Chris Bronk

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Expertise: Cybersecurity, with a specialization in energy and critical infrastructure; information theory, policy and operations; public administration; diplomacy; international security; and East Asia and Latin America area studies.

Career Highlights:

Chris Bronk is an associate professor with tenure at the Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston. An academic practitioner with manifold interests, Bronk directed UH's graduate cybersecurity program and was faculty in the UH College of Technology. Bronk publishes [interdisciplinary research](#) at the intersection of technology and policy, often collaborating with undergraduate and graduate students.

He published a book, *Cyber Threat: The Rise of Information Geopolitics in U.S. National Security* and has engaged in scholarship on internet censorship, online surveillance, border security, public diplomacy, organization information technology and critical infrastructure protection. Bronk's academic work has been sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Deloitte, Microsoft and AT&T. He has served as a foreign service officer and senior advisor at the U.S. Department of State, managing the deployment of its enterprise wiki, *[Diplopedia](#)*, which remains in use.

Bronk is a widely quoted source in news media. His expert commentary appears in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *der Spiegel*, *Foreign Policy*, *Scientific American*, CNN, the BBC, NPR and *The Houston Chronicle*. He also holds an appointment in Rice University's Baker Institute Center for Energy Studies. He previously held appointments at the University of Toronto and Syracuse University. Since 2012, he has served as a chair or member of more than two dozen graduate thesis committees. In addition to holding a Ph.D. from The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Bronk also studied international relations at Oxford University.