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Events (National)

A Diplomatic Counterrevolution: The Transformation of the U.S.-Middle East Alliance System in the 1970s

Date: January 23rd 2020

Time: 12:15pm-2:00pm

Organization: Harvard Kennedy School

Location: One Brattle Square, Room 350, Harvard

Two developments have defined Middle Eastern international politics in the 2010s: first, the Arab spring and its failures, and second, polarization between Iran and a coalition of Arab states allied with the United States. This seminar locates the historical logics behind these developments in the regional transformations of the 1970s. During that decade, the regimes in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and imperial Iran collaboratively forged a diplomatic counterrevolution with U.S. support. Animated by a fear of alliances between the Soviet Union, revolutionary regimes, and the domestic left, these states advanced a new regional order designed to reinforce the security of authoritarian rule. The counterrevolutionary coalitions and strategies developed in the 1970s persisted after the Iranian Revolution, as U.S. allies pivoted to countering Iran and, more recently, the 2011 Arab spring.

Please join us! Coffee and tea provided. Everyone is welcome, but admittance will be on a first come–first served basis.

More information [here](#).

Main Street Defense Series: Innovative Solutions from New Sources

Date: January 23rd 2020

Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Organization: Center for Strategic & International Studies

Location: 1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington DC

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) invites you to attend a conversation with SAIC's Executive Vice President and General Manager of the Defense Systems Customer Group Jim Scanlon. Mr. Scanlon is responsible for leading strategy, business development, and program execution for approximately \$2.9 billion in support to the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and Defense Logistics Agency.

The discussion will explore the implications of the growing emphasis on technology competition with near peers and how the benefits of big data and artificial intelligence, highlighted in the Army Future Command data strategy, could be brought to the operating force. These overarching issues have important implications for technical services companies, whether they develop



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algorithms or balance system engineering tradeoffs.

The purpose of the Main Street Defense event series is to highlight the unique opportunities and challenges faced by 'Main Street' companies in the defense industry. By broadening the conversation to include entities headquartered in America's towns and cities beyond the top five defense contractors, and by providing a public platform for discussion, CSIS engage new voices and provides a setting for a dialogue on important factors affecting the entire defense and security sector today, different from those that we usually hear about.

Mr. Andrew Hunter will moderate the discussion with Mr. Scanlon. Please join us on Thursday, January 23rd for this timely conversation.

Register [here](#).

Diplomat Vicki Huddleston: "Our Woman in Havana"

Date: January 24th 2020

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Organization: Bookstore1Sarasota

Location: 12 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

In *Our Woman in Havana: A Diplomat's Chronicle of America's Long Struggle with Castro's Cuba*, Huddleston chronicles the past several decades of US-Cuba relations from the bird's-eye view of State Department veteran and longtime Cuba hand.

Vicki Huddleston was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Africa and later held the same position at the Department of Defense. She led American diplomatic missions in Mali, Madagascar, Cuba, and Ethiopia. She was Director of Cuban policy at the Department of State and later Chief of the United States Interests Section in Havana (1999 – 2002) before it became an embassy. In Haiti, she was deputy ambassador and later Chief of Party for a USAID development project. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and as a Congressional Fellow worked on the staff of former Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM).

Our Woman in Havana: A Diplomat's Chronicle of America's Long Struggle with Castro's Cuba, illustrates why it is important to engage with Cuba if we want to promote positive change on the island. Huddleston was our top diplomat in Havana under Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. In her compelling memoir of a diplomat at work, she tells gripping stories of face-to-face encounters with Fidel Castro and the initiatives she undertook. With inside accounts of many dramatic episodes, like the tumultuous Elián González custody battle, Huddleston also evokes the charm of the island country, and her warm affection for the Cuban people. Huddleston recounts missed opportunities for détente, and the myths, misconceptions, and lies that have long



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pervaded US-Cuba relations. With Raúl Castro scheduled to step down in 2018, she also peers into the future, when for the first time in more than six decades no one named Castro will be Cuba's leader. Our Woman in Havana is essential reading for everyone interested in Cuba, including the thousands of Americans visiting the island every year, observers who study the stormy relationship with our near neighbor, and policymakers navigating the nuances and challenges of the US-Cuba relationship.

