

(Re)Defining National Security  
*Fall '21 Reading Group*

National security increasingly intersects with a wide range of social, political, and economic issues. This reading group will explore emerging and unorthodox issues and perspectives at the intersection of national security and topics like antitrust, public health, race, and technology. Students will critically interrogate current approaches to national security and scrutinize both the promises and perils of a national security approach to these issues.

*Meeting time:* Tuesdays at noon

*Location:* SLB Courtyard

*This reading group is co-sponsored by the National Security Group and the Center for Global Legal Challenges.*

***Week 1 (Aug. 31): Broadening Our Conception of National Security and Foreign Policy***

Oona Hathaway, *COVID-19 Shows How the U.S. Got National Security Wrong*, JUST SECURITY (Apr. 7, 2020).

<https://www.justsecurity.org/69563/covid-19-shows-how-the-u-s-got-national-security-wrong/>

Robert Malley & Stephen Pomper, *The Perils of Hying Pandemic Response as a National Security Issue*, JUST SECURITY (May 4, 2020).

<https://www.justsecurity.org/70001/the-perils-of-hying-pandemic-response-as-a-national-security-is-sue/>

Salman Ahmed et al., *Making U.S. Foreign Policy Work Better for the Middle Class*, CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE, 1 -25 (2020).

[https://carnegieendowment.org/files/USFP\\_FinalReport\\_final1.pdf](https://carnegieendowment.org/files/USFP_FinalReport_final1.pdf)

*Optional Reading*

Richard Danzig et al., *A Preface to Strategy: The Foundation of American National Security*, JOHN HOPKINS APPLIED PHYSICS LAB (2018)

<https://www.jhuapl.edu/Content/documents/PrefaceToStrategy.pdf>

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***Week 2 (Sept. 7): Intelligence, Truth Seeking, and Democratic Discourse***

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WHITE HOUSE, STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ORIGINS OF COVID-19 (May 26, 2021).

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/05/26/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-the-investigation-into-the-origins-of-covid-19/>

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL, IC ASSESSMENT: FOREIGN THREATS TO THE 2020 US FEDERAL ELECTIONS (MAR. 10, 2021).

<https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/ICA-declass-16MAR21.pdf>

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (Jun. 25, 2021).

<https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/Preliminary-Assessment-UAP-20210625.pdf>

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Oona Hathaway, *Secrecy's End*, MINN. L. REV., 3 – 7, 43- 49, (2021).

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3852303](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3852303)

Sasha Dudding, *Spinning Secrets: The Dangers of Selective Declassification*, YALE L. J. 708, 711- 15, 761 - 770.

[https://www.yalelawjournal.org/pdf/Dudding\\_aohmmr7x.pdf](https://www.yalelawjournal.org/pdf/Dudding_aohmmr7x.pdf)

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***Week 3 (Sept. 14): Antitrust, Competition Policy, and National Security***

Ben Thompson, *Anti-Monopoly vs. Antitrust*, STRATECHERY (October 7, 2020).

<https://stratechery.com/2020/anti-monopoly-vs-antitrust/>

Ganesh Sitaraman, *The National Security Case for Breaking Up Big Tech* 5 - 27 (Vanderbilt L. Rsch., Working Paper No. 20-18).

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3537870](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3537870)

Dakota Foster & Lorand Laskai, *National Security, Antitrust, and Digital Platforms: A Preliminary Assessment*, 1- 4 (working paper presented at Yale ISP Conference on Big Tech, October 2020).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HIGB3aKc20AUMmdGb9j18Nbfww0EKWig/view?usp=sharing>

Daniel A. Crane, *Fascism and Monopoly*, 118 MICH. L. REV. 1315, 1316 - 1321 (2020).

<https://repository.law.umich.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5958&context=mlr>

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***Week 4 (Sept. 21): Surveillance Capitalism and Digital Authoritarianism***

Shoshana Zuboff, *The Coup We Are Not Talking About*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 29, 2021.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/29/opinion/sunday/facebook-surveillance-society-technology.html>

*Oracle Boasted That Its Software Was Used Against U.S. Protesters. Then It Took the Tech to China*, THE INTERCEPT, May 25, 2021.

