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Jeff Goldstein

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Jeff Goldstein is the senior policy analyst for Eurasia at the Open Society Institute. Based in OSI's Washington, D.C., office, Goldstein is responsible for providing advocacy support for the organization's programs in the former Soviet Union and Mongolia.

Prior to working at OSI, Goldstein was senior program manager for Central Asia and the Caucasus at Freedom House. In this capacity he sought to improve human rights through legislation and policy protections.

Goldstein, a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service, served in the American embassies in Warsaw, Seoul, Moscow, and Tallinn, and in several positions in Washington, D.C. Throughout his tenure, Goldstein has played a significant role in human rights promotion. He served as the U.S. embassy liaison to the Solidarity Movement during the latter stages of Martial Law in Poland, and as the embassy officer responsible for working with the political opposition, student and labor movements in Korea during a period of rapid democratization.

Goldstein also has a background in conflict resolution, having served on U.S. teams negotiating with North Korea on nuclear and missile proliferation issues, and also as Deputy to the U.S. Special Envoy working to help resolve "frozen conflicts" in the Caucasus and Moldova.

Goldstein received his master's degree in international relations from Yale University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Rachel Denber, deputy director of the Europe and Central Asia division, specializes in countries of the former Soviet Union. Previously, Denber directed Human Rights Watch's Moscow office and did field research and advocacy in Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Estonia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. She has authored reports on a wide range of human rights issues throughout the region. Denber earned a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in international relations and a master's degree in political science from Columbia University, where she studied at the Harriman Institute. She speaks Russian and French.

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Donna H. Wright is the Director for the Europe and Eurasia Division of the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI). Ms. Wright practiced law in Mississippi before joining ABA ROLI in 2002 as a Rule of Law Specialist in Uzbekistan. Ms. Wright has eight years of experience managing international rule of law projects, having served as Chief of Party for ABA ROLI in Albania and Georgia, as Regional Democracy Advisor for USAID in Central Asia and Gender and Cross Cutting Issues Advisor for USAID in Afghanistan. As an ABA ROLI Rule of Law Specialist, she lived and worked in the Ferghana Valley for two years, both in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, implementing conflict prevention programs such as civic education and cross-border activities among students and legal professionals. Ms. Wright has held the position of Director of the Europe and Eurasia Division of ABA ROLI since 2008.

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Eric McGlinchey received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 2003. Prior to joining George Mason University as an Assistant Professor of Politics and Government in August 2005, Dr. McGlinchey held positions as an Assistant Professor of Politics at Iowa State University (2003-05) and as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Central Asian Studies at Stanford University (2002-2003).

Dr. McGlinchey's areas of research include comparative politics, Central Asian regime change, political Islam, and the effects of Information Communication Technology (ICT) on state and society. Grants from the *National Science Foundation*, the *National Council for Eurasian and East European Research*, and the *Social Science Research Council* have funded his research. A list of Dr. McGlinchey's academic writings on regime change and political Islam as well as his Congressional briefings and policy papers can be found [here](#). In addition to his academic affiliation, Professor McGlinchey is a member of the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS) and is an advisor to the Eurasia Program at the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR).