

## GLOBAL RESEARCH POLITICAL ANALYSIS STRATEGY

## **Team**

**Glenn R. Simpson** has over 20 years of experience in research and investigations, including 14 years with *The Wall Street Journal*. Since entering the commercial intelligence field in early 2009, he has managed projects in the US, Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

His recent research work includes projects involving organized crime, sanctions violations in the Middle East, corruption in Latin America, Islamic networks, procurement fraud, judicial corruption and securities fraud. In December 2010, a two-year investigation ended with a verdict against a sovereign wealth fund worth over \$70 million.

In addition to his long tenure as a lead investigator in the Washington bureau of *The Wall Street Journal*, he was stationed in *The Wall Street Journal's* European headquarters in Brussels.

**Benjamin S. Schmidt** is a former government intelligence analyst and subject matter expert. Most recently, he served as Team Lead in the Middle East and Europe office of the US Treasury Department's Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

Over 7 years at Treasury, Schmidt ran complex transnational cases. His work was included in the President's Daily Brief and used by senior national security and intelligence officials to guide policy decisions with global ramifications.

He has worked extensively with Middle East governments on counterterrorism issues and is schooled in identifying and mapping illicit financial networks. He has collaborated with the intelligence community and foreign partners to design counterterrorism strategies and craft economic sanctions, and has wide knowledge of sanctions laws.

**Peter R. Fritsch** is a multilingual investigator, writer, and manager with 24 years of experience on four continents. As a longtime reporter and editor for *The Wall Street Journal*, he has run projects from Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Brussels and Washington. He founded the *The Wall Street Journal's* Sao Paulo bureau in 1997.

Fritsch has written widely on the global petroleum industry from OPEC meetings to the Niger Delta and guided a global team investigating the oil and natural resource industries for *The Wall Street Journal*. His US bases included Houston, Boston and New York.

Most recently, Fritsch led the *The Wall Street Journal's* national security and foreign affairs coverage in Washington, DC. In addition to spearheading coverage of the Pentagon and intelligence community, he has reported on Iran's efforts to evade nuclear sanctions.