

The DAAD Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies was immensely valuable to me. It provided a unique opportunity to join the SAIS academic community as well as to shape the future research on foreign policy and the new geopolitical reality in discussion with the colleagues leading and working in the research. This program granted me also access to the most prominent political leaders and academic prominence of political science by offering me a vibrant environment. The synergy between those two worlds, practice and science, created an excellent space for developing extensive professional networks and skills. Additionally, I attended weekly work in progress and seminar presentations from experts on a variety of political-related topics and was able to interact with other post docs at our meetings.

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