



The Gold Institute

For International Strategy

Letter from the President

Friends,

I have long said that foreign policy is a non-partisan issue. While domestic issues (i.e., taxes, education, healthcare etc) often are, foreign policy is not. That is no longer. Over the past decade or more, Washington's global strategy has become highly partisan and has turned international sentiment toward the notion that the U.S. can no longer be counted on to support our allies.

Shortly before leaders from Israel, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain joined President Trump on the South Lawn of the White House to sign the Abraham Accords, an ambassador from an Arab country expressed to me his feeling that regional countries felt the imperative to sign the accords prior to our presidential elections to hedge bets against a possible leadership change. It is now clear that the Abraham Accords are as necessary to stability in the Gulf region as NATO is to Europe and North America. The Gold Institute fellows have been providing guidance to senior policy makers across the globe on this concept from the beginning.

The need for the Gold Institute for International Strategy (www.Goldiis.org) is now ever more important. There are few institutes in Washington DC that work hand in hand with global leaders to not only provide solutions, but more importantly the strategic blueprint with which to implement those very policy prescriptions. Our global fellows located throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East are the best of the best practitioners – people who have spent their time in the trenches and have reached the top in their respective fields.

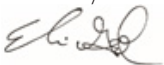
The current U.S. Middle East policy is designed for destabilization: JCPOA 2.0, absolute removal of forces from Afghanistan, a leftist Israel policy, hesitancy to support Egypt in negotiations regarding Ethiopia's Renaissance Dam project and a vague Iraq policy, just to name a few examples of this destabilization plan. For this reason, we have assembled a stellar roster of fellows including former members of Congress, the Department of Defense, the National Security Council as well as a variety of experts both in the U.S. and residing throughout the affected regions to help guide our foreign and defense policy back on course.

At the Gold Institute, we have the opportunity to interact with law makers from across the globe. Recently one foreign lawmaker said to me "It is by far today more dangerous to be friend of the USA than foe. Although times in which friends of freedom automatically considered themselves friends of the USA may have passed. This administration is so alien to everything we cherished that many people around the world are wondering if it's definitely gone, the Paradise Lost." This view that the U.S. is no longer the global defender of freedom and western values is growing stronger and faster abroad than possibly even at home.

On the international stage our fellows are also deeply involved in matters concerning human rights, energy, climate change, global antisemitism, the resurgence of the likes of the Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS as well as a whole host of other concerns. The impact of these matters on our western allies and those who hold western values dear are increasing. The role the Gold Institute and our fellows play in navigating these waters is unmatched. The members of our team who are focused on these issues are former congressmen, parliamentarians, intelligence analysts, senior law enforcement and practitioners from across the spectrum and globe.

The impact the Gold Institute for International Strategy has at home and abroad is far reaching. By supporting the work of our fellows, you too can join in this important effort. We are a 501(c)3 tax exempt institute that truly is non-partisan and its sole purpose is providing results-based education to those global leaders who impact the safety and stability of the West and its allies.

Thank you in advance,



Eli M. Gold
President



Our Mission Statement:

Conscious of the challenge from authoritarian regimes abroad, popular disenchantment at home, and the emergence of new ideological, biological and technological threats; convinced of the fundamental validity and vitality of our complex and hard-won democracies and of their need to work closely together; the Gold Strategy Institute aims to promote the freedom, prosperity and security of our nations, applying western values, strategic vision, and the lessons of the past to the challenges of the future, through a tested international team of experienced political and military practitioners.

Engaging with current decision-makers and their senior advisors and listening to our citizens, the Gold Strategy Institute offers fresh insights and practical solutions to both familiar and imminent problems on the world stage.

TheGold Institute's scope of work comprises a variety of different disciplines, notably energy, national security, geopolitical and risk analysis. Within the realm of the aforementioned categories the mission-critical tasks include:

Aid Western Governments in the professionalizing and crafting and execution of national security strategy

Multi-national collaborative net assessment initiative

Providing forecasting and guidance regarding international affairs, through rigorous research, analysis, and quality data

A focus to make U.S. National Security bureaucracy more accountable to the U.S. taxpayer

Provide policy makers with strategic guidance on war fighting

Safeguarding our Western norms and values and democracy through strengthening transatlantic cooperation

Provide law enforcement with proactive policing policies related to Anti-Semitism

National political journalism, separating the private truth from the public lies



MEET OUR TEAM

LEADERSHIP



Eli M. Gold

Chairman and President

Eli M. Gold is the President of the Gold Institute for International Strategy. Prior to creating the Gold Institute Eli was the co-founder a leading foreign policy and national security think tank. Eli Gold has created go-to organization for U.S. policy makers, as well as foreign governments seeking guidance on the most complex foreign policy and defense issues.

In his work with Congress Mr. Gold has created a network of congressional members on Capitol Hill to work toward a common goal. He is regularly consulted on the drafting a variety of legislation and to host briefings with a variety of U.S. and foreign government officials and policy experts on Capitol Hill regarding current defense or foreign policy concerns.

At the request of members of European parliaments, Eli has created a TransAtlantic Dialogue where members of congress and parliament can work together in an off the record manner to discuss security concerns in an unobstructed environment. He has offered policy guidance to numerous candidates seeking office at all levels of government including Governor, U.S. House, Senate and 3 presidential candidates.



Adam S. Lovinger

Vice President of Strategic Affairs

Since 2006 Adam S. Lovinger has served as a strategist in the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment (ONA), where he provided direct support on long-term strategy to the Secretary of Defense.

For the first four months of the Trump Administration, Lovinger served as Senior Director for Strategic Assessments at the U.S. National Security Council (NSC). Prior to the Trump Administration, the strategic assessment directorate had not existed at the NSC since 1973. The strategic assessment portfolio was created in 1971 when Henry Kissinger brought Andrew W. Marshall from the RAND Corporation to the NSC. On becoming Secretary of Defense in 1973, James Schlesinger transferred that role to the Pentagon, where it has stayed ever since as the Office of Net Assessment.

Working from within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) between

2006 and 2017, Mr. Lovinger conducted diagnostic analyses highlighting emerging strategic problems and opportunities confronting the Department's leadership and identified strategic management issues relating to the long-term military competition between the U.S. and her competitors.

Mr. Lovinger's portfolio within ONA has included net assessments and competitive strategies developed for the Secretary of Defense on:

- All elements of the long-term strategic competition between the U.S. and China in the Indian Ocean region and sub-Saharan Africa.
- How the discipline of net assessment, as developed over forty years within ONA, may inform "alliance strategy" with a specific focus on Europe, and the U.S.-India-Israel "strategic triad."
- The long-term global strategic competition between the U.S. and "regressive" non-state forces and ideological movements.

Between November 2014 and May

2017, Mr. Lovinger led the first and only sustained government-to-government collaborative net assessment partnership with a foreign country. In January 2017, in a letter to Indian Defence Minister Parrikar, the U.S. Secretary of Defense recognized Lovinger's pioneering U.S.-India

collaborative net assessment partnership as a critical component of the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership in support of the President's recognition of India as a Major Defense Partner.



In addition to his regular teaching at Georgetown University, since 2011 Mr. Lovinger

has served as guest lecturer of U.S. grand strategy

formation, net assessment, and the emerging U.S.-China long-term strategic competition at Yale University's superpowers of influence series and the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

Abroad, he has lectured and participated as a panelist for myriad private and public organizations including the German Council on Foreign Relations, Oxford University's Changing Character of War Series, Permanent Joint Headquarters Command of the British Armed Forces, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, United Services of Institute of India, the European Commission, and the European Parliament.

Since 2014, Mr. Lovinger has served as adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, McCourt School of Public Policy and McDonough School of Business.

Prior to his government service, Mr. Lovinger was an international project finance lawyer in the London-based law firms Clifford Chance and Freshfields.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, and a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.



