

# *Foreword*

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**W**hat are the linkages among environment, population, and security? The question presupposes clear definitions of each term, something that has proven elusive in our discussions at the Wilson Center. Defining these terms and articulating their linkages often depend on one's particular perspective. Not surprisingly, where one sits frames and shapes one's understanding and response to these complex global issues. Yet taken separately or together, environment, population, and security are widely recognized as posing fundamental challenges to all levels of social, economic, and political organization.

As an information clearinghouse on these critical topics and their interconnections, the Environmental Change and Security Project (ECSP) fosters dialogue among the many interested parties in the practitioner and scholarly communities. This annual

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