

DR. ROBERT M. CUTLER - ENERGY SECURITY & GEO-ECONOMICS SPECIALIST

Key Qualifications

Dr. Cutler has consulted with the private sector, governments, NGOs, and international institutions. He has been in the op-ed pages of major U.S. and international newspapers and is regularly solicited for interviews by media organizations including Voice of America, Radio Liberty, Radio Canada International, Radio Moscow, and Radio Nederland. He has produced briefings and analyses under consultancies with the EastWest Institute, Centre for European Policy Studies, analytical bulletin *FSU [Former Soviet Union] Oil and Gas Monitor*, as well as confidential work in the private sector. He maintains a constant online presence through frequent contributions to *Central Asia–Caucasus Analyst*, *ISN Security Watch*, *Asia Times Online*, and other expert commentary sites.

His innovative concept Cooperative Energy Security was published in *Global Governance*, the official (double-blind peer-reviewed) journal of the Academic Council on the United Nations System. This concept, bringing the international environmental and energy agendas together, serves to integrate public, private, and civil-society stake-holders into transnational and transgovernmental coalitions that, in turn, sustain local participation in implementing sustainable energy development.

Dr. Cutler has published dozens of refereed articles and book chapters, a long list of policy briefings, working papers, and many more dozens of analytical commentaries for Internet sites and private clients. He has given invited testimony to Canada's House of Commons and speeches to various international conferences. He is noted for his ability to recognize significant developments in international economics and politics before they become generally evident.

Academic Credentials

- ◆ Social Science Research Council, Post-doctoral Grant for Training in Central Asian Studies, Indiana University, Summer 1993.
- ◆ Columbia University, The W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, 1983–1984.
- ◆ Moscow State University, IREX Postdoctoral Fellow, 1982–1983.
- ◆ University of Michigan, Ph.D. in Political Science, 1982.
- ◆ University of Geneva, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Faculty of International History and Politics, Albert Gallatin Fellow in International Affairs, 1979–1980.
- ◆ Pennsylvania State University, M.A. in Political Science, 1976.
- ◆ Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sc.B. in Political Science and Sc.B. in History and Science, 1974.

Countries of International Experience

Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Norway, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan.

Selected Work Experience

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *ISN SECURITY WATCH*, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY NETWORK (SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY–ZÜRICH), 2009–PRESENT;
- ◆ EURASIAN ENERGY AND ASIAN FINANCE CORRESPONDENT, *ASIA TIMES ONLINE*, 2007–PRESENT;
- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *CENTRAL ASIA-CAUCASUS ANALYST* (JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY–SAIS), 1999–PRESENT; *AND*
- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *FSU OIL AND GAS MONITOR* (NEWSBASE, LTD.), 1998–2001.
 - **Writing periodic analyses** (“open-source intelligence” but also drawing on own sources) on Eurasian energy security and geo-economics; later expanded to Asian and European finance and markets after the global crisis beginning in 2007–2008.
 - Hundreds of thousands of words produced during over a decade of work, much of it **aggregated at** <<http://www.robertcutler.org/blog>>.
- ◆ SPEAKER AND SPECIALIST GRANTEE, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2009.
 - **Made public presentations and lectured** by invitation from universities and public organizations in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia.
 - **Led specialist-oriented seminars** at research institutes and policy think tanks.
 - **Consulted** with ministerial and other government advisory and decision-making instances.
- ◆ CONSULTANT TO THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, [A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY], 2000–2004.
 - **Evaluated** client's proprietary information concerning financial and organizational conditions, together with specialized knowledge of geopolitical and economic risks.
 - **Made recommendations** concerning company's choices amongst export pipeline routes from the Caspian Sea basin to world markets and associated investment issues.
 - **Advised negotiating strategies** based on the foregoing, drawing on specialized knowledge of local conditions including leadership psychology of national decision makers.
- ◆ CONSULTANT, CAUCASUS WORKING GROUP, CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES, 2000–2002.
 - **Brainstormed** ideas for insuring stability, security, and development in the Caucasus.
 - **Advised** on problems of energy development and pipeline construction, also **evaluating** potentials of existing or new international institutions to implement regional security.
 - **Made recommendations** concerning all these matters adopted in full by the Rapporteur of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Industrial Development.
- ◆ CONSULTANT TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, EASTWEST INSTITUTE, 1998–1999.
 - **Acted as Rapporteur** for the Institute's Second East–West Leaders' Forum.
 - **Prepared briefing book** for high-level delegation of American businessmen to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

- **Advised regarding activities** of the Institute in its cooperation with international energy companies and consortia.