Register [here](#).

U.S.-China 2020: A Year of Living Dangerously

Date: January 28th 2020

Time: 8:30 am-10:00 am

Organization: Asia Society Policy Institute

Location: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace 1779 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest Washington, DC 20036

Kevin Rudd on the state of the U.S.-China relationship in 2020 and beyond.

About this Event

The past year in the U.S.-China relationship was characterized by a trade war and heightened tensions, with a push in some policy circles toward a wider economic war. With the announcement of a phase one trade deal at the end of 2019, what might 2020 bring in the bilateral relationship? At this critical juncture, Asia Society Policy Institute President the Honorable Kevin Rudd will lead a conversation focused on the future of the U.S-China relationship. He will address questions such as does a wider economic “decoupling” between the United States and China lie ahead? If so, what might that entail? And what would that mean in the areas of foreign and security policy, as well as for geopolitical and geo-economic stability across the world? This event also serves at the launch of a collection of Rudd’s 2019 speeches on the bilateral relationship, titled "The Avoidable War: The Case for Managed Strategic Competition".

--Breakfast and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.—

Speaker Kevin Rudd is inaugural President of the Asia Society Policy Institute. He served as 26th Prime Minister of Australia (2007 to 2010, 2013) and as Foreign Minister (2010 to 2012). He is Chair of the Board of the International Peace Institute in New York, and Chair of Sanitation and Water for All, a global partnership of government and non-government organizations dedicated to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6. He is a Distinguished Fellow at Chatham House and the Paulson Institute, and a Distinguished Statesman with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is also a member of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization’s Group of Eminent Persons.



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The Future of Progressive Foreign Policy: 2020 and Beyond

Date: January 28th 2020

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm

Organization: Cato Institute

Location: Hayek Auditorium, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC

Featuring Kate Kizer, Policy Director, Win without War; Adam Mount, Senior Fellow and Director of the Defense Posture Project, Federation of American Scientists; Dan Nexon, Associate Professor, Georgetown University; Loren DeJonge Schulman, Deputy Director of Studies and the Leon E. Panetta Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security; moderated by Trevor Thrall, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute.

Even before Donald Trump's election, foreign policy thinkers were beginning to realize that American grand strategy had to change. After more than 15 years of war in Afghanistan and the Middle East, Americans' enthusiasm for foreign adventures had expired and many believed that public support for traditional American leadership of the liberal international order had expired along with it. The big question was: What would come next?

During the third year of the Trump administration, the 2020 Democratic candidates have offered a range of arguments about what's wrong with U.S. foreign policy today and where it should be headed. Some of these hew fairly close to the traditional, pre-Trump approach, while others represent more significant departures from the status quo.

Come hear a panel of distinguished experts discuss the state of the foreign policy debate within the Democratic Party and the future of progressive foreign policy.

Register [here](#)

Hot off the Presses: New Research from Nepal on Building Resilience

Date: January 29th 2020

Time: 8:30 am-10:00am

Organization: IDEAL

Location: Mercy Corps, 1111 19th St. NW, Suite 650, Washington, DC 20036

Join us to learn about resilience research from two development food security activities in Nepal

About this Event

Join [IDEAL](#), in-person or online, to hear about new resilience research from two Nepal Development Food Security Activities (DFSAs): **Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods (PAHAL)** and **Sustainable Action for Resilience and Food Security (Sabal)**.



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Two new resilience studies, recently presented at the [Nepal Resilience Learning Event](#) in Kathmandu, will be shared at this interactive learning event:

- The Sustainable Action for Resilience and Food Security (Sabal) research examines whether social capital plays a role in building resilience and, if so, which types of social capital contribute most to high-level resilience outcomes.
- The Promoting Agriculture, Health, and Alternative Livelihoods (PAHAL) research employed a Recurrent Monitoring Survey (RMS) to understand the impact of the PAHAL resilience integration model as well as the cost-effectiveness of the model.

