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Dr. J. Peter Pham is Vice President for Research and Regional Initiatives at the Atlantic Council as well as Director of the Council's Africa Center.

Prior to joining the Council in 2011, Pham was a tenured Associate Professor of Justice Studies, Political Science, and Africana Studies at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he was Director of the Nelson Institute for International and Public Affairs.

Pham is the author of more than 300 essays and reviews and the author, editor, or translator of over a dozen books, including, most recently, *Somalia: Fixing Africa's Most Failed State* (Tafelberg, 2013; coauthored with Greg Mills and David Kilcullen). Pham also contributes to a number of publications including *Foreign Affairs*, *The National Interest*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Hill*, and *The Huffington Post*, and regularly appears as a commentator on U.S. and international broadcast and print media.

Pham is also the incumbent Vice President of the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), an academic organization which represents more than 1,300 scholars of Middle Eastern and African Studies at more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States and overseas, and has served as Editor-in-Chief of ASMEA's peer-reviewed quarterly *Journal of the Middle East and Africa* since 2010.

Pham served as head of Africa and development issues for the presidential campaign of Senator John McCain in 2008 and co-chair of the Africa policy team for the presidential campaign of former Governor Mitt Romney in 2012. He currently serves as chair of the Africa working group of the John Hay Initiative.

The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) for Defence and Security Studies, the Brenthurst Foundation, and the Nelson Mandela Foundation awarded Pham the 2008 Nelson Mandela International Prize for African Security and Development.

In April 2015, the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution elected Pham to the Board of the National Museum of African Art, of which he is presently Vice Chair.

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