

## DR. ROBERT M. CUTLER - CONSULTANT/RESEARCHER/WRITER

### Key Qualifications

Robert M. Cutler, educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and The University of Michigan, has researched and taught at major universities in the United States, Canada, France, Switzerland and Russia. Now senior research fellow in the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, Canada, he also consults privately in a variety of fields. He has separate résumés for profiles as [ENERGY SECURITY & GEO-ECONOMICS SPECIALIST](#) and as [COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST & MEDIA ANALYST](#), with a demonstrated track record in each. In addition, his consultancies have ranged from organizational design of international institutions to advice on Caspian Sea region investments to redaction of expert affidavits and testimony on human rights conditions in Central Asia.

Dr. Cutler has worked with governments, NGOs, think tanks and international institutions on a wide range of issues, producing briefings and analyses under consultancies with the EastWest Institute (New York), the Centre for European Policy Studies (Brussels) and the Policy Research Initiative (Ottawa) amongst many others, as well as confidential work in the private sector. He has published dozens of refereed academic articles, policy articles and book chapters plus a long list of analyses for specialized Internet sites. He is published in major international newspapers and solicited for interviews by national and international media, and is entirely at ease in all milieux.

Beyond research and writing, his demonstrated skills include *negotiation and conflict-resolution* (e.g., resolving bureaucratic conflicts over decision and implementation of institutional program development, chairing delegations to bilateral meetings), *design and implementation* (designing organizational communications channels, implementing mentoring programs), *planning and execution* (organizing workshops and conferences, planning and administering international collaborative projects), and *evaluation and instruction* (program evaluation, teaching and mentoring, supervision of research).

### Current Appointment and Contact Co-ordinates

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### Academic Credentials

- ◆ [Columbia University](#), The W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, 1983–1984.
- ◆ [Moscow State University](#), Faculty of Modern and Current History, Postdoctoral IREX Fellow (International Research and Exchanges Board, Washington, D.C.), 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.

## Languages

Speaking, reading, writing: English (native), French (near-native), Russian (professional).  
Reading fluency: Italian, Spanish, Romanian, Portuguese, German.

## Countries of International Experience

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

## Selected Work Experience

### *Selected Consultancies (see [other résumés](#) for details in those specializations)*

- ◆ EXPERT WITNESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CENTRAL ASIA, IMMIGRATION APPEALS COURT (NEW JERSEY), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, 2002–PRESENT.
  - **Drafted legal affidavits** providing expert opinions for a series of attorneys for appellants from different Central Asian states, concerning likelihood of appellant's persecution by reason of religion, gender or political opinion if refouled to country of origin.
  - **Won still unbroken string** of nearly a dozen favourable rulings as reputation has spread entirely by word of mouth.
- ◆ ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN SPECIALIST, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME, PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR GLOBAL ACTION (PGA), NEW YORK, 2003–2005.
  - **Acted as rapporteur** for the Second Session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court (CAP-ICC), organized by PGA.
  - **Designed final structure and responsibilities** for the CAP-ICC following its organizational "takeoff", on basis of own report and intensive consultations with PGA staff as well as own previous research on the genesis and evolution of international institutions.
  - **Wrote feasibility study, designed organization and management reform** of PGA itself, on basis of staff interviews, attendance at weekend staff retreat, and analysis of questionnaire replies from PGA Board and selected members (who are national MPs).
- ◆ CONSULTANT, CAUCASUS WORKING GROUP, CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES, 2000–2002.
  - **Advised** on problems of energy development and pipeline construction.
  - **Evaluated** potentials of international and transnational institutions to implement regional security, emphasizing issues of organizational design in proposed security architectures.
  - **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 THE 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.

### *Selected Administrative Appointments*

- ◆ 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.
  - 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.
  - “Perspectives” Section Founding Editor, *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, 2002–2007.
- ◆ 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 Institutional Linkages Committee: formulated and implemented strategies developin cooperation with professional and media organizations.
  - As Member of Publications Committee: consulted on integration of web-based technologies into organizational development strategy; **solicited, evaluated, edited** articles for the flag-ship “Perspectives” section of the flagship *Central Eurasian Studies Review*.