Coffee/tea will begin at 8:15 am and presentations will begin promptly at 8:45 am.

Can't attend the event in person? Please [register](#) and you will receive a link to join online via Zoom.

The US and China: On a brink of a new cold war?

Date: January 29th 2020

Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm

Organization: World Affairs

Location: Dominican University, Creekside Room, Magnolia at Palm Avenue, San Rafael, CA

For five decades the United States pursued a policy to engage with China. Presidents from Nixon to Obama embraced the concept that a stronger China was in the best interests of the United States. Today China is indeed strong, but many in Washington argue that America's policy of engagement has failed, that China's trade practices are unscrupulous, and that China's leaders have used their formidable technical capabilities to create a "surveillance state" that is the antithesis of America values. Other China specialists, however, argue that a decoupling of the Chinese and American economies will usher in a new cold war and that we cannot afford to turn China into an enemy.

John Pomfret was one of the first young Americans to study in China. He was a foreign correspondent for 20 years, seven of them covering China, briefly in the late 1980's during the Tiananmen Square protests, and from 1997 through 2003 as Washington Post bureau chief in Beijing. He has received numerous awards for his coverage of critical foreign events and his histories of China.

Reception: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Dessert: 7:30 PM

Program: 7:50 PM

Pre-paid reservations required for guaranteed seating. Dinner reservations required by Friday, January 24.

More information and registration [here](#).



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The Dilemma of Nuclear Insecurity and Limits of Law

Date: January 30th 2020

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Organization: Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation

Location: William J. Perry Conference Room, Encina Hall, Second Floor, Central, C231, 616 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA

How have national practices of nuclear security produced local conditions of insecurity? After World War II, the United States' nuclear testing program transformed the Marshall Islands into an experimental site for testing both new weapons and forms of territorial governance. During the same period, the Hunters Point Shipyard in southeast San Francisco became the launching point and return site for ships, scientists, and military personnel circulating between the mainland and the Pacific tests. These activities not only incorporated the Marshall Islands and Hunters Point into networks of militarization and scientific knowledge production, but also resulted in widespread radiological contamination. Professors Mary Mitchell and Helen Kang will discuss the entangled legal, environmental, and social legacies of radiological contamination at these two sites, shedding light on the consequential damages of the Cold War and ongoing efforts to demand accountability from the United States government.

More information [here](#).

A Woman's Place: US Counterterrorism since 9/11

Date: January 31st 2020

Time: 12:15pm-2:00pm

Organization: Harvard Kennedy School

Location: Belfer Building, Bell Hall, 5th Floor, Harvard

Speaker: Joana Cook, Senior Research Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, Department of War Studies, King's College London; Author, *A Woman's Place: US Counterterrorism Since 9/11*

The 9/11 attacks fundamentally transformed how the United States approached terrorism and led to the unprecedented expansion of counterterrorism strategies, policies, and practices. While the analysis of these developments is rich and vast, there remains a significant void. The diverse actors contributing to counterterrorism increasingly consider, engage, and impact women as agents, partners, and targets of their work. Yet, flawed assumptions and stereotypes remain prevalent, and it remains undocumented and unclear how and why counterterrorism efforts have evolved as they did in relation to women.



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Please join us! Coffee, tea, and light refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome, but admittance will be on a first come–first served basis.

More information [here](#).

NALA Immigration Seminar

Date: February 8th 2020

Time: 9:00 am-11:00am

Organization: Nigerian American Lawyer Association

Location: Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Do you have questions on path to Green card/citizenship in the United States? Violence Against Women's Act? Do you have relatives back home that have been turned down for a visa to the United States? If so, join the Nigerian American Lawyer's Association for our 3rd Annual Immigration Seminar. Attendees who register on eventbrite have an opportunity to consult with an attorney for free!

Register [here](#).

