

Press Release

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SCSP Holds First Board of Advisors Meeting

ARLINGTON, VA — Yesterday, the Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP) held its first Board of Advisors meeting in Arlington, Virginia. Chaired by Dr. Eric Schmidt, the advisory board members—including Bob Work, Nadia Schadlow, Mac Thornberry, and Michèle Flournoy—met for a briefing by SCSP staff on their draft research plans for each panel.

“The meeting was extremely useful to gather the Board of Advisors’ feedback and guidance on our initial thinking. There is a lot of good work being done by different organizations in private, public, and academic sectors and not just in the United States but among our key allies and partners. Our plan in the coming days and months is to create partnerships around common goals and ideas,” said SCSP CEO Ylli Bajraktari.

Organized into six panels—Foreign Policy, Intelligence, Defense, Economy, Society, and Future Technology Platforms—SCSP staff will begin to research the impact of AI and emerging technologies on these six areas. The SCSP expects to produce and publish its initial findings and potential recommendations later next year.

“I am very pleased with the talented SCSP staff’s initial framing of their research and with the thoughtful discussion during the meeting with Bob, Nadia, Mac, and Michèle. The work we are undertaking will seek to provide the United States with a strategy to move faster and more competitively regarding critical technologies,” said SCSP Chair Dr. Schmidt. “I’m encouraged by the early support the SCSP has received since its founding. I believe SCSP fills an important gap in the national discourse on these important issues. We must get this right to lead in the global technology competition.”

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