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The Center for Strategic and International Studies conducts a wide range of activities that seek to provide policymakers with balanced and accurate information and analysis on Iraq. Below is a list of CSIS programs, publications, events and experts focusing on Iraq and related issues.

Programs and Projects

Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy

Anthony H. Cordesman, Chairholder

The Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy authors in-depth analyses of energy, military, and security issues in the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, published via the Web and in book form.

Relevant Publications

by Dr. Cordesman

Reports

Iraqi Force Development: A Current Status Report, July 2005–January 2006, Feb. 7, 2006. Working Draft.

Iraq's Evolving Insurgency: The Nature of Attacks and Patterns and Cycles in the Conflict, Feb. 3, 2006. Working Draft.

The Impact of the Iraqi Election: A Working Analysis, Jan 10, 2006. Working Draft.

The Iraq War and Its Lessons for Developing Local Forces, Jan. 3, 2006. Working Draft.

The True Meaning of the Iraqi Election: A "Trigger," Not a "Turning Point," Dec. 15, 2005. Working Draft.

The Iraq War and Its Strategic Lessons for Counterinsurgency, Dec. 9, 2005.

Iraq Security Forces, Praeger/CSIS, Dec. 2005.

Iraqi Force Development: Can Iraqi Forces Do the Job? Nov. 29, 2005.

Shaping the Future of Counterinsurgency Warfare: A Strategic Approach, Nov. 29, 2005.

Iraqi Force Development: Coalition Reporting as of the Fall of 2005, Nov. 21, 2005. Working Draft.

Iraqi Security and Military Force Developments: A Chronology, Oct. 20, 2005.

Low Intensity Conflict: Violence Against the Iraqi People, Oct. 20, 2005.

US and Coalition Casualties in Iraq, Oct. 20, 2005.

Low Intensity Conflict and Nation-Building in Iraq: A Chronology, Oct. 19, 2005.

New Patterns in the Iraqi Insurgency: The War for a Civil War in Iraq, Sept. 27, 2005. Working Draft.

Iraqi Force Development: Can Iraqi Forces Do the Job?, Aug. 8, 2005. Working Draft.

Relevant Events

"The Current and Future Implications of the Political Process in Iraq"

Address by Adil Abdul Mahdi, deputy president of the transitional government of Iraq on Nov. 10, 2005.

"Iraq's Evolving Forces"

Address delivered by Lt. Gen. David Petraeus on Nov. 7, 2005.

"Military Options in Iraq"

Congressional testimony by Dr. Cordesman before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, July 18, 2005

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Energy Program

Roger Ebel, Program Chairman

From soaring global energy demand to the promising prospect of liquefied natural gas, the CSIS Energy Program researches emerging relevant energy issues and delivers insight and analysis to educate and influence public policy. The program examines issues of global supply; U.S. energy dependence and energy security; rising demand for energy around the globe, including China and India; impact of new technology; and the geopolitical, environmental, security, and infrastructure implications of a changing energy market.

Relevant Events

“Oil and Iraq”

Oil Market Study Group with Dr. Thamir Ghadban, former Iraqi oil minister, Nov. 8, 2005.

“Oil and Iraq”

Oil Market Study Group with Issam Al-Chalabi, former Iraqi oil minister, April 28, 2005.

“U.S. Foreign Policy, Petroleum, and the Middle East”

Congressional testimony by Robert E. Ebel before the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, on Oct. 20, 2005.

“Emerging Global Energy Trends and Their Implications for U.S. Energy Needs, Security, and Policy Choices”

Congressional testimony by Frank A. Verrastro before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Feb. 3, 2005.

Middle East Program

Jon B. Alterman, Program Director

The Middle East Program covers all aspects of U.S. policy toward the region, concentrating especially on identifying new voices, framing emerging challenges, and developing opportunities for positive change in the Middle East. The program’s work is intended to identify and understand the drivers of social and political change in the region and to create partnerships between academics and policy professionals in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East to frame and address questions that promote the creation of new, constructive, and innovative solutions to problems.

Relevant Publications

Reports

“Iraq and Its Neighbors,” by Jon B. Alterman, presented in Kuwait at “The Region & the Future” conference, May 16, 2004.