To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence

Date: February 28th 2020

Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Organization: The Institute of World Politics

Location: 1521 16th St. NW, Washington DC, DC 20036

About the book:

When the Soviet Union dissolved in December of 1991, many academics, media commentators, and even senior government officials declared that the Cold War was over and that we were in a new era of Pax Americana. Jim Olson was not one of those who was deluded by the changing currents of international affairs. From his post as Chief of Counterintelligence for the CIA to his professorship at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, Jim has studied, analyzed, and tracked the intelligence activities of hostile intelligence services as the international community evolved. He has warned of the continuing focus of the intelligence services of Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and Cuba on the United States. These hostile services are not only penetrating our government and its military and intelligence services, but are also focusing on economic and cyber attacks.

Professor Olson in his new book, “To Catch a Spy: The Art of Counterintelligence,” demonstrates the devastating success of hostile Intelligence services against all elements of the U.S. government. He has also shown the evolution of U.S. counterintelligence activities and the

positive nature of these changes while acknowledging the difficulties of effective counterintelligence in democratic societies.

About the speaker: Professor Jim Olson received a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of Iowa and his J.D. in international law from University of Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Professor Olson was a Career officer in the Directorate of Operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, serving mostly overseas in clandestine operations. He served as Chief of Counterintelligence at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia. He was the recipient of the Intelligence Medal of Merit, the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, the Counterintelligence Excellence Medal, the Donovan Award, and several distinguished achievement awards. In addition to, he was awarded the Silver Star Award at the Bush School for excellence in teaching.

This event is strictly off the record. We ask that you do not record or take photographs during this event.

Register [here](#).

State-Owned Enterprises: No Climate Success Without Them

Date: March 3rd 2020

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Organization: The Initiative For Sustainable Energy Policy (ISEP)

Location: Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies 1619 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest Room 812, Washington, DC 20036

The role of SOEs in driving GHG emissions and the effectiveness of market-oriented solutions such as carbon taxes in changing SOE behavior.

About this Event

Policy makers, academics, and others have devoted significant effort over the past three decades to considering how best to incentivize private businesses and households to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. There has been much less discussion about how best to incentivize state-owned enterprises (SOEs) to do so. Yet when it comes to energy sector GHGs, these state companies are among the world's leading emitters. In the aggregate, they emit more energy sector GHGs than any country except China, and in China, they are responsible for more than half of all energy emissions. They are also major providers of low-carbon alternatives, notably in the electricity sector.

While much of the discussion surrounding SOEs is often about how to reform and even replace them, in practice, they are and will remain major actors driving emissions, particularly in many of the larger emerging economies. Many SOEs, however, often face incentives and market



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conditions that differ from private businesses, differences that point to the need for a tailored set of climate tools to engage them in climate action.

Philippe Benoit will discuss the role of SOEs in driving GHG emissions, examine the effectiveness of market-oriented solutions such as carbon taxes in changing SOE behavior, and explore other options to engage these companies that build off their distinctive features.

About the Speaker

Philippe Benoit is an Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy of Columbia University - School of International and Public Affairs. He is also a Senior Associate (non-resident) with the Energy and National Security Program at the Center for International and Strategic Studies. He previously worked as the Division Head for Energy Environment at the International Energy Agency, as the LAC Energy Sector Manager at the World Bank, and as a Director in the Energy Project Finance Department of SG Investment Bank. He holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a BA in Economics and Political Science from Yale University. His research interests are in the fields of international energy, development and sustainability.

Russian Media: 30 Years After the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Date: March 3rd 2020

Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm

Organization: CISAC

Location: William J Perry Conference Room (2nd Floor), 616 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA 94305

Abstract:

Yevgenia Albats, a renowned independent journalist with 44 years of experience in Soviet, Russian, and international media, will tell the story of the Russia media through the frame of her own experience and analysis. The current media landscape emerged out of Soviet censorship and tight communist party control, lived through the 10 years of freedom in 1990s, and has ended up facing a new-old style of censorship under Putin's autocracy. This is a story of courage and complicity, honest journalism, and big money used to subvert the former. It is a story that should serve as a warning to others.

