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## WIIS Events (National/International)

### [Human Trafficking: The Victims, The Perpetrators, and The Role of Civil Society](#)

**Date:** January 29

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Organization:** WIIS Austria and UN Women National Committee Austria

**Location:** Verband der Akademikerinnen Österreichs 1010 Vienna Reitschulgasse 2

Human trafficking concerns all European states, both as a security threat and a human rights issue. Virtually all countries in the region are countries of origin, transit, or destination, or a combination of the above. Very often victims of human trafficking are

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later exploited by the sex industry. Women are especially vulnerable to end up in human trafficking and forced sexual labour. WIIS Austria, the UN Women National Committee Austria, and Aimee Comrie (UNODC) and Oleksandr Kyrylenko (OSCE) are hosting a roundtable discussion around the theme of “Human Trafficking: The victims, the perpetrators and the role of civil society.”

Please register by January 25 at [info@unwomen-nc.at](mailto:info@unwomen-nc.at)  
For more information see the [event page](#).

## Events (National)

### [Dr. Shafeeq Ghabra: The Arab World Between Democratization and Rebellion](#)

**Date:** January 24

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Organization:** Georgetown University-Center for Contemporary Arab Studies

**Location:** ICC 141 [Enter through ICC 241] Washington, DC 20057

The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies invites you to a discussion with Dr. Shafeeq Ghabra entitled "The Arab World Between Democratization and Rebellion."

Shafeeq Ghabra is a Professor of Political Science at Kuwait University. Dr. Ghabra is founding President of Jusoor Arabiya which focuses on youth leadership programs and strategic planning, and founding president of the American University of Kuwait. He earned his BA from Georgetown University in 1975, receiving his PhD in Political Science from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987. He is the author of eight books and numerous studies. Dr. Ghabra has lectured at dozens of international universities and research centres, and received the highest award in Kuwait for research in humanities and social science.

The cataclysmic political events experienced by the Arab world since 2011 will not be resolved without a major future transformation of the status quo. In some countries, a second revolutionary force will emerge; in others a grand deal is possible, which could lead to reform and democratic transition.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

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## Tech and the Future of National Security

**Date:** January 28

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:30pm

**Organization:** Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service

**Location:** Lohrfink Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Rafik B. Hariri Building Georgetown University 3700 O Street NW Washington, DC 20057

Join the Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Center for Security Studies for a conversation with Palmer Luckey, Founder of Anduril and Oculus VR, Trae Stephens (SFS'06), Chairman of Anduril, and moderator Professor Toni Gidwani (SFS'04, SSP'08), Adjunct Assistant Professor for the Center for Security Studies, as they discuss the technologies that will define the battlespace of the future, why and how the U.S. tech industry and defense community need to renew their relationship, and what's at stake.

In the era of great power competition, the race for supremacy in technologies like AI, immersive systems, drones, and sensor fusion is paramount. In past generations, America won the space race and created the internet by mobilizing the best talent – whether in the government or at a company – towards a shared mission. But today, partly as a result of diverging cultures and worldviews, the relationship between tech and defense is fraying.

To register and for more information, see the [event page](#).

## The Crisis of Masculinity and the Rise of Political Repression in the US and Europe

**Date:** January 29

**Time:** 12:00pm-2:00pm

**Organization:** Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service

**Location:** Intercultural Center 700 (ECR)

### **Event description:**

A lecture from the BMW Center for German and European Studies' annual event series, "A Century of Women's Struggle: From the Franchise to #MeToo", Dr. Myra Marx Ferree, Alice H. Cook Professor of Sociology at University of Wisconsin-Madison presents a lecture "The Crisis of Masculinity and the Rise of Political Repression in the US and Europe."

RSVP: Coming soon. For more information [cgesevents@georgetown.edu](mailto:cgesevents@georgetown.edu).

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## [The Rise of Feminism in China](#)

**Date:** January 29

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Organization:** World Affairs

**Location:** World Affairs Auditorium 312 Sutter St, Suite 200 San Francisco

Journalist and author Leta Hong Fincher argues that a popular broad-based feminist movement poses the greatest challenge to China's governing regime today. In her new book "Betraying Big Brother", she examines the rise of feminism in China, interviewing members of the Feminist Five and other leading Chinese activists. Hong Fincher explores both the difficulties and the progress on bringing issues of gender equality to light. How can the rise of feminism reconfigure China's political and social norms? What might China's economic boom mean for the women's rights movement? Join Leta Hong Fincher to discuss these questions and her new book "Betraying Big Brother: The Feminist Awakening in China."

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

## [The Future of France: Growing Discontent and the Yellow Vests Movement](#)

**Date:** January 29

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Organization:** Council on Foreign Relations

**Location:** Council on Foreign Relations

In late 2018, economic and political divides in France sparked the Yellow Vests movement. Panelists discuss how the movement differs from other populist politics in Europe, and what implications it may have for President Macron's agenda and the country's relations with Europe and the United States.