Saul Montes-Bradley

Vice President of Communications

Trained as an Electrical Engineer and later in Romance Languages, Saul Montes-Bradley left NYU in 1982 to become a Consultant to the UNDP Administrator. Disillusioned with the UN bureaucracy, he went to work for Arrow Air in 1983, then as General Manager for AER and TAR Airlines and eventually Director and General Manager of Aeroposta Airlines, the first privately owned major carrier in Argentina since the 1950s. Back in the US, he spent 17 years in Wall Street and is now a genealogist and researcher living with his family in Virginia.

For nearly thirty years, he has studied the evolution of terrorism in South America and the Middle East and witnessed how misguided policies have enabled and strengthened Islamic National Socialist movements in the Middle East and around the world.

He has published numerous books and dozens of articles on historical and genealogical subjects and on the rise of Islamic National Socialism.



Alex Shively

Vice President of Legislative Affairs

Alex Shively has served in Congress for 15 years for Members of both the House and Senate including Senators Saxby Chambliss and Elizabeth Dole, as well as

Chairmen Tom Price and Chris Cox in the House.

While in Congress, he led policy and legislative efforts on a wide range of issues including telecom, energy and financial services. Alex also worked for the Republican Study Committee.

Having run a number of campaigns, he has extensive expertise in grassroots organization, community outreach and strategic communications, and has demonstrated success at the local, state and federal level. Alex continues to be on the cutting-edge of public policy, working with candidates and coalitions to more effectively communicate positions and to better organize local activists to participate in the legislative and electoral process. His background in management, including the development, communication and execution of winning policy and legislative strategies is instrumental in meeting clients' short- and long-term goals.

In addition to political and campaign experience, he has also led the government affairs department of a national trade organization, where he spear-headed strategic policy efforts on a wide range of legislative interests on the Hill, in state legislatures and abroad. His work includes successfully navigating the needs of the organization's diverse membership in order to reach consensus across complex and varied interests.

He has a strong understanding of the legislative and regulatory process and continues to maintain strong relationships on both sides of the aisle, as well as on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In his personal time, Alex and his wife, Bethany, share a passion for foster care and adoption, advocating for greater community participation.

Derk Jan Eppink (born 7 November 1958) is a Dutch writer and politician, and former cabinet secretary for European Commissioners Bolkestein (1999–2004) and Kallas (2004 – 2007). In 2009, he was elected to the European Parliament for a Flemish party and sat on the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) Executive as Vice-President.

He masters various languages among them Dutch, English, German, French, Spanish, Russian, conversational Mandarin and written Arabic.

Eppink was born in Steenderen, Gelderland. He studied Dutch law at the VU University in Amsterdam (1977–1981) and thereafter European law and International Politics at the University of Amsterdam. In 1984 he moved to Brussels to become trainee at the European Commission. Thereafter he worked for 3 years as assistant to Members of the European Parliament.

In 1987, Derk Jan Eppink joined the Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad where he was assigned to the foreign desk. He covered South Africa (the release of Nelson Mandela), worked as correspondent in Poland and became political editor reporting on Dutch politics in The Hague. In 1995, he moved to the Flemish newspaper De Standaard where he reported on Belgian politics. He wrote two books on his experiences in Belgian politics: *Vreemde Buren* (Odd neighbors), *Avonturen van een Nederbelg* (Adventures of a Nederbelg).

In October 1999, he started working as member of

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**Derk Jan
Eppink MP**

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cabinet of Dutch European Commissioner Frits Bolkestein. He was Bolkestein's liaison with the European Parliament, speechwriter and also assigned to liberalization of postal markets. In 2004, in co-operation with Bolkestein, he published the book *The Limits of Europe*. In October 2004 Eppink joined the cabinet of Siim Kallas, European Commissioner from Estonia, responsible for administration, audit and anti-fraud. In March 2007 Eppink published his book 'Life of a European Mandarin' describing his experiences in the European Commission. The book has been published in Dutch, English, French Estonian and Czech.

In 2007 Eppink moved to New York City as his wife worked for the United Nations. He reported on the 2008 American presidential election for Flemish and Dutch magazines, radio and television. He wrote a column on foreign affairs for Dutch weekly *Elsevier* and is contributor to various Dutch radio and television programs, like *NOS Met het Oog op Morgen* and *RTL Business Class*.

In 2009, Eppink returned to Belgium to run for the European Parliament for the List Dedecker party. He co-founded the ECR with the British Conservatives. In the European Parliament he became member of the Economic and Monetary Committee, the International Trade Committee, the Budget- and Budget Control Committee. He also joined the parliamentary delegation with the US and China. In 2010 he published another book on the EU: 'The Tower of Babel is in Brussels'. During his term as European politician (2009-2014) he wrote a bi-weekly column on international affairs for the newspaper *NRC Handelsblad* and thereafter *De Volkskrant*.



Congressman Trent Franks

Distinguished Fellow

Congressman Trent Franks is a conservative, Reagan Republican, and served 15 years in the United States

Congress. Trent served on the House Judiciary Committee where he was Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. He was also a member of the House Armed Services Committee, serving on the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee, and as Vice Chair of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee. Trent chaired the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Caucus as well as the Congressional Caucus on Adoption, the International Religious Freedom Caucus, and the Missile Defense Caucus.

Trent served as a founding co-chairman of the Congressional Israel Allies Caucus and is a staunch advocate of Israel. Congressman Bob McEwen currently serves as Executive Director of the Council for National Policy (CNP), a nonpartisan, educational foundation of more than 400 members including the nation's premier conservative leaders in government, business, academia, media, religion, and politics.



Hon. MG Mahmoud Hassanin

Distinguished Fellow

Major General Mahmoud Hassanin (O-8) {Retired in July 2022} has over 35 years of professional experience in leadership, strategic planning, international relationships with a focus in military diplomacy, defense engagement and politics. He held various positions on both Tactical and Operational Level in the Egyptian military, including AD Company CDr, AD Battalion CDr, AD Brigade CDr, AD Division level Commander. He has experience in Armament & Acquisition through working with different defense companies in China, UK, USA, & Canada.

The MG Hassanin held numerous positions representing the Egyptian Ministry of Defense abroad as Deputy Defense Attaché for Armament & Acquisition in Beijing China for 2 years. The Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force Attaché in London UK for 2 years and he

received his promotion to Major General while there in 2017. He subsequently served as the Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force Attaché in the USA and Canada based in Washington D.C. for 18 months.

During his leadership period in the UK, he was elected as Doyen of the Association of Military Attachés and while in Washington, appointed by the Pentagon as the Dean for Washington Association of Military Attachés. Throughout his career he visited Rome, Vatican, Morocco, Austria, Russia, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Paris, Thailand, and Mexico.

On the strategic level he held many positions both inside and out of Egypt. MG Hassanin served as Chief General Inspector of the Air Defense Force, the Chief of manpower, personnel and human resources of the Air Defense Force, the Chief of Organizational Planning of the Air Defense Force, and Assistant to the Air Defense Commander of Egypt.

He accomplished vast amounts of research in the military field including translating the NATO's book of Military Terminologies. He supervised many research papers for both Egyptian and Foreign Officers on counter terrorism, cybersecurity, and AD operations.

The Major General holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Air Defense Science from Air Defense Academy of Egypt and a Bachelor of Engineering in Communication and Electro physics from Alexandria University, he finished his Masters.

Major General Hassanin received a fellowship from the Higher War College of Nasser Academy in 2010 and attended a variety of training courses in Chaparral Missile Systems at Fort bliss Texas in 1993 and the Officer Advanced course at Fort bliss Texas in 1997 and joined the Senior Strategic Leadership

Program SSLP at the Defense Academy in Shrivenham UK in 2018.

Currently, the Major General is working on his Ph.D. at Cairo University (Crisis and Risk Management). The Major General Is married to Ghada, both having 2 sons (Ahmed is a Lieutenant {LT/O-3} in the Egyptian Navy and Mohamed a Financial Accountant).



