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# EDUCATE TO ERADICATE: THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN TACKLING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

# AGENDA

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9:00 am Arrival and Breakfast

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9:30 am – 9:45 am Opening Remarks

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9:45 am – 10:30 am

## **Discussion Topic 1: Root causes of violent extremism**

- Two decades since the “Global War on Terror”—successes and failures
  - Drivers of Extremism: conflict, geopolitics, sectarianism, the cyclical nature of terrorism
  - Case Study: The current situation in Syria and al-Hol camp
  - Education as a key tool to counter violent extremism
  - Role of governments and interface with non-governmental agencies
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10:30 am – 11:15 am

## **Discussion Topic 2: Role of higher education institutes in countering violent extremism**

- What efforts are higher education institutions providing through curriculum, content, teaching, collaborations, values, etc.
    - What they teach?
    - How they teach?
    - Training
  - What could be done at a global level
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11:15 am – 11:30 am

Coffee Break

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# AGENDA

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

## **Discussion Topic 3: Role of digital media, communications, recruitment, etc. in countering violent extremism**

- Discuss findings of the report “Youth and violent extremism on social media: mapping the research” by UNESCO
- How could universities, research centers, think tanks and UN institutions work together to come up with a plan using social media outlets and digitization to detect and help in the prevention of violent extremism
- Should media and digital literacy curricula be incorporated at the core of education system at all levels

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

## **Discussion Topic 4: Practical steps for academic entities to take in countering violent extremism**

- Tools of prevention for academic entities
- Gaps in research and role of higher education institutions
- Do Tanks - Action Tanks - Conflict Transformation Tanks specific role
- UNESCO Concept Paper

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1:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Closing Remarks, Recommendations and Way Forward

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1:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch



# BRIEF

Violent extremism has threatened the lives and stability of people all over the world; as well as challenging norms and development of communities. Some of the causes that result in intolerance, hatred, and extremism need to be explored from socio-economic viewpoint, including the role of education. The issues need to be investigated beyond the security aspect and try to tackle the root of the problem.

Extremism has no religion or community, single minded in its pursuit of goals through violent means that harm others. To efficiently address and tackle the threats posed by violent extremism, a holistic and preventive approach is crucial. Whilst our understanding of the drivers of violent extremism have improved, there is a need to adapt and refine responses and tools that allow a rapid reaction to an evolving threat, which has devastated countries and the global order. Youth, with their energy and creativity, have the huge potential to contribute to peace and security and sustainable development. However, they often lack access to quality education and training, which would allow them to channel these virtues into a positive contribution to their communities.

Quality education is the basis for all development, whether social, economic, or political. Education gives people hope, instills tolerance, critical thinking, and as a result political stability. In such a globalized world, the solution for our challenges is also global and goes beyond political borders. Quality education encourages global citizenship while still respecting local values and traditions, promotes human rights, the rule of law and sustainable development, has the potential to allow younger generations to meet their aspirations.

A global dialogue needs to occur with political and non-political actors fostering the right eco-system for freedom of expression, employment, justice, and social development to counter extremism addressing holistic outlook of causes, effects, and possible solutions. Most solutions and discussions around extremism are focused on security related matters. There is a need to explore the positive role education can play in reinforcing inclusiveness and diversity.

## Root causes of violent extremism

- Almost two decades since the “Global War on Terror”—successes and failures. We have had a lot of tactical successes that amount to strategic failures. We have lost in the battle of ideas.
- Drivers of Extremism: conflict, geopolitics, sectarianism, the cyclical nature of terrorism. Sectarianism has become the geopolitical currency of the Middle East and the vacuums left by regional conflicts are safe haven for terrorists.
- Case Study: The current situation in Syria and al-Hol camp. How terrorist organizations, like ISIS, view children as the future of the movement and the responsibility of the international community to alleviate the conditions.
- Education as a key tool to Counter Violent Extremism. Diplomacy, smart aid, and education to equip the next generation with critical thinking is how we break the cycle of violence.
- Role of governments and interface with non-governmental agencies



# BRIEF

## **Role of higher education institutes in countering violent extremism**

- What efforts are higher education institutions providing through curriculum, content, teaching, collaborations, values, etc.
  - What they teach? (e.g., ranging from peace/human rights studies to courses on VE and CVE;
  - How they teach? (e.g., to encourage critical thinking and respect for the “other” and promotion of tolerance/understanding);
  - What they research? (e.g., both causes of and solutions to VE, leveraging the multi-disciplinary expertise that often exists within a university);
  - The non-academic environment (e.g., providing students extracurricular opportunities that contribute to PVE (either directly or indirectly) – this might include designing and testing student-led PVE interventions, facilitating internships/vocational training linked to PVE work, inviting speakers to campus who represent diverse viewpoints on a particular topic, connect student groups with local communities and civil society to organize cultural/arts/sports or other programs workshops and social activities that promote peace, tolerance, understanding and moderation)
  - Training (e.g., this might include designing and delivering in-person or on-line PVE training for teachers, social workers, mental health professionals or other non-law enforcement practitioners)
  - Potentially sensitive role they play in identifying signs of radicalization to VE among their students and working, including with other entities, to address them – balancing the right to free speech with the obligation of universities to provide a safe/secure learning environment for the members of their community.
- What could be done at a global level