For more information, see the [event page](#).



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## [The Arab Uprisings 8 Years Later: Reflecting on Lessons Learned for U.S. Policy in the Middle East](#)

**Date:** January 30

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:30pm

**Organization:** Center for American Progress

**Location:** 1333 H St NW, Washington, DC, USA

In 2011, popular protests across the Middle East and North Africa set into motion a series of events across the region that led to historic leadership transitions in key countries, including Tunisia and Egypt. The United States worked to shift its policy approach in response to fast-moving events on the ground, and it took steps on the diplomatic and economic assistance fronts to offer support to countries in transition.

Please join the Center for American Progress for a panel discussion with three distinguished diplomats who served in key roles during this period of change in the Middle East. The discussion will reflect on the lessons learned from that period, with the aim of offering suggestions for U.S. policy in the Middle East in the coming years.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

## [A Realistic Path for Progress on Iran](#)

**Date:** January 30

**Time:** 9:30am-11:00am

**Organization:** Center for A New American Security

**Location:** 1152 15th Street NW, Suite 950, Washington 20005

The Trump administration has adopted an aggressive Iran strategy. The United States seeks to achieve – via the application of maximum pressure – nothing short of a fundamental change to policies that have defined the Islamic Republic for decades. If the administration is serious about making progress on the biggest challenges facing U.S. Iran policy, it must be more than simply aggressive. It also will need a smart, pragmatic, and patient policy.

To that end, this event will coincide with the launch of a new CNAS report, "A Realistic Path for Progress on Iran: 12 Guiding Principles to Achieve U.S. Policy Goals," by Eric Brewer, Elisa Catalano Ewers, Ilan Goldenberg, Peter Harrell, Nicholas A. Heras, Elizabeth Rosenberg, and Ariane Tabatabai. The report aims to provide guiding principles and concrete policy suggestions for how to make realistic progress in preventing Iran from



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building a nuclear weapon, countering its destabilizing behavior, and engaging constructively under the assumption that the United States does not return to the JCPOA and that it continues its current pressure campaign.

To register and for more information, see the [event page](#).

### [Foreign Affairs January/February Issue Launch: Who Will Run the World? America, China, and Global Order](#)

**Date:** January 30

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Organization:** Council on Foreign Relations

**Location:** The George Washington University Marvin Center, Grand Ballroom 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC

Daniel Kurtz-Phelan discusses the January/February 2019 issue of Foreign Affairs magazine with contributors Oriana Skylar Mastro and Gideon Rose. With the potential shifting global balance of power from the United States to China, the latest issue of Foreign Affairs focuses on how the troubled hegemon and the confident challenger are trying to determine what comes next for the world order.

For more information, see the [event page](#).

### [Rape as a Weapon of War: A Conversation with Former Kosovo President Atifete Jahjaga](#)

**Date:** January 30

**Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** CSIS Headquarters, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Please join the Center for Strategic and International Studies for a Smart Women, Smart Power conversation with Her Excellency Atifete Jahjaga, former President of Kosovo. She will discuss gendered perspectives in decision-making and how rape was used as a tool of war in Kosovo.

Jahjaga was the fourth President of the Republic of Kosovo and the first woman to hold the position. Prior to her election, she served as the Deputy General Director of the Police

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of Kosovo. Jahjaga had served as a police officer since the establishment of the Kosovo Police in 2000 and rose to the rank of General Lieutenant Colonel.

In March 2014, Jahjaga established the National Council for Survivors of Sexual Violence During the War in Kosovo, a coordinating body consisting of representatives of key ministries, civil society, and international partners, to provide legal remedies to survivors of war-time sexual violence. She continues to be resolute in her fight against violent extremism and radicalization and a staunch promoter of peace and stability for the Balkans and beyond.

[Register](#) on the event page.

### **[Nigeria's 2019 Elections: Insecurity, Economic Adversity, and Political Competition](#)**

**Date:** January 30

**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** CSIS Headquarters

Join the CSIS Africa Program for a conversation with Carl Levan (American University), Zainab Usman, and Judd Devermont on what the 2015 Nigerian elections may tell us about the upcoming polls. The discussion will center around Carl Levan's new book, [\*Contemporary Nigerian Politics: Competition in a Time of Transition and Terror\*](#), which untangles the web of factors that facilitated President Buhari's rise to power. Fusing expert analysis and interviews with influential Nigerians, his retrospective analysis is a valuable resource as the country—and the international community—look ahead to next month's election.

To register or find more information, see the [event page](#).