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE, VARIOUS DATES 1996–PRESENT, ALL CURRENT EXCEPT AS NOTED.
 - Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Central Asia and the Caucasus*, 2005–Present.
 - Editorial Board Member, *Electronic Journal of World Politics*, 2000–Present.
 - Associate Editor, *Oil, Gas and Energy Law*, 2004–2008.
 - “Perspectives” Section Founding Editor, *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, 2002–2007.
 - Contributing Editor, *Cahiers d'études sur la Méditerranée orientale et le monde turco-iranien*, 1998–2005.
- ◆ MEMBER, EXECUTIVE BOARD, CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY, 2002–2005.
 - **Key team member guiding organizational takeoff** of a new international interdisciplinary scholarly organization with membership doubling every year from 2001 to 2005.
 - **As Chair of the Institutional Linkages Committee:** coordinated formulation and implementation of strategies to develop cooperative linkages with research and academic institutions, other professional associations, media and other organizations.
 - **As Member of Publications Committee:** consulted on role of web-based technologies in organizational development strategy; advised on development of publications; founding editor of flagship “Perspectives” section of flagship *Central Eurasian Studies Review*.

SELECTED RESEARCH AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, CARLETON UNIVERSITY, OTTAWA, 1996–PRESENT.
 - **Resource person** on Central, South, and Southwest Asia, and the South Caucasus, as well as on selected topics of international relations theory; **advising, lecturing, evaluating** on these subjects and evaluating theses upon request.
 - **Networking** with foreign institutions, enhancing visibility of Institute and University.
 - **Scientific** production attributable to specific research contracts is given below; scientific production (since 1996) *not* associated with any research contract includes: three refereed journal articles, two chapters in edited books, one published speech, one working paper, 10 research papers presented to professional associations, four invited workshop/seminar presentations, three policy briefings, and three public addresses.
- ◆ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, RESEARCH GRANT, WORLD SOCIETY FOUNDATION, ZURICH, 1996–1998.
 - **Developed and wrote** successful research proposal on “The Proliferation of International Parliamentary Institutions.” Collected basic data on several dozen such institutions.
 - **Created and applied** systematic framework for examining how they develop relations with regional integration organizations (e.g., SAARC in the case of South Asia), assessing potential for contributing to regional governance, e.g. Cooperative Energy Security.

- **Produced** one double-blind peer-reviewed chapter in an edited book, one solicited chapter in an edited book, five research papers presented to professional associations, one invited workshop/seminar presentation, two policy briefings, and two working papers.
- ♦ CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT, [U.S.] SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL, 1994–1996.
 - **Mediated and coordinated** amongst multiple individuals with competing bureaucratic interests a successful grant proposal for four interdisciplinary workshop sessions.
 - **Planned and organized** workshop series on post-Soviet affairs.
 - **Followed through** to assure attendance and discussion.
- ♦ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, RESEARCH GRANT, CO-OPERATIVE SECURITY PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, 1993–1994;
- ♦ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, STANDARD RESEARCH GRANT, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA, 1991–1994; *AND*
- ♦ CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, “SPECIAL COMPETITION” GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIETOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, 1989–1991.
 - **Developed and wrote** successful research proposals for: “Cooperative Security in Eurasia,” “Post-Soviet Foreign Policies in the Emerging World Order,” and (as team member) “Soviet Studies and Gorbachev.”
 - **Executed** plans of work, supervised research assistants, and administered funds.
 - **Produced** (through 1999) seven refereed journal articles, one edited book, five chapters in other edited books, 18 research papers presented to professional associations, 16 invited workshop/seminar presentations, six policy briefings, and five public addresses.
 - **Innovated** the Cooperative Energy Security concept from work executed under the Cooperative Security Program grant.
- ♦ ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL, 1988–1996;
- ♦ VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA, 1985–1988; *AND*
- ♦ VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, 1984–1985.
 - **Mentored** students, advised and supervised their research, including theses.
 - **Taught** (in English in the U.S. and in French in Canada) a total of 14 different subjects in international relations, comparative politics, and political philosophy, at all levels from introductory undergraduate to graduate research seminar, total of 46 semester-courses.
- ♦ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR [AND POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW], JOINT COMMITTEE ON SOVIET STUDIES, SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL AND AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES 1985–1988.
 - **Developed and wrote** successful research proposal for studying “How the Soviet Press Works”, emphasizing overlap between foreign-policy and propaganda-making systems.

- **Executed** plan of work, supervised research assistants, and administered funds.
- **Produced** one book manuscript, one published double-blind peer-reviewed article, one published review article, two published book chapters, one published working paper, four research papers presented to professional associations, four invited workshop/seminar presentations, and two public talks.

