



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

Dear Friends,

Last February, when we convened a [forum](#) at NYU Law on the growing threat posed by a pandemic whose effects were just beginning to ripple across the globe, we could not have anticipated all that would unfold in the ensuing year. Despite the profound challenges and disruptions of 2020, we look back with gratitude on the work we have accomplished, and ahead to a new year of challenges and opportunities.

Innovative Research and Analysis



This summer, we launched a 14-part series, [Novel Threats: National Security and the Coronavirus Pandemic](#). In weekly conversations with Reiss Center experts and affiliates such as [Wally Adeyemo](#), [Lisa Monaco](#), [Richard Pildes](#) and [Nicholas Rasmussen](#), we explored essential topics at the intersection of national security and the pandemic—including leadership, the global economy, cybersecurity, the 2020 elections and more.



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War Powers Resolution Reporting Project

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This past year, we were pleased to unveil the [War Powers Resolution Reporting Project](#): the first publicly accessible, searchable, living resource on the war powers reporting practice of every U.S. President since 1973. Since its release, the project has become an essential tool for policymakers and legal experts. The database will be updated regularly in an ongoing research effort spearheaded by [Tess Bridgeman](#), Senior Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the Reiss Center.

Preparing Future Leaders

NYU Law students will become the next generation of leaders. We are committed to training, mentoring and providing opportunities for students interested in careers in national security law and policy.

This year we continued our popular [career series](#), an intimate set of conversations between our students and prominent practitioners with a

diverse range of national security experience.

We also welcomed our third cohort of [RCLS Student Scholars](#). Our Scholars make tremendous contributions to the work of our Center, contribute [research](#) and [bylines](#) to *Just Security*, and have gone on to prestigious national security positions outside of law school.

A ROAD LESS TRAVELED:
National Security Careers After Law School

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A conversation

2020-21

SEPTEMBER 28
Camille Stewart

OCTOBER 26
Nabiba Syed

FEBRUARY 1
Ronald Newman

MARCH 1
Alissa Starzak

APRIL 5
Maher Bitar

A conversation series featuring national security experts and practitioners

Co-hosted with the National Security Law Society

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Informing the Public Discourse

Throughout a year of unprecedented challenges, the Reiss Center continued to offer current and insightful programming.



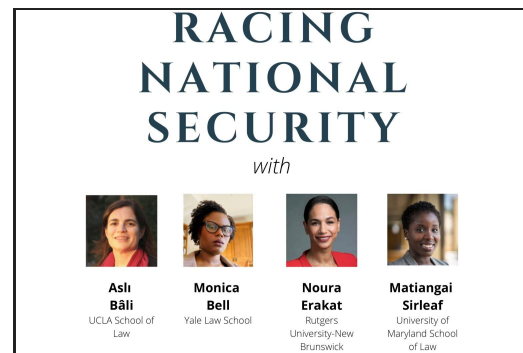
We held a [discussion](#) on reforming the FISA process, featuring former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe and other experts.



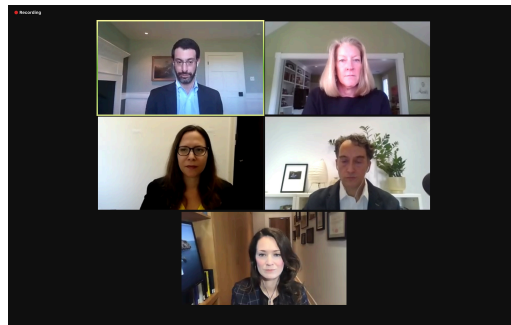
We convened a [panel](#) of Reiss Center distinguished fellows, all former senior government lawyers, on major challenges facing the Department of Justice.



Distinguished Senior Fellow Lisa Monaco moderated an early [forum](#) on the legal and policy dimensions of the impending Covid-19 crisis.

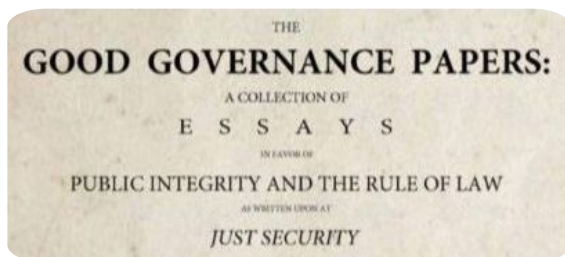


We joined with *Just Security* and the Yale Law School National Security Group to convene an expert [panel](#) on racial justice in national security.



Soon after the 2020 elections, we [hosted](#) leading experts to analyze the national security dimensions of the presidential election.

Ideas and Insights

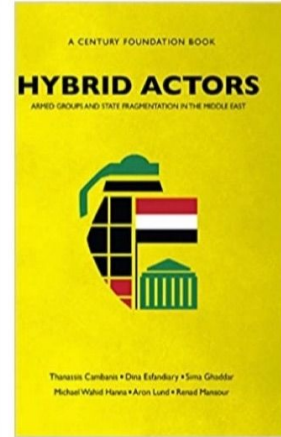
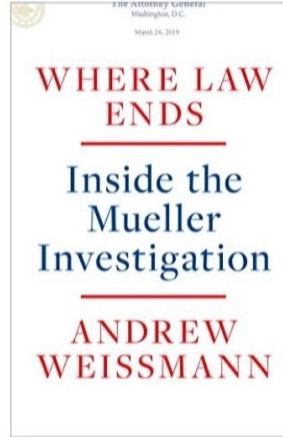
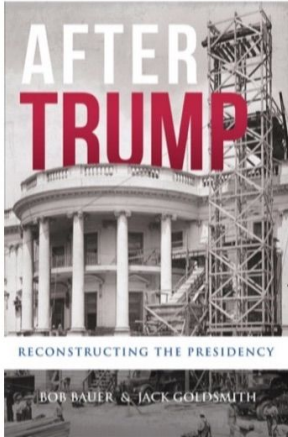


Reiss Center experts contributed to *Just Security's* vital series on good governance reforms. Read essays by Executive Director [Rachel Goldbrenner](#) and RCLS fellows [Andrew Weissmann](#), [Tess](#)



Faculty Co-Director David Golove's groundbreaking [historical analysis](#) on the Alien Tort Statute was cited four times in Supreme Court oral arguments in *Nestlé USA, Inc. v. Doe I* and *Cargill Inc. v. Doe I*.

[Bridgeman & Stephen Pomper](#) and
[Rebecca Ingber](#).



Books from Faculty Co-Director [Stephen Holmes](#) & RCLS fellows [Bob Bauer](#),
[Michael Hanna](#) & [Andrew Weissmann](#) met with critical acclaim.

Support the Reiss Center

While much about the future remains uncertain, we know that 2021 will bring more opportunity to shape the debate—and that we will continue to provide our community with innovative research, fresh analysis and timely programming. 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*
