Iran between 2000 and 2004. Dr. Haghighatjoo has spoken and written widely on Iranian politics. Ambassador Barbara Bodine joined the Center late in the year as a research fellow; she held many posts in the US State Department during her distinguished career, including ambassador to Yemen. Twice former prime minister of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremesinghe visited CIS for one month in the spring.

Visiting fellows in the Program on Human Rights and Justice included Dr. Druke, who organized new work on UN studies, and Gary Troeller, who is cochairing the migration program committee.

The Security Studies Program and the Program on Human Rights and Justice also have visiting fellows from the US government, the US and foreign militaries, and international organizations, among other institutions.

Grant Programs

One of the ways in which the Center promotes scholarship and graduate education is through its grants programs. In addition to support conveyed through the MISTI internships and research assistantships, these efforts include:

- The Mellon-MIT Inter-University Program on Nongovernmental Organizations and Forced Migration, which awarded grants to students and faculty at the participating schools.
- MIT graduate students writing their dissertations are eligible for summer research grants, and 15 were awarded in 2006.
- Seven students were awarded paying internships in the Program on Human Rights and Justice for summer 2006 projects of their own design.
- Travel grants for presentations at international conferences, supported by the Starr Foundation, are provided for eligible students.

CIS is also involved in promoting and selecting MIT candidates for other awards, including the Luce Fellowships, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace junior fellows program, and the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods.

Publications and Honors

Faculty and research associates publish extensively. Selected lists of 2005–2006 publications by CIS-affiliated scholars follow.

Books

- Professor Suzanne Berger, *How We Compete: What Companies Around the World Are Doing to Make It in the New Global Economy* (Doubleday, 2005)
- Professor Merritt Roe Smith, *Inventing America: A History of the United States* (2nd edition, W. W. Norton, 2006)
- Professor Kenneth Keniston, R. K. Bagga, and Rohit Raj Mathur, eds., *The State, IT and Development* (Sage, 2006)
- Professor Karen R. Polenske, *The Technology-Energy-Environment-Health (TEEH) Chain in China: A Case Study of Cokemaking* (Springer, 2006)
- Research fellow Robert Buderer and Gregory T. Huang, *Guanxi: Microsoft, China, and Bill Gates's Plan to Win the Road Ahead* (Simon and Schuster, 2006)

Articles and Book Chapters

- Professor Diane Davis, "Contending Planning Cultures and the Built Environment in Mexico City," in Bishwapriya Sanyal, ed., *Comparative Planning Cultures* (Routledge, 2005)

- Professor Michael Fischer, “Culture and Cultural Analysis”; “Sciences, Technology and Society”; and “Persian Poesis,” in Mike Featherstone et al., eds., *Problematizing Global Knowledge*, special issue of *Theory, Culture and Society*, 23(2–3), 2006
- Assistant professor M. Taylor Fravel, “The Evolution of China’s Military Strategy,” in David Finkelstein and James C. Mulvenon, eds., *China’s Revolution in Doctrinal Affairs* (Center for Naval Analysis, 2005)
- Professor Peter Perdue, “Identifying China’s Northwest: For Nation and Empire,” in Jing Wang, ed., *Locating China: Space, Place, and Popular Culture* (Routledge, 2005)
- Professor Diane Davis, “Whither the Quality of Democracy? State Fragmentation, Societal Disintegration, and the Unintended Consequences of Police Reform in Mexico,” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 48(1), 2006: 55–86
- Professor Fischer, “Changing Palestine-Israel Ecologies: Narratives of Water, Land, Conflict and Political Economy, Then, Now and Life to Come,” *Cultural Politics*, 2006
- Professor Fravel, “Regime Insecurity and International Cooperation: Explaining China’s Compromises in Territorial Disputes,” *International Security*, 2005
- Professor Barry Posen, “We Can Live With a Nuclear Iran,” *New York Times*, February 27, 2006
- Professor Posen, “Exit Strategy: How to Disengage from Iraq in 18 Months,” *Boston Review*, January/February 2006
- Professor Posen, “Fighting Blind in Iraq,” *New York Times*, June 7, 2005
- Professor Samuels, “Give and Take: The Outlook for US-Japan Defense Industrial Cooperation,” *Armed Forces Journal*, February 2006: 24–29
- Professor Harvey Sapolsky, “A Nuisance Neighbor,” *National Post*, July 7, 2005
- Assistant professor Lily Tsai, Chinese version of “Solidary Groups and Public Goods Provision in Rural China,” *Comparative Economic and Social Systems (Jingji Shehui Tizhi Bijiao)*, 124(2), 2006
- Research associate James Walsh, “Learning from Past Success: The NPT and the Future of Nonproliferation,” for the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (2006)
- Professor Jing Wang, “Bourgeois Bohemians in China? Neo-tribes and the Urban Imaginary,” *China Quarterly*, September 2005
- Principal research scientist Cindy Williams, “Weighing the Cost of Today’s Defense Strategy,” *New York Times*, March 21, 2006

Honors

In the following paragraphs, a few of the many awards, keynote lectures, and other such activities of CIS faculty are noted.

Professor Davis received the American Sociology Association Section on Political Sociology Book Award for *Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2004).

Professor Fischer was awarded the American Ethnological Society's 2005 Senior Book Prize for *Emergent Forms of Life and the Anthropological Voice* (Duke University Press, 2003).

Professor Polenske was selected as a lifetime fellow of the Regional Science Association International for her significant scholarly and research contributions to the field of regional science, only the 17th member and the first woman so honored.

Professor Chappell Lawson was principal investigator for the Mexico 2006 Panel Study and coauthor of its publications.

Professor Perdue gave the keynote address, "Why Do Empires Expand?" at the annual meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society, Bloomington, IN, April 2006.

Professor Samuels was honored with a roundtable discussion of his book, *Machiavelli's Children Leaders and Their Legacies in Italy and Japan*, with T. J. Pempel, Sheldon Garon, Junko Kato, and Yves Tiberghien, in the *Journal of East Asian Studies* (January–April 2006).

Professor emeritus Eugene B. Skolnikoff gave the Fourth Annual Amilcar Herrera Lecture, "Climate Change: A Political Quagmire?" before the UNU-INTECH Institute for New Technologies in Maastricht, Netherlands, in November 2005.

Professor Tsai received the Best Field Work Award from the American Political Science Association's Comparative Democratization Section at the association's 2005 annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Professor Smith received MIT's Arthur C. Smith Award for notable contributions to student life and learning.

Professor Van Evera spoke on "Assessing US Strategy in the War on Terror" at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in September 2005.

Personnel

The coordinators and staff of MISTI were among this year's recipients of the Infinite Mile Awards, granted each year by the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences as part of MIT's Rewards and Recognition Program. The Innovator Award was given to Sigrid Berka (MIT-Germany), Sean Gilbert (MIT-China), April Julich-Perez (MIT-France), Amy Kirkcaldy (MIT-Mexico), Deepti Nijhawan (MIT-India), Daniela Reichert (MIT-Japan), Serenella Sferza (MIT-Italy), and Saro Derian (MISTI staff).

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The Center seeks to guarantee equality of opportunity in employment and to increase the representation and participation of minorities and women in management and in administrative and technical staff positions. To that end, we have adopted a rigorous search process for new positions in which we post our job listings on websites that serve underrepresented populations, and we seek the help of MIT Human Resources recruiters in identifying qualified applicants from underrepresented populations.

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