“Coercive Diplomacy Against Iraq, 1990–1998,” by Jon B. Alterman, chapter from the book *The United States and Coercive Diplomacy*, 2003.

“Not in My Backyard: Iraq’s Neighbors’ Interests,” by Jon B. Alterman in *The Washington Quarterly*, Summer 2003.

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Program Newsletters

The Perils of Unity, January 2006.

Made for Television Events, September 2004.

The Welcome Return of Iraqi Politics, July 2004.

Iraq as Metaphor, November 2003.

Relevant Events

“Capturing Iraq”

A roundtable between Iraqi and Western journalists to discuss the challenges and realities of field reporting, Feb. 22, 2006.

“The Next Steps in Iraq’s Political Transition”

Panel discussion at the Center for American Progress on Dec. 20, 2005.

“Iraqi Elections”

Press briefing with Jon Alterman, director of Middle East Program, and Frederick Barton, codirector of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project on Dec. 8, 2005.

“Iraq’s Elections: Prelude to Dissolution or Last Chance at Nation Building?”

Joint panel with the Open Society Institute, moderated by Jon Alterman and with panelists Yahia Said, Morton Halperin and Eleana Gordon on Nov. 6, 2005.

“Is Political Islam Part of the Problem, or Part of the Solution?”

Presentation by Alastair Crooke of Conflicts Forum and Martin Kramer of Middle East Forum about the wisdom of incorporating Islamist groups into mainstream politics, on Sept. 19, 2005.

“Washington Post Online Chat”

Conducted by Jon B. Alterman with the *Washington Post* regarding the Iraqi parliamentary elections on Dec. 15, 2005.

Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project

Frederick D. Barton and Karin von Hippel, Project Codirectors

The Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project develops innovative and integrated policy solutions to help U.S., international, and local actors advance peaceful, democratic change in conflict-prone settings. Past work has focused on reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan, peace in Sudan and Sri Lanka, and institutional responses by the U.S. government, UN, and regional organizations. The Project has developed an integrated task framework that considers security and public safety, governance and participation, justice and reconciliation, and social and economic well-being. The project is now working to address chronic weaknesses, from poor anticipation and analysis to a lack of strategic direction to unreliable systems of measuring progress.

Relevant Projects

Measuring Progress in Iraq—Applied a new methodology for assessing reconstruction progress in post war societies, using Iraq as the first case study. Issued a final report titled, *Progress or Peril? Measuring Iraq’s Reconstruction*, in Sept. 2004.

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Relevant Publications

Op-Eds

”U.S. Rebuilding in Iraq Found to Fall Short,” op-ed by Frederick Barton in the *New York Times*, Jan. 27, 2006.

”Iraq’s Project Costs May Fall to US,” op-ed by Frederick Barton in the *Boston Globe*, Jan. 1, 2006.

”Bush Shifts Priorities in Rebuilding Iraq to Smaller Projects,” op-ed by Frederick Barton in the *New York Times*, Dec. 8, 2005.

”Funds Fade, Deaths Rise as Iraq Rebuilding Lags,” op-ed by Frederick Barton in the *New York Times*, Oct. 31, 2005.

Reports

Progress or Peril? Measuring Iraq’s Reconstruction, by Frederick Barton and Bathsheba Crocker, Sept. 2004.

Report Updates :

Estimated Breakdown of Funding Flows for Iraq’s Reconstruction: How Are The Funds Being Spent? Dec. 2004.

Iraq Update, August–October 2004, Nov. 12, 2004.

Relevant Events

”Iraqi Elections and Related Issues”

Press briefing with Jon Alterman, director of Middle East Program, and Frederick Barton, codirector of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project on Dec. 8, 2005.

”Accelerating Economic Progress In Iraq”

Congressional testimony by Frederick Barton before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 20, 2005.