## **Role of digital media, communications, recruitment, etc. in countering violent extremism**

- Discuss findings of the report “Youth and violent extremism on social media: mapping the research” by UNESCO
- The report states that there are “insufficient studies that effectively address the role of communications in reinforcing or countering incitement for radicalization towards violent extremism”
- How could universities, research centers, think tanks and UN institutions work together to come up with a plan using social media outlets and digitization to detect and help in the prevention of violent extremism
- Should media and digital literacy curricula be incorporated at the core of education system at all levels

## **Practical steps for academic entities to take in countering violent extremism**

- Tools of prevention for academic entities
- Gaps in research and role of higher education institutions
- Do Tanks - Action Tanks - Conflict Transformation Tanks specific role
- UNESCO Concept Paper and HBKU position within Education City and collaboration with partner universities



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## **Dr. Ahmad M. Hasnah**

### **President**

### **Hamad Bin Khalifa University**

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Dr. Ahmad M. Hasnah is the President of Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) in Doha, Qatar.

Since he joined QF in 2002, Dr. Hasnah has been a key player in the development of Education City— a unique hub for knowledge and education through partnerships with world-class educational and research institutions.

In his roles as the Director of Academic Affairs and later on as the Associate Vice President for Higher Education, Dr. Hasnah has been actively involved in the negotiations which led to many of the QF partner universities joining Qatar Campus, including, Texas A&M University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Georgetown University.

Following his appointment as the Executive Vice-President and Provost of HBKU in May 2014, he has been instrumental in the establishment of six colleges namely, the College of Islamic Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Science and Engineering, College of Law, College of Health and Life Sciences, and the College of Public Policy, which offer interdisciplinary graduate and PhD programs.

Dr. Hasnah has contributed to the Research and Development Enterprise of QF and served as a member of the Steering committee of the Qatar National Research Fund and the QF Strategic Research Board. Moreover, he is currently overseeing three research institutes under HBKU that focus on Qatar's Grand Challenges in the areas of energy and environment, biomedical and computing.

He has also taken part in the conception and shaping of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), a unique global event which aims to create an international multi-disciplinary platform to shape education models, explore ground-breaking innovations and take concrete steps in making significant improvements to worldwide education in the 21st century.

He is on many Joint Advisory Boards, including Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar and Northwestern University in Qatar. He was a member of the Joint Advisory Boards of Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar and Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar for the past 10 years and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Qatar for the past 6 years.

Dr. Hasnah has been a panelist at many international conferences such as the NAFSA Conference in the US, Going Global Forum, SCUP North Atlantic Regional Conference, and Reinventing Higher Education Conference at IE University in Madrid.

He holds a Masters degree (1993) and PhD (1996) in Computer Science from the Illinois Institute of Technology, USA. He graduated from Qatar University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics.





## **Mr. Ali Soufan**

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Mr. Soufan is a former FBI Supervisory Special Agent who investigated and supervised highly sensitive and complex international terrorism cases, including the East Africa Embassy Bombings, the attack on the USS Cole, and the events surrounding 9/11. Mr. Soufan also serves as a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council. He is the author of the newly released "Anatomy of Terror: From the Death of bin Laden to the Rise of the Islamic State" and The New York Times Top 10 Bestseller, "The Black Banners: The Inside Story of 9/11 and the War Against al Qaeda," winner of the 2012 Ridenhour Book Prize.

He is a leading national security and counterterrorism expert, and continues to play a significant advisory role on today's most sensitive issues. Mr. Soufan had a distinguished career in the FBI, including serving on the Joint Terrorism Task Force, FBI New York Office, where he coordinated both domestic and international counterterrorism operations. He often operated out of hostile environments and carried out sensitive extraterritorial missions and high-level negotiations, and has received numerous awards and commendations for his counter-terrorism work. These include the Director of the FBI's Award for Excellence in Investigation, the Respect for Law Enforcement Award for "relentless pursuit of truth and bringing terrorist subjects before the bar of justice," and a commendation from the U.S. Department of Defense that labeled him "an important weapon in the ongoing war on terrorism."

Mr. Soufan has testified before the U.S. Congress, Presidential Commissions, the British Parliament's Home Affairs Committee, and appeared as an expert panelist and as a guest speaker at international security forums, both in the U.S. and abroad. He has been profiled, interviewed and has also contributed to leading shows and publications worldwide, including 60 Minutes, Frontline, The New Yorker, Newsweek, The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Straits Times, Der Spiegel and Asharq Alawsat, along with news programs and specials on the BBC, CNN, MSNBC, and Fox News. Mr. Soufan's work has also been detailed in several non-fiction books, including "The Looming Tower" by Lawrence Wright, which was adapted into a 10-part Hulu television series "The Looming Tower" in 2018.

Of Mr. Soufan's book, "Anatomy of Terror" (Published May 2, 2017, by WW Norton), The New York Times wrote: "Soufan writes with immense knowledge and authority ... 'Anatomy of Terror' not only tells a gripping story but is filled with insights that put today's terror attacks by the Islamic State and Al Qaeda in perspective with the history and complicated geopolitics of the region." Mr. Soufan is an Honors graduate from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania where he received undergraduate degrees in International Studies and Political Science. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Villanova University where he received a Master of Arts in International Relations.