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Mr. McEwen meets regularly with members of Washington's diplomatic community by co-hosting with former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese a weekly breakfast for leading Ambassadors during their posting in the United States. He appears frequently on such network programming as Fox News, CNN's Crossfire, The Today Show, Good Morning America, and others. His writings have appeared in numerous national publications.

An outstanding communicator, Congressman McEwen is a leading advocate for Democracy and free market economics. As such, he maintains an active international speaking schedule.

Fit-for-55 is an irresponsible experiment with our economy

JULY 14, 2021
By: Robert Roos MEP, Honorary Distinguished Fellow

For decades now our Western society has made a success out of democracy and an economy based on free market forces. It is no coincidence that the two go hand in hand, because in an environment where people have the freedom to think and act, innovation and progress arise. Another key component of this success was affordable and reliable energy. The prosperity that these three components have brought us has also ensured that we have made great strides in improving the environment and living standards especially in the Western part of Europe.

But the economic freedom that has brought us so much may well be over. Today, 'Fit for 55' is presented as part of Frans Timmermans' Green Deal, a mega package of legislation from the European Commission to 'green' the economy.

Updates to existing EU laws:

- Revision of the EU emission trading scheme (EU ETS)
- Revision of the regulation on land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)
- Revision of the effort sharing regulation (ESR)
- Amendment to the renewable energy directive (RED)
- Amendment to the energy efficiency directive (EED)
- Revision of the alternative fuels infrastructure directive (AFID)
- Amendment of the regulation setting CO2 emission standards for cars and vans
- Revision of the energy taxation directive

New legislative proposals:

- New EU forest strategy
- A carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM)

• A Climate Action Social Facility

- ReFuelEU Aviation – on sustainable aviation fuels
- FuelEU Maritime – on greening Europe's maritime space

The Commission claims that this package will modernize the economy, stimulate innovation and provide a competitive advantage over other economies. But when politicians (especially EU politicians!) talk about innovation and competitiveness, alarm bells go off in my head.

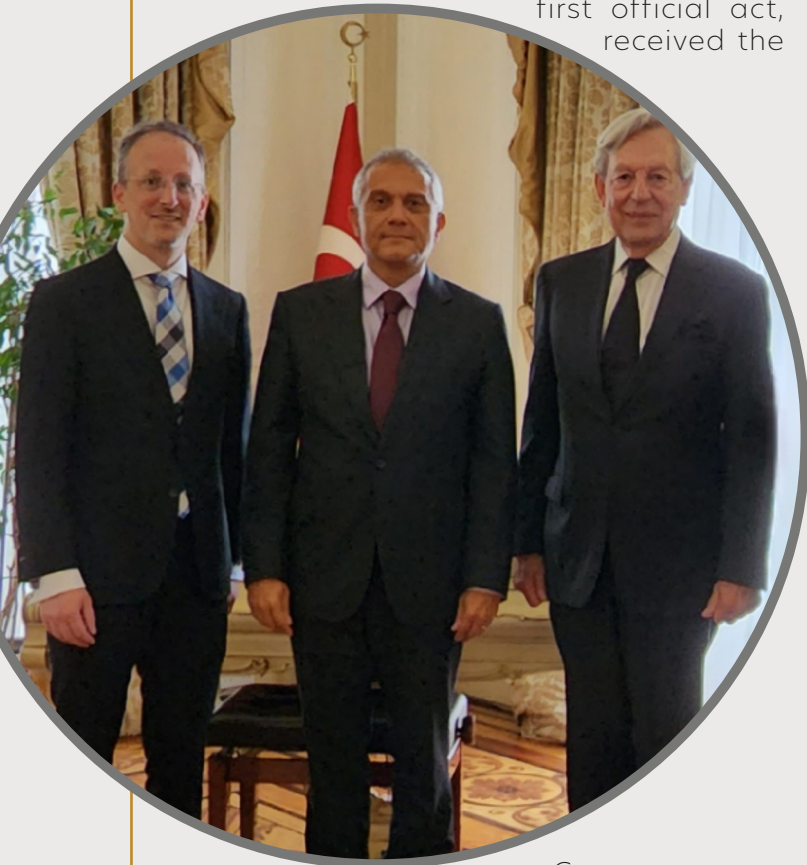
A European planned economy and a display of lost faith in the free market

All aspects of our economy will be affected by this proposal. The European Commission is embarking on a risky venture in which it not only says 'what should be done, but also 'how' it should be done. The government

He has been invited as the featured guest speaker at Presidential Prayer Breakfasts in more than 20 countries.

Mr. McEwen was elected to represent Ohio's Sixth district in the U.S. House of Representatives for six terms. During his congressional service, Mr. McEwen filled a variety of positions. He was asked to serve as Special Presidential Envoy for both Presidents Reagan and Bush. He also was selected as a U.S. representative to the European Parliament from 1985 to 1993. As such, McEwen was a participant in a variety of political and military negotiations within the European Union.

On August 23, 1989, Congressman McEwen and Senator Robert Dole participated as United States observers in Warsaw, Poland to the first ever Parliamentary election of a non-Communist leader of a Soviet bloc country. Hours later, the new Prime Minister, in his first official act, received the



Congressman and Senator prior to meeting with the Soviet representatives of the regime that had occupied that nation for 50 years. This action was the spark that encouraged the collapse of Soviet dominated governments throughout Eastern Europe culminating

in the destruction of the Berlin Wall 10 weeks later. Congressman McEwen and Senator Dole met the following day with the President and U.S. National Security team in Kennebunkport, Maine to fashion the U.S. response and position in support of Warsaw Pact nations seeking to break away from Soviet domination.

Congressman McEwen served as an official U.S. observer in Moscow during both the 1991 Soviet Coup attempt and was the only American present in the Kremlin in January of 1992 when the Soviet Union was dissolved.

Mr. McEwen was elected by his colleagues to the two most coveted positions in the U. S. Congress: the Select Committee on Intelligence which oversees all of our nation's secrets and the powerful House Committee on Rules which has jurisdiction over all legislation in Congress. As one of only four Republicans on the 13 member Rules Committee, Mr. McEwen managed nearly onethird of all legislation on the House floor for the Republican side of the Congressional aisle.

Mr. McEwen remains a member of a select Congressional leadership team that meets weekly when Congress is in session. This exclusive group includes leaders of both the House of Representatives and Senate. Its purpose is to design the legislative strategy and calendar for floor action. Annually since 1996, McEwen is one of a quartet of Members of Congress from both the House and Senate to host a gathering of Balkan Prime Ministers and Parliamentarians for the purpose of facilitating dialogue and reconciliation in that troubled region of the world.

Prior to joining CNP, Mr. McEwen served as a Senior Advisor to Greenebaum, Doll & McDonald, a leading national law firm with offices in Cincinnati and Washington, D.C. He also led Empower America along with his colleagues the Honorable Jack Kemp, former drug czar and Education Secretary William Bennett, and United Nations Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick.

Prior to his Congressional service, he served as Vice President of one of Ohio's largest Real Estate and Development firms as well as serving three terms in the Ohio House of Representatives as the Senior Republican on the Financial Institutions

and Insurance Committee.

Among Congressman McEwen's many awards are:

- Watchdog of the Treasury (each year in office)
- Guardian of Small Business, NFIB (each year in office)
- American Conservative Union: ACU 95% lifetime average
- Golden Plow Award from the National Farm Bureau

Congressman McEwen attended the University of Miami and Ohio State University, College of Law.

Mr. McEwen is married to the former Liz Boebinger of Canton, Ohio and together they have four children and eight grandchildren. Bob & Liz have volunteered as speakers at Family Life Marriage Conferences in the U.S. and Canada. Bob was both a deacon and an elder at the Hillsboro Church of Christ.



Robert Roos MEP

Hon. Distinguished Fellow

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Roos worked for ten years as an

employee in engineering and construction companies on big projects in the oil and gas industry and also in the infrastructure industry.

