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Events (National)

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.

Book Launch Event: The Three Pillars of Radicalization

Date: June 5 Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm Organization: START Location: University of Maryland

Arie Kruglanski, Jocelyn Belanger and Rohan Gunaratna will launch their book, "The Three Pillars of Radicalization: Needs, Narratives, and Networks," with an event at START headquarters 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5. The event includes a panel discussion among the book authors moderated by START Founding Director Gary LaFree, and a keynote address given by the Honorable Juan Zarate, who is the chairman and co-founder of the Financial Integrity Network, a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and



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International Studies, and chairman of the Center on Economic and Financial Power. University of Maryland Provost Mary Ann Rankin will also offer remarks.

All are welcome to attend the event, but RSVPs are required. Light refreshments will be served. If you are not a START affiliate, please email Eva Coll (escoll@umd.edu) if you're interested in attending for more information.

During the panel, the authors will address the determinants of radicalization and deradicalization, and the three major ingredients of the process that turns radical beliefs into violent behaviors. In "The Three Pillars of Radicalization," the authors debut a new model of radicalization that identifies factors underlying the individual's quest for significance. Synthesizing varied empirical evidence, the book reinterprets prior theories of radicalization and examines major issues in deradicalization and recidivism, which will only become more relevant as communities continue to negotiate the threat of extremism.

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EU & Foreign Policy Defense Forum 2019

Date: June 6 Time: 8:00am-3:00pm Organization: Foreign Policy Location: U.S. Institute of Peace

The EU & Foreign Policy Defense Forum 2019 is presented in partnership between Foreign Policy and the European Union. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of D-Day and against the backdrop of evolving dynamics shaping EU-U.S. relations, this event will convene a timely and critical conversation about the future of the transatlantic security alliance. Through a mix of dynamic sessions, fireside chats and engaging discussions, the Forum will bring together some of the foremost leaders across the American and European defense and security community exploring ways to foster continued cooperation around common objectives and priorities.

Request invitation here.



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The Future of Conflict: Carnegie Junior Fellows Conference 2019

Date: June 12 Time: 11:30am-5:00pm Organization: United States Institute of Peace Location: United States Institute of 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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Third Annual US-Georgia Strategic Partnership Conference

Date: June 12 Time: 9:00am-12:00pm Organization: United States Institute of Peace

Please join the United States Institute of Peace, Embassy of Georgia, and the Heritage Foundation for the third annual U.S.-Georgia strategic partnership conference. Featuring renowned experts and government officials, the conference will explore the current state of regional affairs, focusing on the geopolitical interests of the United States and Georgia and bilateral economic and trade opportunities.

The conference will also look at how the United States and Georgia can further strengthen the ties between the two nations. It will also provide a unique chance for U.S. decision-makers, experts, scholars, and journalists to focus on geopolitical regional trends and challenges, and explore bilateral opportunities from both the regional and international perspective. Take part in the conference on Twitter with #GEOUS.



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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?

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Prospects for US-Russia Relations: A perspective from Moscow

Date: July 15 Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm Organization: Center for Strategic and International Studies Location: CSIS Headquarters 2nd floor

The conclusion of the Mueller investigation renewed President Trump's desire to meet with Vladimir Putin and to intensify U.S.-Russian dialogue in general. Both countries face numerous problems, from Venezuela to strategic stability, that require management. Is more effective management of these problems and bilateral relations as such possible? How will Russia approach relations with the U.S. leading up to the 2020 elections and beyond? Does Russia have a strategy vis-à-vis the U.S., and if so, what are its major elements? Lastly, how will the election interference issue impact U.S.-Russia relations after the publication of the Mueller report, and how is Moscow going to address it?

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Events (International)

HSS Shangri-La Dialogue 2019

Date: May 31-June2 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,



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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 updated with Dialogue news.

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A Stronger Alliance: The Future of European Security

Date: June 4 Time: 8:45am-1:30pm Organization: Friends of Europe Location: Friends of Europe

Friends of Europe's annual Policy Security Summit is the flagship event of our ambitious peace, security & defence programme. Bringing together senior decision-makers with out-of-the-box movers and shakers, this occasion allows for in-depth and innovative discussions on today's most pressing security and defence issues.

Coinciding with the 70th anniversary of NATO, this year's summit will be a forwardlooking and thought-provoking examination of the future of Europe's strategic autonomy and its place in the world during a time of protectionism and international competition. Following shortly after the European Parliament elections, our summit takes place at a particularly crucial moment that presents the opportunity to launch and promote visionary new ideas for the European defence paradigm and NATO in the 21st century, as well as those aimed at tackling contemporary security developments shaking our world.

With this summit, we aim to identify the complex security challenges facing Europe, find a pathway for the continued development of Europe's common strategic capabilities and understand where in the global world of geopolitics Europe stands.

This conference will also allow participants to take part in early bird masterclasses to



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learn more about key opportunities for European security and defence cooperation. Additionally, this year's summit will challenge participants to make sense of today's challenging security environment and tomorrow's uncertain future for Europe's strategic autonomy.

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Africa Summit

Date: June 17 Time: 1:45pm-6:30pm Organization: Friends of Europe Location: Friends of Europe

Held on the eve of the European Development Days, this high-level conference will look at the challenges and opportunities Africa and Europe must grapple with to ensure resilient, inclusive and sustainable growth.

Africa and Europe are in the midst of a massive transformation of their economic, political and social structures. While many welcome these changes, others fear being left behind, prompting societal anxieties and possible social unrest. This is creating a politics which could undermine the very policies that will address the challenges at hand. Europe and Africa can learn much from each other on tackling these and other challenges. This requires, however, that both agree to engage in a partnership of shared objectives and interests.

This event is part of our Development Policy Forum (DPF), which brings together a number of important development actors, including the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the United Nations and the World Bank. Reflecting the growing role of the private sector in development, the DPF has now welcomed Coca-Cola and Eni to the forum. The DPF contributes to the global and European conversation on inclusive development. Through its activities and publications, the DPF reflects the rapidly-changing global debate on growth and development and seeks to encourage a multi-stakeholdered, fresh, up-to-date thinking on the multiple challenges facing the development community.

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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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Molto Agitato: Italy and Mediterranian Security

Date: June 25 Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm Organization: Friends of Europe Location: Friends of Europe

The new report by Friends of Europe to be released on June 25 highlights growing security challenges in the Mediterranean region and Italy's central role in influencing Europe's response. The study by Friends of Europe senior fellow Paul Taylor, a columnist for POLITICO and veteran former foreign correspondent for Reuters, examines the broad array of present and future threats, driven by long terms trends of climate change, demography and state fragility, and fueled by great power rivalry, resource conflicts, radicalization and Jihadist terrorism, and smuggling of people, arms and drugs. It will offer recommendations for how to optimise Italy's defence policy to best assure its own long-term security interests and those of Europe.

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See these Next Gen scholars' policy brief on the WIIS website.