

DR. ROBERT M. CUTLER – CONSULTANT / RESEARCHER / WRITER / EDITOR

Key Qualifications

Robert M. Cutler, educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and The University of Michigan, is senior research fellow, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, Canada. After over a dozen years in major universities in the United States, Canada, France, Switzerland and Russia, he expanded into policy analysis and consulting. He has separate specialized résumés as [ENERGY SECURITY & GEO-ECONOMICS SPECIALIST](#), [COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST & MEDIA ANALYST](#), and [COMPLEX ORGANIZATION & DECISION SPECIALIST](#). He has also authored expert affidavits on human rights in Central Asia for immigration appeals cases.

Dr. Cutler has worked with governments, NGOs, think tanks and international institutions, and engaged in confidential work in the private sector. He has published dozens of academic and policy articles and book chapters plus a long list of analyses for specialized Internet sites and major newspapers. He is solicited for interviews by international media, entirely at ease in all milieux, and noted for his ability to recognize significant developments before they become generally evident. His skill sets include [negotiation and strategy](#), [design and implementation](#), [planning and execution](#), and [evaluation and instruction](#).

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.

Current Appointment and Contact Co-ordinates

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Languages

English (mother tongue); French (excellent); Russian (very good); Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish (proficient reading); Dutch, German, Latin, Polish, and Romanian (some reading).

Countries of International Experience

Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg,

Monaco, Mexico, Norway, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan.

Selected Work Experience

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES (SEE [OTHER RÉSUMÉS](#) FOR DETAILS IN THOSE SPECIALIZATIONS)

- ◆ EURASIAN ENERGY & FINANCE CORRESPONDENT, *ASIA TIMES ONLINE*, 2007–PRESENT;
- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *CENTRAL ASIA-CAUCASUS ANALYST* (JHU–SAIS), 1999–PRESENT;
- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *ISN SECURITY WATCH*, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY NETWORK (SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY–ZÜRICH), 2008–2011; *AND*
- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *FSU OIL AND GAS MONITOR* (NEWSBASE, LTD.), 1998–2001.
 - **Periodic analyses** of Eurasian energy security and geo-economics; later expanded to Asian and European finance and markets after the global crisis beginning in 2007–2008.
 - Hundreds of thousands of words produced during over a decade of work, much of it through 2010 **aggregated at** <<http://www.robertcutler.org/blog>>.
- ◆ 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 appellants concerning likelihood of religious, gender-based or political persecution if refouled to country of origin.
 - **Won a still unbroken string** of nearly a dozen favourable rulings.
- ◆ 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 CAP-ICC on basis of intensive consultations.
 - **Wrote feasibility study, designed organization & management reform** of PGA itself.
- ◆ CONSULTANT, CAUCASUS GROUP, CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES, 2000–2002.
 - **Advised** on problems of energy development and pipeline construction, **evaluated** potentials of international and transnational institutions for regional security.
 - **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 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 elite delegation of U.S. businessmen to Caspian Sea region.

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE, VARIOUS DATES 1998–PRESENT.
 - **Editorial Board Member**, *Journal of Eurasian Studies*, 2011–Present; *Journal of International Organizations Studies*, 2011–Present; *Journal of Central Asia and the Caucasus*, 2005–Present; *Electronic Journal of World Politics*, 2000–Present.

- **Associate Editor**, *Oil, Gas and Energy Law*, 2004–2008.
- **“Perspectives” Section Founding Editor**, *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, 2002–2007.
- **Contributing Editor**, *Cahiers d’études sur la Méditerranée orientale et le monde turco-iranien*, 1998–2005.
- ◆ 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** developing 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 flagship “Perspectives” section of the flagship *Central Eurasian Studies Review*.

SELECTED RESEARCH AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, INSTITUTE OF EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, CARLETON UNIVERSITY, 1996–PRESENT.
 - **Resource person** on Central and Southwest Asia and the Caucasus, and selected topics of international relations theory, including energy-related topics from Europe to East Asia.
 - **Advising and lecturing** on and these subjects, **evaluating** theses.
 - **Networking** with foreign institutions, enhancing visibility of Institute and University.
- ◆ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, RESEARCH GRANT, WORLD SOCIETY FOUNDATION, ZURICH, 1996–1998.
 - **Developed and wrote** successful research proposal on “The Proliferation of International Parliamentary Institutions.” Collected basic data on several dozen such institutions.
 - **Created and applied** framework to study their development of relations with regional integration organizations, assessing potential for contributing to regional governance.
- ◆ 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, organized and followed through** on workshop series on post-Soviet affairs.
- ◆ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, RESEARCH GRANT, CO-OPERATIVE SECURITY PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, 1993–1994;
- ◆ 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, UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL, 1988–1996;

- ♦ 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** 14 subjects (46 semester-courses) in international relations, comparative politics, and political philosophy, at every level from introductory to graduate research seminar.
- ♦ 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 Papers*

