The lecture will touch upon the relationship between the news media and governmental decision/actions in international affairs. It will concentrate principally, but not exclusively, on exploring the decision-making process and the speed with which policymakers must respond to events in our increasingly interdependent geopolitical environment.

What is the relationship between the press and the government of the United States? The American Press – is often called the “fourth branch of government.” How has policy-making in this 21st “media environment, for example, affected relations between the U.S. and Hungary?

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