## **Dr. Allan E. Goodman**

### **President of the Institute of International Education**

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Dr. Allan E. Goodman is the sixth President of the Institute of International Education, the leading not-for-profit organization in the field of international educational exchange and development training. IIE conducts research on international academic mobility and administers the Fulbright program sponsored by the United States Department of State, as well as over 200 other corporate, government and privately-sponsored programs. Since its founding in 1919, the Institute has also rescued scholars threatened by war, terrorism, and repression. Rescued scholars and other alumni of Institute-administered programs, as well as IIE trustees and advisors, have won 78 Nobel Prizes.

Previously, Dr. Goodman was Executive Dean of the School of Foreign Service and Professor at Georgetown University. He is the author of books on international affairs published by Harvard, Princeton and Yale University presses. Dr. Goodman served as Presidential Briefing Coordinator for the Director of Central Intelligence in the Carter Administration. Subsequently, he was the first American professor to lecture at the Foreign Affairs College of Beijing, helped create the first U.S. academic exchange program with the Moscow Diplomatic Academy for the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs, and developed the diplomatic training program of the Foreign Ministry of Vietnam.

Dr. Goodman has served as a consultant to Ford Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the United States Information Agency, and IBM. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a founding member of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), Co-President of the Partner University Fund (PUF) Grant Review Committee, and a member of the Jefferson Scholarship selection panel. He also serves on the Council for Higher Education Accreditation International Quality Group Advisory Council and the Board of Trustees of the Education Above All Foundation.

Dr. Goodman has a Ph.D. in Government from Harvard, an M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and a B.S. from Northwestern University. He also holds honorary degrees from Chatham, Susquehanna, and Toyota universities; Richmond, The American International University in London; Dickinson, Middlebury, Mount Ida, and Ramapo colleges; The State University of New York; and the University of York. He has received awards from Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, South Florida, and Tufts universities, the Légion d'honneur from France, and the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. He was awarded the inaugural Gilbert Medal for Internationalization by Universitas 21.





## **Professor Andrew Rich**

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Andrew Rich became Dean of the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at The City College of New York in February 2019. With 4,000 students, the Colin Powell School is home to the social science departments at CCNY as well as the core leadership development and public service programs of City College. Dean Rich was previously Chairman of the Political Science Department at CCNY as well as Deputy Director and Director of Programs at the Colin Powell Center, the precursor to the Colin Powell School.

Dean Rich has spent his entire career working on the development and promotion of public service opportunities among young people. From 2009-2011, as President and CEO of the Roosevelt Institute, he launched the institute's think tank and oversaw efforts to expand and strengthen its Campus Network. From 2011-2019, he was Executive Secretary and CEO of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, which provides merit-based Truman Scholarships to college students who plan to attend graduate school in preparation for careers as public service leaders.

Rich is Chairman of the board of Friends of the Truman Foundation. He is the author of *Think Tanks, Public Policy, and the Politics of Expertise* and has written about the role of think tanks and foundations in American politics and policymaking. Along with CCNY, he previously taught political science at Wake Forest University. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond. He received his PhD in political science from Yale University.





## **Col. Carlo Nardi**

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He graduated from the University of Turin in 1994 with a Bachelors in Political Science and from the University of Trieste (ITA) in 2005 with a Bachelors of International and Diplomatic Science.

Joining the Global Coalition Strategic Communications Cell of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in 2018, Carlo Nardi has been a key player in the development of the international engagement and the policy of the counter violent extremism governance and the implementation of the strategic communications campaigns.

He dedicated more than 36 years of military life in complex military operative environments, counterterrorism and foreign policy. During these experiences I passed two years in Kabul when he served as Military Assistant to the Commander of the international security mission.

Mr. Nardi holds a Master degree in Strategic Science from the University of Turin (ITA) and a Master degree in International Military and Strategic Studies from the "Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli" of Rome.





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Professor Colette Mazzucelli, MALD, EdM, PhD is Lead Editor with James Felton Keith of the Anthem Press Ethics of Personal Data Collection Series. In 2019-20, Dr. Mazzucelli is developing a knowledge partnership with the Bled Strategic Forum (BSF) through which American experts appear on BSF panels focusing on questions of big data. At NYU New York, she teaches blended seminars across Schools in conflict resolution, radicalization & religion, international relations in the post-Cold War era, ethnic conflict, and Europe in the 21st Century. She is a recipient of the NYU SPS Excellence in Teaching Award 2013.

Dr. Mazzucelli has participated in the Parallel Histories conference in the House of Lords and the CFR-Lumina Foundation Global Literacy Advisory Group. At the invitation of His Highness Crown Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil and Spencer Lord, she is a member of the Advisory Board, Ekta Transglobal Foundation Inc. Her diplomatic experience includes hosting the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) to welcome Visiting Delegations to New York University in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State. Dr. Mazzucelli is a member of the Global Diplomacy Lab, a BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt Responsible Leader, and an alumna of the Brandeis University Summer Institute for Israel Studies. In 2016, she was named an Ambassador of Peace in recognition of her service as an educator with over 25 years experience in technology-mediated learning.

At LIU Global, Dr. Mazzucelli is responsible to teach blended seminars in Europe (Budapest and Vienna) and to mentor thesis research by undergraduates engaged in fieldwork on 6 continents.