- The Central Eurasian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex, in *Secure Oil and Alternative Energy*, edited by M.P. Aminah and Y. Guang (Leiden–Boston: Brill, forthcoming).
- Russia’s Emerging Place in the Eurasian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex, pp. 71–100 in *The Globalization of Energy*, edited by M.P. Aminah and Y. Guang (Leiden–Boston: Brill, 2010).
- U.S.–Russian Strategic-Military Relations in Central Asia,” *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 6:1–3 (2007): 109–125.
- The Paradox of Intentional Emergent Coherence: Organization and Decision in a Complex World, *Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences* 91:4 (Winter 2006): 9–27.
- De-authoritarization in Uzbekistan? pp. 120–141 in *Towards Social Stability and Democratic Governance in Central Eurasia*, ed. by Irina Morozova (Amsterdam: IOS Press, 2005).
- The Sources and Regions of Crisis in the Caucasus, pp. 105–126 in *Examination of the Regions of Crisis from Perspectives of Turkey, NATO and the European Union*, ed. by N. Resat Ödün (Ankara: Turkish General Staff Printing House, 2004).
- Central Asia and the West after September 11, pp. 219–231 in *NATO and the European Union: New World, New Europe, New Threats*, edited by Hall Gardner (London: Ashgate, 2004).
- Transnational Policies for Conflict Reduction and Prevention in the South Caucasus, *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 2: 3–4 (December 2003): 615–633.
- *Towards a Parliamentary Assembly of the International Criminal Court?*, Rapporteur’s report of the Second Session of the Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the International Criminal Court and the Rule of Law, New York, 12–13 September 2003.
- Complexity Science and Knowledge-Creation in International Relations Theory, in *Institutional and Infrastructural Resources*, in *Encyclopedia of Life Support Sciences* (Oxford: EOLSS for UNESCO, 2002), <<http://www.eolss.net>>.
- Economics and Security in Central Asia, *Harvard Asia Quarterly* 5:1 (Winter 2001): 4–12.

* For principal publications, see <<http://www.robertcutler.org/cvres/cv/publicns.htm>>. For conference papers, seminars, lectures, etc., see Section 6 of <<http://www.robertcutler.org/download/pdf/CutlerRM.academic-cv.pdf>>. For reference to Web-published analyses, google “Robert M. Cutler”.

- Invited Testimony [on Caspian Sea Region Energy], Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, House of Commons, Ottawa, 5 May 2000.
- *New Silk Road: Briefing Book on Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan* (New York: EastWest Institute, 1999). 38 pp.
- *Financing Eurasian Energy for the Twenty-first Century*, Rapporteur's report of the Second EastWest Leaders' Forum (New York: Institute for East-West Studies, 16 June 1998).
- Does Soviet Foreign Policy Learn?, paper presented to the Annual Meeting, Western Political Science Association, Anaheim (Calif.), 26–28 March 1987.
- The Formation of Soviet Foreign Policy: Organizational and Cognitive Perspectives, *World Politics* 34:3 (April 1982): 418–436.
- Decision Making and International Relations: The Cybernetic Theory Reconsidered, *Michigan Journal of Political Science* 1:2 (Fall 1981): 57–63.
- Soviet Dissent under Khrushchev: An Analytical Study, *Comparative Politics* 13:1 (October 1980): 15–35.

Work History

- 2002–Present Expert Witness, Human Rights in Central Asia, Immigration Appeals Court, Department of Justice, U.S. Government.
- 1999–Present Contributing Analyst: *Asia Times OnLine* (2007–Present), *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst* (1999–Present), *ISN Security Watch* (2009–2011), *FSU Oil & Gas Monitor* (1998–2001); other publications.
- 1996–Present Research Fellow, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University.
- 2009–2010 Speaker and Specialist Grantee, Office of International Programs, Department of State, U.S. Government.
- 2003–2005 Organizational Design Specialist, International Law and Human Rights Program, Parliamentarians for Global Action, New York.
- 2002–2005 Member, Executive Board, Central Eurasian Studies Society.
- 2000–2002 Consultant, Caucasus Working Group, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels.
- 1998–2004 Consultant to Special Assistant to the President: a major global energy exploration and development company (2000–2004); EastWest Institute, New York (1998–1999).
- 1989–1998 Principal Investigator, Research Grant: World Society Foundation (1996–1998); [U.S.] Social Science Research Council (1994–1996), as co-principal; Co-operative Security Program, Department of External Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada (1993–1994); Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (1991–1994); Special Grant for Development of Sovietology, Department of National Defence, Government of Canada (1989–1991), as co-principal .
- 1988–1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Laval University.
- 1984–1988 Visiting Assistant Professor: Department of Political Science, University of California at Santa Barbara (1985–1988); Department of Political Science, University of Arizona (1984–1985).