Register [here](#).

FINCA Impact Finance Fifth Annual International Women's Day Panel

Date: March 4th, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00pm

Organization: FINCA Impact Finance

Location: 1201 15th St Washington, DC 20005

Does Access to Finance Lead to Women's Political Empowerment? About this Event Despite the great strides being made globally towards gender equality, the full economic and political



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empowerment of women remains elusive. Men still outnumber women in decision-making roles and vastly outnumber women in legislatures around the world. To address this problem, some believe that empowering women politically should start with providing women access to finance and eliminating the underlying economic barriers that keep women on the sidelines in the first place. Yet even as access to financial services has increased around the world, it has not yielded the transformative impact on women's lives many hoped for. How can we disrupt this status quo? Does providing women access to finance play an effective enough role in empowering women politically or is there another way forward? This session will explore the rich and complicated relationship between women's access to finance and the impact it has on women's political empowerment. Register here. This event is open to the public and free to attend.

Ambassadors & Spies: How U. S. Ambassadors Deal with Intelligence Agencies

Date: March 29th 2020

Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Organization: The Cold War Museum

Location: 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

The Cold War Museum, in cooperation with Old Bust Head Brewing Company, invites you to attend a presentation by Charles Ray, former U.S. Ambassador to two countries, on Ambassadors and Spies: How American Ambassadors Deal with Intelligence Agencies

Outside the United States, and in some places even within the country, American diplomats are viewed by many as spies, and our embassies are considered nests of spies. As with many myths, there is a tiny kernel of truth here, but not what one might think. Diplomats do gather information about the countries to which they're assigned, and there are intelligence officials assigned to our diplomatic missions.

The truth, however, is less dramatic, as a career diplomat with a military intelligence background will relate. Ambassadors, as representatives of the President, accredited to the host country head of state, are the senior American government officials in a country, responsible for and presiding over all US Government programs and personnel—with the exception of military personnel under the command of a Geographic military command. With a few exceptions, all intelligence operations in the country must receive the ambassador's concurrence, and some really sensitive operations are shared only on a need-to-know basis.

A savvy ambassador finds ways to mitigate the negative impact of operations if they're exposed, and will establish working relationships with intelligence agencies and personnel—as he or she must with the military—to ensure that everything that's done supports U.S. national interests, and contributes to U.S. national security.

A series of anecdotes from more than 30 years serving as a diplomat, including two assignments as ambassador, will show how diplomacy and intelligence can coexist.

Charles Ray joined the U.S. Foreign Service, America's diplomatic corps, in 1982, after retiring from a 20-year career in the U.S. Army. He served overseas as a diplomat in China, Thailand, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, and Zimbabwe, and from 2006 to 2009 was deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs. Hailing from a small town in East Texas, Ray was born with the travel bug, and joined the army right out of high school, and was assigned to overseas to Germany, Panama, Vietnam, and Korea, and served at military bases in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, and California. Three years after enlisting, Ray received a commission as a second lieutenant in 1965, and continued his education, eventually receiving a B.S. in business administration from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, and an M.S. in systems management from the University of Southern California. His military assignments included Psychological Operations, Unconventional Warfare Operations, Public Affairs, Counterintelligence, and Intelligence Collection.

In addition to the education received during his military service, which included the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Defense Intelligence University, as a diplomat he attended the National War College and the Joint Ground Force Commanders Course. Since retiring from government service in 2012, after 50 years of total service, he began writing full-time, and has published over 150 works of fiction and nonfiction. He also works with a number of organizations on foreign affairs, including the American Academy of Diplomacy, the Association of Black American Ambassadors, the American College of National Security Leaders, the Potomac Institute for Public Policy, and the Una Chapman Cos Foundation. Each summer, he conducts a workshop on professional writing for scholars of the Rangel International Affairs Program at Howard University, and does lecturing and public speaking at many educational and community institutions around the country.