For Pioneer Academics, she mentors talented high-school juniors and seniors in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East who aspire to pursue their undergraduate education at leading US and Canadian institutions of higher learning. A Fulbright Scholar to France (1991) as well as Belgium and Germany (2007), Professor Mazzucelli is the author and/or editor of 5 books on European integration and transatlantic security as well as a contributor to numerous peer-reviewed journals. Her courses have been profiled by the Council on Foreign Relations in Foreign Affairs as well as the CFR Educators Bulletin. As the recipient of 11 fellowships in 7 countries, Dr. Mazzucelli's biography appears in Marquis Who's Who in the World. She was invited to participate in Canada's first training program on the prevention of mass atrocities and genocide by the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Concordia University.

Ambassador Mazzucelli has spoken on panels commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Élysée Treaty of Friendship between France and Germany (1963-2013) by the French and German Embassies in Washington and the French and German Consulates General in Boston. During 2000-03, she was responsible to direct and teach the first technology-mediated seminar in the history of the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) Paris analyzing conflict in the former Yugoslavia. Ambassador Mazzucelli is a former Director, International Programs, Budapest Institute for Graduate International and Diplomatic Studies, Budapest University of Economic Sciences, 1995-97. As a participant in the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program for Future American Leaders, she assisted with the ratification of the Treaty on European Union ("Maastricht") in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1992-93.





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Daniel Benjamin is the Norman E. McCulloch Jr. Director of the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding. Prior to joining the Dickey Center, in 2012, Daniel Benjamin served as Ambassador-at-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the U.S. State Department. In that position, he was the principal advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on counterterrorism. Ambassador Benjamin was the longest serving coordinator for counterterrorism since that position was created, and during his tenure, the Office of the Coordinator was elevated to become the Bureau of Counterterrorism. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Benjamin was a senior fellow in Foreign Policy Studies and director of the Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution. From 2001 to 2006, he was a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Affairs in Washington, and prior to that, he was a Jennings Randolph Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace. During more than five years on the National Security Council staff in the 1990s, Benjamin served as a foreign policy speechwriter and Special Assistant to President Bill Clinton and as director for transnational threats.

Benjamin has written extensively on terrorism, U.S. foreign policy and international affairs. He co-wrote *The Age of Sacred Terror* (2002), which was awarded the Arthur Ross Prize of the Council on Foreign Relations, the largest American prize for a work on international affairs, and was named a New York Times Notable Book and a Washington Post Best Book of 2002. *The Next Attack: The Failure of the War on Terror and a Strategy for Getting it Right* (2005), which he also co-authored, was named a best book of the year by The Washington Post and The Financial Times and a finalist for the Lionel Gelber Prize. He is the editor of two other books, *Europe 2030* and *America and the World in the Age of Terror: A New Landscape in International Relations*.

He has appeared on numerous television and radio programs, including 60 Minutes, Frontline, The News Hour, All Things Considered, Morning Edition, Fresh Air, The Today Show, Good Morning America and The Oprah Winfrey Show. His essays have appeared in publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Financial Times, The International Herald Tribune, Time, Slate, The New York Review of Books, The New Republic, The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and Die Zeit.

Benjamin began his career as a journalist and held positions as Germany bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, and Germany correspondent for TIME Magazine. He holds degrees from Oxford, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and Harvard, where he completed his undergraduate work, graduating magna cum laude.







## **Consul General David Gill**

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Consul General David Gill, German Consulate General New York Born in 1966, Gill grew up in a protestant minister's family in Herrnhut, Saxony, in former East Germany. He was denied a higher education by the communist regime for political reasons. Instead, he trained and worked as a plumber before joining a preparatory protestant school and later the theological seminary of the Protestant Church in Berlin-Brandenburg. In 1990, he initially was the chairman of Normannenstrasse Citizens' Committee which oversaw the dissolution of the Ministry of State Security at the Stasi headquarters and served as the secretary of the Special Committee for the dissolution of the Stasi of the East German Parliament. After reunification, Gill became spokesman and head of the research division of the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi-Files before studying law in Berlin and Philadelphia. After holding positions in the Federal Ministry of the Interior and at the Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information in Berlin, he served as the Deputy Representative of the Council of the Protestant Church in Germany to the Federal Republic of Germany and the European Union. During Federal President Joachim Gauck's term from 2012-2017, he was state secretary and chief of staff of the President. Since August 2017, he has been the German Consul General in New York.





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Mr. Cassinello is a Law graduate from the Universidad Autónoma de México and from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and he holds a Master in Laws from Harvard University. He was assistant professor in Theory of the State and International Law at the Universidad Autónoma de México, and of Political Law and Theory of the State at the Universidad de Madrid (1961-1963).

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he served in numerous functions: Deputy-Director for Africa, Director-General for International Organizations and Conferences, Director-General for Latin-American Affairs and Director of Planning Staff. He has had a number of Embassy postings, including Chargé d'Affaires in Addis Abeba and Dar es Salaam, Cultural Attaché in Mexico, Spanish Ambassador in Angola and Mexico, and Consul General in New York and Ambassador at large for North American Affairs. From 1985 to 1992, Emilio Cassinello was President of the Board of the EXPO'92, S.A. and Commissioner General of the Universal Exposition of Seville, 1992.