<https://theintercept.com/2021/05/25/oracle-social-media-surveillance-protests-endeca/>

Joshua Baron, *Fight Digital Authoritarianism by Giving People the Tools to Counter It*, DEFENSE ONE, June 8, 2021.

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2021/06/fight-digital-authoritarianism-giving-people-tools-counter-it/174579/>

Justin Sherman, *The Long View of Digital Authoritarianism*, NEW AMERICA, Jun. 20, 2019.

<https://www.newamerica.org/weekly/long-view-digital-authoritarianism/>

Joshua Fitt, *Stemming the Flow: The United States Needs a Strategy to Address China's Strategic Exportation of Digital Authoritarianism*, CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY, Feb. 25, 2021.

<https://www.cnas.org/publications/commentary/stemming-the-flow-the-united-states-needs-a-strategy-to-address-chinas-strategic-exportation-of-digital-authoritarianism>

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***Week 5 (Sept. 28): Supply Chains, Bottlenecks, and Resilience***

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WHITE HOUSE, 100-DAY SUPPLY CHAIN REVIEW UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 14017 (June 2021).

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/100-day-supply-chain-review-report.pdf>

Brian Deese, Director, Nat'l Econ. Council, Speech at the Atlantic Council on Biden's vision for 'a twenty-first-century American industrial strategy' (Jun. 23, 2021)

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/commentary/transcript/brian-deese-on-bidens-vision-for-a-twenty-first-century-american-industrial-strategy/>

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Henry Farrell & Abraham Newman, *Weaponized Interdependence: How Global Economic Networks Shape State Coercion*, 44 INT. SEC. 42-79.

<https://direct.mit.edu/isec/article/44/1/42/12237/Weaponized-Interdependence-How-Global-Economic>

Eleftherios Lakovou and Chelsea C. White III, *How to build more secure, resilient, next-gen U.S. supply chains*, BROOKINGS, Dec. 2020.

<https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/how-to-build-more-secure-resilient-next-gen-u-s-supply-chain/s/>

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***Week 6 (Oct. 5): Biosecurity, Public Health, and Catastrophic Risk***

Elizabeth Cameron et. al., *Preventing Global Catastrophic Biological Risks*, NUCLEAR THREAT INITIATIVE (February 2020).

[https://media.nti.org/documents/NTI\\_BIO\\_TTX\\_RPT\\_FINAL.pdf](https://media.nti.org/documents/NTI_BIO_TTX_RPT_FINAL.pdf)

Stephen Mihm, *The History of Lab Leaks Has Lots of Entries*, BLOOMBERG, May 27, 2021.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-05-27/covid-19-and-lab-leak-history-smallpox-h1n1-sars>

Toby Ord, *THE PRECIPICE: EXISTENTIAL RISK AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY* (2020)

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***Week 7 (Oct. 12): China, Trade, Industrial Policies, and Economic Security***

Ganesh Sitaraman, *Mapping the China Debate*, Lawfare, May 26, 2020.

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/mapping-china-debate>

Mark Wu, *The “China, Inc.” Challenge to Global Trade Governance*, 57 HARV. INT. L. J. 261, 262 - 285 (Spring 2016).

[https://harvardilj.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/HLI210\\_crop.pdf](https://harvardilj.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/HLI210_crop.pdf)

Tarun Chhabra, Scott Moore & Dominic Tierney, *The Left Should Play the China Card*, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Feb. 13, 2020.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-02-13/left-should-play-china-card>

Ryan Haas, *Playing the China Card*, NOEMA, May 20, 2020,

<https://www.noemamag.com/playing-the-china-card/>

David Sanger, *Senate Poised to Pass Huge Industrial Policy Bill to Counter China*, N.Y. TIMES, Jun. 8, 2021.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/07/us/politics/senate-china-semiconductors.html>

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**Week 8 (Oct. 19): The Climate Crisis, Migration, and National Security**

Exec. Order No. 14008, 86 Fed Reg. 7619 (Jan. 27, 2021) (only read part 1)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/02/01/2021-02177/tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad>

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL, GLOBAL TRENDS 2040: A MORE CONTESTED WORLD 30 - 42 (March 2021).

