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Mr. Wexler joined the Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU) in September 2023 as the Director for the Institute for Security Governance (ISG). ISG's mission is to advance U.S. national security and policy objectives by building the institutional capacity of partner nation militaries and enhancing U.S. Institutional Capacity Building efforts to address shared security challenges.

Mr. Wexler comes to ISG by way of the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS), where he served for four years as its 13th Director. Under Mr. Wexler's leadership, DIILS continued to thrive through a highly dynamic period, sustaining global mission execution during the substantial constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among many other changes, he guided DIILS through significant growth and transition, including adding Legal Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) as a major mission element, significant staff growth to meet the expanded demand for DIILS Security Cooperation programs, integration into DSCU, and the start of renovation of the DIILS Education Center. Before joining ISG, Mr. Wexler served for 25 years in the United States Navy (USN). He retired in 2023 as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, USN.

Mr. Wexler earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Rutgers University, a Doctor of Law degree from the University of Richmond School of Law, a Master of Laws in Military and International Operational Law from the Army Judge Advocate General School and Legal Center, and a Master of Arts in National Security Policy Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. Mr. Wexler started his naval career in 1997, when he was commissioned in the Navy JAGC Student Program.