



2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

In a year marked by tragedy and disruption, our work at the Reiss Center on Law and Security has examined the far-reaching consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the pressing challenges to our democratic institutions here at home. Through our programming we have charted countervailing trends that characterized so much of national security in 2022: the immense strain on people and institutions around the world, and their remarkable resilience in the face of these pressures.

Only hours after Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, we [convened](#) former senior diplomats, lawyers, and security experts for real-time analysis of the unfolding crisis. Panelists explored early questions around the impact of the war on Ukraine and its people, the role of the transatlantic alliance, and the stakes for democracies around the world.

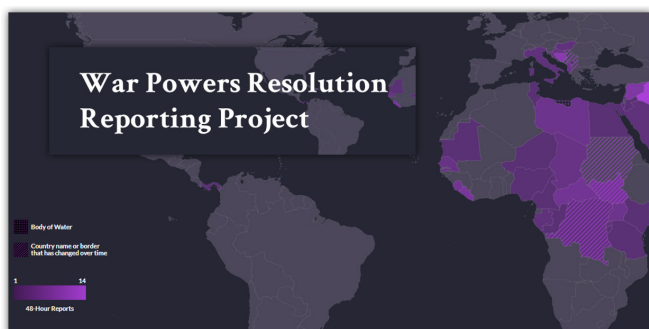


In a new series we explore complex and unsettled legal questions in the war against Ukraine. On issues as varied as Russia's use of cluster munitions and the U.S. approach toward genocide determination, we [feature](#) leading thinkers on key issues at the intersection of law and policy.

This fall, we brought together a distinguished panel of journalists, former government lawyers and intelligence experts to examine the investigation into former President Trump's handling of classified material at Mar-a-Lago. In the midst of an unprecedented case, panelists [analyzed](#) the national security, constitutional law, and law enforcement considerations at play.

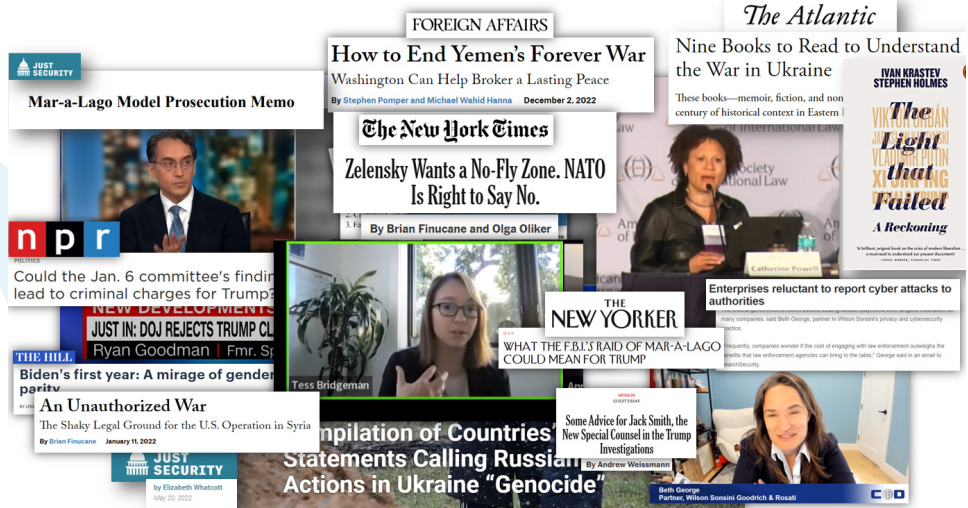


Our War Powers Resolution Reporting Project is an essential resource: a searchable, open-source [database](#) analyzing five decades of presidential reports on the use of force. In 2022, led by our fellows **Dr. Tess Bridgeman** and **Brian Finucane**, we have maintained this living project while embarking on an ambitious new phase of research and data collection.



TRUSTED VOICES

Our fellows and affiliates lent vital national security expertise in 2022 across a wide range of platforms, from major media outlets to expert panels and podcasts. They provided insights before Congress, including testimony by **Bob Bauer** on electoral reform and **Stephen Pomper** on targeted killings and the rule of law. And they received notable honors from the legal community: the American Law Institute elected **Bob Bauer** and **Randal Milch** as members, while the NYU Annual Survey of American Law dedicated its 79th Volume to our Faculty Co-Director **Trevor Morrison** at the conclusion of his celebrated tenure as Dean of NYU Law. We also wish the best to **Nicholas Rassmussen**, who this year returned to public service as Counterterrorism Coordinator at the Department of Homeland Security.



A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

Our popular [RCLS Student Scholars](#) program is now in its fifth year. Scholars provide invaluable original research, work closely with prominent members of our community, and edit and publish work at *Just Security*. After graduation, our alumni have pursued a variety of prestigious national security opportunities while providing vital mentorship to incoming Student Scholars.



Over the course of the academic year, our series [A Road Less Traveled](#) introduces students to diverse and preeminent national security practitioners. This year we resumed our lunchtime career talks in person, affording students the chance to break bread and engage in candid conversation with leading diplomats, officials, and advocates.