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WIIS Events (National/International)

WIIS May Happy Hour

Date: May 15

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Organization: WIIS Global

Location: Eighteenth Street Lounge
1212 18th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036

Come join fellow WIIS members for our monthly happy hour. We’re looking forward to seeing you!

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Events (National)

#CyberspaceIRL: Rule of Law Approaches to Virtual Threats

Date: May 21

Time: 9:00am-5:30pm

Organization: U.S. Institute of Peace, American Bar Association’s Rule of Law Initiative Annual Conference

Location: U.S. Institute of Peace

A \$600 billion black market, cybercrime has transformed the digital world into a sophisticated platform to steal and profit from personal data, undermine civil rights,

manipulate elections, disseminate anti-democratic propaganda, and steal intelligence. Yet, cyberspaces remain largely unregulated. This lack of governance is a major challenge and concern for legal practitioners, human rights champions, and policymakers. To properly address the complex world of cybercrimes, these key players must work together to prioritize targeted strategies encompassing cross-jurisdictional cooperation, both locally and globally.

Join the U.S. Institute of Peace as we co-host the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative's 2019 Annual Conference. Bringing together representatives from academia, national security, and the private and public sectors, this conference will identify rule of law strategies to more effectively address this ever-changing landscape.

#CyberspaceIRL will assess whether current approaches are sufficient in addressing the complexity of issues such as money laundering, trafficking, election security, and internet freedom, and identify the breadth of actors who must be part of devising and implementing effective strategies and solutions.

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Violence Prevention in Southern Somalia

Date: May 21

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Organization: New America International Security Program, Peace Direct

Location: New America Foundation

New America's International Security Program and Peace Direct invite you to join them for a lunchtime panel discussion on violence prevention in southern Somalia. In March 2019, the capital city of Mogadishu saw seven terrorist attacks by Al-Shabaab in a single week. That, coupled with a recent uptick in counterterrorism ground, air, and drone strikes by the United States in cooperation with the government of Somalia, has called into question what it will take to establish peace in the southern part of the country.

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How to Advance Inclusive Peace Processes: Mobilizing Men as Partners for Women, Peace and Security

Date: May 30

Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm

Organization: U.S. Institute of Peace

Location: U.S. Institute of Peace

Efforts to develop more inclusive peace processes are making progress. Yet, 20 years after the passage of U.N. Security Resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security, very few women are currently part of formal peace processes. This gap is exemplified by the recent struggles of Afghan women to be included in peace talks and U.N. reports that showed between 1990 and 2017, women constituted only 2 percent of mediators, 8 percent of negotiators, and 5 percent of witnesses and signatories in major peace processes. A new initiative from Our Secure Future, “Mobilizing Men as Partners for Women, Peace and Security,” seeks to remedy this by calling on men in gatekeeping positions throughout the defense, diplomacy, development, civil society, faith-based, and business sectors to commit to ensuring women are an equal part of peace processes and decision making.

Join the U.S. Institute of Peace for an event exploring how men in leadership positions are organizing as partners to identify, encourage, and mobilize collective voices in the support of women’s engagement in the pursuit of peace. By bringing global citizens more fully into this campaign, these stakeholders can step away from the sidelines of the women, peace, and security movement and more fully stand alongside—and empower—the women leading the effort.

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How security cooperation advances US interests

Date: June 4

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Organization: Brookings Institution

Location: Brookings Institution, Faulk Auditorium

One of the United States’ key strategic advantages is a global web of alliances that allow it to project power and influence abroad. Defense security cooperation includes defense trade and arms transfers, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, institutional capacity

building, and international education and training activities. The United States leverages these programs to ensure its allies and partners have the capability to defend themselves and carry out multinational operations while also building up relationships that promote American interests. As near-peer competitors seek to erode U.S. technological advantages, the importance of security cooperation will only grow in the coming years.

On June 4, Brookings will host a conversation between Senior Fellow Michael O’Hanlon and Lt. General Charles Hooper, director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), on how DSCA advances U.S. foreign policy objectives in an era increasingly driven by great power competition.

This is an in-person event. Register [Here](#).

The Future of Conflict: Carnegie Junior Fellows Conference 2019

Date: June 12

Time: 11:30am-5:00pm

Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Location: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

As renewed rivalries set in among great powers and instability grows around the world, it is more difficult than ever to predict the nature of future conflicts. How will future wars between states be fought? How likely is great power conflict? How does growing violence within states impact the international system? And how does the potent combination of new technologies, resurgent authoritarianism and populism, and the changing role of international organizations affect these dynamics?

Join us for a conference that will bring together experts and young professionals to discuss the future of conflict. This conference is geared toward young professionals. Interested attendees should fill out the application form below. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on May 5, 2019. The conference will take place on June 12, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and a reception will follow.

