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A Conversation with Sen. Van Hollen on US defense and foreign policy

Date: October 31st

Time: 8:15-9:15 AM

Organization: Brookings Institution

Location: Brookings Institution, Faulk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Despite the intense partisanship gripping Washington, matters of defense and national security never sleep. The United States faces a growing array of security challenges that will require focused strategic thought and budgetary commitment in the coming years. From the generational challenge of renewed competition with China and Russia to the threat posed by rogue actors like North Korea, the United States will be unable to address all these issues head-on without sustained bipartisan, bicameral focus.

Register [here](#).

Ways to mitigate artificial intelligent problems

Date: October 31st

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Organization: Brookings Institution

Location: Brookings Institution, Faulk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

The world is experiencing extraordinary advances in artificial intelligence, with applications being deployed in finance, health care, education, e-commerce, criminal justice, and national defense, among other areas. As AI technology advances across industries and into everyday use around the world, important questions must be addressed regarding transparency, fairness, privacy, ethics, and human safety. What are AI's benefits and risks? What role should the public and private sectors play in addressing AI challenges? Can AI be part of the solution?

After the session, panelists will take audience questions. This event will be webcast live.

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Iraq's Political and Energy Outlook

Date: November 1st

Time: 9:00 AM

Organization: Atlantic Council

Location: 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC

As the two-year anniversary of ISIS' territorial defeat in Iraq nears, recent protests underscore the many challenges Iraq must address despite the progress it has made. Iraq's leaders must tackle unemployment, corruption, reconstruction, reconciliation, and ongoing security issues – particularly given rising US-Iran tensions – with the energy sector often at the core of it all.

Register [here](#).

The Security Implications of Distant Water Fleets and Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing

Date: November 1st

Time: 9:30-10:45 AM

Organization: Stimson Center

Location: Stimson Center, 1211 Connecticut Ave. NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC

Commercial fishing is big business, with over 56 million people working on vessels to support it. Despite this, a lack of transparency exists across the entire seafood supply chain, impeding effective fisheries management.

Distant water fishing (DWF) fleets operate in the shadows. With a lack of information on where they fish, what they catch, and vessel ownership, there is an increased risk of illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing activity.

A new report from the Stimson Center illuminates DWF fleet activities and the security implications for coastal countries. This event will discuss the dire consequences and potential solutions to IUU fishing and ensuring transparency across the seafood industry.

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Impeachment, foreign interference, and election security in 2020

Date: November 4th

Time: 3:30-5:00 PM

Organization: Brookings Institution

Location: Brookings Institution, Faulk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

The United States is at a major inflection point as the House continues its impeachment inquiry, there is concern about foreign interference in American politics, and 2020 election security remains uncertain. These developments raise the risks of disinformation, weaponized social media, and hacking of voter registration databases in the coming year. Foreign campaign interference in 2020 may extend beyond Russia to other countries that have a major stake in the outcome. Amidst these concerns, how will the impeachment inquiry affect the national conversation? What can be done to ensure the integrity of the 2020 election? And, with so many potential dangers on the horizon, will the American people trust the results?

Following the conversation, speakers will take questions from the audience. This event will be webcast live.

Register [here](#).

Advancing Good Governance in a Time of Crisis

Date: November 5th

Time: 9:30-11:00 AM

Organization: Center for American Progress

Location: 1333 H Street NW, Washington, DC

From the crackdown on protesters in Hong Kong, to Myanmar's brutal campaign against the Rohingya, to democratic backsliding in Thailand and the Philippines, to the detention of more than 1 million Uighurs in China, human rights and democracy in Asia are under attack. As the region faces significant challenges, it is vital that the United States and Japan work together as democratic allies to advance the rule of law, good governance, and universal rights across Asia.

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Jihadism in Africa

Date: November 5th

Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Organization: Brookings Institution

Location: Brookings Institution, Saul Zilka Room, 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Islamist-inspired radical groups in Africa have had an enduring presence on the continent despite decades of international efforts to contain and eliminate them. From the 1998 attacks against the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, to more recent insurgencies aimed at destabilizing national governments, organizations like al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, Harakat al-Shabab, Boko Haram, and others have demonstrated remarkable staying power and show few signs of abating. However, the West has not paid sufficient attention to these groups and the potential they have to disrupt the continent's development and export violence beyond.

Register [here](#).

What Now for Britain?

Date: November 7th

Time: 12:15-1:45 PM

Organization: New America

Location: New America, 740 15th Street NW, Suite #900, Washington, DC

On November 7th, join New America's International Security Program and Political Reform Program to analyze and reflect on the latest Brexit chapter.

The deadline for the UK's departure from the EU was extended to October 31st, after then British prime minister, Theresa May, failed to get her proposed deal through the UK Parliament in March. The appointment of Boris Johnson as prime minister in July brought renewed hope for Brexit supporters. In the days after this latest Brexit deadline, seemingly immovable obstacles remain and the path forward remains unclear. What does the political landscape hold for the UK and its EU neighbors? What will happen next and what do we need to unpick and understand to make sense of the coming weeks?

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Protecting the Rights of Children in the War on Drugs in Latin America and the Caribbean

Date: November 7th

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Organization: Open Societies Foundation

Location: Open Societies Foundation – NY, 224 W. 57th Street, New York, NY

The “war on drugs” and regressive drug policies that rely on law enforcement have led to growing incarceration rates worldwide. The impact of this level of incarceration cannot be fully understood or addressed without considering its less visible victims: the families and, in particular, the children of men and women in prison.