In 2000, he decided to start his own business on the garret with some saved money. The Dutch Railway company was the first customer. Soon other big companies in the oil & gas, transport-, water supply- and telecommunications sector followed. In 2011 Roos started his own telecom company. He invests and built fiber optic networks for business services in the Netherlands. In 2013 he started also as an Internet Service Provider on his own networks. Roos founded in total eight companies, bought companies and merged them. In 2016 he sold his first cluster of companies and in 2018 the second cluster. He decided that it was time to contribute to society by bringing some common sense into politics.

At the end of 2016, Roos met Thierry Baudet who just had decided to transform his political thinktank Forum for Democracy into a political party. A conservative movement. That decision was made due to EU association agreement with Ukraine. The people of the Netherlands voted in a referendum against the agreement but the government ignored the result. Like 2005 with the treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. In both cases the government only changed the names. Roos told Baudet that he had built several companies and that experience was useful for building a new political party. Roos became the campaign leader for the Dutch elections in 2019. Two and a half years after the start of the political party, Forum for Democracy became the largest party of the Netherlands.

Roos was elected in the biggest province of the Netherlands, in the Senate and also in the European Parliament. He chose for the European Parliament and he has been an MEP since July 2019.



Hermann Leopold Tertsch MEP

Hon. Distinguished Fellow

H e r m a n n Tertsch del Valle-Lersundi is a member of the European Parliament for the VOX Political Party list. He is Vice President of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) parliamentary group, Vice President of the Europe Latin America (EuroLat) Parliamentary Assembly, and member of the Foreign Affairs (AFET) and Environment (ENVI) Commissions. He is also the President of the ECR EuroLat Policy Group.

Tertsch has spent his entire professional career as a political journalist and 2019 was the first time he ran for elections.

Dedicated with special attention to the cultural battle against Marxism and globalism and promoter of an anti-communist front against the Sao Paulo Forum and the Puebla Group, Tertsch has been appointed as a member of the board of trustees of the Disenso foundation that chairs Santiago Abascal. In addition, he has been appointed president of the Editorial Board of the Gaceta de la Iberosfera, the foundation's newspaper.

Journalist born in Madrid in 1958 to an Austrian father and a Spanish mother, he is one of the references of the media in matters of national and international politics.

Coming from the family journalistic company, the economic bulletin Spanish Economic News Service, began its journey in agency journalism in 1982 in the Vienna delegation of the EFE Agency, which covered all the capitals of the then Warsaw Pact beyond the Iron Curtain. In 1985 he joined the newspaper El País in its international section, where months later he was appointed the newspaper's correspondent in Bonn and Warsaw, covering the fall of all the communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe and the explosion of the conflict in the Balkans. End of 1993 he was appointed deputy editor of the newspaper El País and head of the Ed-Op section. He was in charge of



editorial comments and external contributions for the largest newspaper in Spain during for three years. From 1997 to 2007, he was special correspondent for this newspaper and travelled extensively in Europe, South and Central America, Middle East and Asia. In 2007 he left El País due to political disagreements.

Few months later, he was hired as a columnist and analyst for the newspaper ABC for which he frequently travelled for coverage of foreign relevant events and interviews. For two years, he combined this work with the post as director and editor of the late night news show "Diario de la Noche" at Telemadrid, which became a political reference for the Spanish conservatives. After ceding the direction he continued with his political analysis editorials on the television station. He has worked as analyst, talk show fellow and commentator with all the main radio and television stations in Spain from SER, COPE, RNE, OndaCero to EsRadio, from CNN+, Tele5, Antena3, TVE to foreign stations.

He is author of several books, some essays, like "La Venganza de la historia", "Libelo contra la secta" and "Días de ira" and some novels as "La Acuarela" and "Cita en Varsovia".

He has given lectures throughout Europe. He has received numerous awards, among them the Cirilo Rodríguez, the Continent Prize for Journalism, the International Press Club Prize and the Europe Prize for Journalism of the European Parliament. He was awarded the Medals of the State Prize of Merit of the Austrian Republic and the Golden Cross of Merit of the State of Hungary.



Geoffrey Van Orden CBE

Distinguished Fellow

Geoffrey Van Orden is a former soldier and senior politician. He was the last leader of the British Conservatives in the European Parliament before Britain left the EU on 31 January 2020. He had been re-elected five times since 1999 by the British people as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP - "European Senator").

Before entering politics he was a military intelligence officer for 30 years. His first operational posting was to Borneo in 1965 in defence of the newly-formed state of Malaysia during the "Confrontation" war. He went on to become a counter terrorism specialist and at the age of 27 was awarded the MBE for special duties in Northern Ireland at the height of the IRA terrorist troubles in the early 1970s (MBE is literally "Member of the Order of the British Empire", an honour first introduced by King George V during World War I. He was subsequently promoted to be a Commander of the Order (CBE), for political services). He first visited

Kashmir in 1977 with the Indian Army, Sri Lanka in 1977 with the Sri Lankan armed forces, and Israel in 1984 with the Israeli Defence Forces.

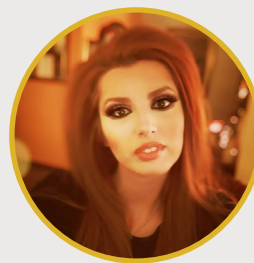
He visits all these countries regularly. He spent over 5 years in Berlin and in 1989, before the Fall of the Wall, was Chief of Staff of the British Sector and Head of the Military Intelligence Staff. He attended the Indian Defence Service Staff College and instructed at the German General Staff College. His last military appointment was at NATO Headquarters in Brussels in 1994 as a Brigadier (Brigadier-General).

From the time of his first election to the European Parliament he was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

He became its Vice Chairman, a member of the Defence Committee and the Conservative Foreign Affairs and Defence Spokesman. He was also Vice Chairman of the Special Committee on Terrorism. He led the opposition to the EU's defence policies and called consistently for revitalisation of the NATO alliance. He chaired the Delegation for Relations with India and the Friends of Sri Lanka, was the founding CoChairman of the Asia-Europe Political Forum and a long-standing member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee with Turkey.

He is a Member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and writes regularly on security and defense issues.

SENIOR FELLOWS



Yvonne Marie Antonoglou

Senior Fellow

Yvonne Marie Antonoglou is an Intelligence Analyst working as a Security/Foreign Affairs/Counter Terrorism adviser for private and public entities, as well as Think Tanks and Non-Governmental Organisations in Europe, the US and the M.E. Her areas of expertise include the European Union's intelligence and counter terrorism continuum and she has professional/operational knowledge on a plethora of geopolitical/security issues at an international level.

She has a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish & Political Science (with a focus on Latin American Geopolitics & History) from the Ionian University (of Greece) and a MSc from the London Metropolitan University in Intelligence & Counter Terrorism; she is currently working on her PhD in intelligence and security studies.

She is a regular contributor to European Journals and Research Outlets (regarding terrorism, intelligence and

international relations) and a political adviser for a number of private and public entities in Europe, the US politics.



Brigadier General Ernest C. Audino, US Army (Ret)

Senior Fellow

Brigadier General Ernest C. Audino, US Army (Ret), currently serves as Senior Advisor to the Kurdistan National Assembly of Syria. He also serves as SVP of Military Market Development for Raydon Corporation, a world leader in state-of-the-art virtual training capabilities for domestic and international defense and security forces.

General Audino graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1983 and retired in 2011 after a 28-year Army career. He served multiple



assignments in armor, cavalry, infantry and Stryker units. Other key assignments include service as an Army Congressional Fellow in the US Senate, duty as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Director of Nuclear Support at the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

His last assignment was as the Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, US Army, in the Pentagon.

He considers his most significant assignment to be his service in Iraq where he commanded a team of combat advisors embedded in 3rd Infantry Brigade, 4th Division Iraqi Army. His brigade was formed entirely from Kurdish peshmerga (guerrilla units) remissioned to conduct counterinsurgency operations.



