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Events (National)

Drell Lecture: US National Security in an era of great power competition and

technological disruption

Date: October 3rd **Time**: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Organization: Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford

Location: Hauck Auditorium, David & Joan Traitel Building, Hoover Institution, 435

Lasuen Mall, Stanford University

The world is experiencing an unprecedented period of geopolitical change and technological disruption. How should we rethink U.S. national security and defense in an era of intensifying great power competition? What principles should guide US policy and presidents in the future?

Speaker's Biography: Michèle Flournoy is Co-Founder and Managing Partner of WestExec Advisors, and former Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), where she currently serves on the board.

Michèle served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy from February 2009 to February 2012. She was the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense in the formulation of national security and defense policy, oversight of military plans and operations, and in National Security Council deliberations.

Michèle is a former member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, the CIA Director's External Advisory Board, and the Defense Policy Board. She's currently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aspen Strategy Group, is a Senior Fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and sits on the Honorary Advisory Committee of The Leadership Council for Women in National Security. Michèle serves on the boards of Booz Allen Hamilton, Amida Technology Solutions, The Mission Continues, Spirit of America, CARE, the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation.

More information here.

Security, Stability, and the Future of Kashmir

Date: October 4th **Time**: 9:45am-11:30am

Organization: Hudson Institute



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Location: 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400, Stern Center, Washington, DC 20004

Hudson Institute will host a discussion on recent developments in Kashmir. Panelists will include the Heritage Foundation's Jeff Smith, Indian politician and writer Salman Anees Soz, and the Atlantic Council's Shuja Nawaz. The discussion will be moderated by Aparna Pande, Hudson research fellow and director of the Initiative on the Future of India and South Asia.

On August 5, India revoked the special status of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, dividing the one-time state into two union territories – Jammu and Kashmir as one territory and Ladakh as another. This ushered in security, administrative, and political issues both inside and outside India. Panelists will address these issues, including the domestic security implications of this decision by the Indian government, responses from the international community, and the implications for U.S. foreign policy in the region.

NOTE: This event is open to the press. All members of the media should RSVP to press@hudson.org

Renewing Arms Control and Strategic Stability: A Russian Perspective

Date: October 10th **Time:** 5:00pm- 6:30pm

Organization: Nuclear Threat Initiative

Location: 1776 Eve Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006

The strategic relationship between the United States and Russia remains at its lowest point since the Cold War. After 30 years of major reductions in nuclear arsenals to strengthen strategic stability, why is the world entering a new cycle of nuclear and related arms races that is multifaceted and multilateral, putting at risk the entire system of nuclear nonproliferation? Why are Russia and the United States further diverging in their understandings of the principles of stability? After years of joint efforts to eliminate incentives for a nuclear first strike against the other, why is such a scenario more likely today than at any point over the past 30 years?

Please join us as Dr. Alexey Arbatov, a leading Russian scholar and expert in the fields of international security and military affairs, offers his ideas on how to reverse these trends and renew a mutual understanding of strategic stability between the United States and Russia.



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Dr. Arbatov is the head of the Center for International Security at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences. In 2011, he was elected as a full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Dr. Arbatov has played a leading role in the policy and politics of post-Soviet Russia, as a member of the Soviet delegation at START-1 negotiations and a member of the Russian Parliament (Duma) from 1994 to 2003. While in Parliament, he was deputy chairman of the Duma Defense Committee.

Register here.

Invisible Battalion Film Screening and Discussion with Ukrainian Women Veterans

Date: October 8th **Time:** 12:30pm

Organization: National Democratic Institute

Location: 455 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001, 8th Floor

On paper, she was officially enlisted as a seamstress due to restrictions on women's military employment. In reality, Andriana Susak served as an assault trooper on the front lines against Russian occupation in eastern Ukraine, even through the first five months of her pregnancy. *Invisible Battalion* (2017), the first documentary film about the experiences of Ukrainian women at war, follows six female soldiers and veterans with similar stories that represent the broader, often overlooked role of women in this conflict.

Please join us for a screening of the documentary film *Invisible Battalion* followed by a discussion with veterans and members of the <u>Invisible Battalion</u> project, Mariia Berlinska, Andriana Susak, Yulia Semihailova, Kateryna Lutsyk, Yuliia Mykytenko, and Olena Maksymenko. Produced by Berlinska, the film has been screened internationally in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Invisible Battalion is currently advocating for the recognition of women's contributions to the Ukrainian military, equal employment opportunities, and a range of social issues including the prevention of sexual assault and improved mental health services for active and veteran servicewomen. *Lunch will be served*. RSVP here by Friday, October 4 or to Megan Tingley at mtingley@ndi.org

The 9th Annual China Defense & Security Conference

Date: October 15th

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Organization: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



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Location: Root Room, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036

In the past year, the landscape of China-US relations has changed dramatically. The security challenges posed by the influence of a resurgent China are more numerous, and more far-reaching, than ever. Please join us as we explore the implications of this new era with some of the world's leading authorities on PRC influence, military and otherwise.