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## [How Effective is America's Middle East Strategy?](#)

**Date:** January 31

**Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Organization:** The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**Location:** Chicago Council on Global Affairs Conference Center 130 East Randolph Drive Chicago, IL 60601

Concerns over Iran's increasing influence in the Middle East have placed high on the US foreign policy agenda. The alliance with Saudi Arabia, withdrawing from the JCPOA, and recent decision to retain over 2,000 troops in Syria, reflect Washington's wider effort to contain Tehran. Yet, foreign policy experts warn that America's new strategy may be missing the bigger picture, namely the changing geopolitical dynamics in the Middle East. New power shifts, such as Turkey's pivot toward Iran and Russia, and Putin's increasing role as a mediator in Syria, could weaken America's influence in the region. How effective is the United States' current strategy in the Middle East? And how would America's further disengagement from that part of the world impact its reputation as a global leader?

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

## [Masterpiece or Misfire? What to Expect in the FY 2020 Defense Budget Request](#)

**Date:** January 31

**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm

**Organization:** CSIS

**Location:** CSIS Headquarters

Please join the CSIS International Security Program on Thursday, January 31, for a panel previewing the release of the Trump administration's FY 2020 defense budget request. CSIS experts Todd Harrison, Kathleen H. Hicks, Andrew Hunter, and Mark Cancian will provide their expectations for the FY 2020 request and address the budget's implications on defense strategy, acquisition, and U.S. military forces.

Register on the [event page](#).

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## [America's Border Wars: Inside the Constitution-Free Zone](#)

**Date:** February 4

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Organization:** Cato Institute

**Location:** Hayek Auditorium, Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Featuring Vicki Gaubeca, Director, Southern Border Communities Coalition; Terry Bressi, Chief Engineer of the Spacewatch Project, University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Lab; Chris Montoya, 21-year Customs and Border Patrol veteran; Jennifer Johnson, Policy Director, Southern Border Communities Coalition; moderated by Patrick Eddington, Policy Analyst in Homeland Security and Civil Liberties, Cato Institute.

The new year began with America's immigration debate at white-hot intensity. President Trump's demand for a border wall and the House Democratic majority's refusal to give him money for one sparked the longest government shutdown in decades. American troops remain at the border, raising the level of militarization of the border region to dangerous new heights. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents remain in conflict with residents in border communities, and CBP checkpoints throughout the country continue to stop and detain motorists on mere suspicion. Is there a way to end America's "Border War" and restore constitutional norms within the border region? Join us as a group of distinguished experts will address that and related questions.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

## [Governance in an Emerging New World: Europe](#)

**Date:** February 4

**Time:** 4:00pm-5:15pm PST

**Organization:** Hoover Institute

**Location:** Hauck Auditorium, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

The Europe of the early 21st century is rapidly changing, as European institutions evolve, populations age, and new political forces emerge. The panelists will review how internet and communications technologies, new means of production, and rapid flows of people are affecting governance across the continent.

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To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

### [A U.S. Perspective of Cyber Intelligence for Critical Infrastructure](#)

**Date:** February 5

**Time:** 4:30pm-6:00pm

**Organization:** The Institute of World Politics

**Location:** The Institute of World Politics 1521 16th St. NW Washington DC, DC 20036

The energy sector faces more cyber attacks than any other industry. Despite escalating risks, the energy sector faces serious challenges responding to security threats effectively. It is imperative that the United States takes the necessary steps to update and protect its existing energy infrastructures – particularly the electrical grid – in order to bolster its security. Making things a little more difficult to predict, not all U.S. electrical grids are created equal. The electrical sector has been late in the game when it comes to embracing information technology that focus on technology.

Policy makers and private business alike must ask an important question: As energy independence in the United States continues to grow, does the appetite for attacking it grow as well? The very mechanisms of democratic government have become cyber targets. But the same technology that increases risk to government also enhances the government's defensive capabilities. Fortunately there is a solution – a course correction rather than backtracking on progress.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

### [Women's Foreign Policy Group Mentoring Fair](#)

**Date:** February 6

**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM

**Organization:** Women's Foreign Policy Group

**Location:** The George Washington University Marvin Center, Grand Ballroom 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC

Women's Foreign Policy Group Mentoring Fairs provide an opportunity for students and young professionals to meet with international affairs professionals and learn from their career experiences. Unlike a career fair, the focus is on entering and succeeding in



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international career fields, not just opportunities at particular companies. This year we are cosponsoring the event with The George Washington University.

Mentors are mid- to senior-level women and men working in international affairs who want to sit down with aspiring leaders to give career guidance and practical advice. Sectors include international development, NGOs, human rights, international law, international health, international business, diplomatic service, the UN, journalism, and communications.

Register as a [mentor](#) or a [student](#). For more information, see the [event page](#).

