

FIX LIBYA; GRAND BARGAIN WITH CHINA; AI FOR VALUES AND LAWS

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The Libyan Sahara

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Congressional Testimony: Grand Bargain with China

Today Amitai Etzioni testified in Congress before the Asia and Pacific subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Below is an excerpt of the testimony; click [here](#) to read the full text on our website.

To avoid the US becoming involved in a war with China, one notes that the two countries have

many shared and complementary interests and very few truly divergent ones. Those could be settled, not by the US making unilateral concessions to China, but through a grand bargain.

Editorials

[The Illusion that America Can Fix Libya](#)

Will we ever learn? How many people will have to die, and how many more hundreds of billions of dollars will be squandered, before we get that long-distance social engineering does not work? Published in *The National Interest*, for the full article click [here](#).

[Making a US-Sino War 'Thinkable'?](#)

A new study may embolden those who see conflict as inevitable. Published in *The Diplomat*; for the full article, click [here](#).

[Build a Wall? On the Beaches?](#)

If Trump the Quack would be half serious about national security, he would call for building a wall, not on the border with Mexico, but along the beaches running from Maine to Key West, and from Seattle to San Diego.

Published in *The Huffington Post*; for the full article click [here](#).

[How the US Can Deal With North Korea](#)

Few people who are in Asia or who are interested in Asia can afford not to study Kurt Campbell's new book "The Pivot: The Future of American Statecraft in Asia."

Republished in *Business Insider*, for the full article click [here](#).

(Originally published in *The Diplomat* under the title "For a Grand Bargain with China.")

[To Stop Terrorism, Detain Potential Terrorists](#)

Most law enforcement involves punishment after a crime is committed. But terrorism is no ordinary case.

Published in *The National Interest*; for the full article click [here](#).

Academic Articles

[Designing AI Systems That Obey Our Laws and Values](#) by Amitai Etzioni and Oren Etzioni

Operational AI systems need to obey both the law of the land and our values. We propose AI oversight systems ("AI Guardians") as an approach to addressing this challenge, and to respond to the potential risks associated with increasingly autonomous AI systems.

Published in *Communications of the ACM*; click [here](#) to read more.

[The Salience of Salience in International Relations](#)

Salience is taken into account in a considerable number of studies of public opinion, including those that concern international relations. By contrast, scholars much less frequently study salience as it relates to the analysis and formulation of foreign policy. A whole host of reasons, including cognitive bias, ideologies, legalism, and the pressures placed on government officials by special interests all contribute to policymakers' failure to recognize the saliency of salience.

Published in the *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Vol. XXII, No. II (Spring/Summer 2016);

click [here](#) to read on SSRN.

Forthcoming Event: US-China Policy for the Next Administration

Join us and listen to former Deputy Secretary of State Jim Steinberg discuss US-China policy for the next administration at the Elliott School of International Affairs on September 26! The event is free and open to the public.

Date/Time

Monday, September 26, 2016
3:30-5:30 pm

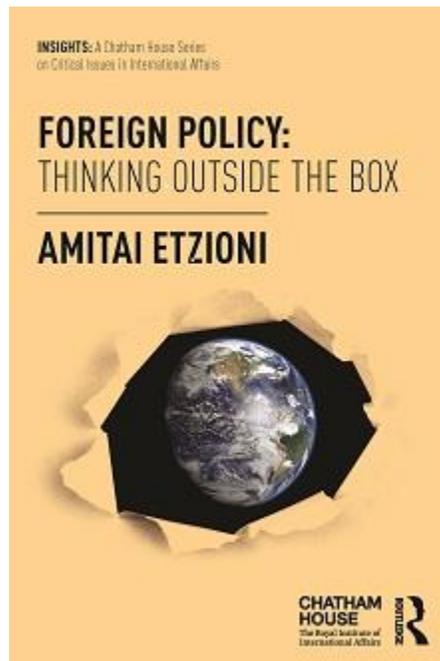
Location

Elliott School of International Affairs
Lindner Commons (Room 602)
1957 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20052

RSVP by clicking [here](#)!

Author Meets His Critics: *Foreign Policy: Thinking Outside the Box*

Last week at Johns Hopkins SAIS Dan Serwer, David Lampton, and Michael Green critiqued the recently released book *Foreign Policy: Thinking Outside the Box*. An engaging discussion followed the panelists' initial comments. Professor Serwer has shared his speaking notes online; to read them, click [here](#).



Video: Author Meets His Critics

If you were unable to come to last week's event on Foreign Policy: *Thinking Outside the Box* at Johns Hopkins SAIS, a video recording of it is available on YouTube! To watch it, click [here](#).

I Read

Andrew Cherlin's article last month in [The New York Times](#), titled "The Downwardly Mobile for Trump, draws attention to a study by Jonathan Rothwell and the implications of its findings with respect to Americans' reception of Trump's rhetoric. According to Rothwell's paper, income and employment were not strongly correlated with support for Trump. Instead, a more nuanced variable shows a stronger correlation—people's satisfaction with their standard of living.

Click [here](#) to read our piece in *Society*, "The Tea Party is Half-Right."

Feedback: China

Robert Jansen:

"The territorial ambitions of the PRC as exhibited from their unilateral attempted imposition of the "nine dash line" go well beyond the PRC's demonstrated ambition to regain the historical boundaries of the Middle Kingdom. As such, conventional analyses are essentially useless.

There are only two probable resolutions that will convince the PRC to abide by international law, given that it is clear that the PRC will not abide by the ruling of the International Court.: the military option, which is clearly undesirable for all concerned with the obvious exception of arms dealers and weapons manufacturers, and the economic option, which is preferable for any number of reasons."

Recent Tweets

Re:Bombings in NY and NJ. Apparently ISIS, and not just Russia, wants to see Trump elected.

When doctors or pharma companies say they have "clinical evidence" a drug works, this is Latin for "anecdotes.

Donald the Quack wants presidential candidates to submit to medical tests. I suggest we start with psychiatry

No trigger warnings or safe spaces, says @UChicago. Ok, but what is legally right is not always morally right <http://ow.ly/z9Za303BU15>

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