The Honorable Randall G. Schriver is the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs. Mr. Schriver was appointed as Assistant Secretary of Defense by President Donald Trump on 8 January 2018.

Prior to his confirmation, Mr. Schriver was one of five founding partners of Armitage International LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in international business development and strategies. He was also CEO and President of the Project 2049 Institute, a non-profit research organization dedicated to the study of security trend lines in Asia.

Previously, Mr. Schriver served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. He was responsible for China, Taiwan, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. From 2001 to 2003, he served as Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of State. From 1994 to 1998, he worked in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, including as the senior official responsible for the day-to-day management of U.S. bilateral relations with the People's Liberation Army and the bilateral security and military relationships with Taiwan.

Mr. Schriver has won numerous military and civilian awards from the U.S. government and was presented while at the State Department with the Order of the Propitious Clouds by the President of Taiwan for service promoting U.S.-Taiwan relations. Mr. Schriver received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Williams College and a Master of Arts degree from Harvard University.

Mr. Schriver's remarks will be on the record.

FP Her Power: Women's Voices. Global Impact.

Date: October 15th **Time**: 10:00am-2:00pm

Organization: Foreign Policy, OAS, Inter-American Commission of Women,

International Monetary Fund

Location: Hall of the Americas, Organization of American States Main Building, 200

17th Street NW, Washington, DC



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Foreign Policy's inaugural global women's summit will bring together leading voices, unsung heroines and innovative trailblazers in international policy and business.

Highlighting female change agents, the program will explore gender equity as a catalyzing force for stronger democracies, economies and communities. Our sessions will feature inspiring stories by high-powered female leaders and provide tangible guideposts for combating the structural barriers that constrain the potential of women and girls around the world.

The summit will be co-hosted in partnership with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) as well as the Inter American Task Force on Women's Leadership and the International Monetary Fund, bringing together a diverse network of agencies and organizations to advance decisive action and meaningful change for gender parity and women's leadership.

Register here.

The Schapiro Lecture Series on Women Peace and Security with Admiral Michelle Howard

Date: October 15th **Time:** 9:00am- 10:15am

Organization: Elliot School of International Affairs

Location:

Admiral Michelle J. Howard has served 35 years in the United States Navy. She has led sailors and Marines multiple times in her career as the commander of a ship, an expeditionary strike group, a task force and a Naval theater. In 1999, she became the first African American woman to command a ship in the Navy. In 2014, she was the first woman to become a four-star Admiral in the U.S. Navy, and the first woman to be appointed to the position of Vice Chief of Naval Operations. She is the first African American woman to reach the rank of three- and four-stars in the U.S. Armed Forces.

<u>Dr. Shirley Graham</u>, Director of the Elliott School's Gender Equality Initiative in International Affairs (GEIA) and Associate Professor of Practice in International Affairs, will moderate. Her doctoral research has examined gendering processes within militaries that position women and men in particular roles formally and informally, supporting and/or inhibiting women's access to peacekeeping missions.

ABOUT THE SHAPIRO LECTURE

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in International Affairs seeks to appoint distinguished figures in diplomacy whose experiences and reputations bring an added measure of excellence to teaching and scholarship within the Elliott School.

This event is on the record and open to the media.

Register here.

Women After War: New Challenges & Approached to Landmine Clearance

Date: October 15th

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Organization: WIIS & Mines Advisory Group (MAG)

Location: The Truman Center for National Policy, 1250 I St NW, Suite 500,

Washington, DC 20005

In Iraq, Sri Lanka, South Sudan, and all around the world, women are suiting up and heading into minefields to clear deadly remnants of war and make land safe for their families and communities. And yet mine clearance is often seen as a male-dominated field that women are discouraged from joining.

Join Mines Advisory Group (MAG) America and Women In International Security (WIIS) for a special networking event and panel discussion on the work of female deminers working in international development and security.

Featured speakers include Jane Cocking, CEO of MAG, and Dr. Chantal de Jonge Oudraat, President of Women In International Security. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.

RSVP here.

