

P.W. Singer

Peter Warren Singer is Senior Fellow and Director of the Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence at the Brookings Institution. He is the youngest scholar named Senior Fellow in Brookings's 95-year history. He has been named by CNN to their "New Guard" List of the Next Generation of Newsmakers, by the Smithsonian Institution-National Portrait Gallery as one of the 100 "leading innovators in the nation," by the Turner Broadcasting series "26 People to Save the World," by *Defense News* as one of the 100 most influential people in defense issues, and by *Foreign Policy Magazine* to their Top 100 Global Thinkers List, of the people whose ideas most influenced the world that year.

In his personal capacity, Singer served as coordinator of the Obama-08 campaign's defense policy task force and is a contributing editor at *Popular Science* magazine. He is the founder of NeoLuddite, a technology advisory and services firm, and has consulted for the US military, Defense Intelligence Agency, and FBI. He is a member of the US State Department's Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. He has also advised a wide-range of entertainment programs, including for Warner Brothers, Dreamworks, Universal, HBO, the TV series *The West Wing*, *24*, *Curiosity*, and *Strikeback*, and the video game series *Call of Duty*, the best-selling entertainment project in history. In this sector, he has received awards/support from the Tribeca Film Institute, Sloan Filmmakers Fund, Film Independent, and FAST Track at the L.A. Film Festival.

Dr. Singer is considered one of the world's leading experts on changes in 21st century warfare. He was named by the President to the US Military's Transformation Advisory Group. He is a columnist for *Armed Forces Journal* and has written for media outlets that range from the *Newsweek* to *Weltpolitik*. He has been quoted in every major U.S. newspaper and news magazine and delivered speeches at a range of venues including the U.S. Congress, South by Southwest, The Festival of Dangerous Ideas, TED, the royal court of the UAE and over 75 universities around the world. He has provided commentary on military affairs for nearly every major TV and radio outlet, including *ABC-Nightline*, *Al Jazeera*, *BBC*, *CBS-60 Minutes*, *CNN*, *FOX*, *NPR*, and the *NBC Today Show*.

His first book **Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry** (Cornell University Press) pioneered the study of the new industry of private companies providing military services for hire, an issue that soon became important with the use and abuse of these companies in Iraq. It was named best book of the year by the American Political Science Association, among the top five international affairs books of the year by the Gelber Prize, and a "top ten summer read" by *Businessweek*. It is now in the assigned texts at venues ranging from Yale Law School to the Army War College. Singer advised the U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of Defense, CIA, and the European Union on the issue and helped bring to light the role of private contractors in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal and the Halliburton controversies in Iraq.

Dr. Singer's next book, **Children at War** (Pantheon) was the first book to comprehensively explore the compelling and tragic rise of child soldier groups and was recognized by the 2006 Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Book of the Year Award. Singer served as a consultant on the issue to the U.S. Marine Corps and Congress, and the recommendations in his book resulted in changes in the UN peacekeeping training program. An accompanying *History Channel* documentary, "Child Warriors," won a 2008 CINE Golden Eagle Award for excellence in the production of film, television, video and new media.

His next book, **Wired for War** (Penguin), looks at the implications of robotics and other new technologies for war, politics, ethics, and law in the 21st century. Described as "awesome" by Jon Stewart of the Daily Show, *Wired for War* made the *NY Times* non-fiction bestseller list in its first week of release. It was named a non-fiction Book of the Year by *The Financial Times* and featured at venues as diverse as all three US military academies, the US Congress, The Festival of Dangerous Ideas, TED, and the royal court of the UAE. The book has also been made an official reading of the National Defense University, US Air Force, US Navy, US Army, and the Royal Australian Navy.

Singer's most recent book **Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know** (Oxford University Press) was released on Jan. 3, 2014. Structured around answering the key questions we all face in the cyber age (how it all works, why it all matters, and what we can do?), it has been described by the Chairman of Google as "an essential read" and by the former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO as "the most approachable and readable book ever written on the cyber world."

Prior to his current position, Dr. Singer was the founding Director of the Project on U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World in the Saban Center at Brookings, where was a founding organizer of the *U.S.-Islamic World Forum*, a global leaders conference. He has also worked for the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard, the Balkans Task Force in the U.S. Department of Defense, and the International Peace Academy. Singer received his Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University and a BA from the Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.