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2019 National Security Conference: Sharpening America's Edge

Date: June 14

Time: 9:30am-4:30pm

Organization: Center for a New American Security

Location: Washington Hilton

This year's CNAS National Security Conference will explore the United States' efforts to sharpen its strategic edge in an era of heightened global competition. From sustaining America's military advantage, to countering high-tech illiberalism, to designing new

ways to project U.S. economic power, each session will offer new ideas to evaluate the national security debate.

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Ill Winds: Saving Democracy from Russian Rage, Chinese Ambition and American Complacency

Date: June 18

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Organization: Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs

Larry Diamond's core argument is stark: the defense and advancement of democratic ideals relies on U.S. global leadership. If the U.S. does not reclaim its traditional place as the keystone of democracy, today's authoritarian trend could become a tsunami that could provide an opening for Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, and their admirers to turn the 21st century into a dark time of surging authoritarianism.

How can the U.S. exploit the soft, kleptocratic underbelly of dictatorships? How can the nation reclaim its role as a global leader?

Register [Here](#).

Events (International)

Armed Conflict Survey 2019 Launch

Date: May 15

Time: 9:30am-10:30am

Organization: International Institute for Strategic Studies

Location: Arundel House, London, UK

The Armed Conflict Survey is the comprehensive reference on active conflicts worldwide, providing evidence-based analysis of key political, military and humanitarian developments and their impact. This year's edition includes 33 conflict reports across six regions in 2018 and four essays on global trends in conflict, such as the security impact of climate change, the manipulation of humanitarian aid by warring parties, the complex relation between forced displacement and war, and the distinctive dynamics of conflict in cities. This year's Armed Conflict Survey has been redesigned to provide a systematic overview of each armed conflict, from historical roots to future trends, detailed information on warring parties and their strategies and tactics, as well as 70 maps, infographics and tables.

By tracing the global, regional and local trends driving conflict, the Armed Conflict Survey brings clarity and insight to the complex drivers of armed conflict today.

Dr Francesca Grandi is the Editor of the Armed Conflict Survey and Senior Fellow for Conflict, Security and Development. She has extensive expertise on conflict analysis, conflict prevention and post-conflict reconciliation.

Virginia Comolli leads the Conflict, Security and Development Programme, the Institute's repository of analytical work related to armed conflicts, as well as fragility and insecurity in their multiple forms. She has extensive expertise on Sub-Saharan Africa, organised crime and extremism.

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Rethinking Human Rights: a southern response to western critics

Date: May 22

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Organization: LSE Human Rights and Department of Sociology

Location: Sheikh Zayed Theatre, New Academic Building, London School of Economics, London

In this lecture, Muthoni Wanyeki will draw on three decades of human rights activism with Kenya, African and international organisations to push back against the western critique of human rights to formulate her own assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of human rights movement in Africa and the global south.

No registration required. Find more information [here](#).

IISS Shangri-La Dialogue 2019

Date: May 31-June 2

Organization: International Institute for Strategic Studies

Location: Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore

The IISS Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia's premier defence summit. It's a unique meeting where ministers debate the region's most pressing security challenges, engage in important bilateral talks and come up with fresh solutions together.

Since its launch in 2002 the Dialogue has built confidence and fostered practical security cooperation, by facilitating easy communication and fruitful contact among the region's most important defence and security policymakers.

Each year's agenda is intentionally wide-ranging, reflecting the many defence and security challenges facing a large and diverse region.

Past speakers have included prime ministers and senior ministers from China, India, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Australia and other regional powers, as well as the United States.

Since its launch in 2002, the Dialogue has become a venue for proposing and advancing initiatives on important security issues.

The 2019 summit will take place on 31 May to 2 June. This page will be regularly

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updated with Dialogue news.

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Mission Critical: Inclusive Leadership for the Security Sector

Date: June 18-20

Organization: WIIS.de, German Marshall Fund of the United States, European Organization of Military Organizations, Deutscher.Soldat e.V.

Location: Berlin, Germany

The fifth edition of Mission Critical: Inclusive Leadership for the Security Sector will accelerate the transfer of knowledge among security professionals in Berlin, Germany, from June 18 to 20, 2019. Rapid demographic change and emerging security challenges

make it essential for security organizations on both sides of the Atlantic to strengthen diversity and inclusion expertise in order to succeed in our missions. Mission Critical provides a leadership development and exchange opportunity for key personnel and stakeholders to gain new strategies for diversity and inclusion in security contexts. Formats include VIP keynotes, interactive dialogues, and break-out working groups. Please see the thematic agenda here, with speaker highlights forthcoming.

As a key focus area of GMF's commitment to advancing inclusive leadership, Mission Critical will convene 100 active participants from Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, representing Ministries of Defense, Interior and Foreign Affairs, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies, the Private and Non-Profit sectors.

Participants are asked to make travel and hotel arrangements independently. We recommend reserving your room at the Arcotel John F. where we have secured a room block, valid until April 8.

For more information, please reach out to Lora Jane Berg at LJBerg@gmfus.org.

Register on the [event page](#).



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See these Next Gen scholars’ policy brief on the [WIIS website](#).