This is the 35th in a series of presentations sponsored by the Museum, in cooperation with Old Bust Head Brewing Company, featuring eyewitnesses to, and other experts on, significant Cold War events and activities. Presentations occur at the Brewery, followed by special access to the Museum (next door) with a tour for event participants.

Date and Time:

Sunday, March 29th 2020, 2:00 PM. (Arrival at the brewery: 1:30-2:00 PM)

(Note: For those who would like to see this presentation but cannot attend because they are at a distance, have a conflict, etc., they may buy a ticket via Eventbrite like attendees, then access the event video online after the event via a link that CWM Executive Director Jason Hall will send them. To arrange, email Jason at jason@coldwar.org.)

Cost: \$35, including the presentation; a \$7 coupon toward a craft beer draft, Kombucha, or other drink; a \$20 contribution to the Cold War Museum; and special access to the Museum (next



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door) for event participants following the presentation. TICKETS AT THE DOOR, IF AVAILABLE, WILL COST \$45.

Location: Old Bust Head Brewing Company, 7134 Farm Station Road, Vint Hill, VA 20187, <https://www.oldbusthead.com/>, and the Cold War Museum, 7142 Lineweaver Road, Vint Hill, VA 20187, www.coldwar.org (VINT HILL IS IN THE METROPOLITAN DC AREA).

Event seating at the brewery is limited, and prior presentations have sold out, so we suggest that you secure your tickets promptly at Eventbrite. Questions? Call or email Jason Hall, 703-283-4124 (cell), jason@coldwar.org

Register [here](#).

International Policy Summer Institute

Date: Sunday, June 7 – Thursday, June 11, 2020

Organization: School of International Service at American University

Location: 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

Deadline: Friday, January 10th, 2020 at 8 PM

[The International Policy Summer Institute](#) (IPSI) is a five-day professional development program for professors (all ranks) and post-docs in the field of international affairs who want to build the tools and networks to produce and disseminate policy-relevant academic research.

The Institute delivers an intensive curriculum designed to teach participants how to develop and articulate their research for a policy audience, what policy-makers are looking for when they look to scholarship on international issues, whom to target when sharing research, and which tools and avenues of dissemination are appropriate. IPSI also provides a forum for scholars to develop professional networks with their colleagues and with the broader policy community. Sessions are facilitated by senior faculty and are held in various formats, including:

- Panels with academics who have served in government, government officials, think tank researchers, and other members of the policy community, focusing on policy processes and the roles that academic research can play within them, and the value of policy experience for scholars
- Discussions with editors of policy journals, newspaper op-ed pages, and major blogs about how to pitch pieces and write for different kinds of outlets
- Interactive communications and media training, including practice sessions and personalized feedback on policy writing and media interviews
- Network-building opportunities with policy-makers and fellow scholars

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply [online](#).



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Cyber war fighting: Matching US capabilities to ambitions in offence and defence

Date: January 29th 2020

Time: 4:00pm-5:30pm

Organization: International Institute for Strategic Studies

Location: Bloomsbury House, 2-3 Bloomsbury Square, London, UK WC1A 2RL

The United States has expressed ambitions to conduct cyber operations in all phases of operations and at all levels of command. It has been developing strategy and plans for cyber space over almost three decades. US Cyber Command has already accumulated thousands of person years in attack planning since it was established in 2009.

But do the United States' capabilities match its ambitions? And does the rapid evolution of cyber military and coercive capabilities undermine a settled view on the relationship between means and ends?

There is only low predictability for knowing which parts of declared cyber strategy and doctrine might be implemented under particular circumstances by the US and we know very little about its full cyber military capabilities. However, the United States remains the pre-eminent cyber power in the world.

This seminar will profile the US country study that has been undertaken, along with twelve others, as part of an IISS project on Measuring Coercive Cyber Power over the past two years.

Dr Greg Austin will present the findings on the US country study. Mr Marcus Willett will provide additional reflections on the US study and the larger project, which includes country studies on China, Iran, North Korea and Russia.