## [The Mouse is Mightier than the Sword: NYT Columnist Kara Swisher on How Tech Dominates World Order](#)

**Date:** February 6

**Time:** 4:45pm-5:45pm

**Organization:** Johns Hopkins SAIS & Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies

**Location:** Kenney-Herter Auditorium 1740 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20036

In 2019, the influence of technology and social media on international affairs dominates world headlines. From the destabilizing [impact of Facebook across democracies](#), to [China owning the next internet era](#), to [European regulatory action](#), technology is transforming the role of war and diplomacy, while upending the old international order. Join Kara Swisher, the *New York Times* technology business columnist and co-founder of *Recode*, and Laura Blumenfeld, Senior Fellow at The Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, in an edgy, blunt discussion about the future of tech and international affairs.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

## [Global LGBT Civil Rights Policy: Implications of the 2018 Midterm Rainbow Wave](#)

**Date:** February 6

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:00pm

**Organization:** McCourt LGBTQ Policy Initiative

**Location:** McCourt School of Public Policy 3700 O St NW, Old North 205 Washington, DC 20057

The last two years of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) civil rights policy under the Trump administration have been regressive in light of progress made in recent decades.

While there was a blue wave in the House of Representatives, it was accompanied by a more colorful rainbow wave. The 2018 Midterms marked an unprecedented gain of political representation for the LGBT community. Sexual minorities made history in Congress and in Governors houses, while transgender people made history in state legislatures across the country. This has obvious implications for LGBT civil rights policy in the United States, but what are the implications of this representation for LGBT asylum seekers and governments across the globe? This discussion centers its focus around LGBT asylum seekers, family and LGBT children.

To register or for more event, see the [event page](#).

## Events (International)

### [Under Fire: Cultural Heritage and Armed Groups](#)

**Date:** January 28

**Time:** 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Organization:** British Institute of International and Comparative Law

**Location:** British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5JP

Cultural heritage is often at risk of damage or destruction in situations of armed conflicts. Certain armed groups have sometimes intentionally destroyed cultural monuments, as an attempt to erase diversity or remove the links communities have with their past. In addition to intentional targeting, cultural sites are also at risk of being damaged or destroyed in the course of hostilities, as a result of their use for military purposes, for example. Furthermore, the breakdown in the rule of law arising from conflicts accentuates the risk of antiquities trafficking.

International humanitarian law (IHL) contains specific rules which obliges all parties to an armed conflict, including non-state armed groups, to respect cultural property. However, until recently, not a lot of attention has been paid to the applicability of those rules to non-state armed groups. Therefore, Geneva Call has engaged in a pioneering two-year study on

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armed groups and cultural heritage, in order to assess the rules applicable, as well as the role of those groups in the protection of cultural heritage more in general. This event will present the key findings of the study. It will be an opportunity to discuss the information obtained through desk and field research, including interviews with leading specialized organizations and with armed groups operating in Iraq, Mali, and Syria.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).

### [New Security Policies in Mexico and The Risk of Militarisation](#)

**Date:** February 1

**Time:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Organization:** International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

**Location:** Arundel House, 6 Temple Place, London WC2R 2PG

The militarization of policies to fight organised crime is at the centre of the security debate in Mexico since President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, commonly referred to as AMLO, was sworn in on 1 December. One of his main proposals has been the creation of a National Guard, which will incorporate existing members of the police and armed forces, as well as new recruits. Civil society organisations have criticised the measure, saying it will deepen the trend towards militarisation.

AMLO has also promised preventive measures such as economic growth, job creation and anti-corruption efforts. This event will discuss the security dilemmas facing Mexico and the prospects for AMLO's government.

Monica Serrano is an Associate Fellow at the IISS Conflict, Security and Development Programme. She is a Research Professor at El Colegio de Mexico, a Senior Fellow at the Ralph Bunche Institute and a Senior Research Associate at the Oxford Centre for International Studies. Dr Serrano was previously the coordinator of the North American Programme at El Colegio de Mexico and is a member of the International Advisory Board of the European FRAME Human Rights Project.

To register or for more information, see the [event page](#).



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## International-Level Dispute Resolution for Mass Claims/Human Rights

### Claims

**Date:** February 4

**Time:** 4:30pm-7:15

**Organization:** British Institute of International and Comparative Law

**Location:** British Institute of International and Comparative Law, Charles Clore House,  
17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5JP

The event is a panel discussion on international-level dispute resolution for mass claims/human rights claims. The event was prompted by the publication of Professor Maya Steinitz's book, *The Case for an International Court of Civil Justice*, which is about the resolution of transnational mass tort claims.

The event will consist of two panels, the first about the resolution of transnational civil mass claims and the second more specifically on the implications of and likely workings of international-level dispute resolution mechanisms for business and human rights claims.

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## Member Publications

**“When government is closed, American diplomacy pauses,”** by Molly Montgomery

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