### *Selected Research and Teaching Appointments*

- ◆ RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, CARLETON UNIVERSITY, 1996–PRESENT.
  - **Resource person** on Central, South, and Southwest Asia, and the South Caucasus, as well as on selected issues in international relations theory and practice.
  - **Advising, lecturing, evaluating** theses upon request.
  - **Networking** with foreign institutions, enhancing visibility of Institute and University.
- ◆ CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT, [U.S.] SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL, 1994–1996.
  - **Mediated and co-ordinated** 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; *AND* 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 proposals:** “Cooperative Security in Eurasia,” “Post-Soviet Foreign Policies in the Emerging World Order,” “Soviet Studies and Gorbachev.”
  - **Executed** plans of work, **supervised** research assistants, and **administered** funds.

- ◆ ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAVAL UNIVERSITY, 1988–1996; AND 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** 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, [U.S.] 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.

## Selected Publications and Conference Papers

[N.b.: A full academic *curriculum vitae* including exhaustive publications list is available at <http://www.robertcutler.org/download/pdf/CutlerRM.academic-cv.pdf>. Web-published analyses may be [googled using my name with the middle initial](#).]

- “Complexity and Central Controversies and Debates in International Relations: The End of the Cold War,” paper presented to the [U.S.] National Science Foundation Workshop *Complexity Science in International Relations*, International Studies Association, Annual Convention, San Francisco (Calif.), 25 March 2008.
- “Development of the European Union’s European Neighbourhood Program in the South Caucasus: An Instance of Incipient Organizational Learning,” Global Europe Paper 2008/4 (Bath: University of Bath, Conflict and Security Studies), based on a paper presented to the Conference *The Study of the European Neighbourhood Policy*, University of Nottingham (U.K.), 25–26 October 2007.
- “The Geo-economics of Central Asian Energy,” invited powerpoint presentation to the Conference *Spotlight on Asia’s Energy and Security Challenges: A Multilateral Response?* S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, 7–8 September 2007.
- “U.S.–Russian Strategic-Military Relations in Central Asia,” *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 6, no. 1–3 (2007): 109–125.
- “The Future of European Energy,” briefing paper for the Global Dialogue on Natural Resources, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington (D.C.), 3–4 April 2006.
- “De-authoritarization in Uzbekistan?: Analysis and Prospects,” in Irina Morozova (ed.), *Towards Social Stability and Democratic Governance in Central Eurasia: Challenges to Regional Security*, NATO Science Series 49 (Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2005), pp. 120–141.
- “The Sources and Regions of Crisis in the Caucasus,” in N. Resat Ödün (ed.), *Examination of the Regions of Crisis from the Perspectives of Turkey, NATO and the European Union, and Their*

*Impacts on the Security of Turkey* (Ankara: Turkish General Staff Printing House, 2004), pp. 105–126.

“The European Parliament and the EU’s Security and Defence Policy,” *European Security* **12**, no. 2 (Summer 2003): 1–20. Principal co-author.

“Economics and Security in Central Asia,” *Harvard Asia Quarterly* **5**, no. 1 (Winter 2001): 4–12.

“Tskhinvali (South Ossetia), Georgia: Conflict Profile,” *Foreign Policy in Focus*, 28 October 2001, pp. 1–4.

“Policy Options for Resolving Post-Soviet Ethnic Conflict,” *Central Asian Survey* **19**, no. 3–4 (September/December 2000): 451–468.

*New Silk Road: Briefing Book on Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan* (New York: EastWest Institute, 1999). 38 pp.

## Work History

2002–Present Expert Witness on Human Rights in Central Asia, Immigration Appeals Court (New Jersey), U.S. Department of Justice, 2002–Present.

1996–Present Research Associate, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University.

2003–2005 Organizational Design Specialist, International Law and Human Rights Program, Parliamentarians for Global Action, New York, 2003–2005.

2002–2005 Member, Executive Board, Central Eurasian Studies Society.

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, Laval University.

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.