Selected Publications

- "Russia's Emerging Place in the Eurasian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex," in M. Parvizi Amineh and Yang Guang (eds.), *The Globalization of Energy: China and the European Union* (Leiden–Boston: Brill, 2010), pp. 71–100.
- "Recent Developments in the Structuration of the Central Asian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex," in Christopher Len and Alvin Chew (eds.), *Asian Energy and Security Challenges* (Stockholm: Institute for Security and Development Policy, 2009), pp. 61–82.
- [Recent Developments in Cooperative Energy Security](http://www.gasandoil.com/ogel), *Oil, Gas and Energy Law* **5**, no. 4 (November 2007): <<http://www.gasandoil.com/ogel>>.
- [The Paradox of Intentional Emergent Coherence: Organization and Decision in a Complex World](#), *Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences* **91**, no 4 (Winter 2006): 9–27.
- Current Problems of Global Energy Security in Light of Caspian Sea Region's Recent Experience, *Oil, Gas and Energy Law* **4**, no. 1 (May 2006) [[PDF, 142Kb](#)].
- The Sources and Regions of Crisis in the Caucasus, pp. 105–126 in *Examination of the Regions of Crisis from the Perspectives of Turkey, NATO and the European Union*, edited by N.R. Ödün (Ankara: Turkish General Staff Printing House, 2004).
- [The Caspian Energy Conundrum](#), *Journal of International Affairs* **56** (Spring 2003): 89–102.
- [Complexity Science and Knowledge-Creation in International Relations Theory](#), in *Institutional and Infrastructural Resources*, in *Encyclopedia of Life Support Sciences* (Oxford: EOLSS for UNESCO, 2002), <<http://www.eolss.net>>.
- [Turkey and the Geopolitics of Turkmenistan's Natural Gas](#), *Review of International Affairs* **1** (Winter 2001): 20–33.
- Казахстан и международное энергетическое развитие [Kazakhstan and International Energy Development], *Энергия Казахстана* **2**, no. 7 (December 1999): 49–56. [[PDF, 662Kb](#)]
- [Cooperative Energy Security in the Caspian Region: A New Paradigm for Sustainable Development?](#) *Global Governance* **5** (April–June 1999): 251–271.
- [Gorbachev as CEO Road Kill](#), pp. 352–370 in *Managing Complexity in Organizations*, edited by M.R. Lissack and H.P. Gunz (New York: Quorum, 1999).
- Finance Issues in Eurasian Energy Development, pp. 68–71 in *Caspian Oil and Gas Resources*, edited by Institute for International Energy Studies (Teheran: IIES, 1999). Reprinted in *FSU Oil and Gas Monitor* in two parts: [No. 41](#) (July 20, 1999): 2; and [No. 42](#) (July 27, 1999): 2.

- [Москва рискует оказаться изолированной от Кавказа](#) [Moscow Risks Finding Itself Isolated from the Caucasus], *Независимая газета*, 16 January 1998, p. 7.
- [Towards Cooperative Energy Security in the South Caucasus](#), *Caucasian Regional Studies* 1 (No. 1, 1996): 71–81; Russian translation, [О совместной энергетической безопасности в Южном Кавказе](#), *Кавказские региональные исследования* 1 (Вып. 1, 1996): 69–80.

Languages

English (native language); French (fluent); Russian (good); Italian (proficient reading); Spanish (proficient reading); Portuguese (proficient reading); German (basic); Turkish (elementary).

Work History

- 1999–Present Contributing Analyst: *ISN Security Watch* (since 2009), *Asia Times OnLine* (since 2007), *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst* (since 1999), *FSU Oil & Gas Monitor* (1998–2001); occasionally other publications.
- 1996–Present Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University.
- Autumn 2009 Speaker and Specialist Grantee, Office of International Programs, Department of State, U.S. Government.
- 2002–2005 Member, Executive Board, Central Eurasian Studies Society.
- 2000–2004 Consultant to the Special Assistant to the President, [a major international oil and gas exploration and development company, identity contractually confidential].
- 2000–2002 Consultant, Caucasus Working Group, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels.
- 1998–1999 Consultant to the Special Assistant to the President, EastWest Institute, New York.
- 1996–1998 Principal Investigator, Research Grant, World Society Foundation, Zurich.
- 1994–1996 Co-principal investigator, Research and Development Grant, Social Science Research Council.
- 1988–1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Université Laval.
- 1993–1994 Principal Investigator, Research Grant, Co-operative Security Program, Department of External Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada.
- 1991–1994 Principal Investigator, Standard Research Grant, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
- 1989–1991 Co-principal Investigator, "Special Competition" Grant for Development of Sovietology, Department of National Defence, Government of Canada.
- 1985–1988 Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies.
- 1985–1988 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- 1984–1985 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona.