



The National Security Institute (NSI) is dedicated to finding real-world, practical answers to hard national security law and policy questions.

We are looking for partners that share a vision that supports a robust American national security posture.



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THE NATIONAL SECURITY INSTITUTE
At George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School

FROM LEFT:

Jennifer Bachus, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyberspace and Digital Policy, State Department

Eric Goldstein, Executive Assistant Director for Cybersecurity, CISA

David Luber, former Deputy director of Cybersecurity, NSA

Jeanette Manfra, Global Director for Security and Compliance, Google Cloud

FROM LEFT:

Lester Munson, Advisory Board Member, NSI

Ana Quintana-Lovett, Visiting Fellow, NSI

Colin Dueck, Professor, Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University

Liza Tobin, Managing Director, Garnaut Global

OUR HISTORY

NSI was founded in 2017 to fill the gap in institutions identifying practical solutions that enable a robust national security posture and safeguard our constitutional liberties. Since then, NSI has worked alongside industry and government experts to shape the debate on critical issues.

OUR MISSION

NSI aims to strengthen American national security and global leadership by educating future leaders and advancing actionable solutions based on practical experience.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION NSI HAS

Grown a robust network of hundreds of national security experts.

Hosted and produced a wide range of events, roundtables, and major conferences.

Delivered expert insights through frequent media appearances across top outlets.

Enhanced the educational experience of hundreds of students through mentorship, research, and real world engagement.

OUR FUTURE

NSI remains committed to supporting a strong and consistent American foreign policy leadership to ensure a more unified and secure nation. In doing so, NSI has established a new center, the NSI Cyber and Tech Center, which focuses on technology and cyber issues as they relate to national security.

CONNECTING WITH DECISION MAKERS

Positioned within the D.C. metro region, NSI leverages its experts' multi-faceted backgrounds in government, industry, and academia to produce cutting-edge programming to bridge the gap between the technology, innovation, and national security communities.

A LEADING INSTITUTION

NSI plays a central role in educating the next generation of national security leaders at the Scalia Law School at George Mason University by offering compelling courses and creating opportunities for students to gain real-world experience.

DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES

NSI champions individual and intellectual diversity in the national security community by collaborating with GMU and other educational institutions to provide programming, professional development, and mentor opportunities for students of all backgrounds.

CYBER AND TECH CENTER

The NSI Cyber and Technology Center (CTC) takes on and expands NSI's current efforts to promote American leadership in technology innovation and engage with policymakers on critical issues at the intersection of technology and national security.

IMPACTING POLICYMAKERS

Since 2017, NSI has shared expertise with policymakers in the Executive Branch and in Congress on critical national security topics ranging from technology and innovation policy issues to a diverse spectrum of global and security challenges.

NSI EVENTS

To better engage with and support policymakers and industry, as well as to inform the public, NSI hosts events and programming throughout the year that feature thought-provoking content from well-regarded scholars, industry leaders, and national security policymakers.



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Amb. Stig Piras, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Denmark

Amb. Bård Svendsen, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Norway

Amb. Kristjan Prikk, Ambassador, Embassy of Estonia

FROM LEFT:

Ed Amoroso, Founder and CEO, TAG Infosphere

Kelli Andrews, Senior Director for Cybersecurity and Lawful Access Policy, Microsoft

Jamil Jaffer, NSI Founder and Executive Director

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Brigadier General His Royal Highness Prince Joachim of Denmark, Defense Industrial Cooperation Attaché, Embassy of Denmark

Representative Keith Self, (R-TX, 3)

Rear Admiral Jakob Damgaard Rousee, Defense Attaché, Embassy of Denmark

Captain Connie Stien, Naval Attaché, Embassy of Norway

Colonel Juha Helle, Deputy Defense Attaché, Embassy of Finland

Liis Mure, Defense Counselor, Embassy of Estonia

WRITTEN MATERIALS

NSI produces policy materials aimed at addressing the needs of senior policymakers and their staffs in the Executive Branch and Congress. These timely, hard-hitting short-form written analyses focus on timely national security issues at the nexus of law, policy, and technology.



These focus areas feature events, papers, and other policy engagements that strive to address the most timely and critical threats to U.S. interests.

Advancing Defense Innovation, Acquisition Reform, and Warfighter Readiness

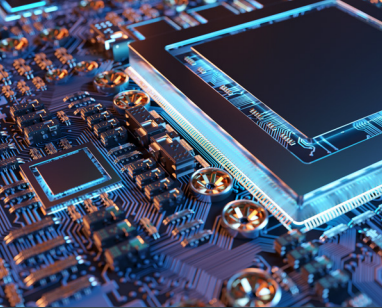
As strategic competition intensifies, NSI will drive forward-looking solutions to modernize U.S. defense, accelerate innovation, and ensure warfighters have the tools needed to maintain America's military edge.

Modernizing U.S. Alliances: Advancing Resilience, Strategic Cooperation, and Shared Security

As global threats evolve, NSI will promote forward looking strategies to modernize U.S. alliances, strengthen collective resilience, and ensure America and its partners remain aligned, capable, and prepared to meet today's most pressing security challenges.