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Author of "Cultura y Economía Hispanas como nuevo horizonte de Cooperación" (Foro ABC/BBVA, 2002), and "Spain and the Hispanos: a Strategic Project" (Real Instituto Elcano, 2004). He has been awarded the "Gran Cruz del Mérito Civil".





## **Dr. Eric Rosand**

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Eric Rosand is a nonresident senior fellow in the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at Brookings and director of "The Prevention Project: Organizing Against Violent Extremism" in Washington, D.C, a partnership that includes the Global Center on Cooperative Security in Washington and the Royal United Services Institute in London. Previously, he was a senior official in the U.S. Department of State working on counterterrorism (CT) and countering violent extremism (CVE). He served as CVE counsellor to the undersecretary of state for civilian security, democracy, and human rights, during which time he was the Department's policy coordinator for the White House CVE Summit and follow-on process. During this time, he led efforts to design and launch the Strong Cities Network, the first-ever global platform to connect cities and other sub-national authorities involved in CVE efforts.





## **Ms. Frances Fragos Townsend**

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Ms. Townsend works across MacAndrews' portfolio companies focusing on international, legal, compliance and business development issues. Prior to that she was a corporate partner with the law firm of Baker Botts, LLP. From 2004 to 2008, Ms. Townsend served as Assistant to President George W. Bush for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism and chaired the Homeland Security Council. She also served as Deputy National Security Advisor for Combatting Terrorism from May 2003 to May 2004. Ms. Townsend spent 13 years at the U.S. Department of Justice under the administrations of President George H. W. Bush, President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush. She has received numerous awards for her public service accomplishments. Ms. Townsend is a Director on the Board of four public companies: Freeport McMoRan, Western Union and Scientific Games and SciPlay, where she chairs or serves on: compliance, compensation, governance, corporate social responsibility and executive committees. She also serves on three private company Boards where she is Chairwoman of one and chairs all three compensation committees. Ms. Townsend is an on air senior national security analyst for CBS News and, before that, she was at CNN for seven years. Ms. Townsend currently serves on the DNI's Senior Advisory Group and previously served on the CIA External Advisory Board and the U.S. President's Intelligence Advisory Board. Ms. Townsend is a trustee on the Board of the New York City Police Foundation, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, CSIS and the Atlantic Council. She also serves on the Board at the Council on Foreign Relations, on the Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission and the Board of the International Republican Institute. She is a member of the Aspen Strategy Group.





## **Mr. Jacques Dubucs**

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Senior Scientist at CNRS, Head of the IHPST, Scientific Director of the Department "Human and Social Sciences" at the Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Born in 1953 in Bayonne, former fellow of the Ecole Normale Supérieure (Saint-Cloud), Agrégé de Philosophie (1976), Ph. D in Logic (1978), Doctorat d'Etat on Hilbert's Programme (1984), Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Ecole Normale Supérieure of Rabat (Morocco) from 1980 to 1985, Jacques Dubucs works at CNRS since 1985.

His work mainly deals with history and philosophy of logic. For about twelve years his main domain of research is non-classical logics and cognitive science, specially analysis and formalization of actual reasoning. His recent work concerns logic of "feasibility", namely formal description of "really or humanly achievable" processes, in contrast to processes that can only be performed "in principle" as described in the Turing tradition. Another part of his work is devoted to philosophical foundations of probability, specially in the "logical" perspective opened by Carnap in the sixties.





## **Dr. John Sexton**

President Emeritus, New York University

Dean Emeritus

Benjamin F. Butler Professor of Law

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John Sexton, the fifteenth president of New York University, joined NYU School of Law's faculty in 1981, was named the Law School's dean in 1988, and became the University's president in 2002. Before coming to NYU, Sexton served as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren Burger of the United States Supreme Court (1980-1981), and to Judges David Bazelon and Harold Leventhal of the United States Court of Appeals (1979-1980). For ten years (1983-1993), he served as special master supervising pretrial proceedings in the Love Canal litigation. Sexton is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a past member of the executive committee of the Association of American Universities.

He is past chair of the American Council on Education, the New York Academy of Sciences, and the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York. He has served as the chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2003-06). While dean of the Law School, he was president of the Association of American Law Schools. Emory University named him "Outstanding High School Debate Coach of the Last 50 Years" for work he did from 1960-1975 with the St. Brendan's High School debate team. Sexton received a BA in history (1963) from Fordham College; an MA in comparative religion (1965) and a PhD in history of American religion (1978) from Fordham University; and a JD magna cum laude (1979) from Harvard Law School. He also is the author of *Redefining the Supreme Court's Role: A Theory of Managing the Federal Judicial Process* (1988) in addition to several other books, including *Baseball as a Road to God: Seeing Beyond the Game* (2013), and *Standing for Reason: The University in a Dogmatic Age* (2019).





**Prof. Dr. Khalid Koser**  
Founding Executive Director  
Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund  
(GCERF)

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Dr Khalid Koser is founding Executive Director of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund, a public-private partnership dedicated to preventing violent extremism. In its first five years GCERF has reached over two million people in communities at risk in eight countries. An academic by training, Khalid is Professor of Conflict, Peace and Security at the University of Maastricht. As a global advocate for migrants and refugee, he edits the Journal of Refugee Studies, and was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to asylum seekers and refugees. He chairs the Board of Trustees for the sustainable development charity Raleigh International.





