

**EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND TRAINING**

- **Columbia University:** Alan and Tudy McLaine Leadership Fellow, Rockefeller Brothers Program for East Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union, International House, 1993–1994.
- **Social Science Research Council:** Post-doctoral Central Asian Training Grant, Summer 1993.
- **Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies:** Post-doctoral Fellow in Russian and Soviet Studies, 1985–1988.
- **University of Nantes:** Research Fellow of the University Scientific Council, Department of International Economics, 1984–1985.
- **Columbia University:** Mellon Post-doctoral Fellow, W. Averell Harriman Institute for the Advanced Study of the Soviet Union, School of International and Public Affairs, 1983–1984.
- **Moscow State University:** IREX Post-doctoral Fellow, Contemporary History Faculty, 1982–1983.
- **University of Michigan:** Rackham Graduate Fellow, 1976–1977; Ph.D., Political Science, 1982.
- **University of Geneva:** Albert Gallatin Fellow in International Affairs, Faculty of International History and Politics, Graduate Institute of International Studies, 1979–1980.
- **Pennsylvania State University:** M.A., Political Science, 1976.
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology:** Sc.B., Political Science, & Sc.B., Humanities and Science, 1974.

Dr. Cutler expanded into policy analysis, foremost as Energy Security and Geo-economics Specialist, after over a dozen years of research and teaching at all levels at leading universities in Canada, France, Russia, Switzerland and the United States. He has specializations also in Complex Organization and Decision Studies, and in Strategic Communications and Media Analysis. Over the past quarter-century, he has consulted with the private sector, governments, think-tanks, international institutions and NGOs in all these fields, framing research and policy issues, leading teams, producing bulletins and briefings. **His unique perspective on international security policy, particularly European and Eurasian energy security, combines expertise in energy security, geopolitics, geo-economics, project analysis, media analysis, diplomacy, leadership psychology and his own networks of contacts developed over many years.** He is Senior Research Fellow and Director, Energy Security Program, NATO Association of Canada; Practitioner Member, Waterloo Institute for Complexity and Innovation, University of Waterloo; Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute; and Past Chair, Board of Directors, Montreal Press Club.

**REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS** illustrate these varieties of frequently overlapping expertise:

- **Special Advisor for energy diplomacy and communications strategy** to Director for corporate strategy of a major international energy company in the Black Sea–Caspian Sea region. Designing, planning, implementing external and internal information strategies. Advocating at conferences, think tanks, in policy and academic writings, media interviews, press articles, background briefings. Developing, overseeing, writing, redacting content for key information products. Updating, redesigning, creating content for company website integrating it into corporate information strategy. Advising strategies and approaches in international energy diplomacy.
- **Special Advisor to the assistant to the president** of a major international oil and gas exploration and development company, evaluating geopolitical and financial risks involved in choice amongst export pipeline routes from Caspian Sea basin to world markets, also on negotiating strategies over such routes.
- **Advisor to the special assistant to the president** of a major New York- and Brussels-based think tank in international affairs, for its activities in co-operation with international energy companies and consortia; also, rapporteur for series of high-level meetings, preparing background briefing materials.
- **Chief organizational designer** of an international institution adjunctive to the International Criminal Court. Conference rapporteur, also preparing documentation and briefings.
- **Chief organizational designer and head of implementation team** for communication channels improving decision-making in the office of the resident of a major U.S. university. Also for a major NGO.

- **Leading team member in a major Brussels think tank's** working group on energy development in former Soviet areas. Specialized in issues of organizational design and implications of various security architectures.
- **Conference and workshop designer, planner and organizer**, chairing sessions, also editorial and rapporteur functions. Likewise for individual analytical projects.
- **Key team member guiding organizational takeoff** of a new international policy and academic organization: formulated and implemented a strategy for developing inter-institutional linkages with other associations. Principal in developing its publication activities and organizing its annual conference.
- **Key team member** of international multi-year, multi-project research network studying a series of issue-areas ranging over the evolution of energy security in, and energy relations between, Europe and Asia..
- **Principal investigator** of numerous research projects. Defined questions to be answered, designed research to answer them, supervised researchers, coordinated teams, administered funds.
- **Analytical journalism** on energy security combining media analysis, geopolitics, project analysis, leadership psychology, interviews; financial journalism on Asian equity markets and global financial crisis.
- **Editorial board member** of numerous professional policy and scholarly journals. Participated in planning of editorial policy, organized evaluation of manuscripts.
- **Expert Witness** in human rights, Immigration Appeals Court (New Jersey), U.S. Department of Justice, specializing in political, religious and gender discrimination. Strategized, drafted and edited affidavits providing Expert Opinions for appellants from Central Asia. Over a dozen successful briefs, no losses.
- **Invited discussant and expert participant**, scores of policy workshops, round-tables and conferences in North America, Europe and Asia. Repeated U.S. State Department public diplomacy tours in Central and Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus.

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC PROFILE**

Dr. Cutler has published over 50 reviewed scholarly articles and book chapters, over 20 reviewed policy articles, encyclopedia articles, one single-authored and two edited books, many hundreds of expert commentaries and analyses, and given over 200 papers to professional conferences, workshops, seminars, colloquia, keynote addresses, in addition to public speeches, media interviews. **His profile is characterized by originality, independent thinking, foresight and authoritativeness.** Examples include:

- His first scholarly article, double-blind peer-reviewed and published two years before he received the Ph.D. (five years before Gorbachev came to power), predicted exactly how the Communist Party would lose domestic hegemony and the Soviet Union would disintegrate after Brezhnev's death.
- His doctoral dissertation was the first-ever monograph-length systematic comparative case-study analysis of either Soviet foreign policy or Soviet foreign policy decision-making.
- His double-blind peer-reviewed policy study of EEC–CMEA (East-West European economic) relations had determining influence on EU policy to Central/Eastern European countries in late 1980s.
- His late-1980s double-blind peer-reviewed scholarly article was the first comprehensive study of Soviet-bloc military relations with the Third World. It remains the authoritative treatment 30 years later.
- In the late 1990s he predicted that the unipolar U.S.-centred post–Cold War international transition would end in 2001–2002, creating a new multipolar international system lasting until the early/mid-2040s.
- His double-blind peer-reviewed 2001 scholarly book chapter was the first systematic worldwide analysis of international parliamentary institutions (IPIs), founding the field of comparative IPI studies.
- Numerous publications and addresses since 1993 have made a series of correct predictions about strategic oil and gas export pipeline choices made by principal actors in Eurasian energy development.
- His policy concept of “cooperative energy security”, in the flagship journal of the Academic Council of United Nations Studies, was influential in integrating sustainable development into international energy development, particularly in explaining the exact role of civil-society organizations in project consultations.
- He was internationally sought for interview, commentary, and opinion over the origins, development, and future significance of the Second Karabakh War between Armenia and Azerbaijan in late 2020.