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[Terror in Mumbai:](#)



Almost one year ago today, ten young Pakistani men unleashed coordinated attacks across the city of Mumbai that left at least 170 people dead and more than 300 wounded. The attacks sent shockwaves of fear around the world. [Terror in Mumbai](#) provides a 360-degree view of a terrorist act, recounting in harrowing detail the bloody events of that 60-hour period. It includes interviews with survivors and Indian police officials, archival news coverage,

extensive video surveillance footage of the terrorists in action, and chilling audio excerpts of cell-phone conversations intercepted by security forces. The phone intercepts provide a grotesque running commentary as the controllers, watching events unfold on live TV, direct the gunmen to fight to the death and not allow themselves to be taken alive. The film airs on HBO on Thursday November 19th.

Find out more [HERE](#)

Updates regarding investigation from Mumbai terrorist attacks:

["Tahawwur bigger Lashkar catch, feel investigators"](#) The Times of India

["Complacency creeps back in Mumbai"](#) Asia Times

["Alert public is vital in preventing terror"](#) The Times of India

["Alleged Lashkar member in FBI custody: Headley 'in league' with 26/11 terrorists"](#) IBN

Lashkar-e-Taiba:

Lashkar-e-Taiba is the group accused of perpetrating the Mumbai attacks last year that killed nearly 200 people and injured more than 300. The group has been active since 1993. It is the military wing of the well-funded Pakistani Islamist organization Markaz-ad-Dawa-wal-Irshad, which was founded in 1989 and recruited volunteers to fight alongside the Taliban. During the 1990s, experts say LeT received instruction and funding from Pakistan's intelligence agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), in exchange for a pledge to target Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir and to train Muslim extremists on Indian soil. Pakistan's government has repeatedly denied allegations of supporting terrorism. Find more of a [profile on Lashkar-e-Taiba from CFR here](#).

[Profile of Lashkar-e-Taiba \(BBC\)](#)

[More \(GlobalSecurity.org\)](#)

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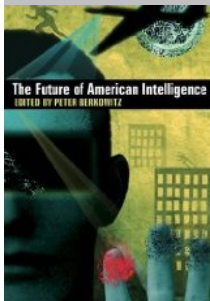
Reuel Marc Gerecht

Reuel Marc Gerecht is a senior fellow at the [Foundation for Defense of Democracies](#) where he focuses on Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, terrorism, and intelligence. He is also a contributing editor to the [Weekly Standard](#).

Gerecht is a former Middle East specialist at the CIA's directorate of operations and a former Resident Fellow for the [American Enterprise Institute](#) (AEI). As a vocal supporter of the interventionist foreign policies pursued by the George W. Bush administration after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Gerecht was one of several writers ousted from the AEI in 2008 as part of an apparent effort to distance the think tank from neo-conservatism.



From 2001 to 2005 he was a Senior Fellow at the [Project for the New American Century](#). The Project for the New American Century is the advocacy group founded by [William Kristol](#) and [Robert Kagan](#) that played a role generating support for hard-line U.S. policies consistent with those of Israel's right-wing Likud Party. Gerecht served as director of its "Middle East Initiative."



Gerecht is a contributor to a 2005 [Hoover Institution](#) book on U.S. intelligence titled [The Future of American Intelligence](#). Read more of Reuel Marc Gerecht's [biography page](#) from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Articles:

["Should US focus on al-Qaeda havens?"](#) *BBC News*

["The FPI Forum: "Engagement Is Toast"](#) *The Weekly Standard*

["Pashtuns and Pakistanis"](#) *The Weekly Standard*

["Iran's Hamas Strategy"](#) *WSJ*

["Reuel Marc Gerecht on Interrogating the CIA"](#) *WSJ*

["Iraq's Jihad Myths"](#) *Washington Post*

CHINA

Newspapers and advocacy groups worldwide are assessing President Obama's first state visit to China and other Asian countries. Obama met with both APEC and ASEAN on his way to China and is being criticized for ineffective results regarding human rights and the environment. Following his meeting with APEC, many environmentalists noted the weak outcome --APEC's reduced expectations for the Copenhagen meetings on climate change moved down from a legal binding agreement to a mere political framework. Others point out that given China's role and power as the major lender to the U.S., the dynamics of the two countries' relationship have changed. Political prisoners and other human rights issues were not referred to in the statement following Obama's meeting with the ASEAN member states. Many report that rather than the U.S. advocating about political prisoners, China is pushing the U.S. to raise its interest rates.

"Concerns Rise Around Obama's First Swing Through Asia," *Wall Street Journal*

"Obama in China: his hosts are still grateful for the snub to the Dalai Lama," *Telegraph* (UK)

"China's Role as Lender Alters Dynamics for Obama's Visit," *New York Times*

"Pointed questions await visit by Obama," *Shanghai Daily* (China)

"China: Low US interest rates threaten recovery," *Associated Press*

"Rights Groups Flood Obama With Advice On China Trip," *China Real Time Report* via *WSJ*

"Chinese netizens welcome Obama's visit with thousands of questions," *EastDay* (China)

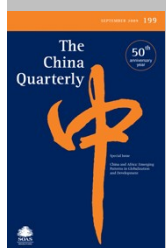
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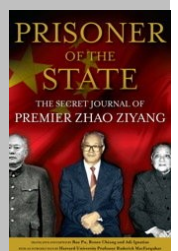
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MacFarquhar was formerly Director of the John King Fairbank Center for East Asian Research. He was the founding editor of *The China Quarterly* and has been a fellow at Columbia University, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Royal Institute for International Affairs.

MacFarquhar has written extensively on China over the last 43 years. His most recent book is *Prisoner of the State: The Secret Journal of Premier Zhou Ziyang*.



Some of his other publications include:



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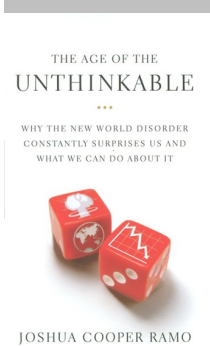
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Trained as an economist, Ramo was raised in Los Ranchos, New Mexico. He has been, among other things, a Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the Asia21 Leaders Program, a member of the World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leaders and Global Leaders for Tomorrow, an advisory board member of the Leaders Project and co-founder of the US-China Young Leaders Forum. He served as China analyst for NBC during the 2008 Olympic Games.

Ramo, a Mandarin speaker, divides his time between Beijing and New York City. The World Economic Forum has called him “one of China’s leading foreign-born scholars.” His papers have been widely distributed in China and abroad.



In his most recent book, [*The Age of the Unthinkable: Why the New World Disorder Surprises Us And What We Can Do About It*](#), Ramo argues that we are now in the midst of unprecedented change – instead of relying on our traditional models and institutions of the past, we must adapt to these changes with innovative solutions and creative problem-solving ideas to face the global challenges ahead..

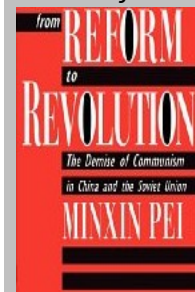
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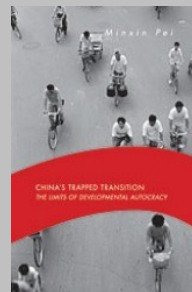
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His work has appeared in *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Modern China*, *The National Interest*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Democracy*, and many edited books and journals.



His latest book is [*From Reform to Revolution: The Demise of Communism in China and the Soviet Union*](#).

One of his other well-known books is [*China's Trapped Transition: The Limits of Developmental Autocracy*](#).



MORE:

[Think Again: Asia's Rise - By Minxin Pei | Foreign Policy](#)

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