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his career have now become the standard approach in the stability analysis of bipedal locomotion used by researchers internationally. He has made several fundamental contributions to Rigid Body Impact Mechanics including the solution of multi-contact problems that has since been established as the main method in mathematical modeling of contact problems in robotics. He also discovered the existence of micro collisions and their effect on rigid body impacts. This discovery challenges an inconsistency in Newton's definition of the restitution coefficient and offers a new method to resolve the inconsistency. One expert even referred to Dr. Hurmuzlu's contribution to impact theory as "probably the most significant since Newton."

In addition to world-class research, Professor Hurmuzlu has established a reputation as a first

concerning the U.S. No Fly List. His blog posts have been featured on *Lawfare*, *Just Security*, and *Concurring Opinions*.

His work on Russian law has been noted by name by the editors of *The New York*

eighth book, *Russia's Food Revolution: The Transformation of the Food System*, is set for release this year and work is underway on the next.

He has edited another eleven volumes, most recently the seventh edition of the very well-received *Putin's Russia: Past Imperfect, Future Uncertainties*. Wegren's CV currently lists over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and 40 book chapters or contributions to edited volumes. Wegren is often funded for his research, typically from foundations such as the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and the Norwegian Research Council, in amounts generally under \$50,000. Nevertheless, he stands out among political sciences in his tireless application for both internal and external funding and for his success in landing it.

Students' comments on Wegren's evaluations evince a strong appreciation for what and how he teaches. Last semester, for example, answers to the question, "What two or three suggestions would you make to improve this course in the future?" included "I don't know what I would improve in this class" and "I would make the lectures longer."

Again, please join me in congratulating and thanking these exceptional faculty for their extraordinary service to SMU and our students!

Sincerely,




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