Register [here](#).

Nationalism: Dismantled

Date: January 29th, 2020

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Organization: DSMNTL



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Location: The Devereux, 20 Devereux Court, London, WC2R 3JJ

Dismantling Nationalism: What do the 'new right' want from the world? What is the underlying vision from those in charge? Is leadership or class a birth right? With 31st January looming large - Join Dr Pablo De Orellana for a no holds barred look at Nationalism in the 21st Century and it's key players; Dismantling what we already know and reconstructing ideas.

As we roll into yet another defining week in the soap opera we call Brexit, it is common to simplify some of the figureheads as “fascists” and “isolationists” when it comes to issues such as this. However, this appeal to old right-wing extremist labels hides their history, underlying ideas and the extent to which they too are internationalists.

The so-called *New Right* (which is how many new nationalists self-define) seeks to reframe international politics by energetically promoting inequality. Why? As one of their founding manifestos explains: ‘humanity as such does not exist’.

This talk discusses what the likes of Steve Bannon, Rees-Mogg & Matteo Salvini want from international relations, why they talk about it so much –particularly evident in the case of Brexit– and how they are currently working to entirely reframe international relations. It will explore policies that seek to redefine identity, citizenship, international relations norms, gender, migration, asylum, war, poverty and development on the basis of what they claim are “natural” or “birth-right” differences and rights.

Dr Pablo de Orellana is a Lecturer in International Relations at King’s College London. His research examines the theories animating contemporary nationalist movements and how they inspire nationalist diplomacy, domestic policy and terrorism.

*Doors at 6.30pm - with the talk starting at 7.00pm sharp.

**There will be time to network & meet the speaker at a reserved space in the downstairs bar after the talk finishes.

Register [here](#).

International Offensive Security Conference

Date: February 6th, 2020

Time: 12:30am-2:00pm

Organization: Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent

Location: 2A Boulevard Louis Schmidt, 1040 Etterbeek, Belgium



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We see increasing polarisation in various parts of the world. The climate emergency is escalating. Political discourse seems to become increasingly uncivilised. What role can mediation, mediators and what we call interest-based negotiation play in political negotiations and policy-making? Can mediators offer a different way of doing things?

John Sturrock QC, founder and senior mediator at Core Solutions, and mediator with Brick Court Chambers, is a pioneer of mediation throughout the UK, with an international reputation. He mediates and trains in the commercial, professional, sports, public sector, policy and political fields. A Distinguished Fellow of the IAM and Visiting Professor at Edinburgh University, he has facilitated talks on climate change and constitutional relations in the UK and is founder of Collaborative Scotland.

Register [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 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.

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UN 75th Anniversary talk with Tatiana Valovaya, UNOG Director-General

Date: February 26th, 2020

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Organization: SOAS University of London

Location: Brunei Gallery Theatre SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, London, WC1H 0XG, United Kingdom

The talk will highlight achievements made by the UN towards Sustainable Development Goals, and the important Climate work undertaken by the UN. The Director-General will also reflect on the role of multilateralism on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, and the 100th anniversary of the League of Nations.

Tatiana Valovaya is Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. She began her career with the Government of the Russian Federation in 1989 and served in various capacities, including as the Third and Second Secretary at her country's Permanent Mission to the European Union in Brussels (1989-1994) and Deputy Director and subsequently Director of the Department of International Cooperation (1999-2012). Before joining her country's Government, she worked as a reporter for The Economic Gazette in Moscow (1983-1989).

Register [here](#).

Women In Development Conference

Date: March 5th, 2020

Time: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Organization: Global Series

Location: County Hall, London

Women in Dev is a women-led, women-focused international development conference which will be held at etc. venues County Hall, London, on March 5th, 2020.

In the run up to International Women's Day, we will bring together women from across the development arena and provide a platform for women-led conversations around some of the most significant challenges of our time, fostering an inclusive atmosphere in which to learn, grow, inspire and be inspired.

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Register Here: <https://womenindev.com/>

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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