

# **Barbara Walter**

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## **Biography**

Walter is a professor of political science at the School of Global Policy and Strategy. She is an expert on international security, with an emphasis on civil wars. Her current research is on information and communication technology and civil wars, especially the strategic use of internet propaganda to radicalize and recruit foreign citizens. Walter received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago and completed postdoctoral fellowships at the Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard University and at the Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. Walter is on the editorial board of the American Political Science Review, International Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution and International Studies Quarterly. She is also the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships, including awards from the National Science Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation and Smith Richardson Foundation. Walter co-founded (with Erica Chenoweth) the blog Political Violence @ A Glance, winner of numerous blogging awards since its inception in 2012. She is the author of "The Extremist's Advantage in Civil Wars," and "The Politics of Extremist Violence." Walter's expertise has been sought by the U.S. State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United Nations, foreign governments and more. She has appeared on CNN numerous times and often is quoted in national and international media outlets.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

The Strategic Use of Internet Propaganda, The Causes, Duration, and Resolution of Civil Wars, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Extremist Ideology in War

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## **Affiliations**

American Political Science Review 2012-present, Guest Editor, 2012. , APSA Task Force, Negotiating Agreements in International Relations, 2013

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## **Event Appearances**

**Cyril Foster Lecture**  
The New New Civil Wars

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## **Education**

**University of Chicago**  
Ph.D. Political Science

University of Chicago  
M.A. Political Science

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## Accomplishments

UC San Diego Faculty Research Lecturer Award  
(Given to 2 out of 2,000+ faculty each year) 2018

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