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Amy E. Smithson specializes in in-depth field research on issues related to dual-use chemical and biological technologies, weapons proliferation, threat reduction mechanisms, defense, and homeland security. She has addressed such topics as the chemical and biological weapons proliferation concerns, the status of international treaties outlawing these weapons, and preparedness for biological and chemical disasters. Often fashioning untraditional issue alliances that cross the private and public sectors and international borders, Smithson's work recommends practical steps that blend technical and policy instruments to reduce threats and to enhance civilian and military defense, preparedness, and response capabilities. Before joining the Center for Nonproliferation Studies, she worked at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Henry L. Stimson Center, and Pacific-Sierra Research Corporation.

Smithson's work has prompted numerous invitations to testify before Congress, and she has frequently assisted the electronic and print media. One of her latest works, *Germ Gambits: The Bioweapons Dilemma, Iraq and Beyond*, debunks myths about how United Nations Special Commission inspectors uncovered Iraq's covert bioweapons program after the 1991 Gulf War. Smithson earned a PhD in political science at George Washington University, an MA in international relations at Georgetown University, and BA's in political science and Russian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.