Securing America's Technological Edge: AI, Cyber, and Emerging Technologies

As transformative technologies like AI, quantum computing, and cyber tools reshape the global landscape, NSI will champion forward-looking policies that preserve U.S. innovation leadership, strengthen collective cyber defense, and advance democratic digital values in the face of authoritarian threats.



THE NSI APPROACH

FROM LEFT:

Dmitri Alperovitch, Co-Founder,
Crowdstrike

Joshua Humins, Senior Vice
President for National Security and
Intelligence Programs, Center for the
Study of the Presidency & Congress



NSI draws on the expertise of its all-volunteer group of experts and leverages a small but effective staff footprint to address the immediate needs of key policymakers.

OUR EXPERTS

NSI's diverse group of experts have having held senior positions in the intelligence, defense, technology, and law sectors.

Our Advisory Board provides important strategic guidance and useful insights on new programs and academic initiatives to connect students, government, and industry.

Our Fellows generate actionable policy solutions and advance NSI's mission through their research, public engagement, and work with key policymakers and business.



OUR WORK ON CAPITOL HILL

Engaging Congress & Policymakers

NSI supports Members of Congress and their staff with expert analysis on technology, innovation, and global security challenges.

Expert Testimony & Briefings

Our bipartisan experts regularly provide testimony, policy briefings, and insights on urgent national security issues from Ukraine to cyber threats.

Legislative & Policy Support

We deliver tailored legislative feedback and nonpartisan written materials that offer balanced analysis and actionable policy recommendations.

Networking & Events

NSI hosts forums and social engagements connecting Congressional staff with leading voices in national security, foreign policy, and technology.

Trusted Expert Network

Backed by a group of bipartisan experts from government, industry, and academia, NSI brings unparalleled experience to support policymakers.



Engage with NSI. To connect with our experts, email us at nsi@gmu.edu.

FROM LEFT:

Matt Olsen, former Assistant
Attorney General for National
Security

Ben Powell, former ODNI
General Counsel



ADVANCING THE DEBATE

NSI strives to provide timely and thorough analysis on the latest breaking national security news. Our team of Advisory Board members, faculty, and fellows have decades of combined experience in breaking down complex issues and policies and providing informative commentary to wide audiences.

THE SCIF

NSI's blog, *The SCIF*, provides concise, to-the-point, and thoughtful analysis from NSI experts on breaking news and national security issues such as cybersecurity, geopolitical competition, technology and innovation, economic security, and others, with recommendations for how policymakers can tackle these concerns.



MEDIA

NSI experts provide comprehensive, timely, and insightful analysis on national security stories across all media platforms and have been featured in interviews on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, and more, along with articles published in *The Hill*, *POLITICO*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*, among others.

PODCASTS



Fault Lines is NSI's podcast that gets you quickly up to speed, three-times-a-week, on the national security and foreign policy debates shaking up America.



CTRL+F provides a deep-dive into emerging technologies, dissects the ever evolving landscape of tech policy, and uncovers the scientific breakthroughs that are reshaping the world.



Coffee & Conflict brings you in-depth conversations with leading authors, offering fresh insights into today's most pressing national security, foreign policy, and intelligence challenges.



NSI Live is NSI's hub for events, expert commentary, and the critical national security conversations you need to hear.



To learn more about NSI, visit nationalsecurity.gmu.edu

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

NSI is dedicated to educating future leaders by providing students with a wide range of experiences in the national security arena.

OUR FACULTY

NSI's faculty members are a powerhouse combination of academic talent, real-world experience, and thought leadership. Their range of expertise allows them to develop and offer educational experiences in and outside the classroom that better prepare the next generation of national security leaders.

OUR COURSES

NSI uses the insights of its experts to design curricula that provides an in-depth study of core national security law issues and examines emerging questions raised by our increasingly connected world.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

NSI offers research opportunities, on-campus national security related programing, internships and externships with leading public and private sector employers, and other professional development opportunities with lawyers and policymakers for all GMU law students.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

NSI has made a firm commitment to building a diverse group of national security practitioners by collaborating with key educational institutions to provide programming, and professional and mentorship opportunities to students with diverse backgrounds, ethnicities, and viewpoints.

NSI provides students with the skills necessary to engage in rigorous analysis of key issues and offers them opportunities to work on cutting-edge legal and policy matters.

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND POLICY PROGRAM

NSI oversees the Antonin Scalia Law School's National Security Law and Policy Program, including the National Security Law and Policy Concentration.

CYBER, INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW LL.M.

NSI established and oversees the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Cyber, Intelligence, and National Security Law, which provides graduates with the expertise to navigate the emerging policy, legal, and constitutional issues in these key areas.

JURIS MASTER (JM) PROGRAM

NSI directs the National Security, Cybersecurity & Information Privacy Concentration of the Law School's Juris Master (JM) Degree Program, a program designed for professionals who interact with lawyers and legal issues regularly in the course of their careers.

NSI SUMMER PROGRAM

Each year, NSI hosts an international program with courses taught by a U.S. Supreme Court Justice and NSI Founder and Executive Director Jamil N. Jaffer on the separation of powers and interbranch conflicts in national security. Past programs have been held in Padua, Italy; Reykjavik, Iceland; Porto, Portugal; and Prague, Czechia.



To learn more about how NSI is educating future leaders, visit nationalsecurity.gmu.edu