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The Stimson Center promotes international security and shared prosperity through applied research and independent analysis, global engagement, and policy innovation.

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The Stimson Center is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that promotes international security, shared prosperity, and justice through applied research and independent analysis. We are proud of the impact our work has had reducing threats to global, regional, and national security. Although we are not alone in pursuing these issues, our approach is unique, combining global perspectives with deep local connections and turning policy solutions into real world tools.

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Vision

International security and shared prosperity

Mission

To promote international security and shared prosperity

Values

Innovation:

Innovative Ideas. Changing the World. ~ For three decades, Stimson has been a leading voice on urgent global issues. Founded in the twilight years of the Cold War, the Stimson Center pioneered practical new steps toward stability and security in an uncertain world. Today, as changes in power and technology usher in a challenging new era, Stimson is at the forefront: Engaging new voices, generating innovative ideas and analysis, and building solutions to promote international security, prosperity, and justice.

Practicality:

Connect with the problem. ~ Stimson matches academic rigor with real-world experience, on-the-ground field research, and engagement with new perspectives and uncommon constituencies. Technology has empowered countless new actors who are essential to tackling today's transnational threats. From Mozambique to Myanmar, Saigon to Stockholm, and countless places in between, Stimson researchers are deeply engaged with people and problems around the world.

Ideation:

Generate new ideas. ~ Stimson research programs are at the forefront of policy innovation and are strongly committed to excellence and independence. Our policy proposals and analyses are grounded in the real world, informed by experience, used by policymakers, and reflect our values. Stimson's global reach and local networks keep us in touch with the rapidly changing international environment.

Reality:

Build solutions. ~ Often, understanding a problem and making recommendations is not enough. That is why Stimson turns good ideas into reality by field-testing proposals and supporting implementations in the real world. We apply our research in numerous ways, from building tools, prototyping new technologies, and creating datasets, to working with local leaders and training government officials.

Research:

A modern research program ~ Stimson organizes its work in cross-program research areas: Trade & Technology, Security & Strategy, Climate & Natural Resources, Human Security & Governance, and Pivotal Places

Policy

Conduct policy programs

1. North Korea

38 North ~ Cultivating informed public policy debate about North Korea

Stakeholder(s):

North Korea

2. Blockchain

Test the potential for DLT platforms to increase transparency and security in nuclear safeguards, nuclear security, and the trade of dual-use materials.

Blockchain in Practice

3. China

Analyze China's strategic intentions and foreign policy behaviors

Stakeholder(s):

China

4. Conventional Defense

Reduce the risk and harm associated with the global arms trade

5. Defense Strategy & Planning

Study the use of military force as an instrument of foreign policy, diplomacy, and coercion.

6. East Asia

Explore the trends, developments, and diplomatic initiatives of powers in East Asia.

Stakeholder(s):

East Asia

7. Energy, Water & Sustainability

Build inclusive, evidence-based processes to strengthen transboundary water governance and optimize tradeoffs between water, energy, and sustainable development

8. Environmental Security

Explore environmental threats that have the potential to undermine national, regional, or global security.

9. Food Security

Create innovative solutions to solve the drivers of food insecurity around the world.

10. Governance, Justice & Security

Contribute knowledge products to an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder conversation to produce meaningful changes in the international system

Global Governance, Justice & Security ~ Toward a “New Normal” in Global Order

11. Japan

Reducing misunderstanding, improving communication, and advancing cooperation between the U.S. and Japan.

Stakeholder(s):

Japan

U.S.

12. Middle East & North Africa

Achieve common ground between regional rivals and conflicting parties

Middle East & North Africa ~ Achieving common ground between regional rivals and conflicting parties through expert and political leader dialogue and policy development and providing consultancy and advice on current and future dynamics in the region.

Stakeholder(s):

Middle East

North Africa

13. Financial Diplomacy

Invest in the multilateral system to uphold the rules-based international order

Multilateral Financial Diplomacy ~ Reliable and timely U.S. financial investment in the multilateral system helps to uphold the existing rules-based international order and pays enormous dividends for U.S. foreign policy.

14. Nuclear Safeguards

Examine the resiliency of the verification system that supports the nuclear nonproliferation regime

15. Nuclear Security

Incentivize the development of stronger, comprehensive nuclear security standards to reduce the risk posed by nuclear terrorism

16. WMD

Empower the international community to combat WMD proliferation

Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention

Stakeholder(s):

International Community

17. Energy

Explore how UN field missions can use renewable energy

Power Peace ~ Exploring how UN field missions can use renewable energy to improve effectiveness, save money, enhance security, and increase access to energy while mitigating climate change

Stakeholder(s):

UN Field Missions

18. Human Security

Protect civilians & human security

Reducing civilian casualties in conflict zones around the world

Stakeholder(s):

Civilians

19. Grand Strategy

Reimagine US Grand Strategy

Challenge conventional wisdom, question assumptions, and help policymakers manage risks, make informed decisions, and allocate resources wisely.

Stakeholder(s):

U.S.

20. Russia

Prevent conflict escalation and enhance international policy alignment with Russia

Stakeholder(s):

Russia

21. South Asia

Engage in critical exchange and open, objective inquiry of the power dynamics in and around Southern Asia

Stakeholder(s):

South Asia

22. Southeast Asia

Promote sustainable growth, peace, and security in Southeast Asia.

Stakeholder(s):
Southeast Asia

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