

CASO Panel Bios
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- **Michael Kugelman** is director of the South Asia Institute at the Wilson Center in Washington, DC. He is also a columnist for Foreign Policy magazine and writes its South Asia Brief, a weekly newsletter of news and analysis from the region. He has managed the South Asia portfolio at the Wilson Center since 2007, and he leads the Center’s programming and research on the region. His current recent projects focus on shifting geopolitics in South Asia, US-India security relations, US-India tech cooperation, the future of US-Pakistan relations, and the role of strategy during the US-led war in Afghanistan.

- **Megan Greene** is a professor of modern Chinese history in the Department of History at the University of Kansas. Her field of study is the history of the Republic of China under the KMT both in China and in Taiwan. Specific research interests include nation and state-building projects in the areas of science, the economy, academia, and ideology. She is the author of Building a Nation at War: Transnational Knowledge Networks and the Development of China during and after World War II (Harvard East Asian Monographs, 2022), on Sino-American technical cooperation in the mid-twentieth century, and The Origins of the Developmental State in Taiwan: Science Policy and the Quest for Modernization (Harvard University Press, 2008), a study of industrial science policy in China and Taiwan under the KMT.

- **Terry Mobley** is Diplomacy Chair at the Army’s Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a career foreign service officer and has served with the Department of State for 20 years. Terry has served in China, Indonesia, Laos, Taiwan, Washington DC, and at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. His assignments have ranged from Consular, Management, Political, and Law Enforcement Development, to Counterterrorism. His most recent Washington DC assignment was as Acting Director of the Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. His most recent overseas assignment was as Consular Section Chief in Wuhan, China. Terry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and History and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a Masters of Asian Studies from Florida State University, and Chinese Language and Cultural Studies Certificates from Beloit College. Terry attended the Air War College from 2018 to 2019, where he earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree and received the Commandant’s Award, the General Charles G. Boyd Award, and the Air War College Research Excellence Award.



- **Dr. Mahir J. Ibrahimov** (Dr. I., as many call him)
Director of the U.S. Army Cultural and Area Studies Office, Command and General Staff College, U.S. Department of Defense. He is the author or editor of six books, including his latest two autobiographies: "Across Cultures and Empires: An Immigrant's Odyssey from the Soviet Army to the U.S. War in Iraq and American Citizenship," and "Soldier of Cultures and Empires," an Anthology of Poetry and Short Stories, among many other publications. Dr. I.'s expertise is featured in global media outlets such as BBC World News, Los Angeles Times, movie, and Army venues.
While providing vital assistance to U.S. forces in the Middle East, Dr. Ibrahimov was featured as the linguistic 'genius' in early years of Iraq war and during the U.S. and coalition Counterinsurgency (COIN) operations in the region. He has then served as the first senior U.S. Army Culture and Foreign Language Advisor, travelled to Ukraine as part of the U.S. Army Chief of Staff 'Study,' and provided follow on recommendations in support of U.S. national security.
Based on his extensive first-hand knowledge, regional and global expertise, Mahir has been regularly invitee to support our European NATO partners' regional policy development over the last years. He is fluent in multiple languages and versed in many cultures.