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**Erik Peterson** is senior vice president at the Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and holds the William A. Schreyer Chair in Global Analysis, an endowed position named in honor of the Merrill Lynch chairman emeritus and CSIS Executive Committee member. He is also director of the Center's Global Strategy Institute, the mandate of which is to assess long-range policy challenges and opportunities. In addition, he leads the Seven Revolutions Initiative, a broad-based effort to forecast key trends out to the year 2025.

From 1993 to 2003, Mr. Peterson served as director of studies at CSIS. In that capacity, he was responsible for the planning and development of the wide range of research projects at the Center. Mr. Peterson came to the Center from Kissinger Associates, where he was director of research. He holds an M.B.A. in international finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A. in international law and economics from the School of Advanced International Studies at the Johns Hopkins University, and a B.A. from Colby College. He holds the Certificate of Eastern European Studies from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and the Certificate in International Legal Studies from The Hague Academy of International Law in the Netherlands. For the past seven years, Mr. Peterson has co-taught a course on global trends at the Schreyer Honors College at Pennsylvania State University. He has also lectured on international economics and finance and geopolitical risk at many colleges and universities, including Chapman and George Mason Universities, Georgia Tech, and the Wharton School.

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