A new report—*Childhood that Matters or Niñez que Cuenta*—by Church World Service sits at this rarely-examined crossroad between incarceration, drug policy, and children’s rights. Published in advance of the 30th anniversary of the UN’s Convention on the Rights of the Child, this regional report analyses the impact of parental incarceration on children, and examines exposure to violence, feelings of loss, stigma, increasing poverty levels, and the difficulty of maintaining a relationship with an incarcerated parent. The report presents a series of recommendations based on interviews with children who have relatives in prison for nonviolent drug offenses in countries across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Register [here](#).

12th Annual Conference on China’s Economic Development and US-China economic Relations

Date: November 8th

Organization: Institute for Economic Policy and Sigur Center for Asian Studies

Location: Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E Street, NW

The Institute for International Economic Policy is pleased to invite you to the 12th annual Conference on China's Economic Development and U.S.-China Economic Relations on November 8th, 2019 at the Elliott School for International Affairs, located at 1957 E Street, NW.

Speakers include:

- Daniel Xu, Duke
- David Yang, Harvard
- Davin Chor, Dartmouth



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- John Rogers, Federal Reserve Board
- Wenli Li, Philadelphia Federal Reserve
- Chad Bown, Peterson Institute for International Economics
- David Shambaugh, GWU
- Jie Bai, Harvard
- Jing Cai, University of Maryland
- Scott Morris, Center for Global Development
- Jamie P. Horsley, The Brookings Institution

The conference will feature panels on the Political Economy of Protests; Capital Market Liberalization and Corporate Investment; Industrial Policy, Technology Transfer, and Financial Access; and the Belt and Road Initiative.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Sigur Center for Asian Studies and the GW Center for International Business Education and Research.

A Conversation with First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Rula Ghani

Date: November 14th

Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

Organization: US Institute of Peace and the Embassy of Afghanistan

Location: US Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC

The past two months have brought great uncertainty for the prospects of sustainable peace and stability in Afghanistan. With the collapse of U.S.-Taliban talks and the results of the September 28 presidential elections not yet finalized, key questions remain on how to build national consensus and unity throughout the country. This is particularly vital for Afghan women, who long for an end to over four decades of near continuous war, instability, and violence—but also want to ensure that the social and political gains they've achieved since the 2004 constitution are protected and advanced.

To explore the importance of Afghan women in building a sustainable peace process, H.E. First Lady Rula Ghani will join USIP for a timely discussion on her role in the Afghan Women's National Consensus for Peace (Ejma-e-Mili), as well as other current events on peace, security, and governance in Afghanistan. Following a keynote address by the First Lady will be a moderated question and answer session.

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Ending Endless War: Lessons from the Counter-ISIS War

Date: November 15th

Time: 12:15-1:45 PM

Organization: New America

Location: New America, 740 15th Street NW, Suite #900, Washington, DC

In December 2011, the last American combat troops left Iraq. The Obama administration celebrated the withdrawal as the completion of a campaign promise to end the Iraq war. Fewer than three years later, the same administration returned the U.S. to war in Iraq to fight ISIS and then extended the war into Syria. In his new report, *Decisionmaking in the Counter-ISIS War*, New America Senior Policy Analyst David Sterman examines how the United States returned to war in Iraq, the role of preventive war logic in that decision, and what lessons the counter-ISIS war holds for efforts to end America's seemingly endless counter-terrorism wars.

To discuss the report, New America welcomes Dr. Joshua Geltzer, a New America International Security program fellow and former senior director for counter-terrorism on the National Security Council, and Dr. Alexandra Stark, senior researcher with New America's Political Reform program. Dr. Stark holds a PhD from the government department at Georgetown University. She was previously a research fellow at the Middle East Initiative of the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Minerva/Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar at the United States Institute of Peace.

RSVP [here](#).

The Role of Higher Education in Resolving Conflict and its Consequences

Date: November 19th

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Organization: US Institute of Peace and NAFSA: Association of International Educators

Location: US Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Higher education institutions have historically played a vital role in resolving conflict through education, training, and research. This year's International Education Week offers an opportunity to celebrate the significance of international education in addressing the world's modern-day conflicts. Join USIP and [NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#) as we explore best practices in peacebuilding shared by experts from the peacebuilding and international education communities. The event will examine ties between higher education and conflict resolution and consider innovative approaches for



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creating—and sustaining—more peaceful societies. Join the conversation on Twitter with #IEW2019.

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Events (International)

Report Launch: The Human Costs and Gendered Impact of Sanctions on North Korea

Date: November 5th

Time: 2:00-4:00 PM

Organization: Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Korea Peace NOW

Location: Varembe Building, Ground Floor, Rue de Varembe 1, Geneva, 1202 Switzerland

Join the campaign Korea Peace Now! Women mobilizing to end the War
Overcoming obstacles to dialogue and what the international community is missing on the Korea Peninsula.

Discussion with women advocates:

- Christine Ahn, Founder and Executive Director of Women Cross DMZ
- YoukYoung Ko, Consultant and South Korea activist, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Launch of multi-disciplinary experts report: The human costs and gendered impact of sanctions on North Korea.

Discussion with contributing authors and experts:

- Dr. Suzy Kim, Professor of Korean History, Rutgers University
- Ewa Eriksson Fortier, former Head of DPRK Country Delegation, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (retired)
- Kevin Gray, Professor of Political Economy, University of Susse

More information [here](#).

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The Feminist Past and the Feminist Future: The Current Importance of the Zürich Conference in 2019

Date: November 16th

Time: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Organization: Women Vote Peace

Location: Women Vote Peace, Budapest, Hungary

As part of the project WomenVotePeace, feminist activists from Hungary and other European countries will gather in Budapest for a one-day event to discuss the past and the future of feminist activism for peace and justice.

The event will include three sessions and one open discussion. Please note that the times of the different sessions might change.

Register [here](#).

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](#).



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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 together for high quality and deep technical talks, engaging and renowned technical training. The talks at offensivecon 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 19th – 21st, 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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