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Dr. George Friedman - Founder and Chairman

Dr. George Friedman is Founder and Chairman of Geopolitical Futures, a company dedicated to forecasting the course of the international system. He is an internationally recognized strategist on global affairs who has been called "the creator of the field of geopolitical forecasting."

Friedman is the author of numerous *New York Times* bestselling books. The most prescient among them is *The Next 100 Years: A Forecast for the 21st Century* (2009), that predicts the geopolitical changes shaping the 21st century and was published in over 20 languages. Friedman's other best sellers include *Flashpoints: The Emerging Crisis in Europe, The Next Decade, America's Secret War, The Future of War* and *The Intelligence Edge*.

A very popular keynote speaker on international geopolitics, Friedman's experience in military modeling, philosophy, intelligence and international affairs places him in high demand at numerous conferences and industry-specific events. He has briefed for numerous major military and government organizations and is frequently invited to speak internationally.

Prior to founding Geopolitical Futures, Friedman was Chairman of Stratfor, the geopolitical intelligence publishing and consulting firm he founded in 1996. He left Stratfor in 2015.

Friedman received his bachelor's degree from the City College of the City University of New York and holds a Ph.D. in government from Cornell University. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Friedman is available for interviews on all areas of global geopolitics.

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Dr. Antonia Colibasanu - Senior Geopolitical Analyst

Antonia Colibasanu is Geopolitical Futures' Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Colibasanu joined Geopolitical Futures as a senior analyst in 2016 and frequently speaks on international economics and security topics in Europe. Since 2012 she has served on the educational board of the International Academy of Advanced Studies in Greece, a summer program that brings together students from Eurasia and the Middle East.

Prior to Geopolitical Futures, Dr. Colibasanu spent more than 10 years with Stratfor in various positions, including as partner for Europe and vice president for international marketing. Dr. Colibasanu is also an associate professor at the Romanian National Intelligence Academy and Bucharest University. Prior to joining Stratfor in 2006, Dr. Colibasanu held a variety of roles with the World Trade Center Association in Bucharest.

Dr. Colibasanu holds a Doctorate in International Business and Economics from Bucharest's Academy of Economic Studies, where her thesis focused on country risk analysis and investment decision-making processes within transnational companies. She also holds a Master's degree in International Project Management. She is an alumna of the International Institute on Politics and Economics at Georgetown University.

Areas of expertise:

Power struggles in the Balkans

The future of the European Union after Brexit

Poland and Ukraine's complicated history

Germany leading EU on relations with the Balkans

Energy security reshaping geopolitics

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Dr. Ridvan Bari Urcosta - Analyst

Mr. Urcosta joins Geopolitical Futures as an analyst with experience in the Black Sea region, Russia and the Middle East and particular expertise regarding Ukraine and Crimea. He received his PhD at the Centre for Strategic Studies, University of Warsaw and he also teaches an independent ERASMUS course: "Russia and the Middle East: Geopolitics and Diplomacy."

Mr. Urcosta graduated from the Estonian Diplomatic Academy in 2015 and completed The Indigenous Fellowship Programme (IFP) in 2017, a comprehensive human rights training program, that was established by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva. Previously Mr. Urcosta has provided insights to different analytical centers including the European Council on Foreign Relations, Jamestown Foundation, War Room (U.S. War College) The Proceedings (U.S. Naval Institute), Jerusalem Post and others. He previously worked as an assistant to the Head of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people, a single supreme plenipotentiary representative and executive body of the Crimean Tatar people. He speaks Polish, Russian, English, Ukrainian, Crimean Tatar and Turkish.

Areas of expertise:

Ukrainian and Polish politics

Ethnic minorities and Islam in Russia's periphery

Turkic States

Drone warfare and military maneuvers

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Dr. Kamran Bokhari - Analyst

Kamran Bokhari, PhD is the Senior Director, Eurasian Security & Prosperity Portfolio at the New Lines Institute for Strategy & Policy in Washington, DC. Dr. Bokhari is also a national security and foreign policy specialist at the University of Ottawa's Professional Development Institute. He has served as the Coordinator for Central Asia Studies at the U.S. Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.

Areas of expertise:

Political Islam and Democratization

Islam and the West

South Asia & Central Asia

Countering Violent Extremism

Civil-Military Relations

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Andrew Davidson - Analyst

Andrew Davidson is an analyst at Geopolitical Futures. He holds a bachelor's degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security and is completing his master's degree in International Relations through Liberty University. Prior to working on continuing his education, he served in the U.S. Army for over 11 years with experience as a Platoon Sergeant in the Middle East and South Korea serving with the 10th Mountain Division and the 25th Infantry Division.

Areas of expertise:

U.S. global power projection and military force posture

Military strategy, operations and logistics

Defense industrial capacity, munitions production and mobilization

Military space capabilities and competition in orbit

China's military-civil fusion and defense modernization

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Victoria Herczegh - Analyst

Viktória Herczegh is an analyst at Geopolitical Futures. She is also a PhD candidate at the Political Science and International Relations Doctoral School of Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. Her PhD research topic is “Double Standards projected by Great Powers”. Ms. Herczegh holds a bachelor’s degree of Chinese Language and Culture and a master’s degree of East Asian Studies. She also spent one semester at Shanghai International Studies University studying Mandarin Chinese. Ms. Herczegh is a native Hungarian fluent in English, Spanish, French and Mandarin.

Areas of expertise:

Chinese political system, economy and society

China’s international relations and engagement with the Global South

Cross-strait relations (China-Taiwan)

The US-led Pacific alliance

the economic and political structure of the ASEAN

Japan’s and South Korea’s emerging role in Southeast Asia

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Ronan Wordsworth - Analyst

Ronan Wordsworth is an analyst for Geopolitical Futures covering areas including Sub-Saharan Africa and the Asia-Pacific region from the Australian perspective. He completed a Masters in Geopolitical Studies at Charles University in Prague in 2022. He continues to work with the Charles University Geopolitics department, including assisting an ongoing project on building African University partnerships, giving lectures, and cooperation with external university partners. Ronan is the co-host of a Geopolitics Podcast called *The Geopolitical Pickle*.

Prior to undertaking the master's program, Mr Wordsworth completed a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Sydney and spent nine years working across Australia, Europe, and Southern Africa working up to the level of Senior Project Manager providing experience in statistical analytics and exposure to high level project management in various global contexts.

Areas of expertise:

Geopolitics of Sub-Saharan Africa

Violent non-State Actors and their territoriality

Oceania Geopolitics – particularly Australia

AUKUS and evolving security in Indo-Pacific

Democratisation, authoritarianism, and external influence across Africa

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Ekaterina Zolotova - Analyst

Ekaterina Zolotova is an analyst for Geopolitical Futures covering Eurasia. She has a particular focus on the geopolitics of Russia, its economy and its impact on regional and global strategy. She writes about the trends in the region including political implications in Ukraine and other former Soviet Union states.

Prior to Geopolitical Futures, Ms. Zolotova participated in several research projects devoted to problems and prospects of Russia's integration into the world economy. Ms. Zolotova has a specialist degree in international economic relations from Plekhanov Russian University of Economics.

In addition, Ms. Zolotova studied international trade and international integration processes. Her thesis was on features of economic development of Venezuela. She speaks native Russian and is fluent in English. She lives and works in Moscow.

Areas of expertise:

Resource dependency of the Russian economy

Weaknesses of Russian social sector

Relations between Russia and Ukraine

Union State of Belarus and Russia.

Multilateral cooperation with Central Asian states

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