**Mr. Liam Kraft**  
Strategic Engagement Coordinator  
Concordia

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As Strategic Engagement Coordinator, Liam assists in coordinating all aspects of the department, including day-to-day operations, trajectory, and success metrics. He also works closely on the development of the Concordia Africa program.

Liam originally joined Concordia in June 2018. His interests sit at the intersection of geopolitics, global economics, and social impact.

Liam holds degrees in Foreign Affairs and International Economics from the University of Virginia, where he graduated with distinction. He also studied international politics abroad at the University of Oxford, University College.







**Mr. Mark David Wallace**  
Former US Ambassador to the UN  
for Management and Reform

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Mark David Wallace is an American businessman, former diplomat and lawyer who has served in a variety of government, political and private sector posts. He served in several positions during the administration of President George W. Bush, including as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations for UN Management and Reform.

As of 2019, Wallace was the CEO of United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) and the Counter Extremism Project (CEP).





**Ms. Maryah Al-Dafa**  
Executive Director of Strategic Planning &  
Partnerships  
Hamad Bin Khalifa University

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Maryah Al Dafa is the Executive Director of Partnerships and Strategic Planning in Hamad Bin Khalifa University. Since joining Qatar Foundation in 2007, Maryah has made valuable contributions to the organization, demonstrating outstanding directorial abilities as well as an unwavering commitment to QF's ongoing mission.

Her first role at QF was as an Associate Policy Analyst at Rand Qatar Policy Institute. In 2010, she joined the President's Office as Senior Projects Manager, and was subsequently promoted to the position of Project Director. During her time at the President's Office, she played an instrumental role in the strategic development, launch and operation of many of QF's major projects.

Maryah graduated from Georgetown University in 2007 with a BSc in Foreign Service, and received her MSc in International Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London in 2010





## **Ms. Michèle Coninsx**

**Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED)**

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Michèle Coninsx was appointed Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on 11 August 2017. Ms. Coninsx took up her functions on 3 November 2017.

Prior to her position at the United Nations, Ms. Coninsx was President of Eurojust – the European Union agency tasked with dealing with judicial cooperation in criminal matters –2012-2017, after having served as its Vice-President for five years. In addition, Ms. Coninsx was National Member for Belgium at Eurojust, and Chair of Eurojust’s Counter-Terrorism Team.

Before joining Eurojust, Ms. Coninsx was a Federal Prosecutor (Magistrat Fédéral) in Belgium dealing with terrorism and organised crime. She holds a Belgian noble title of Baroness, as well as the title of Fellow of Law and Criminology at the University of Brussels (Vrije Universiteit Brussel (2014-2017)), Visiting Professor in the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London (2015-2018), and in the College of Europe (2016-2018). Ms. Coninsx has a Master’s Degree in Law, a Master’s Degree in Criminology, and is a specialist in Air Law and Aviation Security (UK – USA). She also served for nine years as an expert in aviation security for the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).





## **H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos** Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

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H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, The High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, assumed his new post on 7th January 2019.

Mr. Moratinos has committed his professional and political career to international relationships and development cooperation, notably as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain from 2004 to 2010. During his tenure as Foreign Minister, Spain presided over the UN Security Council in 2004, held the chairmanships-in-office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and the Council of the European Union. Mr. Moratinos succeeded in fostering the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

With the Mediterranean in mind, H.E Miguel Ángel Moratinos was appointed Deputy Director General for Northern Africa (1987-1991) and then Director of the Institute of Cooperation with the Arab World (1991-1993). After his tenure at the Institute, he was appointed Director General of Foreign Policy for Africa and the Middle East, holding the position from 1993 to 1996. The highlight of his tenure was the organization of the historic Middle East Peace Conference in Madrid in 1992.

As Spain's Ambassador in Israel from July to December 1996, Mr. Moratinos succeeded in fostering a strong network with both the Israelis and Palestinians. Building on that success, the European Union appointed him as the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process from December 1996 to June 2003. During this period, he promoted Peace Agreements and carried out actions on behalf of the EU strengthening the Arab-Israeli dialogue.

As a true believer in the value of multilateralism, Mr. Moratinos helped in the creation and launching of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in 2005. He also supported the Group of Friends for UN Reform. Moreover, he contributed to the creation of innovative programmes for development, healthcare and women empowerment within the United Nations system. Mr. Moratinos promoted new projects and funds for water and sanitation in Latin American development countries. During his tenure as Spain's top diplomat, he doubled Official Development Assistance funds and placed Spain as the sixth donor in the United Nations system.

Following the end of his term in office in 2010, Mr. Moratinos engaged in parliamentary activities until November 2011. During that period, he ran to be elected Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) with an agenda aiming at mobilizing international action towards the struggle against hunger and poverty, the promotion of food security and the right to food.

In January 2012, he joined the team of the Global Dry Land Alliance in Qatar promoting this international treaty for food security in more than 15





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member-countries in all continents. From 2012 to 2013 he was member of the High-level Advisory panel of the president of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Prior to his appointment as High-Representative, Mr. Moratinos was the Honorary Chairman of the CIRSD Board of Advisers (Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development), Senior Advisor of Sustainable Development Solutions Network of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and member of the Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). In Spain, he also held honorary positions as the President of REDS, the Spanish network for Sustainable development affiliated to SDSN and the President of the Trobades Literàries Mediterràneas Association and the Trobades Albert Camus Award. In recognition for his distinguished achievements,

Mr. Moratinos received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Saint-Petersburg, Malta, as well as Ben-Gurion, Al-Quds and Tel Aviv universities.

