

# Jemima A.H. Baar

## EDUCATION

**Political Science Department, Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Boston, U.S.  
**PhD in Political Science** August 2025 – Present

- Subfields: International Relations and Security Studies

**School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University** New York, U.S.  
**Master of International Affairs, International Security Policy** August 2022 – May 2024

- Regional Specializations: East Asia and Russia and the Former Soviet States
- GPA: 3.96

**Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge** Cambridge, U.K.  
**Bachelor of Arts, Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion** October 2018 – June 2021

- Grade: Double Starred First (the highest attainable grade awarded by the University of Cambridge)
- Ranked top of the Class of 2021
- Dissertation: Theological Concepts and Political Ends: Carl Schmitt, Erik Peterson, and Ernst Kantorowicz as Political Theologians

**Chinese Studies Institute, Peking University** Beijing, China  
**Visiting Student, Mandarin** August 2017 – December 2017

- Grade: 93% (reading and writing) and 92% (speaking and listening)

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**MIT Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Fellowship.** August 2025 – present

- Institute-wide fellowship (110-125 awardees) that funds first year tuition and a living stipend.

**Columbia University Institute for Global Politics Student Scholarship** August 2023 – May 2024

- Scholars are chosen from across Columbia's student body to contribute to ongoing policy impact work.

**U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Fellowship** June 2024 – December 2024

- Received mentorship in research that culminated in the publication of two reports assessing Chinese and Russian military influence in Iran.

**Columbia University International Fellowship** August 2023 – May 2024

- Selective 30 student fellowship that studies the global order and American grand strategy.

**P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship** August 2022 – May 2024

- Academic scholarship granted to international women pursuing graduate school in the United States.

**British Universities North America Trust Scholarship** August 2022 – May 2023

- Academic scholarship granted to four British students pursuing graduate school in the United States.

**U.K. Young Leaders in National Security Fellowship** August 2021 – September 2021

- Professional fellowship for young professionals whose work contributes to U.K. national security policy.

**Robert Johnson Scholarship** May 2019 – June 2021

- Awarded by Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge for ranking in the top decile in university Tripos examinations.

## AWARDS & HONORS

**Bobby R. Inman Award** August 2024

- My paper, "Cold War Confrontations: US Intelligence Insights and Policy Responses to the Sino-Soviet Split and the Second Taiwan Strait Crisis (1956-1961)," won first prize in UT Austin's Intelligence Studies Project's annual competition for "outstanding student research on topics related to intelligence and national security."

**Tripos Prize** May 2021

- Awarded by Sidney Sussex College for "distinguished performance in university examinations."

**Theological Studies Prize** May 2020 & May 2021

- Awarded to the highest performing Faculty of Divinity student in the university final examinations.

## **EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Allied Command Transformation, NATO</b> Staff Officer, Commander's Action Group	August 2024 – July 2025
<b>Political Science Department, Columbia University</b> Research Assistant to Jack Snyder	January 2023 – January 2024
<b>School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University</b> Research Assistant to Thomas Christensen	January 2024 – May 2024
<b>Studies Program, Council on Foreign Relations</b> Research Intern	June 2023 – December 2023
<b>Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program</b> Research Assistant to Eyck Freymann	January 2022 – January 2023
<b>Center for Geopolitics</b> Research Assistant to Kun-Chin Lin	August 2020 – June 2022
<b>Manara Magazine</b> Senior Editor	May 2020 – June 2022
<b>The Wilberforce Society</b> Executive Director	February 2019 – March 2020
<b>Global Student Policy Alliance</b> Co-Founder	May 2019 – March 2020
<b>CNN International</b> Intern	March 2018 – May 2018

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Baar, J., "The Facade of Farsightedness: A Critical Analysis of China's Time Horizons." Asian Affairs, July 2024.

Baar, J., "The Secularization Thesis Recast: Christianity in Modern China and South Korea." International Journal of Asian Christianity 4, no. 1 (March 2021).

### **Reports**

Winter, L., Jason Warner, and Jemima Baar. "Instruments of Chinese Military Influence in Iran." U.S. Army Foreign Military Studies Office, Training and Doctrine Command G2, December 2023.

Winter, L., Jason Warner, and Jemima Baar. "Instruments of Russian Military Influence in Iran." U.S. Army Foreign Military Studies Office, Training and Doctrine Command G2, December 2023.

### **Columns**

Winter, L., Jemima Baar, and Jason Warner. "The Axis Off-Kilter: Why an Iran-Russia-China 'Axis' Is Shakier Than Meets the Eye." War on the Rocks, April 2024.

Baar, J. "BeiDou and Strategic Advancements in PRC Space Navigation." China Brief 24, no. 5 (March 2024).

Baar, J. "The Health Silk Road: China's Engagement with the Middle East During the Covid-19 Pandemic." Manara, August 2020.

Baar, J. "Blurring the Lines: China and the Middle East." Manara, February 2019.

Berlinger, J., and Jemima Baar. "Family Reunion 24 Years in the Making Captures Hearts in China." CNN, April 2018.

Baar, J. "One China Journalist's Quest to Amplify Female Voices in the Media." The China Project, March 2018.

Baar, J. "Who Owns 'Bloodstained Glory,' the Dissidents or the Patriots?" The China Project, March 2018.

## **INVITED TALKS**

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Panellist, “China’s Relations in Northeast Asia,” Center for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge, May 2025

Testimony, “An Axis of Autocracy? China’s Relations with Russia, Iran, and North Korea,” U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, Washington D.C., February 2025

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- **Languages:** Mandarin (HSK Level 5, 2018), Classical Arabic (reading only)
- **Professional Associations:** Member, China Student Working Group, Harvard University (2026 – Present); Member, Security Studies Program, MIT (2025 – Present); Member, Council on Foreign Relations Young Professionals Briefing Series (2023-2026)
- **Voluntary Experience:** Trustee, The Wilberforce Society (2020 – Present); Mentor, MIT Political Science Department (2025 – Present)