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The Honorable Dr. Patrick M. Cronin is Director of the Institute, which was established by the Secretary of Defense in 1984 to conduct strategic assessments for senior Department of Defense officials and decision-makers. He took up the post at the beginning of 2008 after a twenty-five year career inside government and academic research centers and spanning areas of defense, security, foreign policy, and foreign assistance. He is simultaneously Director of the Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs, which serves as a national focal point for multidisciplinary research and analytic exchanges regarding China.

Dr. Cronin served more than two years at the prestigious London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, where he was Director of Studies, and where he served as Editor of the *Adelphi Papers*, and Executive Director of the Armed Conflict Database.

Prior to his move to London, Dr. Cronin was Director of Research and Senior Vice President at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC.

In 2001, Dr. Cronin was confirmed by the Senate to the third-ranking position at the U.S. Agency for International Development. While serving as Assistant Administrator for Policy and Program Coordination, Dr. Cronin led Agency, interagency, and international policy deliberations, as well as the interagency task force that helped design the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).

From 1998 until 2001, Dr. Cronin served as Director of Research at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Dr. Cronin previously served seven years at the National Defense University beginning in 1990, when he became Senior Research Professor at INSS and led Asian and long-range security strategy. He was the founding Executive Editor of *Joint Force Quarterly* and subsequently became both Deputy Director and Director of Research at the Institute. He received the Army's Meritorious Civilian Service Award upon his departure from the National Defense University to join the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Dr. Cronin has also been a senior analyst at the Center for Naval Analyses, a U.S. Naval Reserve Intelligence officer, and an analyst with the Congressional Research Service and SRI International. He was Associate Editor of *Strategic Review* and while an undergraduate worked for the *Miami Herald* and the *Fort Lauderdale News*.

Dr. Cronin has taught at several universities. He was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Security Studies Program, The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and the University of Virginia's Woodrow Wilson Department of Government.

He is the editor and co-author of at least four recent books, including: *The Impenetrable Fog of War: Reflections on Modern Warfare and Strategic Surprise*; *The Evolution of Strategic Thought*; *Double Trouble: International Security and the Challenge of Iran and North Korea*; and a forthcoming volume on *Building Civilian Capacity*. He is also writing a study on America's future global security role, and he is editing a major transition volume, *America's Security Role in a Changing World: Global Strategic Assessment 2009*. His previous major publications include *The United States and Coercive Diplomacy*; *The U.S.-Japan Alliance: Past, Present and Future*; *2015: Power and Progress*; and *From Globalism to Regionalism: New Perspectives on American Foreign and Defense Policies*.

Dr. Cronin read International Relations at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, where he received both M.Phil. and D.Phil. degrees. He graduated with high honors from the University of Florida, where he was awarded the outstanding graduate award from the College of Journalism and Communications. His wife, Dr. Audrey Kurth Cronin, is a professor at the National War College. They live in Washington, DC with their daughter; their son is studying history and politics at the University of Edinburgh.

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