Marc Black

Senior Fellow

Marc Black served 20 years with the New York City Police Department (NYPD), retiring June 2020 at the rank of Detective Investigator. His assignments included:

Counterterrorism Division

Responsible for conducting security and vulnerability assessments (SAVA) and threat assessments on critical infrastructure in New York City. Areas of concentration include houses of worship, utilities, and sports/entertainment venues. Liaison with the Fire Department of New York City Explosives Unit to establish secure logistic routes and venue security of locations which utilize energetic materials. Intermediary with Federal agencies which are working with foreign-friendly nations to establish counterterrorism programs for local law enforcement. Evaluator for the federal Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) in New York City.

Arson & Explosion Squad

Investigated major post blast and arson crimes associated with fire and blast fatalities in conjunction with the New York City Fire Department and federal and state law enforcement agencies to determine origin and cause. Examined post blast incidents caused by improvised explosive devices as well as explosive materials illegally obtained by individuals and criminal organizations. Investigated arsons and incendiary incidents to determine origin and cause.

Computer Crimes Squad

Investigated computer crimes and analyzed computer forensic information using accepted law enforcement techniques and technologies. Investigations: Computer intrusions/DOS/computer trespass, identity fraud, child exploitation, Internet scams, and financial crimes.

Intelligence Division

Synchronized communications of international terrorist incidents with New York City Police Investigators Overseas Liaison Units. Coordinated crisis management programs through the Fusion Center with the New York City Police Department and federal law enforcement agencies, FEMA, U.S. Military, and Office of Emergency Management (New York City).



**Matthew
R.J. Brodsky**

Senior Fellow

Matthew R.J. Brodsky is a Middle East expert, geopolitical analyst. Previously, he was the Director of Policy for the Washington, DC-based think tank, the Jewish Policy Center (JPC) and Editor of the JPC's journal, inFOCUS Quarterly. Before joining the JPC, Mr. Brodsky was a Legacy Heritage Fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC). He has briefed members of Congress, the Department of

State, the Department of Defense, Special Operations Command, and the National Security Council.

Mr. Brodsky has published numerous scholarly journal articles, international and national newspaper editorials, and magazine features, and wrote the chapter on Syria in the AFPC's World Almanac of Islamism (2011 & 2014). He is also a frequent contributor to the National Review, the Jerusalem Post, the National Interest, the Federalist, and the Hill. He also has been interviewed as a Middle East subject expert in newspapers internationally, on television news outlets, and nationally syndicated radio shows. A specialist in Middle East affairs and Arab politics, he graduated with magna cum laude honors with a Master of Arts degree in Middle East History from Tel Aviv University.



**J. Lawrence
Cunningham**

Senior Fellow

J. Lawrence Cunningham retired from the United States Secret Service after a diverse and accomplished career. Mr. Cunningham's 20-year career encompassed supervisory experience in all aspects of Secret Service jurisdiction. As the Agent in Charge of the USSS Office located in San Jose, California, he coordinated and supervised the security arrangements for visiting dignitaries to include Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, Presidents of the United States, Presidential Candidates and other foreign Heads-of-State. His oversight of law enforcement personnel, motorcade routes, sites, and communications included the development and evaluation of crisis management and emergency contingency plans. Liaison duties included a seven-year membership on the Santa Clara County's Law Enforcement Executive Council. Other responsibilities included the development and prosecution of numerous domestic and international criminal cases involving

complex telemarketing, credit card fraud, computer-hacking and hightech fraud operations. His office developed precedent setting cases resulting in updated Federal Criminal Statutes. In these efforts, he streamlined the prosecution guidelines and procedures with the local District Attorney and the U. S. Attorney's Offices. Mr. Cunningham served on the Presidential Protective Division at the White House for five years and conducted international security advances for Presidential visits to Canada, China, France, Grenada and Germany, where his fluency in German was utilized. His other duties encompassed protective detail training and the supervision of the security agents assigned to conduct security advances. During his assignment to the Secret Service Office of Training, Mr. Cunningham played a key role in the development of programs resulting in the implementation of new policies for the Secret Service. These efforts involved establishing new agent and in-service agent training curricula and the revision of the agent applicant hiring criteria. Noteworthy among these included the development of specialized training programs for agents assigned to the White House Presidential Detail. In addition, following the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan, Mr. Cunningham consulted with Dr. Kenneth Cooper of the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas, Texas and developed the Secret Service mandatory fitness program. A major component of this included the implementation of a stress management curriculum for in-service training.

He is affiliated with the Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention and has contributed to the development of a multifactor risk reduction program for public safety officers.

Graduating High School with French and German, Shana went on to attend school in London to study Art.

After immigrating to the U.S, Shana graduated with Honors from Marygrove College in Michigan, with a degree in Psychology. She was honored to speak at their Academic Symposium and granted the "Excellence in Psychology" award at Graduation. Shana has worked the last couple of years in global interfaith affairs.



Robyn Gritz [FBI S.A. Ret.]

Senior Fellow

Robyn Gritz [FBI S.A. Ret.] is a retired FBI Supervisor – Special Agent with extensive real world experience. Her work with the FBI included major positions and responsibilities:

Supervisor – Special Agent Counterter terrorism Division

Unit Chief – Executive Strategy Unit, WMD Directorate

Supervisory	Special	Agent-
Washington	Field	Office
Extraterritorial Counterterrorism and Abductions		

Security Multi-agency, Intelligence Community Anti-Terrorism Operations Homegrown Violent Extremists Strategic Planning & Partnerships Major Case Experience Security Clearance International Relations

Sensitive and Undercover Investigations InterAgency and Task Force Liaison Intelligence Collection and Analysis Threat Assessments

Counterintelligence Investigations Basic AntiTerrorism for Law Enforcement International Operations Inspections & Compliance Audits Human Source Development Special Events Security Operations Planning Pertinent Classes/



Shana Forta

Vice President of Operations

Shana Forta was born and educated in a small community in Northern England, not far from the beautiful Lake District in Cumbria.

Training: Virginia Concealed Utah Concealed Executive Program in Advanced Security Studies – George C. Marshall Center (Garmisch, Germany) Norton/Kaplan

Strategic Execution Master Course MidLevel Leadership Course- DoD Leadership Development Seminar 2012 The Emerging Executive – Northeastern Univ Executive Development Institute- FBI Personnel Recovery Debriefers Course- DoD JPRA Reintegration Team Responsibilities- DoD JPRA Personnel Recovery Level I- DoD JPRA Seven Habits of Highly Effective People Kellogg Navigating Strategic Change- Northwestern Univ Interview/Interrogation (Reid) Pertinent Certifications: Police Instructor Certified Joint Duty Credit USG CPR and First Aid Certified Crisis Intervention (NJ State Cert) Animal Rescue in Disasters HSUS Personnel Recovery I and II Personal Recovery Debriefing Specialties: Counter terrorism Ethical Leadership Strategic Planning and Execution (Norton Kaplan Strategic Execution Master Class) Terrorist Use of the Internet Counterintelligence and Espionage Criminal Investigation Weapons of Mass Destruction International Relations Extraterritorial Counter-terrorism Investigator Policy Compliance Legal Investigative Audit Crime and Intelligence Analysis Physical and Technical Surveillance.



skills to achieve multi-phased program development and implementation across industries.

Ms. Ledeen has served in various U.S. Government and business leadership positions, most recently as the presidentially appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East Policy where her leadership of U.S. defense policy spanned Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Her experience on multiple overseas deployments influenced key counterterrorism activities, intelligence collection and analysis, as well as military information support operations involving cyber and disinformation, irregular warfare, direct action, sensitive special operations and personnel recovery/ hostage issues.

