

DR. ROBERT M. CUTLER – ENERGY SECURITY & GEO-ECONOMICS SPECIALIST

Key Qualifications

Robert M. Cutler was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and The University of Michigan, and is senior research fellow, Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, Canada. After holding teaching and research appointments at major universities in the United States, Canada, France, Switzerland and Russia, he expanded into policy analysis and consulting, foremost as an Energy Security and Geo-economics Specialist. A recognized authority entirely at ease in all milieux, he is internationally sought out by electronic and print interviewers.

He has over 15 years' experience in analysis of energy security and geopolitics including consulting to international institutions, international energy firms, governments and NGOs; framing research and policy issues, leading research teams, and producing briefings and analytical bulletins. He maintains a constant online presence through frequent contributions to *Central Asia–Caucasus Analyst*, *ISN Security Watch*, *Asia Times Online*, and other expert commentary sites; has published dozens of refereed academic articles, policy articles and book chapters; has given keynote speeches to international conferences; and is noted for his ability to recognize significant developments his fields before they become generally evident. His skill sets include negotiation and conflict-resolution, design and implementation, planning and execution, and evaluation and instruction.

Academic Credentials

- ◆ Social Science Research Council, Post-doctoral Grant for Training in Central Asian Studies, Indiana University, Summer 1993.
- ◆ Columbia University, The W. Averell Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, 1983–1984.
- ◆ Moscow State University, IREX Postdoctoral Fellow, 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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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.

Languages

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

Selected Work Experience

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

- ◆ EURASIAN ENERGY AND ASIAN FINANCE CORRESPONDENT, *ASIA TIMES ONLINE*, 2007–PRESENT;
- ◆ CONTRIBUTING ANALYST, *CENTRAL ASIA-CAUCASUS ANALYST* (JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY–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.
 - **Wrote periodic analyses** of Eurasian energy security and geo-economics; later expanded to Asian and European finance, banking and equity 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>>.
- ◆ SPEAKER AND SPECIALIST GRANTEE, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER 2009, JUNE 2010.
 - **Made public presentations and lectured** by invitation from universities and public organizations in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Hungary and Romania.
 - **Led specialist-oriented seminars** at research institutes and policy think tanks.
 - **Consulted** with ministerial and other government advisory and decision-making instances.
- ◆ CONSULTANT TO THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, [A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY], 2000–2004.
 - **Evaluated** client's proprietary information concerning financial and organizational conditions, together with specialized knowledge of geopolitical and economic risks.
 - **Made recommendations** concerning company's choices amongst export pipeline routes from the Caspian Sea basin to world markets and associated investment issues.
 - **Advised negotiating strategies** based on the foregoing, drawing on specialized knowledge of local conditions including leadership psychology of national decision makers.
- ◆ CONSULTANT, CAUCASUS WORKING GROUP, CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES, 2000–2002.
 - **Brainstormed** ideas for insuring stability, security, and development in the Caucasus.
 - **Advised** on problems of energy development and pipeline construction, also **evaluated** potentials of existing or new international institutions to implement 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 high-level delegation of American businessmen to Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
 - **Advised about activities** of Institute's cooperation with international energy companies.

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- ◆ EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE, VARIOUS DATES 1996–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, OTTAWA, 1996–PRESENT.
 - **Resource person** on Central and Southwest Asia and the Caucasus, and selected topics of international relations theory; later (following Institute's name-change) including specifically 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 and interim and final reports on “The Proliferation of International Parliamentary Institutions [IPIs].” **Collected basic data** on several dozen such institutions, **published** research results.

- **Created and applied** systematic framework on IPIs develop 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 coordinated** amongst multiple individuals with competing bureaucratic interests a successful grant proposal for four interdisciplinary workshop sessions.
 - **Planned and organized** workshop series on post-Soviet affairs.
 - **Followed through** to assure attendance and discussion.
- ◆ 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 for: “Cooperative Security in Eurasia,” “Post-Soviet Foreign Policies in Emerging World Order,” and “Soviet Studies and Gorbachev.”
 - **Executed** plans of work, **supervised** research assistants, **administered** funds, **presented and published** relevant research.
 - **Innovated** the Cooperative Energy Security concept from work executed under the Cooperative Security Program grant.
- ◆ 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** (in English in the U.S. and in French in Canada) a total of 14 different subjects in international relations, comparative politics, and political philosophy, at all levels from introductory undergraduate to graduate research seminar, total of 46 semester-courses.
- ◆ PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR [AND POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW], JOINT COMMITTEE ON SOVIET STUDIES, 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** assistants, **administered** funds, **published** results.