Experts

Jon B. Alterman

Director of the Middle East Program

Expertise in Middle Eastern and Near Eastern affairs. Prior to joining CSIS, he served as a member of the policy planning staff at the U.S. Department of State and as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs. Before entering government, he was a scholar at the U.S. Institute of Peace and at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Frederick D. Barton

Codirector of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project

Expertise in alternatives to war, mass communications, post-conflict reconstruction, United Nations, refugees, peacebuilding, expansion of freedoms and democracy, development, USAID, and bureaucratic reform. As UN deputy high commissioner for refugees in Geneva (1999–2001), Mr. Barton worked to protect 22 million uprooted people in 130 countries. He was the first director of the Office of Transition Initiatives at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. (1994–1999), where he helped to start political development programs in over 20 war-torn regions, including the Philippines, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Haiti.

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Anthony H. Cordesman

Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy

Expertise in Middle East military balance, weapons of mass destruction, national missile defense, critical infrastructure protection, homeland defense, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. and Middle East energy policy, and Saudi Arabia. He is also a national security analyst for ABC News. His analysis has been featured prominently during the Gulf War, Desert Fox, the conflict in Kosovo, the fighting in Afghanistan, and the Iraq War. Dr. Cordesman has served as national security assistant to Senator John McCain of the Senate Armed Services Committee, as director of intelligence assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and as civilian assistant to the deputy secretary of defense. He is the author of 30 books including a four-volume series on the lessons of modern war.

Robert E. Ebel

Chairman of the Energy Program

Expertise in oil and energy issues, Central Asia and the Transcaucasus, nuclear materials management, and the Iraqi oil sector. Mr. Ebel is also codirector of the Caspian Sea Oil Study Group and the Oil Markets Study Group. In addition, he has directed studies on global nuclear materials management and on the geopolitics of energy. Mr. Ebel served with the CIA for 11 years and spent over 7 years with the Office of Oil and Gas in the Department of the Interior. In 2002–2003, he worked with a group of former Iraqi oil officials, under the Department of State's Future of Iraq Project, to produce an assessment of the Iraqi oil sector.

Robert J. Einhorn

Senior Adviser in the International Security Program

Expertise in proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and missile delivery systems, multilateral regimes and agreements, United Nations/IAEA inspections and verification mechanisms, cooperative threat reduction programs, particularly with regards to North Korea (and the Korean Peninsula), China, Russia, South Asia, and the Middle East (especially Iraq and Iran). From November 1999 to August 2001, he was assistant secretary for nonproliferation at the Department of State, where he was responsible for nonproliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, missile delivery systems, and advanced conventional arms.

Alan Hegburg

Senior Fellow in the Energy Program

Hegburg spent 17 years in management positions at Phillips Petroleum, Amoco, and BP, as manager of international government relations and director of international and geopolitical analysis. He participated in international exploration and production negotiations, particularly those involved in investment opportunities in Asia, Russian, the Caspian, the Middle East, and Latin America. He is also a senior associate at the Scowcroft Group.

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Karin von Hippel

Codirector of the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project

Expertise in State collapse, military intervention, nation building, UN reform, root causes of terrorism, diasporas, remittances, and development. Previously, she was a senior research fellow at the Centre for Defence Studies, King's College London, and spent several years working for the United Nations and the European Union in Somalia and Kosovo. In 2004 and 2005, she participated in two major studies for the UN — one on the UN integrated missions and the second on the UN humanitarian system. Also in 2004, she was part of a small team investigating the development potential of Somali remittances, funded by USAID. Her publications include *Europe Confronts Terrorism* (ed.) (Palgrave Macmillan 2005) and *Democracy by Force: U.S. Intervention in the Post-Cold War World* (Cambridge University Press 2000).

Colonel Michael Melillo

Military Fellow in the International Security Program

Expertise in U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Air Ground Task Force, and operational planning. From 2002 to 2004, he was the regimental executive officer for the 11th Marines deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 1st Marine Division.

Frank A. Verrastrro

Senior Fellow and Director of the Energy Program

Expertise on the geopolitics of energy, energy policy, energy resource planning and management, Middle East and Caspian energy, and risk assessment. Prior to joining CSIS in the fall of 2003, he served as senior policy adviser at the law firm of Vinson & Elkins, working with the firm's task force on Iraq reconstruction.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) seeks to advance global security and prosperity in an era of economic and political transformation by providing strategic insights and practical policy solutions to decisionmakers. CSIS serves as a strategic planning partner for the government by conducting research and analysis and developing policy initiatives that look into the future and anticipate change.