

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

Qualifications and Experience

Dr. Cutler has a Ph.D. in Political Science, with multidisciplinary background; over ten years' experience in analysis of energy security and geopolitics, including Asia; over ten years' experience as senior researcher at a university-based research centre with responsibility for energy issues, plus experience consulting to international energy firms, co-operating with international institutions, and informally advising governments; results-oriented experience framing research problems and leading researchers as a team player; and quality research publications in international journals.

He has consulted with think tanks, governments and international institutions, producing briefings and analyses under contract with the EastWest Institute, Centre for European Policy Studies, analytical bulletin *FSU [Former Soviet Union] Oil and Gas Monitor* among other clients, as well as confidential work in the private sector. He has appeared in 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 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 at U.N.-sponsored and other international conferences. He is on the editorial boards of five scholarly journals and is routinely invited to Energy Charter Secretariat 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

Austria, 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

- ◆ 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, emphasizing issues of organizational design in critiquing proposed security architectures.
 - **Evaluated** potentials of existing international institutions to implement regional security, as well as the feasibility of establishing new transnational regional institutions.
 - **Made recommendations** concerning all these matters adopted in full by the Rapporteur of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Industrial Development.
- ◆ CONSULTING ANALYST, *FSU OIL AND GAS MONITOR*, NEWSBASE LTD., 1998–2001.
 - **Wrote** periodic analyses (750–3500 words) several times per month on Eurasian energy security, combining geopolitics, project analysis, leadership psychology, interviews.
 - **Produced** over 80,000 words in two and half years.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 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, now over 2000 with nearly two-thirds outside North America.
 - **As Chair of the Institutional Linkages Committee:** responsible for formulating and implementing strategies for developing inter-institutional linkages and cooperation with

research and academic institutions, other professional associations, media organizations, and nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations.

- **As Member of Publications Committee:** consulted on integration of web-based technologies into organizational development strategy; advised on the development of publications activities; solicited, evaluated and edited articles for the flagship “Perspectives” section of the flagship *Central Eurasian Studies Review*.
- ◆ NGO REPRESENTATIVE TO U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, 2000–2004.
 - **Participated** in meetings at U.N.'s New York headquarters of interest to the Foundation.
 - **Delivered an invited public lecture** on the basis of the working paper circulated at the NGO Forum at the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2002.
 - **As Member of Executive Board**, advised on organizational strategies for promoting the Foundation's goals, facilitated the creation of supporting inter-organizational networks.
- ◆ EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE, VARIOUS DATES, 1998–PRESENT.
 - Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Central Asia and the Caucasus*, 2005–Present.
 - Associate Editor, *Oil, Gas and Energy Law*, 2004–Present.
 - “Perspectives” Section Founding Editor, *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, 2002–2007.
 - Editorial Board Member, *Electronic Journal of World Politics*, 2000–Present.
 - Contributing Editor, *Cahiers d'études sur la Méditerranée orientale et le monde turco-iranien*, 1998–Present.

SELECTED RESEARCH AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, CARLETON UNIVERSITY, OTTAWA, 1996–PRESENT.
 - **Resource person** on energy questions in Eurasia as well as on selected other topics of international relations.
 - **Advising, lecturing, 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, 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.
- **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, CO-OPERATIVE SECURITY RESEARCH GRANT, 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.
- ◆ **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 and seminar presentations, and two public talks.

Selected Recent Publications

- The New Concept of Cooperative Energy Security, *Oil, Gas and Energy Law* **5**, no. 4 (November 2007).
- U.S.–Russian Strategic–Military Relations in Central Asia, *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* **6**, no. 1–3 (2007): 109–125, reprinted in *The Greater Middle East in Global Politics*, edited by M.P. Amineh (Leiden: Brill, 2008).
- 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), reprinted in *Global Energy Security* (Bangalore: ICFAI University Press, forthcoming).
- 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).
- Central Asia and the West after September 11, pp. 219–231 in *NATO and the European Union*, edited by H. Gardner (London: Ashgate, 2004).
- The Caspian Energy Conundrum, *Journal of International Affairs* **56**, no. 2 (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, 2003).
- The Sources of Kazakhstani Conduct, in *Populations, Cultures and Diplomacy*, edited by M. Gervers and W. Schlepp (Toronto: University of Toronto, Joint Centre for Asia and Pacific Studies, 2002), pp. 63–76.
- Turkey and the Geopolitics of Turkmenistan's Natural Gas, *Review of International Affairs* **1** (Winter 2001): 20–33.
- Economics and Security in Central Asia, *Harvard Asia Quarterly* **5**, no. 1 (Winter 2001): 4–12.
- Казахстан и международное энергетическое развитие [Kazakhstan and International Energy Development], *Энергия Казахстана* **2**, no. 7 (December 1999): 49–56.
- 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).
- A Strategy for Cooperative Energy Security, *Caspian Crossroads* 3 (Summer 1997): 23–29.
- Scores of articles of situational analysis in *Asia Times Online*, *FSU Oil & Gas Monitor*, *Central Asia and Caucasus Analyst* (Johns Hopkins University), and other publications.

Languages

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

Work History

- 1996–Present Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University.
- 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].
- 2000–2004 NGO Representative to the Economic and Social Council, U.N. General Assembly.
- 2000–2002 Consultant, Caucasus Working Group, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels.
- 1998–2001 Consultant, *FSU [Former Soviet Union] Oil and Gas Monitor*, Newsbase Ltd.
- 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.