Selected Publications and Papers

- The Central Eurasian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex: From Central Asia to Central Europe, in *Secure Oil and Alternative Energy: The Geopolitics of Energy Paths of China and The European Union*, edited by M.P. Amineh and Y. Guang (Leiden–Boston: Brill, forthcoming).
- Azerbaijan’s Place in Euro-Caspian Energy Security, *Azerbaijan Focus* (October–December 2010): 85–98. Revised and expanded version in *South Caucasus 2021: Oil, Democracy and Geopolitics*, edited by G.E. Howard and F. Ismailzade, (London: Routledge, forthcoming).
- Russia’s Emerging Place in the Eurasian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex, pp. 71–100 in *The Globalization of Energy: China and the European Union*, edited by M.P. Amineh and Y. Guang (Leiden–Boston: Brill, 2010).
- Recent Developments in the Structuration of the Central Asian Hydrocarbon Energy Complex, pp. 61–82 in *Asian Energy and Security Challenges*, edited by C. Len and A. Chew (Stockholm: Institute for Security and Development Policy, 2009).
- [Recent Developments in Cooperative Energy Security](http://www.gasandoil.com/ogel), *Oil, Gas and Energy Law* 5:4 (November 2007): <<http://www.gasandoil.com/ogel>>.
- Current Problems of Global Energy Security in Light of Caspian Sea Region’s Recent Experience, *Oil, Gas and Energy Law* 4:1 (May 2006) [[PDF, 142Kb](#)].
- The Future of European Energy,” briefing paper for the Global Dialogue on Natural Resources, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington (D.C.), 3–4 April 2006.
- The Sources and Regions of Crisis in the Caucasus, pp. 105–126 in *Examination of the Regions of Crisis from the Perspectives of Turkey, NATO and the European Union*, edited by N.R. Ödün (Ankara: Turkish General Staff Printing House, 2004).
- [The Caspian Energy Conundrum](#), *Journal of International Affairs* 56 (Spring 2003): 89–102.
- Economics and Security in Central Asia, *Harvard Asia Quarterly* 5:1 (Winter 2001): 4–12.
- [Turkey and the Geopolitics of Turkmenistan’s Natural Gas](#), *Review of International Affairs* 1 (Winter 2001): 20–33.
- Policy Options for Resolving Post-Soviet Ethnic Conflict, *Central Asian Survey* 19:3–4 (September/December 2000): 451–468.
- 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: The U.S. Strategic Perspective on Caspian Energy Issues in Project Structuring, Financing, and Feasibility Conclusion (including Regional Geopolitical Views)*, Rapporteur’s report of the Second EastWest Leaders’ Forum, (New York: Institute for East-West Studies, 16 June 1998).

- Казахстан и международное энергетическое развитие [Kazakhstan and International Energy Development], *Энергия Казахстана* 2:7 (December 1999): 49–56. [[PDF, 662Kb](#)]
- [Cooperative Energy Security in the Caspian Region: A New Paradigm for Sustainable Development?](#) *Global Governance* 5:2 (April–June 1999): 251–271.
- A Strategy for Cooperative Energy Security, *Caspian Crossroads* 3:1 (Summer 1997): 23–29.
- [Towards Cooperative Energy Security in the South Caucasus](#), *Caucasian Regional Studies* 1:1 (1996): 71–81; Russian translation, [О совместной энергетической безопасности в Южном Кавказе](#), *Кавказские региональные исследования* 1:1 (1996): 69–80.

Work History

- 1999–Present Contributing Analyst: *Asia Times OnLine* (since 2007), *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst* (since 1999), *ISN Security Watch* (2009–2011), *FSU Oil & Gas Monitor* (1998–2001); occasionally 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.
- 2002–2005 Member, Executive Board, Central Eurasian Studies Society.
- 2000–2004 Consultant to the Special Assistant to the President, [a major international oil and gas exploration and development company, identity contractually confidential].
- 2000–2002 Consultant, Caucasus Working Group, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels.
- 1998–1999 Consultant to the Special Assistant to the President, EastWest Institute, New York.
- 1996–1998 Principal Investigator, Research Grant, World Society Foundation, Zurich.
- 1994–1996 Co-principal investigator, Research and Development Grant, Social Science Research Council.
- 1988–1996 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Université Laval.
- 1993–1994 Principal Investigator, Research Grant, Co-operative Security Program, Department of External Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada.
- 1991–1994 Principal Investigator, Standard Research Grant, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
- 1989–1991 Co-principal Investigator, “Special Competition” Grant for Development of Sovietology, Department of National Defence, Government of Canada.
- 1985–1988 Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Joint Committee on Soviet Studies, Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies.
- 1985–1988 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California at Santa Barbara.
- 1984–1985 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona.