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Dr. Sharyl Cross is Director of the Kozmetsky Center and Distinguished Professor at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas USA. She was also appointed as a Global Policy Fellow at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars for 2013-2015. From 2005-2013, Dr. Cross was Professor in the College of International & Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen Germany. Dr. Cross was Director of Academics for both the Program in Advanced Security Studies and Senior Executive Seminar, and served in key leadership capacities for the Marshall Center's strategic outreach engagement initiatives in Russia/Eurasia and South East Europe. Prior to the Marshall Center, Dr. Cross was at the United States Air Force Academy where she had been appointed Distinguished Professor of Political Science. She is a tenured full Professor and former Chair of the Department of Political Science at San Jose State University in the California State University system.

Professor Cross earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1990 with concentrations in international relations, comparative politics, and American foreign and security policy. While in the UCLA graduate program, she was also a resident fellowship scholar and consultant at the RAND Corporation completing the UCLA and RAND programs in Russian area and policy studies. Originally from Arizona, Dr. Cross graduated Phi Beta Kappa with Honors in Political Science from the University of Arizona in 1983.

In 2004, Dr. Cross taught in Lille France as Visiting Professor of Transatlantic Relations at the Institute of Political Studies/Sciences Po. She has been the recipient of three (2001, 2004, 2006-2007) post-doctoral research grants at the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC. In 1999, Dr. Cross was awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant to support affiliations as Visiting Research Scholar and Professor of International Relations at the Institute of USA and Canada Studies in the Russian Academy of Sciences and Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MGIMO). She was a Visiting Assistant/Associate Professor of Transregional Security Studies at the United States Air War College at Maxwell AFB from 1994-1996, and was a recipient of a post-doctoral fellowship at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University to support continuation of her dissertation research.

Her books include *Shaping South East Europe's Security Community: Trust, Partnership, and Integration* co-edited with R. Craig Nation, Savo Kentera, and Radovan Vukadinovic, Palgrave-Macmillan, New Security Challenges Series, 2013, *The United States, Russia, and China: Confronting Global Terrorism and Security Challenges in the Twenty First Century* co-edited with Paul J. Bolt and Su Changhe, Praeger Security International Series, 2008, *Global Security Beyond the Millennium: American and Russian Perspectives* co-edited with Igor A. Zevelev, Victor A. Kremenyuk and Vagan M. Gevorgian, Macmillan Press, 1999, and *The New Chapter in United States-Russian Relations:*

Opportunities and Challenges, co-edited with Marina A. Oborotova, Praeger, 1994. Dr. Cross is currently working on her next book co-authored with Paul J. Bolt entitled *China, Russia, and Twenty First Century Global Geopolitics* under contract with Oxford University Press. She has published extensively in leading professional peer reviewed journals to include *Communist and Post- Communist Studies*, *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, *Asian Security*, *Journal of Strategic Security*, *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies (forthcoming)*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Mediterranean Quarterly*, *Survey*, *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Connections, USA: Economics, Politics, Ideology* (Russian Academy of Sciences), and others. She has received additional awards in support of her research from NATO-EAPC, U.S. Air Force Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Office of the Secretary of Defense, California State University, American Association for University Women, International Research and Exchanges Board, and University of California, Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation.

While residing in Germany, from 2005-2010, Dr. Cross directed a major multi-country and multi-disciplinary project for the Marshall Center devoted to exploring dimensions of countering violent extremist ideology involving participation of more than 60 nations. She also routinely lectured on international security topics at NATO School in Oberammergau Germany. Dr. Cross has briefed/consulted for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States European Command, U.S. State Department, and U.S. Congress. In 2013, she received the Commander's Award and Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) Director's service award from the U.S. Army and Department of Defense for contributions to building international security cooperation during eight years in residence in Germany at the Marshall Center.

Dr. Cross serves on the editorial boards for the peer reviewed *Journal of Strategic Security* and *Journal of Southeastern Europe*, and on the Executive Committees for both the "Geopolitics" and "Religion and Politics" Research Committees of the International Political Science Association. In 2014, she was selected for the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program and appointed to the governance board of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro and executive board for Global Austin.