Ms. Ledeen's work has also been shaped by her 20 years of experience prior to appointment with the Department of Defense. She draws on her work as Executive Director at Standard Chartered Bank managing multi-national financial crime compliance; Senior U.S. Treasury Representative to NATO's International Security Assistance Force; Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Finance; and as a member of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

She is a Visiting Fellow at the



Simone Ledeen

Senior Fellow

Simone Ledeen is a strategic influencer of complex, long-term initiatives and plans with global impact. Through her work, Ms. Ledeen has shaped the thinking of the nation's senior-most leaders, including Members of Congress, other U.S. government officials, and partners abroad, on matters of defense, finance, telecom, and transportation. She is a trusted collaborator leveraging vast networks and superb communication

National Security Institute of George Mason University's Antonin Scalia School of Law where she advocates to foster global security and facilitate international business. Ms. Ledeen has an MBA from the Bocconi University School of Management and a Bachelor of Arts degree with from Brandeis University. With a strong intercultural competency having lived several years abroad, she is fluent in Italian and conversational in French, Arabic, Polish, and Hebrew.



Toshio Masuda

Senior Fellow

Toshio Masuda was born in Tokyo to one of the descendants of the historic 47 Samurai of Japan. Considered a very eclectic, dynamic and active person, his physical age has been proven at 59 years old through a biological analysis in hospitals in Japan and USA. In 1963 he graduated from Keio University in Tokyo and began his professional career working for Tokyu Agency Ltd., one of the largest marketing firms in Japan.

In 1974 Mr. Masuda moved to California in advance of the boom in low cost, fuel-efficient Japanese car purchases in the United States where he established a Japanese auto repair shops. From 1975 to 1987 Mr. Masuda became an exclusive manufacturer of Japanese decors, including Futon, Tatami and Shoji screens.

In 1989, Mr. Masuda became a licensed real estate broker in Hawaii and set real property sales records in the state in 1999 and 2000. In 1995, Mr. Masuda returned to Japan where he became a writer and commentator on economic, business, and political affairs. His views have been in such demand that he became the record holder for the most business lectures in Japan each year from 1999-2004.

Until 2008, Mr. Masuda was an

editor-in-chief of "The Will of Capital", one of the most influential monthly magazines on business, politics and economics in Japan. Mr. Masuda is and was a regular writer for many newspapers and magazines not only Japan but also in Korea, Taiwan and other Asian countries.

Mr. Masuda is a highly respected best selling author of many economic and political affairs books including:

"Mr. Bush, You Say to Remember the WTC, Like We Remember Pearl Harbor"(2001), where he anticipated September 11; wrote "Before Sept.12, the US will be upside down and go in for a war."

- "Economic Forecast" 2003 (Diamond Business)
- "Economic Forecast" 2004 (Diamond Business)
- "Economic Forecast" 2005 (Diamond Business)
- "Secret Reasons Why The Japanese Economy Will Win Versus the US"(PHP)
- "High Yen With High Japan Economy" 2006
- "High US Dollar with High Japan Economy" 2006
- "Japan Will help US and the world recover it again" 2007
- "Again Japan as No. 1. will come" 2007 Best seller 2007-2008

Each of these books became "Best Sellers" in Japan as determined variously by the Nikkei Newspapers (the largest circulation newspaper in Japan), Asahi Newspaper and the Kinokuniya Bookstore (Japan's largest bookstore chain).



Brian McCauley

Senior Fellow

Brian McCauley has served with distinction for over thirty-five years in the





law enforcement and military communities, as a former senior executive of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), member of the United States Secret Service (USSS), and officer in the United States Marine Corps (USMC).

His expansive investigative and military experience includes leadership positions as the FBI Deputy Assistant Director of International Operations, Associate Deputy Director of the National Clandestine Service (NCS) for Intelligence Community Human Intelligence (HUMINT), Senior FBI Representative to the Director of Central Intelligence, Supervisory Counterterrorism Division Military Liaison & Detainee Unit, FBI Anthrax Investigation Team, and the first Legal Attaché in Kabul, Afghanistan responsible for agency operations. In addition, he completed domestic and international assignments at The White House and foreign missions with the USSS and the USMC.

He was recognized for his exceptional leadership for missions in Afghanistan which supported United States Special Forces and the FBI National Security missions that enabled the United States Government and International Special Operations Forces to detain and arrest numerous terrorists over an extensive period leading to major successes in the war on terror. He also led numerous innovative interagency and international initiatives, to include the hostage working cell, anti-corruption task force, and the Joint Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-ID) task force credited with saving the lives of numerous U.S. and International Coalition forces.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, to include the prestigious FBI Director's Award, Defense Intelligence Agency's Director's Award, Ellis Island Medal of Honor for operational collaboration and integration Department of Defense and the United States Special Operations Command, and the distinctive NCS Donovan Award.



Ellie Benjamin Stern

Senior Fellow

Ellie Benjamin Stern is an Israeli-American policy advisor, public policy professional, lecturer, strategist, consultant and expert on Foreign Policy & Congress and the US-Israel Alliance. He is a Senior Fellow with the London Center for Policy Research based jointly in Manhattan and the District of Columbia, serves on several startup advisory boards and non-governmental organization committees as a mentor and advisor, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D., Doctorate of Philosophy in Political Science from Bar-Ilan University. Stern earned his Master's Degree in European Studies with distinction focused in transatlantic trade, law and governance from Dusseldorf University in Germany and a Bachelor's Degree in Government, Diplomacy & Strategy with cum laude honors from the Interdisciplinary (IDC) Center in Herzliya.

He completed postgraduate studies in European & International Affairs from one of the oldest diplomatic schools in the world - the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna Austria. He holds from the IDC specializations and certificates in Conflict Resolutions, International Affairs and European Studies.

From the halls of Congress to the IDF, Stern has dedicated his life's work to defending western democracy, while seeking to ensure a secure and fruitful future between the United States and Israel.

Stern has served as Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, as well as several congressional staff positions in the United States House of Representatives, including Senior Legislative Assistant on domestic, foreign policy & financial services, which included a policy portfolio of international finance, capital markets, banking, housing & urban development.

He worked previously in the real-estate development sector for property developers & construction manufactures completing both commercial & residential projects. Stern also held in the Congress a senior legislative fellowship and was the first individual to hold positions of policy advisor on Israel & Middle Eastern Affairs and staff director of the bipartisan Congressional Israel Allies Caucus.

From his professional experiences and living & studying in the European Union, United States and Israel, Ellie has established a network around the world of experts, NGO groups, lay leaders, Christian and Jewish religious leaders, as well as lawmakers, senior officials, and staff at every level of government, including in the U.S. Congress, the Israeli Knesset, the Prime Minister of Israel's Office, the Israeli Foreign Ministry and virtually every sector of Israel's economy.



John Wohlstetter

Senior Fellow

John Wohlstetter is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute (beg. 2001) and held a similar position at the London Center for Policy Research (2013-2018). His primary areas of expertise are national security and foreign policy, especially nuclear proliferation. He is author of *Sleepwalking With The Bomb* (2nd ed. 2014), and *The Long War Ahead and the Short War Upon Us* (2008).

He was founder and editor of the issues blog *Letter From The Capitol* (2005-2015). He has authored numerous articles in publications, including *The American Spectator*, *National Review Online*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Human Events*, *The Daily Caller*, *PJ Media* and *The Washington Times*.

He gave over 1,000 radio interviews (2008-2015), many on nationwide programs, and guest-hosted the August 14, 2013 Dennis Miller Show. He worked on the foreign trading desks at Goldman Sachs (1969-73) & Drexel Burnham Lambert (1973-74). He was an attorney for Contel Corporation (1978-91), practicing general corporate and communications law; he shifted to strategic assessment, a task he also performed at GTE Corporation (1991-2000) and Verizon (2000); he retired in 2000. During his tenure at Contel he served as senior adviser to The Committee on Review of Switching, Synchronization and Network Control in National Security Telecommunications.

