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Dr. Alex Wilner is an Associate Professor at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. He is the director of Carleton's Infrastructure Protection and International Security (IPIS) grad program and Chairs the university's Collaborative Specialization in Cybersecurity. He is likewise a Co-director of Triple Helix, a Department of National Defence MINDS-funded Network jointly run with the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, and of the Canadian Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (3CE), a pan-Canadian network supported by SSHRC's Partnership Grant program.

Prof Wilner teaches classes on terrorism, intelligence studies, strategic foresight, and a capstone course on Canadian security policy in partnership with external government stakeholders. In 2023, he received an Outstanding Faculty Graduate Mentor Award by the Carleton's Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affair. His research on deterrence – which explores the nexus between coercion and emerging technology, security domains, and environments – has shaped the fourth, and now fifth, generation of deterrence scholarship. Among his over three dozen peer-reviewed journal publications, his research has been published in top-ranked IR journals, including International Security, Journal of Global Security, Journal of Strategic Studies, Security Studies, International Journal, Journal of Global Security Studies, and Studies in Conflict & Terrorism. His books include Deterrence by Denial: Theory and Practice (eds., Cambria Press, 2021), Deterring Rational Fanatics (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015), and Deterring Terrorism: Theory and Practice (eds., Stanford University Press, 2012). His latest co-authored book, Automated Deterrence: Coercion in an Age of Artificial Intelligence, is forthcoming in 2027.