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"What are policymakers not seeing that businesses see, and how do we reach the in-between?"

Jack Slagle bridges the worlds of business and security policy, drawing on his training as a member of the SLP Fall 2011 cohort and advising a range of industry leaders from Georgia Pacific to Tesla on export and trade issues.

In his current position as a Trade Compliance Supervisor at Mitsubishi Motors of North America, Jack advises the company on trade-related matters, relying on the research and policy-writing skills he honed originally in SLP. Prior to this, as a Senior Global Trade Compliance Analyst at Tesla, he developed an acumen for Silicon Valley's perspective on trade.

Jack is still actively engaged with SPIA as a Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for International Trade and Security. While a student at UGA, in addition to taking part in SLP and helping to facilitate the annual academy, Jack was a Demosthenian, participated in the Honors Program, and held an internship with the British Standards Institute where he analyzed supply chain threats. These experiences led him to become a licensed customs broker after graduation and to his first job in Atlanta with Georgia Pacific, where he supported its International Trade Capability.

In reflection on his time in SLP and entry into the workforce, Jack encourages current SLP students to apply diligently to all the positions that interest them and draw upon the strong foundation in reading and writing they received through SLP. The environment of trade and security into which he graduated was still largely responding to 9/11. The world current students will enter, especially following COVID-19, is bound to be profoundly new. Most importantly, he says, persistence must be balanced with an emphasis on taking care of oneself and one's friends. For Jack, that still includes friends from SLP, reflecting—once more—his character and the value of SLP.