



# Foreword

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Between the years of 2013 and 2014, The Charles T. McDowell Center for Critical Languages and Area Studies, UT Arlington Scholarship fund, and the Betty and Roger Ruch Study Abroad Scholarship enabled my cultural and linguistic research in Turkey. The Ruch family and my professors, Dr. Mark Cichock, Dr. Pete Smith, and Dr. Lonny Harrison placed great trust in me to maximize the opportunity to travel and learn overseas, and the experience influences me to this day. As a student and researcher, it is vital to have tangible experiences to gain perspective on the world outside of our own.

By 2014 the International Community faced an unprecedented task in both scope and scale: to counter radicalization globally while recovering land overtaken by terrorist organizations and dismantling the networks that supported it. While working between NATO Center of Excellence-Defence Against Terrorism and NATO SCHOOL, I wrote a series of recommendations in 2014 for a report entitled *Islamic State's Asymmetric Information Campaign*, and it was circulated through the NATO community in 2015. Reflected in this report is an overview of the analytical tradecraft I created, Cyber Humanics®, to better understand and analyze complex human interaction and technology through open source research. This report was based on a collection of my cultural and linguistic research that over time evolved into the operationally oriented piece, "The Human Domain of Cyber" in its present form.

While working overseas in Turkey and Germany, I relied on what I learned from researching abroad, and the stellar course instruction and mentorship from my professors at UT Arlington. The Charles T. McDowell Center is further demonstrating commitment to the professional development of its students while honoring Professor McDowell's spirit and unswerving belief in the value of study and work abroad. *Global Insight* affords students a unique opportunity to express creativity and fresh perspectives on critical area studies, culture, and human connection to global issues. It is a privilege to publish this report in *Global Insight's* inaugural issue.

— Elizabeth Oren, July 28th, 2020