Most recently on 19 March 2019, Mr. Moratinos was awarded with the "League of Arab States" Award by Mr. Ahmed Abulgheit, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States in a ceremony in Madrid in recognition for his role in strengthening Arab-Spanish relations.

Born in 1951, Mr. Moratinos graduated in Law and Political Sciences at the University Complutense in Madrid and then in Diplomatic Studies at the Spanish Diplomatic School.





**Mr. Mitchell D. Silber**

Adjunct Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs

School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)  
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Mitch is a professional global political risk and intelligence analyst and has more than 20 years of experience creating, building and leading teams dedicated to providing high-end finished intelligence, bespoke consulting and digital security advisory work for a wide range of corporate, financial and governmental clients. At the NYPD, for 8 years, Mitch was the Director of Intelligence Analysis and ran the Analysis and Cyber Units. As a partner at FTI Consulting he led the Geopolitical Intelligence practice. Mitch is a visiting lecturer at Columbia University's graduate School for International and Public Affairs and the author of *The Al Qaeda Factor*, (2012, University of Pennsylvania Press).





**Mr. Oliver Wilcox**  
Deputy Director  
Countering Violent Extremism  
Bureau of Counterterrorism  
U.S. Department of State

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Oliver Wilcox is Deputy Director of Countering Violent Extremism in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to his time at the Department of State, he served in several key positions at USAID, including Senior Country Coordinator for Tunisia and Senior Peace and Security Advisor for the Middle East. He holds Master's degrees in political science and Arab studies (with a distinction) from the University of Virginia and Georgetown University. Mr. Wilcox graduated from Tufts University with honors in political science and Spanish.





## **Dr. Raffi Gregorian**

Director and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General  
United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT)

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Dr. Raffi Gregorian brings to the United Nations over 33 years of academic, diplomatic and military experience in counter-terrorism and international peace and security. Until September 2019, when he was appointed Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), he was Director of Multilateral Affairs in the Bureau of Counterterrorism of the United States Department of State.

Prior to that, Dr. Gregorian held different senior positions in the United States Department of State, including Acting Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Director for the Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions, and Counterterrorism from 2012-2015. In this latter capacity, he initiated the first new U.S. peacekeeping policy in 25 years, led a number of important peacekeeping reforms, and helped secure full funding for the UN peacekeeping budget. Dr. Gregorian's field experience includes leading two multinational missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) as well as military service in both BiH and in Kosovo. In BiH he was Principal Deputy High Representative (2007-2010) and for several months also Acting High Representative as well as Supervisor of Brčko District (2006-2010), having also served as Political Advisor for NATO Headquarters Sarajevo and Co-Chairman of the BiH Defense Reform Commission (2004-2006).

His previous State Department service included serving as chief of staff to the Special Adviser to the President and Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation and Acting Director for Kosovo Implementation. Dr. Gregorian holds a Doctorate in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, a Masters of Arts in War Studies from King's College London, and a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History from the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of several academic publications.







**Stevan M Weine M.D.**

Director, Global Medicine

Director, Center for Global Health

Professor of Psychiatry

University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine

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Dr. Weine is Professor of Psychiatry at the UIC College of Medicine, where he also Director of Global Medicine and Director of the Center for Global Health. For 30 years he has been conducting research both with refugees and migrants in the U.S. and in post-conflict countries, focused on mental health, health, and violence prevention. His research mission is to develop, implement, and evaluate psychosocial interventions that are feasible, acceptable, and effective with respect to the complex real-life contexts where at-risk populations live. This work has been supported by multiple grants from the NIMH, NICHD, DHS, NIJ, and other state, federal, and private funders, all with collaboration from community partners. This work has resulted in more than 130 publications and two books: *When History is a Nightmare: Lives and Memories of Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia-Herzegovina* (Rutgers, 1999) and *Testimony and Catastrophe: Narrating the Traumas of Political Violence*(Northwestern, 2006). He has been awarded two Career Scientist Awards: "Services Based Research with Refugee Families" from the National Institute of Mental Health and "Labor Migration and Multilevel HIV Prevention" from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Dr. Weine is the 2020 recipient of the Abraham L. Halpern Humanitarian Award of the American Association for Social Psychiatry.





**Mr. Tony Sgro**  
Founder and CEO  
EdVenture Partners

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Tony Sgro is the Founder and CEO of EdVenture Partners (EVP). For 30 years, EVP has built industry-education partnerships for societal challenges by connecting students, educators and industry leaders on over 900 universities in 76 different countries. EdVenture Partners manages the Peer to Peer: Facebook Global Digital Challenge and the Peace Mavericks program, sponsored by the McCain Institute and Arizona State University. Both programs are designed to address hate, targeted violence and extremism. EdVenture Partners will also be implementing a new university program in Ukraine called the P2P Countering Disinformation Challenge to address Russian hybrid propaganda and disinformation.