A Roundtable discussion on Women, Peace and Security in West Africa

Date: October 21st

Time: 12:00pm-2:30pm

Organization: Partners Global for Democratic Change

Location: Central Parking, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC

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To unpack experiences, challenges, and successes in women's grassroots movements for peace, PartnersGlobal is convening a roundtable of experts and practitioners in the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, especially in the West African context. This event also coincides with PartnersGlobal's 30th anniversary, as the organization celebrates three decades of using dialogue, consensus-building, local leadership, and collaborative partnerships to transform conflict, strengthen democratic institutions, and achieve sustainable development.

Drawing from experiences in Nigeria, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, and the Gambia, the roundtable will discuss how women-led, grassroots movements are participating in cross-border conflict resolution and peacebuilding in West Africa. Civilian populations, mainly women and girls, disproportionately suffer the effects of ongoing conflict and insecurity in the region, which both reinforce each other and influence other issues, such as gender-based violence, migration, and internal displacement, among others.

Given the transnational nature of regional insecurity, the integration of cross-border approaches to conflict resolution has particular relevance. Women, in their dynamic roles as mediators, are important leaders in bringing together diverse actors around common priorities. Examples of women mobilizing and advocating for peace and security exist across West Africa, such as in the Casamance region of Senegal, the site of Africa's longest running conflict. Stronger participation from women's grassroots movements has great potential for resolving conflicts and building consensus amongst these diverse actors.

Alongside the roundtable discussion, the event will also feature a multi-media presentation on the National Women's March for Peace in Casamance, which took place on September 14, 2019, in Dakar, Senegal. As part of the Unaam Kayraay project, financed by USAID/CMM and led by PartnersGlobal, in collaboration with the Plateforme des Femmes pour la Paix en Casamance (PFPC), Partners West Africa-Senegal, and Tostan, the march attracted over 2,500 participants, mainly women, to peacefully mobilize and demonstrate their solidarity for peace in the Casamance region of Senegal. High-level attendees from the Senegalese government, including the Minister of Women, joined participants, showing the power of women's coalitions to bring different stakeholders together around shared goals.

Featured Panelists

Jessica O'Connor, Reconciliation Fund Manager, USAID Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation

Robert Groelsema, Senior Technical Advisor for Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion, Catholic Relief Services



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Oluwakemi Okenyodo, Executive Director, Partners West Africa-Nigeria Pr. Adjaratou Wakha Aidara Ndiaye, Executive Director, Partners West Africa-Senegal Kate Ravin, Program Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa, PartnersGlobal PartnersGlobal's Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, Dr. Solange Bandiaky-Badji will moderate the discussion.

A light lunch will be provided. Please <u>RSVP</u> by Friday, October 11. We hope that you will join us.

Events (International)

The ISIS Files: An Evening with Rukmini Callimachi

Date: October 7th **Time:** 6:30pm

Organization: Program on Extremism **Location:** King's College London

In collaboration with the Program on Extremism (PoE) at George Washington University, ICSR is delighted to invite you to a public lecture with the *New York Times* 'award-winning correspondent, Rukmini Callimachi.

Callimachi was embedded with the Iraqi military between 2016-17, during their campaign to reclaim territory from Islamic State. During that time, she collected over 1,600 documents with approximately 15,000 pages of internal ISIS records mostly from Mosul province.

This collection has come to be known as "The ISIS files" which PoE has agreed to digitise, translate, and publish for public consumption. As a strategic partner of PoE, ICSR will be assisting with this project.

If you would like to RSVP for this event please register here.

Environment, Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction Seminar

Date: October 11th **Time:** 9:30am-2:00pm **Organization:** UNEP

Location: Rhone Room at International Environment House 2, 7 - 9 Chemin de Balexert,

1219 Geneva, Switzerland



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Men, women and people of other gender identities experience disasters differently. Therefore, it is imperative that disaster risk reduction strategies are gender sensitive, while being responsive to the context in which they are being implemented. This seminar aims to increase the awareness of civil society actors, policy makers, activists, NGOs and scholars about the gendered aspects of ecosystem approaches to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation or, 'Ecosystem based disaster risk reduction and adaptation' (Eco-DRR/EbA).

Register here.

Rapid Response and Systematic Review: A Practical Application to International Development (workshop)

Date: October 15th

Time: 9:00am to 6:00pm

Organization: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Location: Hildalgo Room, Fiesta Americana Reforma, Av. Paseo de la Reforma 80

Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico 06600

3ie and the Africa Centre for Evidence (ACE) at the University of Johannesburg will cohost a workshop where participants will work together to conduct a rapid systematic review in response to an evidence request on Intimate Partner Violence. The workshop will use an existing evidence gap map as its starting point and will focus on co-producing a rapid synthesis and response document.

