

**Minerva Research Initiative  
FY18 Award Decisions**



**The Central Eurasian State Capacity Initiative: Assessing Threats to Geopolitical Stability and Conflict along Russia's Periphery**

PI: **Erik Herron** (West Virginia University)

Topic Area (ONR): Sociopolitical (In)Stability, Resilience, and Recovery

**Computational Framework for Assessing Absorptive Capacity**

PI: **Jose Padilla** (Old Dominion University)

Topic Area (ONR): Sociopolitical (In)Stability, Resilience, and Recovery

**Asymmetric Interdependence and Statecraft: Building Knowledge to Explicate Great Power Coercion Dilemmas at the Security-Economy Nexus**

PI: **Adam Stulberg** (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Topic Area (OUSD & ONR): Economic Interdependence and Security & Power, Deterrence, Influence, and Escalation Management for Shaping Operations

**A Network-Analytic Study of the Determinants and Consequences of Burden Sharing in International Alliances and Defense Cooperation Agreements, 1945-2020**

PI: **Zeev Maoz** (University of California, Davis)

Topic Area (OUSD): Alliances and Burden Sharing

**Science Genome: A Scholarly Graph Embedding Framework to Uncover the Fundamental Dynamics of Scientific Enterprise**

PI: **Yong-Yeol Ahn** (Indiana University)

Topic Area (AFOSR): Fundamental Dynamics of Scientific Discovery

**Mapping the Structure and Dynamics of the Scientific Ecosystem**

PI: **Daniel Larremore** (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Topic Area (AFOSR): Fundamental Dynamics of Scientific Discovery

**Fundamental Dynamics, Predictability, and Uncertainty of Scientific Discovery and Advance**

PI: **Dashun Wang** (Northwestern University)

Topic Area (AFOSR): Fundamental Dynamics of Scientific Discovery

**The Role of Emotions in Adversarial Information Campaigns**

PI: **Susannah Paletz** (University of Maryland)

Topic Area (ONR): Adversarial Information Campaigns

**Monitoring the Content and Measuring the Effectiveness of Russian Disinformation and Propaganda Campaigns in Selected Former Soviet Union States**

PI: **Maureen Taylor** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Topic Area (ONR): Adversarial Information Campaigns

**Empirical Analysis for Meeting Great Power Challenges**

PI: **Stephen Biddle** (Columbia University)

Topic Area (ONR): Power, Deterrence, Influence, and Escalation Management for Shaping Operations

**Deep Learning Models for Predicting Globally Disruptive Events**

PI: **Anna Buczak** (Johns Hopkins University)

Topic Area (ONR): Power, Deterrence, Influence, and Escalation Management for Shaping Operations

**Forecasting Crisis Dynamics with Machine Coded Data: A Model of Power Projection, Influence and Escalation**

PI: **Erik Gartzke** (University of California, San Diego)

Topic Area (ONR): Power, Deterrence, Influence, and Escalation Management for Shaping Operations