



Council for Emerging National Security Affairs

OVERVIEW

- MISSION:** To bring midcareer professionals together to assess national security policy and build networks between the public and private sectors through formal discussion series, graduate level teaching programs and collaborative research projects leading to publications of lasting quality.
- NETWORKED STRUCTURE:** With programs across the globe, CENSA unites its membership under a shared vision, not a building. With broadly defined objectives set by the leadership, CENSA's regional centers conduct events and develop programming that reflect local strengths and interests. Research projects draw on the network of CENSA's worldwide talent, enabling first-rate products to be completed by geographically diverse authors in a timely and efficient manner. CENSA believes face-to-face interaction is crucial and organizes national conferences to bring professionals together. CENSA's model enables its members to use these meetings to strengthen bonds already forged from virtual collaboration.
- GROWTH:** From 40 to 250 competitively selected members and one to six cities in five years.
- INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES:** Sixty-seven dinner events in eight cities on three continents, including New York, Washington, DC, San Francisco, Boston, Newport, London, Budapest and Singapore.
- Accomplished practitioners and academics such as Brent Scowcroft, Judy Miller, Robert Gallucci and Robert Hormats, as well as acclaimed emerging policy specialists like Roger Cressey, Nouriel Roubini and Ian Bremmer have spoken on a diverse range of topics, including "Approaching Islam and Understanding Fundamentalism," "Implications of the Global Population Spike" and "Terrorism and the Capital Markets." Through the dinner series program, CENSA provides up and coming policy experts a forum in which to voice their opinion as well as a seat at the same table with established figures in the international affairs realm.
- ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS:** Partnered with Georgetown and Columbia Universities to teach graduate level course and provide team-based mentoring tutorials.
- At Georgetown, 20 students participated in each of the CENSA-sponsored International Consulting Workshop and Countering Terrorism course. Six students have completed 30-page policy papers through the CENSA-sponsored tutorials over the course of the last 3 years.
- At Columbia, CENSA currently sponsors two internships, hosts two students at the monthly New York dinner series and teaches a course titled "International Crime and Terrorism."
- PUBLICATIONS:** *Beyond the Campaign: The Future of Countering Terrorism* was released in March 2004. With contributions from fifteen authors, this work examines how best to sustain a long-term, global and multidisciplinary fight against terrorism. Key issues include a focus on emerging regional threats, the connected roles of aid and force, and multilateralism.
- CENSA's *Project on Transatlantic Relation* is a Delphi study of key American thought leaders and their views on the future shape of US-European relations, due out in June 2004.
- Sharpening the Sword* was released in May 2002 and contained ten articles examining national security innovation, with a foreword by former Deputy Secretary of Defense John White.
- The *Presidential Transition Report* was released in November 2000 as a collaboration of 27 member-authors. Within six months of its release it received over 78,000 hits on our web site, over 800 copies were downloaded, and it was read by several members of the new Administration, including the National Security Advisor.

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