In the run up to the WWGS workshop, 3ie and ACE will host three webinars to help inform the production process of the rapid systematic review. Attending these webinars is strongly advised for workshop participants, as they will focus on building key skills in data extraction, risk of bias assessment and synthesis. As part of the webinar, there will be some tasks for participants to complete over the weeks between the sessions. The course instructors will be available to answer questions between the scheduled webinars.

Register here.

Women in War and International Politics Panel Discussion

Date: October 22nd **Time:** 5:30pm – 8pm



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Organization: Department of War Studies

Location: War Studies Meeting Room (K6.07), King's College London, King's Building,

Strand Campus, London, WC2R 2LS, United Kingdom

Women in War and International Politics (WIWIP) is hosting a panel discussion with US Army Commander, Rose Lopez Keravuori, the Director of the Oxford Research Group, Emily Knowles, and two Researchers working with the Oxford Research Group, Abigail Watson and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen.

The panelists will talk both about the work that they are doing and how women can build successful careers in these fields.

The event will conclude with a wine reception and will be a great opportunity to network. Please note that the event is not exclusively for women – all are welcome!

Securing for Growth

Date: October 23rd

Time: 9:00am- 12:30pm BST

Organization: Boardroom Briefings

Location: Somerset House East Wing - King's College London, Strand Campus, Strand,

London, WC2R 2LS, United Kingdom

In today's highly internet dependent business world, security of your company's information is vital. In this briefing we will be looking at digital health, security and how to build a strong foundation to enable business growth.

We will be exploring the responsibilities of board members from decision making on effective software to budgeting. Business decision makers don't need to be technical experts, but they do need to be leaders. We'll help you identify key areas of your business that can be secured, weaknesses in your current set up, how it can be safely tested, how these holes can be plugged and improve business productivity.

Our expert speakers

Mark Lawton: Having helped BT realise their long term vision and evolution to the Cloud, Mark went on to head up Channel Partnership at Microsoft, specialising in Cloud & Productivity solutions.

Mark is currently an active Director of the Board at Risc IT Solutions, a national Cloud Service Provider and Microsoft Gold Partner.

From small nimble start ups to the largest enterprise, Mark is well equipped to assist business owners to reach informed decisions around business security.

Darren Kewley is a cyber security specialist and is a fully licensed assessor for the government-backed Cyber Essentials scheme.



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Since leaving the British Army in 2006, Darren has provided network and security consultancy to wide range of organisations including the Unilever, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Thales Defence, Verizon, Warner Bros and Moneysupermarket Group.

Darren is the Technical Director and Co-Founder of Protos Networks, an information networks and cyber security company based in the North West of England.

Emerging Technologies, Evolving Nuclear Postures, and Deteriorating Norms: Is the Global Nuclear Order Eroding?

Date: January 8-15, 2020

Time: TBA

Organization: International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts

Location: Andalo (Trento)-Italy

The global nuclear order is undergoing major transformations. Policy makers around the world are facing complex decisions and – more importantly - costly trade-offs if strategic stability is to exist and be sustainable among nuclear-armed states. A combination of dramatic and wide-ranging technological change, vigorous nuclear modernization, and the substantial waning of arms control is producing a more challenging and worrisome nuclear order. What nuclear order will arise as emerging technologies are folded into comprehensive modernization programs in an environment largely or wholly unregulated by arms control? What constitutes stable nuclear deterrence under such circumstances?

What emerging technologies are most destabilizing for nuclear strategic stability? Which ones might lead to escalation across the nuclear threshold? The 59th ISODARCO course will explore the technological, military, and arms control developments that are changing and challenging the global nuclear order.

Additional information here.

International Offensive Security Conference

Date: February 14th – 15th, 2020

Time: 9:00am- 6:00pm

Organization: OffensiveCon Berlin **Location**: Hilton Hotel, Berlin, Germany

Offensive Con Berlin is a highly technical international security conference focused on offensive security only. The aim of the offensivecon is to bring the community of hackers



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together for high quality and deep technical talks, engaging and renowned technical training. The talks at offensive con are focused on offensive IT security topics such as vulnerability discovery, advanced exploitation techniques, and reverse engineering.

Register here.

Counter Terror Expo (CTX) 2020

Date: May $19^{th} - 21^{st}$, 2020

Time: TBA

Organization: Counter Terror Expo (CTX)

Location: ExCeL London, Royal Victoria Dock, 1 Western Gateway, London, E16 1XL,

UK

The Counter Terror Expo (CTX) is the UK's leading networking event for security professionals from industry, infrastructure, government and policing. It's where they come to discover new ideas and technology to improve security and aid in the fight against terrorism. In partnership with its sister events the World Counter Terror Congress, Forensics Europe Expo and Ambition, CTX brings together the world of security, preparedness, resilience and response under one roof.

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