## **Dr. Vartan Gregorian** President, Carnegie Corporation of New York

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Vartan Gregorian is the twelfth president of Carnegie Corporation of New York, a grant-making institution founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1911. Prior to his current position, which he assumed in June 1997, President Gregorian served for nine years as the sixteenth president of Brown University.

He was born in Tabriz, Iran, of Armenian parents, receiving his elementary education in Iran and his secondary education in Lebanon. In 1956 he entered Stanford University, where he majored in history and the humanities, graduating with honors in 1958. He was awarded a PhD in history and humanities from Stanford in 1964.

President Gregorian has taught European and Middle Eastern history at San Francisco State College, the University of California at Los Angeles, and the University of Texas at Austin. In 1972 he joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty and was appointed Tarzian Professor of History and professor of South Asian history. He was founding dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania in 1974 and four years later became its twenty-third provost until 1981.

For eight years (1981-1989), President Gregorian served as a president of the New York Public Library, an institution with a network of four research libraries and eighty-three circulating libraries. In 1989 he was appointed president of Brown University.

President Gregorian is the author of *The Road To Home: My Life And Times*; *Islam: A Mosaic, Not A Monolith*; and *The Emergence of Modern Afghanistan, 1880-1946*. A Phi Beta Kappa and a Ford Foundation Foreign Area Training Fellow, he is a recipient of numerous fellowships, including those from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council, and the American Philosophical Society. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. In 1969, he received the Danforth Foundation's E.H. Harbison Distinguished Teaching Award.

He serves on several boards including the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, and the American Academy in Berlin. He served on the boards of the J. Paul Getty Trust, the Aga Khan University, the Qatar Foundation, the McGraw-Hill Companies, Brandeis University, Human Rights Watch, The Museum of Modern Art, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has been decorated by the French, Italian, Austrian, and Portuguese governments. His numerous civic and academic honors include scores of honorary degrees, including those from Brown, Dartmouth, Drew, and Johns Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the City University of New York, Rutgers, Tufts, New York University, University of Aberdeen, the Juilliard School, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fordham University, San Francisco State University, University of Notre Dame, Carnegie Mellon University, Keio University, University of Miami, and the University of St. Andrews.





**Dr. Vartan Gregorian**  
President,  
Carnegie Corporation of New York

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In 1986, President Gregorian was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and in 1989 the American Academy of the Institute of Arts and Letters' Gold Medal for Service to the Arts. In 1998, President Clinton awarded him the National Humanities Medal. In 2004, President Bush awarded him the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civil award. He has been honored by various cultural and professional associations, including the Urban League, the League of Women Voters, the Players Club, PEN-American Center, Literacy Volunteers of New York, the American Institute of Architects, the Charles A. Dana Foundation, and the Elysium Between Two Continents. He has been honored by the city and state of New York, the states of Massachusetts, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, and the cities of Fresno, Austin, Providence, and San Francisco.





## **Professor William Braniff**

Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)  
Professor of the Practice at the University of Maryland

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William Braniff is the Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) and a Professor of the Practice at the University of Maryland. He previously served as the Director of Practitioner Education and an Instructor at West Point's Combating Terrorism Center (CTC). There he led the practitioner education program, the nation's largest provider of counterterrorism education to federal, state and local governmental audiences.

Braniff is a graduate of the United States Military Academy where he received his bachelor's degree. Following his Company Command as an Armor Officer in the U.S. Army, Braniff attended the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) where he received a master's degree in international relations. Upon graduation, Bill worked in the nuclear counterterrorism field at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, and as a research associate with the CTC Harmony Project at West Point.

Braniff lectures frequently for counterterrorism audiences in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Joint Special Operations University, National Defense University, the United States Attorneys' Office, the Foreign Service Institute, the Diplomatic Security Service, Defense Intelligence Agency and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Braniff has also taken a keen interest in the field of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE). He has consulted with the Department of Justice, the FBI and the National Security Staff, playing a key role in an interagency working group dedicated to the topic. In June of 2013, Bill testified before Congress regarding American attitudes towards terrorism and counterterrorism, and in February of 2014 and again in February 2015 he testified before the House Armed Services Committee on the evolving nature of global jihadism. Also in February of 2015, Bill was asked to speak at the White House CVE Summit, to the United Nations Counterterrorism Executive Directorate, and to the Global Counterterrorism Forum Foreign Terrorist Fighter Working group.





**Professor William Milberg**  
Dean and Professor of Economics  
The New School for Social Research

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William Milberg is Dean and Professor of Economics at the New School for Social Research and Co-Director of the Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies at The New School. His research focuses on the relation between globalization, income distribution and economic growth, and the history and philosophy of economics. He teaches graduate courses in international trade, political economy, the history of economic thought, and a seminar on the methodology of economics. His undergraduate courses include "Understanding Global Capitalism" and "The Making of Economic Society."

His most recent book (with Deborah Winkler) is *Outsourcing Economics: Global Value Chains in Capitalist Development* (Cambridge University Press). A previous book, *The Crisis of Vision in Modern Economic Thought* (Cambridge University Press) was co-authored with the late Robert Heilbroner. His paper with Peter Spiegler, "Methodenstriet 2013: Historical perspective on the contemporary debate over how to reform economics," won the award for best paper of 2013 in the Forum for Social Economics.