The Committee, created by the National Research Council, published its final report, *Growing Vulnerability of the Public Switched Networks: Implications for National Security Emergency Preparedness* (1989). He has authored numerous articles, covering a broad range of policy issues. He holds degrees from the University of Miami (B.B.A., 1969); Fordham University

School of Law (J.D., 1977); and The George Washington University (Public Policy/ Telecommunications, 1985). He is a trustee of the National Symphony Orchestra National Trustees (beg. 2014), and served on the NSO board of directors (1992-2014). He is a trustee of the Billy Rose Foundation (beg. 1996). He served as a trustee of MyFace (1980-2016), the Washington Bach Consort (2002-2018). He is an amateur concert pianist.



Neil W.
McCabe,

a Washingtonbased journalist, is the National Political Correspondent for the Star Newspapers Group (Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan and Minnesota) and the Washington Editor for Armed American Radio. Neil was a White House and Capitol Hill correspondent for One America News, and his news special "One America News Investigates: Biden Family Corruption" was the network's highest rated special. Neil covered Capitol Hill for Breitbart News, in addition to coordinating the site's BreitbartGravis poll program for the 2016 election cycle. Prior to that he was at Human Events, where he was both a senior reporter and the editor of HE's Guns & Patriots newsletter.

Before coming to Washington, Neil was a staff reporter for The Pilot, Boston's Catholic newspaper, and the photographer for the Sean Cardinal O'Malley's blog. He was also the editor of two Boston-area neighborhood newspapers, The Alewife and The Somerville News.

A public affairs NCO in the Army Reserve, McCabe deployed 15 months to Iraq as a combat historian, in addition to other mobilizations to XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg and the Army Reserve Medical Command.



Dr. Nahro Zagros

Senior Fellow

Dr. Nahro Zagros was born in Iraqi Kurdistan in 1974, and did his doctorate in Anthropology and ethnomusicology at York University (UK).

He is Vice President of Soran University (ranked number 1 in Iraqi Kurdistan), and writes for local and international newspapers and academic journals on Kurdistan's sociopolitical affairs within the wider Middle Eastern context.

His research interests include Middle Eastern politics, cultural anthropology, terrorism and counter-terrorism. Currently based in Kurdistan region of Iraq but works with different research centres in the Middle East, Europe and US.

MEDIA FELLOWS



Neil W. McCabe

Media Fellow



Adelle Nazarian

Media Fellow

Adelle Nazarian is a senior fellow at the Gold Institute. Her work on national security, foreign policy, human rights, and religious freedom is respected and recognized the world over.

Adelle is also a fellow at the New Delhi, India-based Observer Research Foundation (ORF). She has worked with CNN, FOX News, the Henry Jackson Society (HJS), Breitbart News, the American Spectator, the Daily Caller, The Investigative Journal (TIJ), and the International Observatory for Human Rights (IOHR) among other publications.

Her past exclusive interviews have included Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, former U.S. Ambassador John Bolton, Gov. Rick Perry (R-TX), Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Congressman Ro Khanna (D-CA), Imam Mohammad Tawhidi (Imam of Peace), Dr. Ben Carson (HUD), Gov. Howard Dean (D-VT), Vice President of the United States Michael Pence, Indian politician Shashi Tharoor, India's Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj, members of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and leaders in India's Congress Party, and Ukraine's Interior Minister Arsen Avakov, among others.

has been interviewed by many local and international media, press, radio and television agencies on local, and global political, historical, and social issues and affairs.

Rashdi began journalism in 1996 working for "Voice of Iranian Kurdistan" Radio and "Kurdistan" Newspaper. In 2004 he became a member of the editorial team of "Rêjwan" magazine in Sweden, publishing in Swedish and Kurdish.

Rashidi has translated tens of literary, political, and social articles into Kurdish, including the following four books: In Africa it's Always Midsummer, The Principles of a Democratic State, Peaceful and Civil Struggle, and Women's Rights, Human Rights.

From 2006 to 2010, Rahim was a member of the board of directors and the editor of the news department for "Tishk TV," located in Paris, France.

Rashidi has been a member of the "Swedish Union of Journalists" and the "International Federation of Journalists.". He is currently a member of the "Foreign Press Centre" (FPC) of the US State Department and a member of the



Rahim Rashidi

Media Fellow

Rahim Rashidi (Mr. Kurd) was born in 1978 in Markhoz village, Saqqez, Kurdistan. Rashidi started his career as a Peshmerga and can speak Kurdish, Farsi, Swedish, and English. Today, he is a human rights activist, writer, and journalist. He



"Foreign Press Correspondents" in the USA (AFPC-USA Club).

Additionally, Rashidi has been actively involved with the Kurdish Human Rights Watch and the Leadership Council for Human Rights in the United States since 2010. He wrote an article "What do the Kurds Want and Why They are Oppressed" for the Contemporary Social Issues book, published in the United States in English and Farsi.

In 2018, Rashdi was nicknamed "Mr. Kurd" by the President of the United States of America, and later, due to the impact of that nickname, he was named the "Man of the Year 2018" by the the "Washington Free Beacon" online newspaper. In June 2019, the Basnews Press Agency wrote this about Rashidi:

"Rahim Rashidi is one of the most active and enthusiastic Kurdish journalists who has roots in the Kurdish national democratic movement and resides in the United States. Rashid is an exemplary Kurdish activist and a role model Journalist who is a constant advocate of the Kurdish nation interests and a strong voice in defanging the Kurdish struggle in the US



Keeping Up With The Jingpings

DEC. 25, 2018

By: Eli M. Gold, President

With our Mid-East policy in disarray, China and Russia have not missed a beat and are stepping in to fill the gaps. It is clear the intention of their advances in technological research and development (R&D), military and otherwise, is to surpass the U.S.'s global distribution and ultimately become the dominant player in this area. As recently as May 2019, it has been reported that U.S. allies in the region have been meeting with the Chinese to become a Cyber hub for their Belt and Road Initiative.

While President Trump has been engaging China on trade talks, Xi Jinping has continued the largest military buildup of the last hundred years. On October 1st China's military exhibited to the public much of their high-tech weaponry, of which about half have never been seen before, leading many to question what they are not showing.

With Russia's hypersonic weapons

and China's cyber and space capabilities, it is no longer enough to keep up with the Jinpings, but rather is the time for the U.S. to step up and leave these questionable characters in our technological rearview mirrors. One such opportunity for the U.S. to take a significant step forward is with the upcoming merger of Raytheon Co (RTN) and United Technologies Corp (UTX). The mergers of such companies would create innovation powerhouses that would not only place the U.S. on track but give the necessary bandwidth to surpass competing nations in relatively short form.

In 1889 the commissioner of the U.S. patent office, Charles H. Duell, was widely quoted as saying, "Everything that can be invented has been invented," something that in 2019 we know is farthest from the truth. The race for technological advances within the defense sector has a far greater impact than in any other sector. In an age where there is a renewed weapons

race between the U.S. and its adversaries, mergers like this one between Raytheon and United Technologies become ever more significant.

Just recently, a Saudi oil field was attacked by 18 drones allegedly from Iran. No longer are attacks of this precision that have global ramifications only able to come from superpowers like the U.S. or Russia or China, but also now by rather small countries like Iran.

China has emerged as a global science and technology leader, with strong funding in research and development (R&D), which from 2000 - 2016 has risen to almost 25.1% in global R&D. Russia is leading the race in hypersonic technologies, something that the United States has yet to be able to defend against, and Iran has placed a great deal of their efforts in weaponizing Cyber and EMP. The U.S. is currently in catch up mode.

prestigious decisionmaking centers and headquarters, diplomatic venues, and international media outlets. In the recent years he has made tens of political figures, and Human Rights activists, to the friends of the legitimate cause of the Kurdish nation and the interests of Kurdistan; especially, he stimulated the

question of the independence of south Kurdistan in the American media and social groups. He appears everywhere as a long-standing advocate of his nation's rights. He has interviewed tens of international figures about the Kurds and Kurdistan and become a beloved person among his nation. Such people are proud among their nation. The history will honour them and they will be remembered for generations."

