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His thematic expertise is in democracy promotion, having worked for the National Democratic Institute in Iraq and founded the Democracy Unit in Canada's foreign ministry. He is a 2011 recipient of the Palmer Prize for Diplomats awarded by the Community of Democracies, and is now leading a research project to support democracy activists in Egypt called www.cloudtostreet.org.

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