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Celina Realuyo is Professor of Practice at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National Defense University where she focuses on U.S. national security, illicit networks, transnational organized crime, counterterrorism and threat finance issues in the Americas. As a former U.S. diplomat, international banker with Goldman Sachs, U.S. foreign policy advisor under the Clinton and Bush Administrations, and professor of international security affairs at the National Defense, Georgetown, and George Washington Universities, Professor Realuyo has over two decades of international experience in the public, private, and academic sectors. She speaks regularly in English and Spanish on "Managing U.S. National Security in the New Global Security Environment," "Following the Money Trail to Combat Terrorism, Crime, and Corruption," and "Combating Illicit Networks in an Age of Globalization." Professor Realuyo appears and comments regularly in the international media, including CNN en Espanol, Reuters, Voice of America, and Univision Radio.

Throughout her career, Professor Realuyo has been a trusted strategic advisor to the most senior leaders in U.S. government, military, business, and academic circles on international issues. As Assistant Professor at the National Defense University since 2007, she has educated top U.S. and foreign military and civilian leaders on counterterrorism, illicit networks, and national security affairs. From 2002-2006, Professor Realuyo served as the State Department Director of Counterterrorism Finance Programs in the U.S. Secretary of State's Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism in Washington, D.C. In the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks, she returned to government service to apply her international banking skills to the financial front of the war on terror. She managed a multi-million dollar foreign assistance program aimed at safeguarding financial systems against terrorist financing. Under her stewardship, the U.S. delivered training and technical assistance to over 20 countries across four continents (including Afghanistan, Indonesia, Iraq, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia), training over 1800 foreign counterparts, and her team received an "A-" from the 9/11 Commission for their efforts to combat terrorist financing in 2005. Prior to returning to Washington, Professor Realuyo was a private banker in London with Goldman Sachs International providing strategic wealth advisory services to the most prominent families in the world. Previously, she had a distinguished career as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer serving as a political officer abroad in Madrid, Panama, and the U.S. Mission to NATO, Brussels. In Washington, she served at the highest levels of government, in the State Department Operations Center, National Security Council's White House Situation Room, and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State.

Professor Realuyo holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, MA from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), BS from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Certificate from l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris, France. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Women in International Security, Global Summit of Women, and the Professional Risk Managers' International Association. Professor Realuyo has traveled to over 70 countries and speaks English, French, and Spanish fluently, and is conversant in Italian, German, Filipino, and Arabic.