Today, Rahim is the Chief Correspondent for Kurdistan24 and Kurdistan TV in Washington, DC. Mr. Kurd also oversees the operations of Zagros TV's Arabic section. Rashidi is also a member of the Gold Institute for International Strategy, and a consulting advisor to several companies and establishments in Washington, DC.

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STRATEGIC POLICY MEETINGS

Is Anti-Semitism the Latest Terrorism De Jure

U.S. Senate Briefing

Jews are being verbally assaulted, physically attacked and some even killed, because of their religion. The assailants are vicious, and they target innocent men and women, the elderly, and even children. This isn't Germany in 1939; it's the United States of America.

Is Anti-Semitism the new terrorism de Jure? What do policy makers need to consider when addressing this new reality? We search for answers.

Participants included: GIIS President Eli M. Gold and Senior Fellows Martin Johnson, Saul Montes-Bradley



Eli M. Gold, President



Martin Johnson, Senior Fellow



Saul Montes-Bradley,
Senior Fellow

Eli M. Gold, Gamal Sadat
and MG Mahmoud Hassanin



Eli M. Gold - MG Mahmoud
Hassanin, Egyptian Military
Attache to U.S. and Canada
at Defense Office, Wash D.C.

Eli M. Gold, Gamal Sadat
and MG Mahmoud Hassanin



U.S. – Egypt Defense Relationship

Guest: MG Mahmoud Hassanin, Egypt's Military Attache to United States and Canada

MajGen Mahmoud Hassanin joined Gold Institute president Eli M. Gold for an off the record conversation regarding regional military and security concerns as from the perspective of Egypt. Additional points talked about were U.S. – Egypt relations; what seems to be working and where our relations could be better.

Also participating: Gamal Sadat, son of President Anwar Sadat.

Europe Shifting: Real or Fake?

Guest: Derk Jan Eppink MEP

During this discussion Derk Jan Eppink MEP looked at the European Union's handling of Brexit, Economy, Iran, terrorism, and EU defense.



Derk Jan Eppink MEP, Eli M. Gold, GILS President, Rob Roos MEP, Rahim Rashidi, Media Fellow



Eli M. Gold, Francisco Semiao, Adam Lovinger, Rahim Rashidi



L-R: Adam Lovinger, Jay Homnick, Francisco Semiao, Shana Forta, Eli Gold, Omar Elikhanizadeh, Rahim Rashidi, Adelle Nazarian, Martin Johnson



Martin Johnson, Shana Forta, Eli M. Gold, Francisco Semiao, Adam Lovinger, Rahim Rashidi, Omar Elikhanizadeh

Iran Shifting: Real or Fake?

Eli M. Gold hosted Mr. Omar Elikhanizadeh of the Komala Party of Iranian Kurdistan who provided an in-depth OTR briefing on the political and economic situation in Iran and surrounding area. As an Iranian Kurdish leader, Mr. Elikhanizadeh's insights are valuable.

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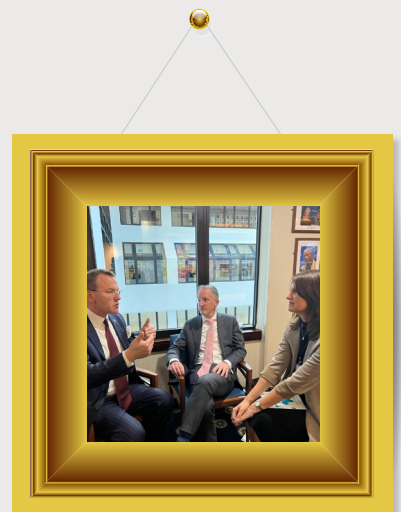
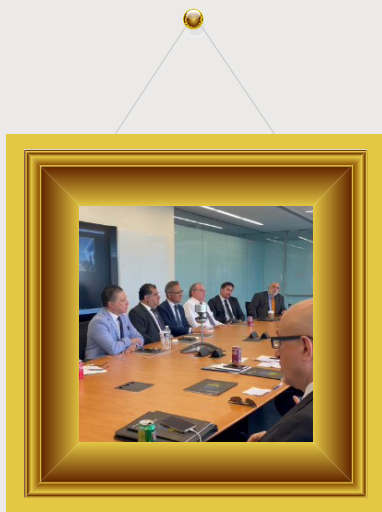
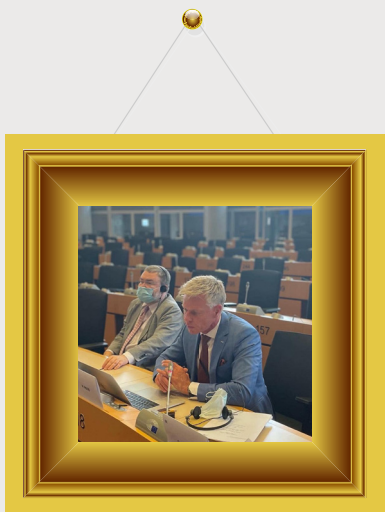
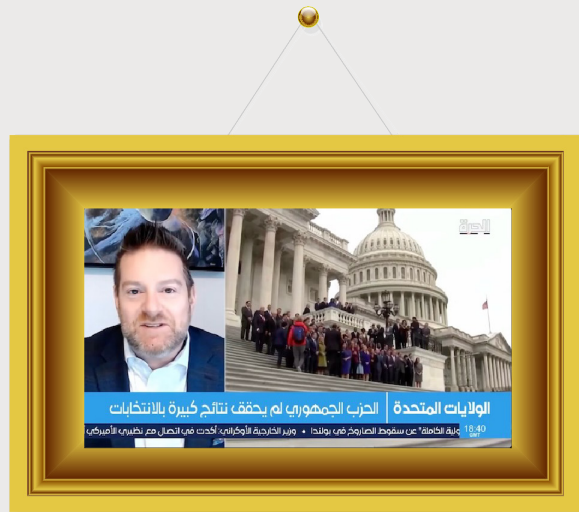
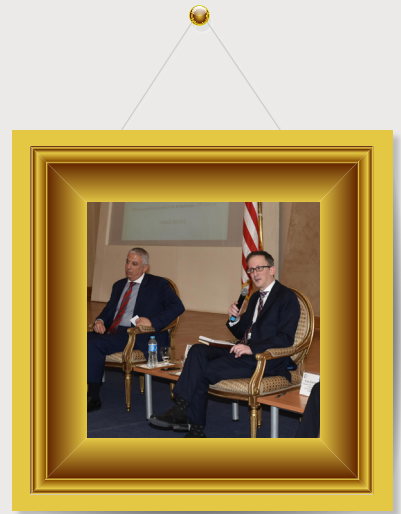
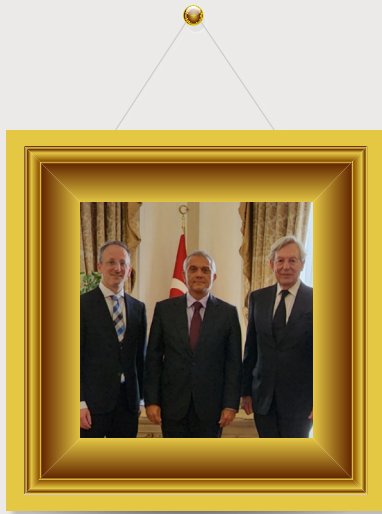
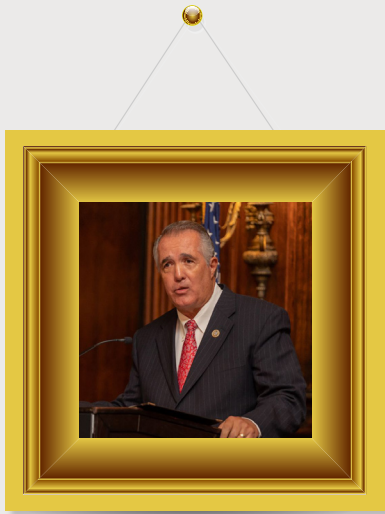
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