Program Support

One of my job responsibilities is to assist with the planning and coordination of NESA events. NESA organizes programs that bring NESA region participants together as a result of the commitment of our participating countries who send their best and brightest to NESA Center seminars and workshops. Participants are almost equally divided between military and civilians, and come from across our Combatant Commands. Recognizing the vital interests of countries outside of the NESA region, the Center also invite several NATO members to participate in our programs.

Senior Executive Seminar Combating Transnational Threats: 9-20 May 2016

This seminar is designed for CT practitioners—those involved in this issue on a daily basis, and seek to build capacity and enhance regional partnerships. Key themes include: defining transnational threats; regional terrorist threats; sub-regional and national responses; strategies and best practices for combating terrorism; strategies for enhancing national and regional cooperation; and a case study/capstone experience.

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Research Assistant

I also served as the research assistant for two professors of the National Defense University. I conducted research with Dr. Daniel Baltrusaitis on China's new grand foreign policy in the Middle East, and preparing for a joint publication. At the mean time, at the request of Dr. Samuel Greene, I assisted with his latest academic journal on the legitimacy of U.S.-supported presidential elections in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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