[https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/GlobalTrends\\_2040.pdf](https://www.dni.gov/files/ODNI/documents/assessments/GlobalTrends_2040.pdf)

Mayesha Alam, *Climate Change as a National Security and Foreign Policy Priority: Opportunities and Challenges for the Next Administration*, JUST SECURITY, Dec. 4, 2020.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/73598/climate-change-as-a-national-security-and-foreign-policy-priority-opportunities-and-challenges-for-the-next-administration/>

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**Week 9 (Oct. 26): Grappling with Racism and Diversity in National Security**

Demetria Baxter, *U.S. Anti-Japanese Propaganda in World War II*, STORY MAPS (May 25, 2021).

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/17f366289f1b42f3a83780361dfae65d>

Tobita Chow, *How China Threat Narratives Feed Anti-Asian Racism and How to Fight Back*, JUSTICE IS GLOBAL (2020).

[https://peoplesaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JIG\\_AntiAsianRacismReport\\_2021\\_0608.pdf](https://peoplesaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/JIG_AntiAsianRacismReport_2021_0608.pdf)

Douglas London, *The CIA's Long and Winding Road to Diversity*, JUST SECURITY (Jul. 1, 2020).

<https://www.justsecurity.org/71075/the-cias-long-and-winding-road-to-diversity/>

Shirin Sinnar, *The Lost Story of Iqbal*, 105 GEORGETOWN L. J. 379, 379, 381- 84, 414 -25.

<https://www-cdn.law.stanford.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/sinnar-lost-story-of-iqbal.pdf>

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**Week 10 (Nov. 2): Domestic Extremism, Counterterrorism, and Civil Liberties**

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WHITE HOUSE, NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR COUNTERING DOMESTIC TERRORISM (June 2021).

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/National-Strategy-for-Countering-Domestic-Terrorism.pdf>

Ryan B. Greer, *Reviewing the First-Ever National Strategy to Counter Domestic Terrorism*, JUST SECURITY, Jun. 18, 2021.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/77007/reviewing-the-first-ever-national-strategy-to-counter-domestic-terrorism/>

Harsha Panduranga, *Why Biden's Strategy for Preventing Domestic Terrorism Could Do More Harm Than Good*, BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE, June 23, 2021.

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/why-bidens-strategy-preventing-domestic-terrorism-could-do-more-harm-good>

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*The Rise of Domestic Terrorism in America: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 117th Cong. (2021) (statement of Ronald Newman, Nat'l Pol'y Director, ACLU & Manar Waheed, Senior Legislative and Advocacy Counsel, ACLU).

<https://www.aclu.org/hearing-statement/aclu-hearing-statement-domestic-terrorism-legislation>

Shirin Sinnar, *Separate and Unequal: The Law of "Domestic" and "International" Terrorism*, 117 MICH. L. REV. 1333 (2019).

[https://www-cdn.law.stanford.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Separate\\_and\\_Unequal\\_The\\_Law\\_of\\_Domestic\\_and\\_International\\_T.pdf](https://www-cdn.law.stanford.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Separate_and_Unequal_The_Law_of_Domestic_and_International_T.pdf)

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### ***Week 11 (Nov. 9): Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Weapons, and Emerging Technologies***

Paul Scharre, *Debunking the AI Arms Race*, 4 TEX. NAT'L SEC. REV. (Summer 2021)

<https://tnsr.org/2021/06/debunking-the-ai-arms-race-theory/>

Rebecca Crootof, *The Killer Robots Are Here: Legal and Policy Implications*, CARDOZO L. REV. 1837 (2015).

<https://scholarship.richmond.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2599&context=law-faculty-publications>

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***Week 12 (Nov. 16): Reassessing Human Rights***

Sam Moyn, *We Can't Settle for Human Rights*, JACOBIN, Apr. 20, 2020.

<https://jacobinmag.com/2020/04/samuel-moyn-human-rights-neoliberalism-not-enough-book>

Jayne C. Huckerby, *In Harm's Way: Gender and Human Rights in National Security*, 20 Duke J. of GENDER L. & POL'Y 179, 180 - 195.

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***Week 13 (Nov. 23): Taking Stock – The Promises and Perils of a New Paradigm?***

No reading for final session.