



**Reiss Center on  
Law and Security**  
NYU School of Law

Dear Friends,

2019 has been a complex and challenging year for those who study and practice in the field of national security. We have worked hard at the Reiss Center on Law and Security to inject rigor, diverse perspectives and policy-relevant outputs into the debate. As the year draws to a close, we are taking a moment to reflect on our recent activity.

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## Cultivating Dialogue in New York and D.C.



[A discussion on the legal and national security contours of the U.S. withdrawal from Syria](#), featuring journalist Anne Barnard, former policy official Jon Finer and international lawyer Claus Kress, moderated by RCLS Faculty Co-Director Ryan Goodman.



[A public conversation on Capitol Hill](#) with Reps. Will Hurd, Andy Kim and Elissa Slotkin—all former members of the Executive branch—on the view from the House.



[A convening of leading lawmakers and policy officials](#) in Washington, D.C., featuring Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Sen. Mike Lee and three former White House Counsels on Congress' role in oversight and national security.



[A conversation](#) between Assistant Attorney General John Demers and RCLS Distinguished Senior Fellow Lisa Monaco on national security at the DOJ today.

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## Providing Student Opportunities

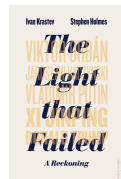
As part of our commitment to **educating the next generation of leaders**, we resumed our popular [career series](#) exclusively for NYU Law students, featuring prominent practitioners in intimate conversation with students about the path from law school to a career in the field. Our [RCLS Student Scholars](#) have made tremendous contributions to the work of our Center; we are especially proud that this year's Scholars have published their [own work](#) in *Just Security*.



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## Informing the Public Conversation

Reiss Center affiliates have been **instrumental in shaping the public conversation**:



RCLS Faculty Co-Director Stephen Holmes' newest book, *The Light that Failed*—an examination of Russia, the West, and the crisis of the liberal order that undergirds our national security—made waves as a “best book of the year” pick from the [Economist](#), the [Financial Times](#), and more.



The online forum [Just Security](#), now housed at the Reiss Center, continues to play a vital role in debating law, rights and national security and remains on the required reading list for policymakers and thought leaders.



Our faculty co-directors and fellows—including Ryan Goodman, Bob Bauer, Tess Bridgeman, Jon Finer, Michael Hanna, Rebecca Ingber, Lisa Monaco, Yascha Mounk, Steve Pomper, Nick Rasmussen and Lindsay Rodman—have been indispensable voices on critically important national security issues. Their contributions have appeared in, among others, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic*, *Texas National Security Review* and *Politico*, and on CNN, MSNBC, PBS and NPR. Highlights can be found [@RCLS\\_NYU](#).

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## Moving into 2020

The impending start of a new year is also a moment to reflect on where the Reiss Center is heading. Confronting the national security challenges of our era requires sustained engagement, fact-driven and critical thinking, and creative solutions. To that end, and in addition to our regular programming, please keep an eye out for **major forthcoming research** on national security and the balance of powers from the Reiss Center in the coming months.

Of course, **we cannot do it alone**. The Reiss Center relies on your generosity to help bring our nonpartisan, multidisciplinary programming and research to life. We would be honored to have your support.

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From all of us at the Reiss Center on Law and Security, we wish you happy holidays and a peaceful New Year.

Warmly,  
Rachel Goldbrenner and the RCLS team

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